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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC



Next Meeting: July 24, 2018 Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

**Annual Meet and Greet with our
Donee Organizations**

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Members and friends of
the Garden Club,

We were
delighted by the
turnout, over 30 people,
at the Men's Garden
Club Annual Social. The
door prizes created
some surprises. New
members attended and
the evening was fun for
everyone. The weather
has been so **hot** this
week I went to the Blue
Ridge mountains and
when I returned we
were surprised to see
our local bear came out
of the woods. Its too hot

for man and beast, he
was headed North.

Our July 24th
meeting will be very
exciting with guests
present from
PeaceHaven, Future
Farmers of America, and
the Horticulture Dept. at
Alamance Community
College. We enjoy
meeting these, our
donation recipients, and
hearing them speak
about what they are
learning and doing.
Then, the following
meeting, August 28th,
we'll jump back in time
as Kurt Moore presents

on "Prehistoric
Horticulture and The
Origins Of Agriculture." I
am sure you are pleased
with the variety of topics
and the fact that Tony
Abbruzzi and Joe King
are also speaking this
Fall.

As our club
matures we must grow
and change like a tall
tree. Now, with the club
in its 5th decade, the
time has come for
Chester to pass the
torch. Mr. Honeycutt's
methods and his work in
annually preparing large

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and small plants for the Dogwood Festival must be passed on as he retires. He stands ready to train others (Chester's message on Page 4). Therefore, some eager individual among us stands to learn a lot from this Master Gardener. Which one of us will donate their time to husband the plants during the coming Winter? You will have the support of many. It may take two of us to replace him in this capacity. Please give this job some serious thought and **bring a few friends** with you to our JULY meeting. Because of our guests this month, the meeting is one of the best all year for showing why we do the things we do. Share this Seedling with them and you will be sowing the future of horticulture in North Carolina.

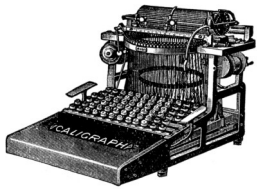
"The return we reap from generous actions is not always evident!" Francesco Guicciardini, Italian Historian

See you soon,

Dirk Sprenger

Editor's corner

Send me your news for 2018!



This is your newsletter! Please feel free to send me content that you would like to share with your fellow members—upcoming events, gardening tips, resources, websites and online tools, things learned, recipes using things from your garden, deals and other great bargains, etc. **I will update the running list of Fall Plant Sales (see page 4), so if you know of any I have missed, please send me the info.**

Please send to me via email to me and let me know that it is for the newsletter. Thanks. Kurt. (Due to some of my identity being compromised on the web, I will not longer be including it here. Both the old and new ones work.

Member's Birthdays

Dick Annand—29th Joe Castagna –29th

Note: Newer members, please send in your birthdays. I currently do not have birthdays for Anthony Burch, and Steve Wright. Your perk is to head the chow line with our guests!

Important Agenda Items for July Meeting

We will be hosting guests from the four organizations which we support and will be dispensing our donations to: ACC horticultural scholarship, Southern High School FFA program, Western High School FFA program and Peacehaven Farm.



June Meeting Highlights



The Club had it's annual social (formerly picnic) with wives in attendance. We had a good crowd of 18 members, including new member, and 14 guests. No formal business meeting was held. A list was passed around to approve our donations which will be presented next month to the organizations which we support: ACC horticultural scholarship, Southern High School FFA program, Western High School FFA program and Peacehaven Farm.

Our annual Gardener of the Year Award was presented after dinner to Kurt Moore as the 2018 recipient. This award and plaque are presented annually to the club member who has made the greatest contribution to the club during the previous year.

The evening was concluded with a short round of bingo games and three prize drawings with the winners receiving door prizes.



Pictured are: Kurt Moore (L) receiving his award from President Dirk Sprenger.

Passing the Torch: Growing Plants for the Annual Dogwood Festival

From the Members

Garden Club members, for years Alvis Webster and I (along with a few others) have been rooting cuttings that I (mostly) have grown to have for sale at The Dogwood Festival. There are approximately 20 plants in my holding/growing area that someone from the club should take and care for so that they will be ready for the 2019 festival.



You should know that plants need care all year. Watering almost every day in the heat of the Summer and they have been moved indoor when winter weather has been cause for concern. They need to be placed in a larger pots now so they will be ready for next year. I will work with anyone who wishes to take on this task with reference to year round care including watering and fertilizing.

If anyone is interested, I would suggest that you let it be known at your next meeting. If you have any questions, you may call and discuss with me.

Chester Honeycutt

2018 Fall Plant Sales

Summer is here and plant sales take a lull until the fall planting season. Here is a list of upcoming “local” (within an hour drive) plant sales. I keep this list continually updated, so please send me any info on additional events I may have missed or that you think would be of interest to the club.



Sept 19— Alamance County Extension Master Gardener’s Plant Sale, Ag Ext Bldg, Graham-Hopedale Rd., Burlington.

Sept 28—29— NC Botanical Garden Fall Native Plant Sale <http://ncbg.unc.edu/2018-events/>

Sept 28—29— Duke Gardens Fall Plant Sale <https://gardens.duke.edu/events/plant-sales>