

# The Seedling – June 2019

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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**Next Meeting: June 25, 2019 Bring a guest!**  
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

***"Rain Gardens" Dr. Geoffrey Leister***

## *A Message from President Dirk Sprenger*

Dear members and friends,

Our speaker for June is Geoffrey Leister of Alamance County, presenting on Rain Gardens. This timely topic relates to beautification and to control of storm-water, which is urgently needed in thousands of cities to reduce pollution. Please make an extra effort to participate in our monthly meetings in June, July and August. Come and meet our new members and pick out a New Garden Club shirt just right for you. I was embarrassed and I apologize for not having my facts straight on a few things at our last meeting. One is the shirt color: the officers agreed on Khaki. Another is the menu for the September Garden Club picnic will be

hamburgers and hotdogs donated by officers, plus side dishes, etc., that we all will bring. September 24.

Yes, June is here with lots of rain, making our grass and gourds grow fast along with poison Ivy that I'll spray today with vinegar. Japanese beetles just showed up in Northern Orange Co. and tomatoes are about to turn from green to red, or yellow in my case. I planted heirloom yellow pear tomatoes. Now I am noticing the Swallowtail butterflies too because at Think Green Thursdays I learned they are a good indicator of a healthy ecosystem. The

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Gardener of the Year committee will be meeting soon, so give them your input please.

Last month we had a great meeting with Michelle Bainbridge presenting. And for the entertainment at the picnic we will have something different than bingo. Live music! The members present at the May meeting indicated they preferred that to a comedian, so I will keep my jokes to a minimum. Enjoy June and the Fathers Day. Enjoy each day and the friendship we have together. Please heed the call for pictures of your garden or of yourselves touring the USA. All I have this week is Niagara Falls photos that don't really fit into this issue.

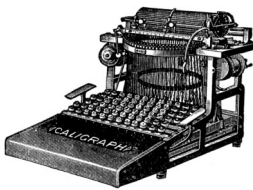
Thanks again for all the work you are doing for Hospice and the community. Alvis will give us an update on the plant sale which just ended. I will close with an off-the cuff poem for June.

*"June is the month for weddings and showers, for beetles and ants and flower power. Come to the market! Buy some fresh fruit! Send us postcards and sing and toot. Swing on the porch, glide on the glider, careful now don't step on that spider."*

Don't be late, see you Tuesday at Six O'clock!

*Dirk Warren Sprenger*

### Editor's corner



### Send me your news for 2019!

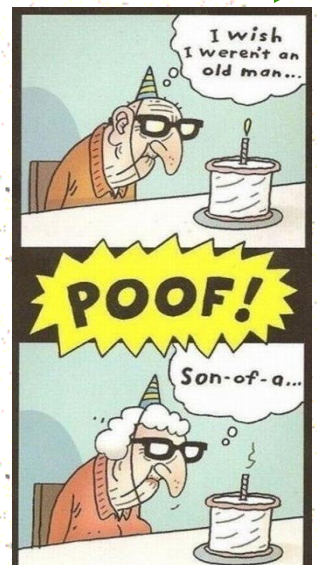
New Year, new news! This is your newsletter! Please feel free to send me content that you would like to share with your fellow members—upcoming events, gardening tips, resources, websites and online tools, things learned, recipes using things from your garden, deals and other great bargains, etc. Please send to me via email to me and let me know that it is for the newsletter. Kurt.

### June Birthdays

Unless I missed someone or do not have their birthday, we have no June birthday boys for the next meeting. All the more reason to recruit some new members. Your perk is to head the chow line with our guests!

### Important Agenda Items Next Meeting

For our June speaker we will be welcoming back Geoffrey Leister presenting a program on *"Rain Gardens"*. If you know someone who might be an interesting speaker, please forward their names. We still need an August speaker and this fall we will need to start planning the 2020 speaker schedule.



## May Meeting Highlights

Ray Schwartz provided three sample long sleeve shirts with pocket (Small, large, and extra-large to show for sizing). Dirk mentioned that the Annual picnic will be held at Sam Moser's house. He presented various options for food, entertainment, and budget. Also discussed was Hospice needs for volunteers for their annual plant sale.

Our monthly program was a presentation on "Tower Gardens" by guest speaker Michelle Bainbridge, which grows leafy vegetable and fruit plants in water and minerals, without pesticides or soil.



## Upcoming Programs! -

Seems like this year our programming is in constant flux.. Here is the latest revision.

**June—"Rain Gardens" Geoff Leister**

**July—"His Invention" 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.

## Think Green Thursday— 10 am. , June 20

### Cooperative Extension Service, Graham-Hopedale Road

Men's Garden Club member Kurt Moore will be reprising an expanded version of this past talk to us "*Prehistoric and Ancient Horticulture*". You can register at [goo.gl/k8sZ8h](http://goo.gl/k8sZ8h)

## 2019 Plant and Garden Sales

Fall plant sales are already being planned and announced. Here's an early heads up 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>

**Sept 28**—Duke Gardens Plant Sale—8 am—noon.

<https://gardens.duke.edu/events/plant-sales>







From the Members



Here's what was blooming in Ray Schwartz's garden early last month.

*Thank you Ray!*

Upper left: Snowball viburnums

Lower left: Yellow Iris

Lower right: Blue Iris







Vanillin terrestrial orchids



White knock-out roses



Red knock-out roses



"Tiffany" rose



Peppermint Patty climbing rose



White climbing rose





Mountain pinks



Dianthus



Azalea



Camilla



Cotoneaster ground cover



"Tiffany" rose