

# The Seedling – July 2019

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: **July 30, 2019** Bring a guest!  
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

*"Bog on a Hill" Alvis Webster*

## *A Message from President Dirk Sprenger*

Dear members and friends,

I begin with thanks for longtime friend and master gardener Geoff Leister's visit to our club and his talk about us how a well planned rain garden can help water quality in North Carolina. Thanks to him we are all learning more about native plants and how many perennials help bees and birds survive. The Alamance Extension office has many resources on these topics.

On this hot July day I am praying for rain and looking forward to making tomato juice. Yes, the Midsummer Harvest is on. Sweet corn and tomatoes. I've even planted a few more veggies for the fall harvest. July 23rd is our next meeting. Seems like it

is tomorrow. This month we will hear from Alvis Webster at our monthly meeting and finish plans for the September Picnic on Maple Ave. I urge you to attend and bring a friend. Meet our new members and help your club to nominate the 2019 Gardener of the Year as well as some new officers in October.

The people that serve the club behind the scenes are many and we owe a lot to them. I am pleased to say the process of selecting new Garden Club shirts is bearing fruit. You can order them through Ray beginning today. Of course, we need your ideas for next year's

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programs and articles for the **Seedling**. And please share with us via the Seedling and Facebook how your garden is doing as well as those great milestones with your grandchildren and other dear ones. My daughter turned 42 yesterday. Some of us are getting older too.

Also in July, I will be sharing some news about Gourds and a Winston-Salem Triad Gourd Society Mini Festival, July 20-21 at the Home and Garden Building (Fairgrounds). Please call me if you want to attend.

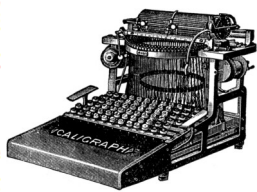
As I watch the skies and look for a much needed inch of rain, I close with this brainy quote about summer clouds and hope you will enjoy your favorite beverage as you read the **Seedling** and share it with 5 friends today.

*"Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky."* Rabindranath Tagore 1861-1941.

See you Tuesday, July 30.

*Dirk Warren Sprenger*

### Editor's corner



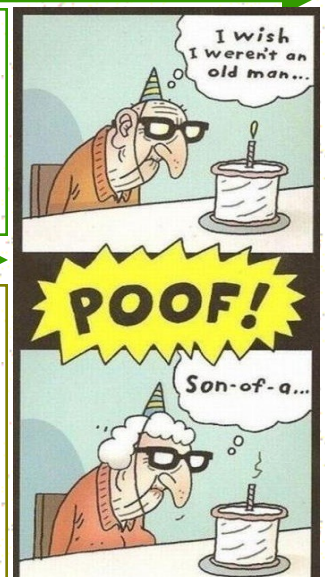
### Send me your news for 2019!

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.

### July Birthdays

Jason Miller— 31st

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



### Important Agenda Items Next Meeting

Please note the schedule change and new meeting date of July 30 due to scheduling arrangements with Occasions.

For our July program we will learn about Alvis Webster's *"Bog on a Hill"*. If you know someone who might be an interesting speaker, please forward their names. We will need to start planning the 2020 speaker schedule.

## June Meeting Highlights

Dr. Geoffrey Leister returned as our June speaker with an updated version of his rain garden talk. As always, it was a fountain of information. Ray brought in sample shirts so people could order their size. If you have not ordered one, let Ray know.

Please also get your Gardner of the Year nominations in to the GOY committee—either Ray Schwartz, Bob Held or Kurt Moore.



## Upcoming Programs! - Newly added

Seems like this year our programming is in constant flux.. Here is the latest (final?) revision.

**July—"Bog on a Hill" Alvis Webster**

**August—"National Collegiate Landscape Competition", Liz Riley, ACC**

**September (Saturday, 28th)** —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.

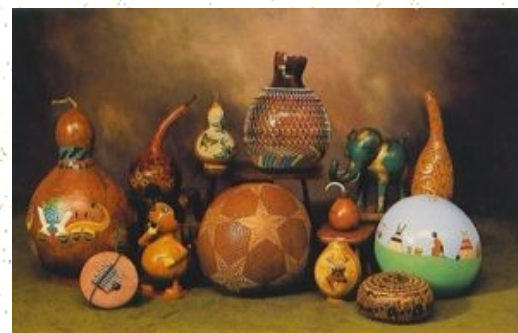
**November**—"Using Bugs to Fight Bugs" Dr. Emily Mueller, Wake County Extension Office

