

The Seedling – August 2019

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: August 27, 2019 Bring a guest!

Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

"National Collegiate Landscaping Competition"

Dr. Elizabeth Riley, Chair, ACC Horticulture Department

A Message from President Dirk Sprenger

Dear members and friends,

Stone Soup by Marcia Brown. Do you remember it? The synopsis of the 1947 classic children's book is: Clever soldiers outwit greedy townspeople with the creation of a special soup in this cherished classic, a Caldecott Honor book. I was excited to see a recipe for this soup on a bulletin board so I placed it on the Face Book page for our Club. There are a multitude of soup recipes in the world and a multitude of reasons that people would want to visit and join our club.

Last month we learned about plants that can be rescued legally from the wilderness and placed in a wet location in your yard. My land is so dry today that I carried water to

keep my rain garden from drying out. The hopefully prize winning gourd by my door is 21 inches in circumference. It badly needs rain and so do my 2 cucumber plants. Hope you get enough for your garden!

This month at our club meeting I'll share what I learned yesterday about red wasps that are called "cow-killers" and the rattlesnake I saw at the YMCA camp last week. However, our main speaker, Liz Riley, Ph.D., will have an even more exciting presentation about the National Competition in Horticulture that ACC participates in year after year with much success. It is always great to hear Liz Riley speak, so

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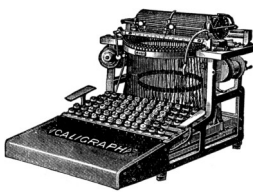
We also need your face and your vote to honor the deserving hard workers by nominations and the election of our Gardener of the Year, a prize which will be unveiled at the picnic! Yes the picnic in September 2019 is fast approaching. Get this, you don't even need to bring a side dish, just 1 guest (typically your wife or a family member) and 1 desert. The details are all worked out including the entertainment. At our meeting Tuesday we will review the precise time to arrive; and time to begin the meal at the home of Sam Moser. This is the **first time** he has hosted our picnic, and it is close to central Burlington. Our hats are off to you Samuel with thanks in advance.

Now if I can find a quote about soup, I will wrap up my letter and not hold up the newsletter any longer. Thanks for reading and sharing the Seedling.

"Let me be the first to tell you, drinking alcohol is the worst thing to do in cold weather. Hot soup is the best because the process of digesting food helps to warm you up." Morgan Freeman

Dirk Warren Sprenger

Editor's corner



Send me your news for 2019!

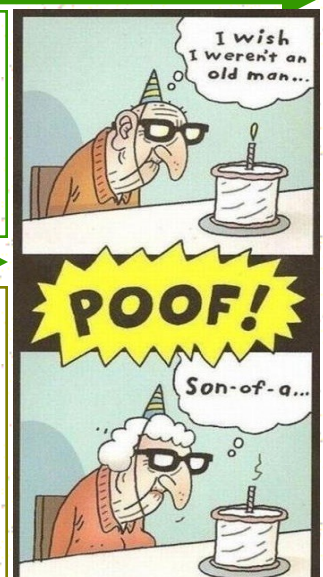
New Year, new news! This is your newsletter! Please feel free to send me content that you would like to share with your fellow members—upcoming events, gardening tips, resources, websites and online tools, things learned, recipes using things from your garden, deals and other great bargains, etc. Please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

August Birthdays

Todd Mundy—15th Jeff Wright—18th Joe Castagna—8/29
Your perk is to head the chow line with our guests!

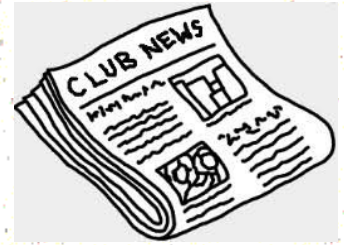
Important Agenda Items Next Meeting

For our August program we will learn about AAC's competition in the National Collegiate Landscaping Competition from Dr. Liz Riley, Chair of the ACC Horticulture Department. We will also be voting on the Gardener of the Year nominations, the award to be presented at the September picnic.



July Meeting Highlights

We had a small group for our meeting which was also moved to the 30th due to scheduling with Occasions. We will return to our normal schedule of 4th Tuesdays for the August meeting. Members were reminded to get their Gardner of the Year nominations in so that the GOY Committee could set up a ballot for the August meeting.



Member Alvis Webster shared his “Bog on a Hill” presentation sharing how he built a raised water garden on his property.



Jan Hooft

(Excerpt from his obituary)

Mr. Jan Hooft, 90, of Durham passed away on Friday, August 9, 2019 at the Carver Living Center in Durham, NC.

He was the husband of 53 years to the late Ruby Whichard Starr Hooft and the son of the late Alexander and Hendrietta Hooft. A native of Amsterdam, Holland, he became a U. S. citizen in 1966. He was a former horticulturist with Carolina Biological Supply Company, was instrumental in organizing the Men’s Garden Club of Burlington, served on the Burlington Tree Advisory Board, and was a member of the Hospice League and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Jan loved to read, especially books on theology, and listen to classical music. His favorite retirement activities were gardening and sitting outside on the patio visiting with family and friends.

2019 Plant and Garden Sales

Fall planting is just around the corner and plant sales are coming. Here’s what is already scheduled within an hour’s drive of Burlington.

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>

Oct 5— Fall Plant Sale and Curated Tour, Cienega Botanical Garden, 8 am—5 pm

www.cienegabotanicalgarden.org/events-1/fall-plant-sale-followed-by-a-curated-tour



From the Members

Photos by Dirk Sprenger

