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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: September 25, 2018 Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

*"Preventative Maintenance and Winterizing your Lawn and
Garden mower Equipment." Lee Byrd*

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Members and Friends of
the Garden Club,

The little black
Okra seeds planted
months ago have given,
for those who grew
them, a big crop this
year. Now in old age, I
am learning to like this
tall vegetable which is
enjoyed in cultures
around the world.
Where it grows the
fastest are the places
where it is the best. Yes,
it is an acquired taste for
many of us. They are
great with shrimp.

Encouragement
is my theme today and

the fact that we can
enjoy the beauty and
food of Okra on hot
muggy days encourages
me. Also, the fact I
found my house keys
and collard seeds lifted
my spirits. We can do
much for each other if
we will just keep trying.
What have you done for
the Garden Club this
week? I encourage you
to consider calling
another member who
has been missing. Or
volunteer to help with
our membership drive
using the Meetup
App! Have you heard of
that? Some groups have

doubled their
membership.

Then we have
the Garden Club
elections in November. I
promise to read the
bylaws before the next
meeting and see who
will step up and run for
President and Vice
President and the other
important roles. Some
roles, such as the
Seedling Editor, are
appointed. What can
you do? For one
thing, **you** could be the
assistant to an officer
and then take his role in

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2020, by being elected or appointed, as the case may be. The sky is the limit, as with Okra, you can go along way before you retire from the Garden Club!!!

Thanks to Wayne for taking minutes last meeting!

It's time to get on my gloves and plant those Collards so I will have some to share with you at New Years. If you want to find a new recipe for Okra, just try the All-Recipes App. They have 5000+ just for Okra.

Be sure to attend the September meeting and learn a lot from our speaker and from each other! Now, where did I put that quote about eating your greens?

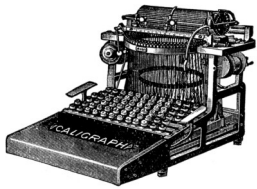
"Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon." Doug Larson

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.

Member's Birthdays

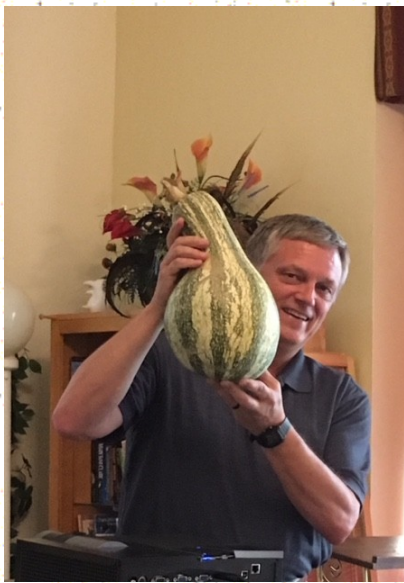
Tony Caminiti—1st Joe King —22nd

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 September Meeting

Time to start thinking about officers and elections for 2019. Please see Dirk's letter on page 1. Our speaker for September will be Lee Byrd, from John Deere, on *"Preventative Maintenance and Winterizing your Lawn and Garden mower Equipment."*





August Meeting Highlights



Buck Cochran, Executive Director of Peacehaven Farm, returned and gave us an update on progress at Peacehaven since his last presentation two years ago. Buck also brought a Kershaw Squash with him that was grown at the farm. It was raffled off after the presentation and will end up on the dinner table at the Abbruzzi house some evening.

Due to a dinner meeting in the main room at Occasions, we were also treated to some music during our meeting.

Fall Festivals

It's fall and that means local festivals. Here's a list of gardening related ones in the local area (within 1 hour drive).

September 21-30: Guilford Local Foods Week. Guilford County Extension Office, Greensboro.

<https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/2018/07/local-foods-week-september-21-30/>

September 27-30: Chatham County Agricultural Fair. Pittsboro, NC. www.chathamcountyncfair.com/

October 11—21: NC State Fair @ the Fair Grounds, Raleigh. www.ncstatefair.org

October 27: Barbeque Festival, Lexington, NC (BBQ is a vegetable, right?) www.barbecuefestival.com/

November 3: 11th Annual Colfax Persimmon Festival, 10 am—4 pm. \$10 @ the Stafford Historic Farm.

www.colfaxpersimmonfest.com

November 3 (9 am-5 pm) and 4th (10 am—4 pm): 77th Annual NC Gourd Arts and Crafts Festival, presented by the NC Gourd Society at the NC State Fair Grounds, Raleigh. \$2 admission. www.ncgourdsociety.org
Also ask Dirk, our resident gourd geek, for more info.

More festivals from around the state @ www.ncdcr.gov/fall-festivals

2019 NC State Extension Master Gardener Classes

The Alamance County Master Gardener Class of 2019 begins Wednesday, January 16th. Here's a link to an informative brochure explaining what the Alamance EMGVs are all about: <https://goo.gl/3yXWe5> with more details at <https://goo.gl/M9wHdL>. The deadline for application is November 19, 2018 and the application form can be found at <https://goo.gl/YiZ353>. For more info contact Christine Stecker, EMGV Program Coordinator at 336-570-6740 or christine.stecker@alamance-nc.com.

From the Members



Rooting a fig: *I started it in a qt jar of sugar water. After 14 - 20 days moved it out to bright sun and potting soil. Thanks Dirk!*

Hurricane Preparedness

For those of you not on Debbie Roos' email list (Extension Agent for Chatham County), early this morning she sent out an email and link to an article she wrote ten years ago on ***Hurricane Preparedness for Horticultural Growers & Beekeepers***. You can find the article at <http://go.ncsu.edu/florence>. The article contains additional links to other relevant articles, however, some do not appear work. Hope everyone stays dry and safe. You can track the storm via the National Hurricane Center's interactive map at www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at1+shtml/145000.shtml?gm_track#contents. 9/11/2018

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. Come out and support your fellow Alamance gardeners. Most plants will cost \$5. There will also be ferns and hostas available, special prices on gardening gloves, and a raffle to have a 2 hour landscape consultation with Rett Davis.

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>