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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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

"Prehistoric Horticulture"

Kurt Moore

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Dear Members and friends of the Men's Garden Club,

The frost is coming, the leaves in their glorious color are everywhere in the air, on the ground, in your gutters. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and fall planting and the last club meeting for 2018. We shall celebrate our many accomplishments, welcome many guests and learn about the past, in fact, the beginnings of agriculture, early

domesticated plants and farming methods as Kurt Moore presents *"Prehistoric Horticulture"*.

I just learned about some gourd research from the distinguished Raymond Konan who stopped by the NC Gourd Festival and enthusiastically told the people from many states why the gourds were spread to 6 continents in earliest times. He said they were used for much more than dippers and masks - <https://>

archive.archaeology.org/0305/newsbriefs/gourd.html " tells about

The 4000 year old carved gourd fragments discovered this century in Peru. During periods predating the earliest known pottery, gourds were essential to mankind. They are still used for bottles in many cultures.

In November, we need each and everyone to come and elect the club officers for 2019. The nominees will have a

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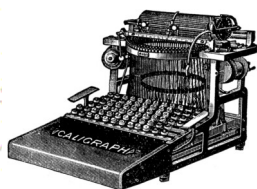
turn to speak and each member will have time to put forth a name, if they choose, to run for any of the 5 elected offices. We will thank the two outgoing members who have served the club faithfully for at least 10 years, Dudley Clinard and Wayne Smith.

Towards the end of our evening there will be time to share some stories about what your garden will look like in 2019 and other dreams, old and new. My dream is to increase our membership to 45 next year and I know you will help. For now, back to the mulch pile and shovel until the beds are ready for a long winters nap.

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Dirk Sprenger

Editor's corner



Send me your news for 2018 and 2019!

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

Bob Held—26th

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 November Meeting

Elections for 2019. Slate to be presented: Dirk Sprenger — President, Ron Namest—VP, Harry Porthouse—Secretary, Ray Schwartz—Treasurer, Alvis Webster—Member at Large.

Our speaker will be Kurt Moore, on “*Prehistoric Horticulture*” talking about the origins of agriculture.

Reminder, we will not have a December meeting.



October Meeting Highlights



Dirk Sprenger announced the final slate of officers to be voted upon at the November meeting.

Alvis Webster and **Bob Held** reported that all the club's plants have been moved from Chester Honeycutt's property to **Kurt Moore's** except for two plants that will be moved soon. The plants are being grown and maintained for sale at next April's Dogwood Festival in Mebane.

Speakers for January, February and March have been lined up for 2019. Please feel free to suggest speakers and topics for 2019 to club officers.

Ray Schwartz presented "**Phytoremediation 101**" on the use of plants to remove contaminants from water and soil. He covered the various types of contaminants, the dangers of human exposure to contaminants, and plants that are commonly used for remediation. A main takeaway from the presentation was that remediation does not usually destroy contaminants; it just moves them to another system e.g., from soil to trees.

2019 Club Dues Reminder

Please bring your club dues for 2019 to the November meeting. Still \$15 per member.

NC Gourd Festival News

Our very own Dirk Sprenger, a member of the NC Gourd Society and volunteer at the annual Gourd Festival held in Raleigh, won the society's Volunteer of the Year award for 2018. Dirk also took pictures of various prize winning artistic gourds which are in the Member's section on page 4.

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

2019 NC State Extension Master Gardener Classes—Still time to Register!

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.

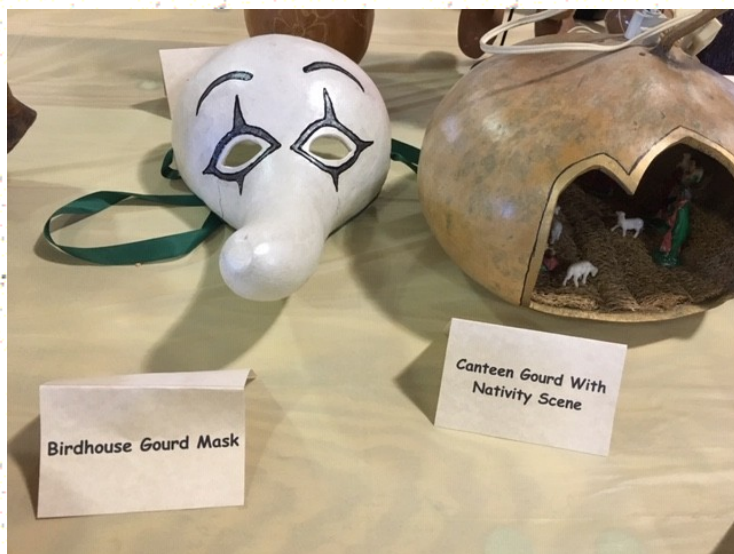
From the Members

2018 NC Gourd Festival Photos

Over 700 people attended the 77th Annual Festival. The NC Gourd Society is a nonprofit that can be found on Facebook and www.ncgourdsociety.org.

Next year they will meet Nov 9-10. (Sat & Sun)

Thanks to Dirk Sprenger for the photos



Canteen Gourd With
Nativity Scene

Birdhouse Gourd Mask