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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: January 22, 2019 Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

“Making Seed Tapes” (a hands on event)
Tony Abbruzzi

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Dear members and friends,

My New Year's resolutions are three: first – do not mention snow & ice, second – do the hard jobs first, third – plant more seeds in relationships to see more growth. I'm still learning the basics of veggie gardening. Example: Indeterminant tomatoes are the one which keep on growing until the frost and therefore are the opposite of a bush-type tomato which bears all its fruit at once and then stops long before in gets chilly. Thanks gentlemen and friends for teaching me step by step.

The local weather in January 1-7 encouraged the crocuses to shoot

up this week. This must mean (J) we will be out in our gardens planting onions soon. I hope so!

Please tell your friends we are having a hands-on program this month about Seed Tapes, how and why to make your own, by Tony Abbruzzi. Your guest may dine for practically nothing. In February we will have a top-notch program on aqua-culture by Lindsey Heise a full-time Horticulture Technology instructor (ACC) who holds a Masters in Landscape Architecture from Virginia Tech. Before the month is out the executive team will gather and finish up the planning for many more

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programs and the Mebane Dog Wood Festival, which is the last weekend in April.

Hopefully by the time we gather at Occasions Restaurant, the colored lights will be off my porch and robotic toys will be trained to go back into the toy box each evening; and life will be normal again as we all get back to the drawing boards, planning our gardens and other new projects for 2019.

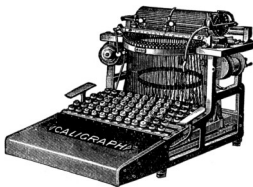
See you all soon.

Dirk Sprenger

Publilius Syrus (85–43 BC) said “the opportunity is often lost by deliberating”.

Editor's corner

Send me your news for 2019!



New Year, new news! 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. Kurt.

January Birthdays

Dirk Sprenger—4th Alvis Webster—20th

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

Important Agenda Items for January Meeting

New officers will assume their duties for 2019. See page 3 “Meeting highlights” for the slate that was elected at the November meeting. January’s program will be a hands on session on making seed tapes by Tony Abbruzzi. Melvin Martin has also chosen not to return for 2019, so we will be picking a new club Chaplain. We will also be starting a discussion on future directions for the club for 2019 and beyond.



December Meeting Highlights

There was no December meeting. But for those of you who may have missed the last issue, I'm repeating the November highlights. **Dirk Sprenger** presented the plaques honoring past members **Chester Honeycutt, Dick Anand, and Don Mundy**. Receiving the plaque in memoriam of **Don "Doc" Mundy** were his wife **Diane**, son **Todd** (also a club member) and Todd's wife **Laurie** (below). Chester and Dick were present to accept their awards in recognition of their many years of service to the club.



The other important topic of the evening was the election of officers for 2019—**Dirk Sprenger (President)**, **Ron Namest (Vice President)**, **Harry Porthouse (Secretary)**, **Ray Schwartz (Treasurer)**, **Melvin Martin (Chaplain)**, **Alvis Webster (Member at Large)**. **Kurt Moore** will serve again as *Seedling* editor and **Jeff Wright** will continue as webmaster.

2019 Plant and Garden Sales

Spring is around the corner and that means Spring Plant Sales!, landscaping and plant sales. Here is a list of upcoming "local" (within an hour drive) plant sales. As always, I will keep this list updated, so please me any info on additional event I may have missed.

March 30 —Duke Gardens, 8 am—Noon. Durham <http://gardens.duke.edu/events/plant-sales>

April 6 - JC Raulston Arboretum Plant Sale, NCSU, 9 am—4 pm, Raleigh
<https://jcra.ncsu.edu/events/details.php?ID=1703>

April 14—Farmers Curb Market Plant Sale. 9 am—6 pm. Greensboro. <https://10times.com/plant-sale>

April 26-27—Women's Resource Center 21st Annual Herb Festival, 0830-1900 (Friday) & 0830-1500 (Sat), Burlington, <http://wrcac.org/herb-festival>

April 26-27 – 31st Annual Mebane Dogwood Festival www.mbamebane.com/event/dogwood-festival-4

May 10-11—Guilford Master Gardeners Pass-along Plant Sale, Ag Extension Service, Greensboro, NC. More info TBD

May 4 - NC Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale and Festival. 2 pm—7 pm, Chapel Hill.
<http://ncbg.unc.edu/2019-events>

Looking ahead for those of you considering fall landscape planning this year:

Sept 27-28— NC Botanical Garden Fall Native Plant Sale
<http://ncbg.unc.edu/2019-events>



NEW & IMPROVED 2019 THINK GREEN THURSDAYS! now include some Saturdays and some early evening classes.

Thu, Feb 7 10AM - Grapevine Pruning

Sat, Feb 9 10AM - Grapevine Pruning at Buster Sykes Demonstration Farm

Thu, Feb 21 10AM - Fruit Tree Pruning **at Buster Sykes Demonstration Farm**

Sat, Feb 23 10AM - Fruit Tree Pruning at Buster Sykes Demonstration Farm

Thu, Mar 7 10AM - Pruning Shrubs and Trees

Thu, Mar 14 10AM - Pruning Small Fruit Plants

Sat, Mar 16 10AM - Pruning Small Fruit Plants at Buster Sykes Demonstration Farm

Thu, Apr 4 10AM - Vegetable Gardening **and again at 6PM** - Vegetable Gardening

Thu, Apr 11 10AM - Rain Gardens - *(Part of Alamance Creek Week)*

Thu, Apr 25 10AM - A Dalliance With Dahlias

Thu, May 2 10AM - Dealing With Deer **and again at 6PM** - Dealing With Deer

Thu, May 16 10AM - The Secret Lives of Birds In Spring

Thu, Jun 6 10AM - Growing and Hybridizing Daylilies

Thu, Jun 20 10AM - Prehistoric Gardening

Thu, Jul 11 10AM - Food Preservation—Put It Up! **and again at 6PM** - Food Preservation – Put It Up!

Thu, Jul 25 10AM - Shade Gardening **and again at 6PM** - Shade Gardening

Thu, Aug 8 10AM - Fall Vegetable Gardening **and again at 6PM** - Fall Vegetable Gardening

Thu, Aug 22 10AM - Fall Lawn Care **and again at 6PM** - Fall Lawn Care

Thu, Sep 12 10AM - Fall Flowers-The Pollinators' Picks! **And again at 6PM** - Fall Flowers-The Pollinators' Picks!

Thu, Sep 26 10AM - Composting—Let It Rot! **And again at 6PM** - Composting – Let It Rot!

Thu, Oct 10 10AM - Planting Trees and Shrubs

Thu, Oct 24 10AM - Fall-Planted Bulbs

For more information and to register, go to <https://alamance.ces.ncsu.edu/2019/01/back-for-2019-and-bigger-and-better-than-ever/> click on "Think Green 2019 Flyer with links. It is also a downloadable PDF.

All Classes to begin at 10:00 AM - in the Auditorium at the Agricultural Building, unless otherwise noted

= Class begins at **6:00 PM**

= **at Buster Sykes Demonstration Farm**