

The Seedling – October 2018

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: October 23, 2018 Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

"Introduction to Phytoremediation"
Ray Schwartz

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Members and Friends of the Garden Club,

With all this wet weather in our state, I may give up growing gourds and start raising mushrooms. I saw some beauties near the trails in East Tennessee last week. Looking forward to our October Meeting I want to assure you the Garden Club nominating process has begun. If you wish to serve in any capacity please contact Harry or myself. Each role is essential.

We will have a report on the new club

shirts and other new business. Bringing new people into the club leadership will help us in many ways. We will vote on the candidates for all office in November and recognize some special guests at the monthly meeting.

As I write, October 7, we got wind of tropical storm Michael coming from Cuba to the Florida panhandle. Yes! Possibly more wind and rain for some parts of our state will follow as Michael travels north. My friends

were worried about the peanut and cotton crops as the floods of Flo persist. The web says the Georgia peanut crop will be 3900 lbs/acre, which is good. These agriculture issues make me wonder if we should consider having a speaker talk to us about these key crops in 2019. Come rain or sleet or snow, one thing is for sure, we should all vote this year. Electing new leaders in our club assures that horticulture in Alamance will

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improve in 2019. Just as a bridge connects an island to the mainland, our democratic processes will connect you to the the future of our club and our world. As my friends often say, vote early and vote often!

Please bring a friend to the October Meeting!

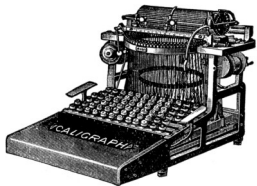
"The best weapon of a dictatorship is secrecy, but the best weapon of a democracy should be the weapon of openness." Niels Bohr; 7 October 1885 – 18 November 1962

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. Please send to me via email to me and let me know that it is for the newsletter. Thanks. Kurt.

Member's Birthdays

Kurt Moore—9th Bob Hickman—11th Michael Wood—13th

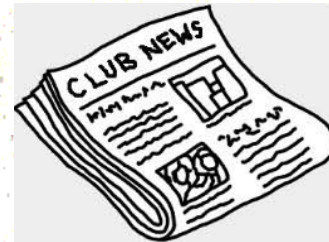
Note: Newer members, please send in your birthdays. I currently do not have birthdays for Anthony Burch, and Steve Wright. Your perk is to head the chow line with our guests!

Important Agenda Items for October Meeting

Time to nominate officers and elections for 2019. Please see Dirk's letter from the September Seedling. We will also have an update on club shirts. Our presenter will be Ray Schwartz, on *"Intro to Phytoremediation: Using Plants to Clean Contaminated Soil"*. Phytoremediation? Sounds like a \$10 word. Come learn what it means.



September Meeting Highlights



Dirk Sprenger showed the members the plaques that have been produced for **Chester Honeycutt, Don Mundy, and Dick Anand**. **Dirk** thanked **Dudley Clinard** for designing the plaques and **Wayne Smith** for having them made at Smith Trophy in Burlington. The members agreed we should invite Don Mundy's widow to the October meeting for the presentation of the plaque.

Dirk informed the members that **Ray Schwartz, Dirk Sprenger, and Harry Porthouse** are willing to run for their offices again. **Wayne Smith** and **Dudley** have asked to be replaced. **Dirk** will hold a nominating committee meeting so that we can vote for officers at the November meeting.

Since our schedule speaker was not able to present, **Tony Abbruzzi** hosted a session of "what worked and what didn't work" for members this past season. Tony reported that he had a mixed bag of results with his peppers, Bullhorn Okra and French Mascotte Green Beans Soy beans doing well and his eggplants were the best ever. Zucchini and onions were good, and the Ambrosia Cantaloupes were the best ever. Garlic, lima beans, romaine lettuce and spinach were a bust. **Wayne** added that his squash failed this year, but his tomatoes were good. Members were in general agreement that it was a relatively unsuccessful year, particularly the early part.

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).

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

Horticulture Publications and Factsheets

The NC State Extension Service has a list of all online publications listed at <https://horticulture.ces.ncsu.edu/publications> Some of the forms are downloadable pdf's the others are html webpages.

Thanks to Bob Held for the info.



How To Rake (Bag) Leaves - the EASY WAY!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnkktN3FvAg>

Thanks to Bob Held for the video link



Monarch Butterfly

They are migrating through the area to their winter home in Mexico (sounds good, maybe they are smarter than we are)! It is on a Miss Huff Lantana, a cold-hardy variety that will over winter in our area.

Thanks to Dirk Sprenger for the photo

2018 Fall Plant Sales

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. But this is probably the last for the calendar year. So start thinking Spring 2019!



Oct 18-19: ACC Fall Plant Sale. They will have mums, pansies, violas, perennials, and shrubs for purchase this year near the greenhouse. 10 am — 5 pm each day.