## Triad Gourd Society Mini Festival

July 20-21, 9 am—5 pm

Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Neil Bolton Home and Garden Building  
421 27th St NW  
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

<https://wsfairgrounds.com/event/triad-gourd-society-mini-festival-2/>



## 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>

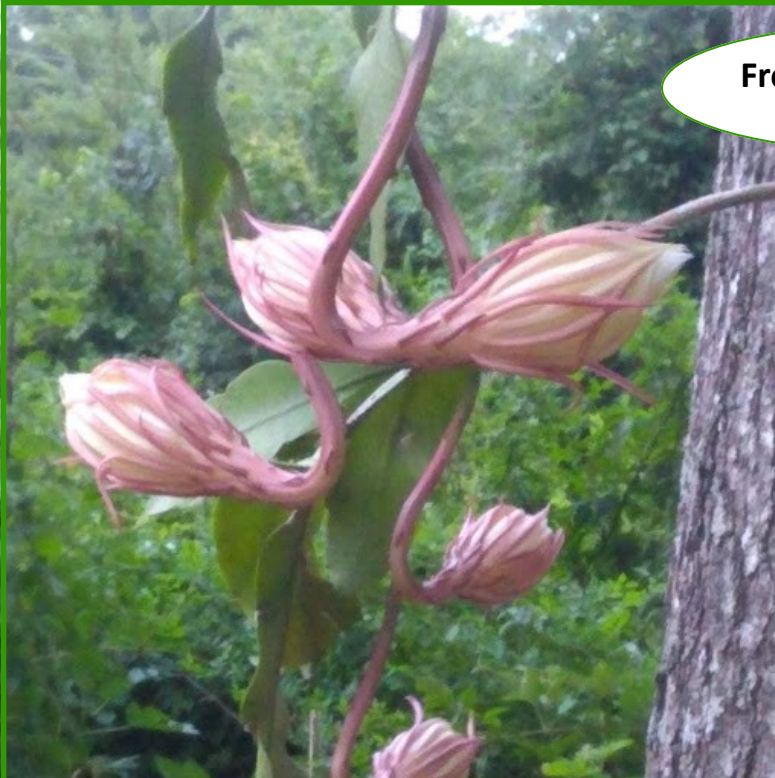
**Sept 28**—Duke Gardens Plant Sale—8 am—noon.

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





From the Members



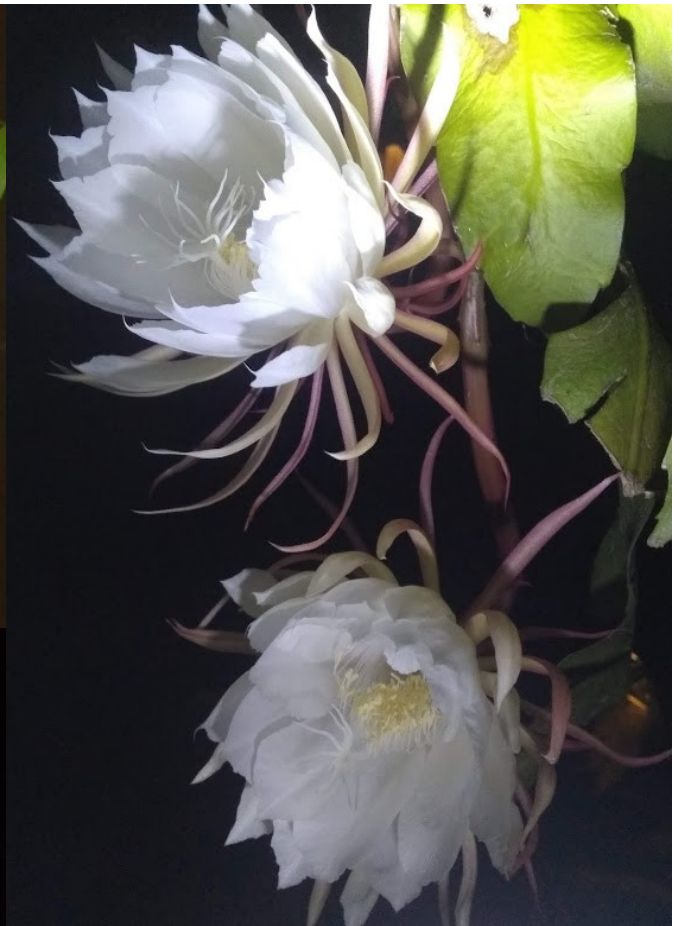
A night-blooming cereus from Kurt & Gail Moore's yard. We had 8 flowers bloom all on the same night (July 5)!

