

# The Seedling – November 2019

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: November 26, 2019 Bring a guest!  
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

**"Integrated Pest Management"**  
Dr. Emily Mueller

## *A Message from President Dirk Sprenger*

Greetings members and friends,

They are making tons of snow at Sugar Mountain Resort this week. I saw a bit of frost in my yard today. The gourd and persimmon festivals are happening this month, **but please mark the date for our final meeting of the year.** It will be a blast of fresh air with new people getting involved, and we need a quorum so that means you absolutely must show up. We will elect your officers for 2020.

However, the best part of our last meeting will be hearing about fighting bugs with bugs in NC gardens and fields, known as Integrated Pest and Disease Management (IPM). Our speaker from Raleigh is Dr. Emily Mueller.

Call it luck or providence, your club officers were all present on

October 22nd; after the monthly meeting we got some planning done. Not only some great input on nominating officers but also put together a great list of speakers for the 1st part of 2020. Each member is critical to our success like the human body that needs all its members to function well. Our committee has emailed you making sure your voices are heard well in advance of the elections of November 26. Also, just in time, I'm getting this article written before my right hand is incapacitated by an operation (carpal tunnel) to allow me to write for many more years. Actually, I'm carving out 4 weeks in December to work on a book about my father's farm and a pile of Christmas

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### Officers & Contacts

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<b>President: Dirk Sprenger</b>	<b>Treasurer: Ray Schwartz</b>
<b>Vice President: Ron Namest</b>	<b>Chaplain: Bob Held</b>
<b>Secretary: Harry Porthouse</b>	<b>Seedling Editor: Kurt Moore</b>



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cards. But, I digress. Let's all thank Occasions and others who made this year successful. We've had 11 great meetings and established a new tradition of having the Annual picnic in the fall. And storing our Dogwood fest equipment without incurring new expenses was not easy. Small in some ways, yet such items saved us money and show the teamwork we are capable of exerting. Thanks again to Sam, Alvis and your households for storing things.

Hopefully, by mid-November, this newsletter will be in your hands and you can put a note on every mirror or cupboard door to make sure you attend our last meeting. Judging from history, Kurt Moore is likely to send us a December Seedling, we can't thank him enough. The editor of any work strives to avoid mistakes, especially when we realize it may be forwarded and archived on more than 100 computers. Have you shared a link to our club website lately with your friends? It has at least 3 years of information now, thanks to the very generous services of Jeff Wright and his students. I applaud him and you as well! We all do our part and I am proud to be associated with you!

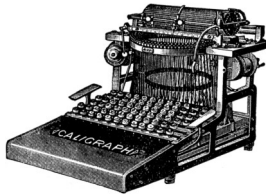
Christmastime causes me to dig out some old letters and books. I have a book with curious stories by Ben Franklin. During much of the 1700s he wrote extensively. Although I'd share his funny thing about gout, it does not pertain to horticulture. But just imagine, writing almanacs in the 1700s to be read by 1000s of people in the 13 colonies. If a person could do that for years and years, surely I can do something today for Horticulture in North Carolina.

*"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning". Benjamin Franklin, author of "Poor Richard's Almanack"*

**Happy Holidays to each and every reader.!**

*Dirk Warren Sprenger*

## Editor's corner



the newsletter. Kurt.

## Send me your news for 2020!

One more meeting, then the Holidays and next thing you know it is 2020! 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

## November Birthdays

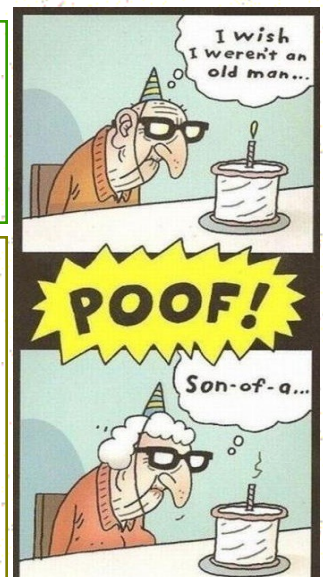
Bob Held—26th

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

## Important Agenda Items Next Meeting

Last meeting of the year. The important agenda items is the election of officers for 2020. Please get any additional nominations for officers in to the Nominating Committee—Eric Levine, Ray Schwartz or Kurt Moore.

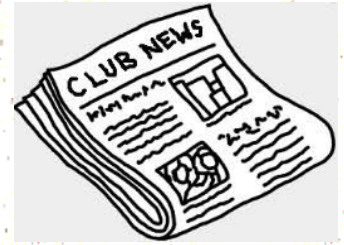
Our speaker for November will be Dr. Emily Mueller, an entomologist and Extension Agent for Wake County, presenting "Integrated Pest Management", or how to use bugs to counter bugs in your garden.



## October Meeting Highlights

We heard updates on programs being run by the various organizations we support—ACC Horticulture, Peacehaven Farm, Southern Alamance High School FFA, and Eastern Alamance High School FFA.

For pictures from the Meet and Greet, please see the “From the Members” section on the following pages.



## Current Officer Nominations for 2020

<u>Position</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Nominee #1</u>	<u>Nominee #2</u>
President	Dirk Sprenger	Dirk Sprenger	
Vice-President	Ron Namest	Eric Levine	
Secretary	Harry Porthouse	Harry Porthouse	
Treasurer	Ray Schwartz	Ray Schwartz	
Chaplain	Bob Held	Bob Held	
Historian (newsletter)	Kurt Moore	Kurt Moore	
Member-at-large	Alvis Webster	Alvis Webster	

## Fall Festivals

It's Fall and that means fall planting and also Fall Festivals. Here are a couple of festivals near us. Thanks Dirk for bringing these to our attention

**November 9—10** - 78th Annual NC Gourd Festival in Raleigh.

<http://www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.html>

Plus other festivals around the state at

<https://www.ncdcr.gov/things-do/tripstravel-ideas/fall-fairs-festivals>



From the Members

Pictures from the October "Meet & Greet" our organizations.



**Southern Alamance H. S. FFA**

I to r: Nate Upchurch, Nicholas Cooper, Nick Anders, Adviser, Dirk, Parker Hendrix, Shannon Holliday





### Western Alamance H. S. FFA

l to r: Dirk, Taylor Apple, Adviser and Amy Kernodle



### PeaceHaven Farm

l to r: Dirk, Jake Taylor, and Jordan Baker, Farm and Facilities Manager





**Alamance Community  
College, Dept. of  
Horticulture**

I to r: Dirk and Dr. Elizabeth  
Riley, Dept. Chair

**Pictures by Dirk Sprenger from the NC Gourd Festival going on this weekend**



**Knotted Gourd Grown in China**





**Coming in December**

**Pictures by Ray Schwartz from the recent NC Orchid Society Show held in Raleigh**