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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: May 28, 2019 Bring a guest!
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

"Tower Gardening" Michelle Bainbridge

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Dear members and friends,

The May 28th meeting will be here soon! New friend and speaker Michelle Bainbridge will build your knowledge of growing things in small spaces as she talks about tower gardening. Then we will get into the business of refining or broadening our mission during the coming months. We must also set the menu for the September Picnic, which will be September 24. The menu could include some fresh produce from some local friends and members. Instead of Bingo we will have more icebreaker activities to help the new folks get to know everybody. Sam Moser has graciously offered his home and yard. We have 3 little

shelters if needed, and he has ample space inside, if "push comes to shove," so we can bill it as a rain or shine picnic.

Please be thinking about Gardener of the year. We should have our nominated list ready by August 1 for you to review. Award will be presented in September.

For me the best part of the club is fellowship and I got to hear a lot of good stories as we prepared for the Dogwood Festival and during the festival. One of the winners of a bird house lives in Person County. When I met her she told me she is so delighted to

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get the bird house we made and related these interesting facts. She has a sign at her house that says this place is for the birds, and a tattoo of a bird on her arm. Maybe we should all get a garden club tattoo! Wouldn't that be a hoot?

I am happy you have all recovered enough to help Fran with the Hospice Plant Sale in the first week of June. To hear more about that, please show up with a bunch of enthusiasm at the May Meeting.

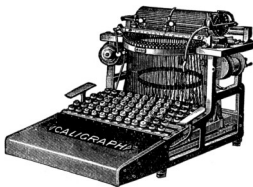
When it is obvious that goal cannot be met, do not adjust goal, adjust action steps.

Confucius. 551-479 BCE

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.

May Birthdays

Sam Moser—14th Ron Namest—21st Jim Drummond—23rd

Your perk is to head the chow line with our guests!

Important Agenda Items Next Meeting

I'm sure we'll dissect the Dogwood Festival and hear from our Treasurer Ray how we did financially. Our May speaker will be our Michelle Bainbridge presenting a program on "*Tower Gardening*". Michelle Bainbridge is a friend of club member Michael Wood. Thanks Michael!!! If you know someone who might be an interesting speaker, please forward their names. Hospice still needs drivers for June 3-4 to prep for their plant sale—call Fran at 919-696-7502 for more details.



April Meeting Highlights

The April meeting focused on last minute preparations for the Dogwood Festival, held this past April 26 & 27. We will had three booths again as in the past. Pictures from the festival are on pages 4—7.

Our monthly program was a presentation on “Square Foot Gardening” by our own Harry Porthouse.

Also discussed was Hospice needs for volunteers for their annual plant sale. This year they need extra drivers for U-Haul type trucks on Monday and Tuesday, June 3 & 4. The plant sale will be at their new Thrift Store at 2134 Hanford Road. Volunteers are also need to help price plants, set up and to sell. Call Fran at 919-696-7502 for more details and/or to volunteer.



Upcoming Programs!

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.

June—OPEN. Please suggest speakers and topics

July—“Wild Flowers” Alvis Webster

August—OPEN. Please suggest speakers and topics

September—Annual Picnic/Social. At Sam Moser’s house. Spouses invited. Directions to be provided later.

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.

2019 Plant and Garden Sales

We’re half-way through Spring already! Here is the last of the upcoming “local” (within an hour drive) plant sales, but right here in town. As always, I will keep this list updated, so please me any info on additional events I may have missed and I will start working on the Fall 2019 sales.

June 5-8— Alamance Hospice Annual Plant Sale, at new Thrift Store at 2134 Hanford Road

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



Picking up plants for the Dogwood Festival at Prichett Farms Nursery. Ray brought extra help with his grandsons Devon (upper left) and Nick (center left). At the bottom is a group picture of the pick-up crew.

Photos by Ray Schwartz

Festival pics on the following pages:

Page 5 photos by Ray Schwartz

Page 6 photos by Harry Porthouse (upper left and right, lower left) and Kurt Moore (lower right)

Page 7 photos by Ray Schwartz







Upper Left—All set up and ready to go!
Lower left—Harry hard at work!



Upper Right— “Wanna buy a tomato?”
Lower right—Fearless leader checks in on us.





Upper Left—Sam making a sale \$\$\$

Upper Right— Kurt trying to sell raffle tickets and Bob supervising.

Bottom—Wayne Smith comes out of retirement to help. Thank you Wayne!