*"Night-blooming cereus is the common name referring to a large number of flowering ceroid cacti that bloom at night. The flowers are short lived, and some of these species, such as Selenicereus grandiflorus, bloom only once a year, for a single night. "*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night-blooming\\_cereus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night-blooming_cereus)

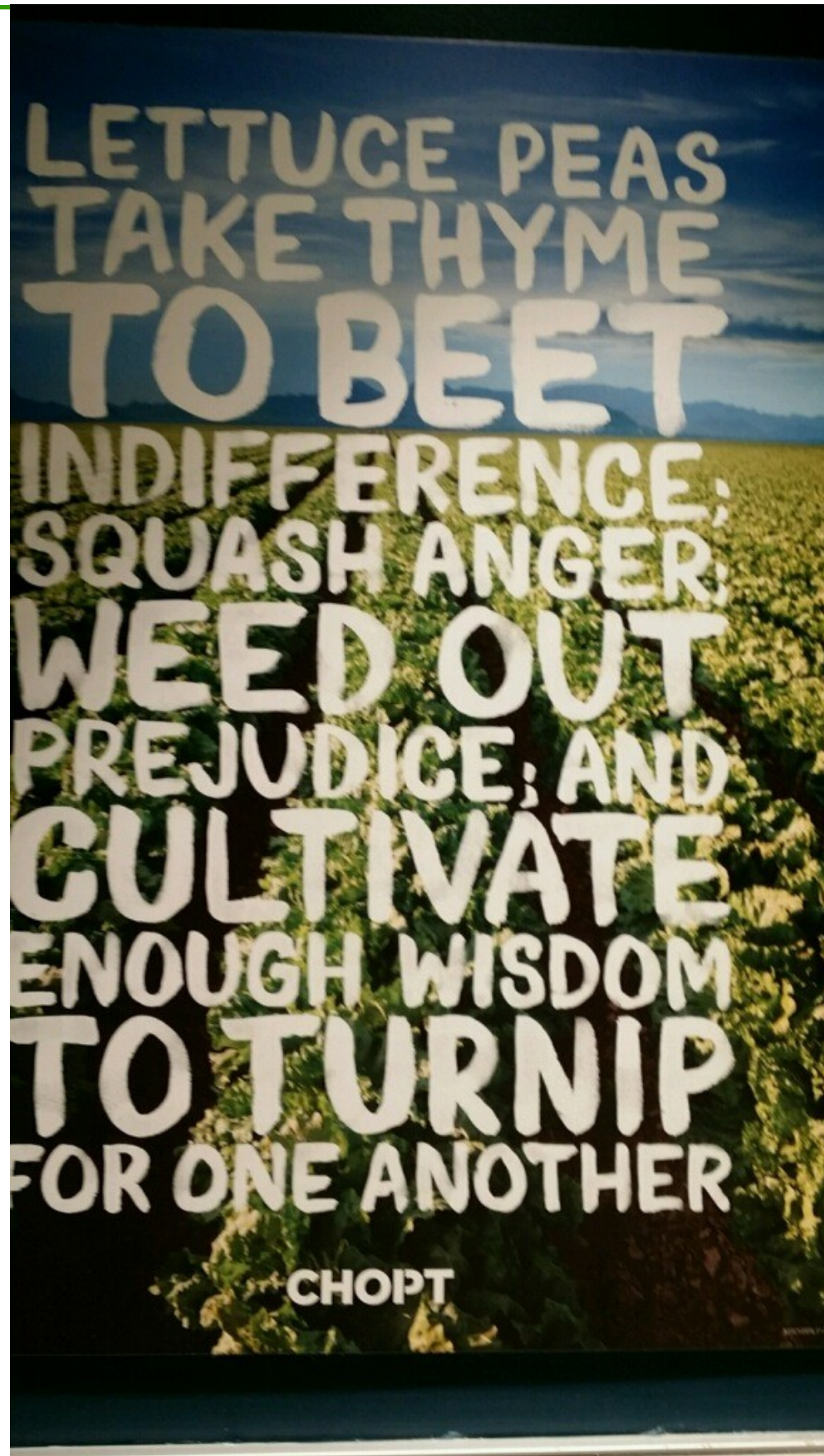
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Next morning, July 6





Good advice—photo from Chopt restaurant by Dirk Sprenger