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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: April 23, 2019 Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

"Square-foot Gardening" Harry Porthouse

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Dear members and friends,

On this warm April day I took a stroll in Duke Gardens to contemplate how our planting trees and working for the club honors the seniors. Those like founding members, retired members, and yes even your parents have laid the groundwork for our work today; and our work at the festival later this month.

How can your participation honor people? Elmer Sprenger told his boys that what is worth doing is worth doing well. So, I'm planting asparagus instead of gourds today. I'm having lunch with friends instead of eating alone.

We need you this month more than ever to show up. Help your club plan for the weeks and months ahead. Plant tomatoes and sell them too. Thanks to all who attended the March meeting. The truth about Industrial Hemp in NC and Kentucky amazed us all. Hats off to Ray. Wear your shirt and come prepared to see the new ones. If for some reason you cannot, give your shirt size.

Closing I will just say be prepared. I brought my laptop to this café to type my ditty and it died. Then my Android Phone did

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too. So like a true geek I resorted to my backup phone. Many hands make light work. Please be here this month to honor the seniors.

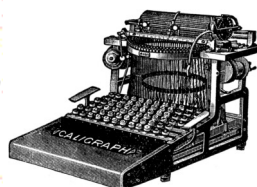
"Life is too short to be too little" – Benjamin Disraeli

See you soon,

Dirk Warren Sprenger

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.

March Birthdays

Harry Porthouse — 9th

Ray Schwartz—23rd

Your perk is to head the chow line with our guests! (Eat fast Harry since you are our speaker!)

Important Agenda Items Next Meeting

Final preparation for the Dogwood Festival is the important topic for the next meeting which is just days before the festival. We will go over final assignments. Our April speaker will be our own Harry Porthouse presenting *"Square Foot Gardening"*.



March Meeting Highlights

The February meeting touched briefly on the club's future direction and declining membership, but decided to table the discussion until after the Dogwood Festival, April 26 & 27. We will have three booths again as in the past. We will have final preparations for the festival at the next meeting.

Our monthly program was a presentation on "Hemp Production in North Carolina" by our own Ray Schwartz.

Members also noted the passing in March of long-time and recent member Dick Annand. Dick is remembered for his contributions to the club, his extensive experience, his wit and entrepreneurship as the inventor of Longnecker Tools.



Spring into Gardening Open House

The Demonstration Garden at the Guilford Cooperative Extension office will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, April 27 (rain or shine). It's a free event with tables, demonstrations and events for the kids. Demonstrations will also include pond care, gardening with worms, and pallet gardening. There will also be plants and gardening tools for sale.

2019 Plant and Garden Sales

Spring is around the corner and that means Spring 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 events I may have missed.

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

April 17—18—19—ACC Annual Spring Plant Sale. 10 am—5 pm.

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.mebane.com/event/dogwood-festival-4

April 27—Reynolda Gardens, Wake Forest University. 8 am—2 pm. <http://reynoldagardens.org/events/big-spring-plant-sale>

May 10-11—Guilford Master Gardeners Pass-along Plant Sale, Ag Extension Service, Greensboro, NC. Friday 9 am—3 pm, Saturday 9 am—1 pm.

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>





From the Members



Tulips planted two years ago (top) and pollen on a pond in Duke Gardens (right).

Photos by Dirk Sprenger

Upcoming Programs—Updated ... again!

Hey folks, we need input two more programs to round out the year. We need your input on suggested topics and speakers. Besides the annual social and annual Meet & Greet our donees, we need programs for June and August.

May —"Square Foot Gardening", Harry Porthouse

June—**OPEN. Please suggest speakers and topics**

July—"Wild Flowers" Alvis Webster

August—**OPEN. Please suggest speakers and topics**

September—Annual Picnic/Social. Place TBD. Spouses invited.

October—Presentation from our donee organizations—PeaceHaven, ACC and Western & Southern FFA programs.

November—"Using Bugs to Fight Bugs" Dr. Emily Mueller, Wake County Extension Office

December—No Meeting.