

# The Seedling – January 2020

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The Men's Garden Club of Burlington NC

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Next Meeting: January 28, 2020 Bring a guest!  
Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington NC

**"Orchids"**  
Ray Schwartz

## *A Message from President Dirk Sprenger*

Greetings on a sunny January morning,

Dear friends, yes it was a sunny day when robins and bluebirds were in my yard instead of southward bound as I penned this. Then, aha, I saw them holding a meeting to plan their journey. We too must gather in January for we have a lot of planning to do. Everything from the first steps to prep for the Mebane Dogwood Festival to filling out the Speakers & Programs list for May to the end of 2020.

Now it seems like we forgot something when last we met in 2019, oh yes, our candidates for all the club offices who are waiting patiently for

the **election results**. T'was simply a lack of a quorum. No worries about shenanigans! Therefore, even if you are babysitting a pet or a person, just load them in your truck and please show up on January 28. We need you to finalize the election as well as to share your dreams and New Year's resolutions. I promise we will introduce you to some new member(s), thanks to Kurt's work with the MeetUp app. And, yes we will explain what that app is as well.

My resolutions are to get 100% of us a bit more involved month by month. To visit Peacehaven Farm, to grow more gourds than last year and plant more seeds of friendship. What are

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### Officers & Contacts

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<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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your goals for the club? For yourself? Come and share them with us at Occasions Restaurant on January 28th.

I just know it will be a great meeting and a great year.

*Hope springs eternal in the human breast;*

*Man never is, but always To be blest.*

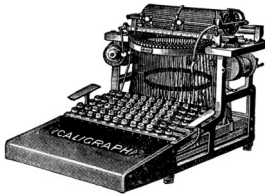
*The soul, uneasy, and confin'd from home,*

*Rests and expatiates in a life to come.*

— Alexander Pope

*Dirk Warren Sprenger*

## Editor's corner



## Send me your news for 2020!

The New Year is here! 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.

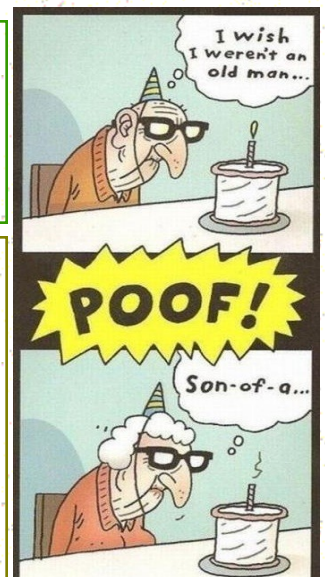
## January Birthdays

Dirk Sprenger—4th    Alvis Webster—20th

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

## Important Agenda Items Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be January 28 to ring in the New Year. If you have not paid your dues for 2020 and/or not picked up your new shirt, bring your hard earned money to the next meeting, or mail it to Ray Schwartz. Ray will also be our January speaker on the topic of "Orchids". Additionally, because we did not have a quorum in November, we will be electing our 2020 slate of officers at the next meeting. It is important that you attend and vote. Thanks.



## November Meeting Highlights (repeat)

The November meeting was very sparsely attended, there fore we did not have a quorum and could not elect the slate of officers proposed for 2020 (see below). The nomination committee will send a ballot by email and snail mail to those who were not present at the November meeting.



Dr. Mueller, our proposed speaker had to cancel at the last minute. Instead, we had an interesting talk by Ray Schwartz on “Regenerative Agriculture” which combines aspects of sustainability, permaculture and other earth-friendly agricultural practices.

Ray also brought our long awaited shirts! Please come pick your up at the January meeting.

Position	Current	Nominee #1	Nominee #2
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	
<b>Current Officers &amp; Nominations for 2020</b>			

## 2020 Plant and Garden Sales

The “new year” is here, and Spring will be here before you know it. Various organizations are planning the first round of garden sales and plant shows.

**March 28**—Duke Garden’s Spring Plant Sale <https://gardens.duke.edu/events/plant-sales> (details TBA)

**April 17-18**—Women’s Resource Center 21st Annual Herb Festival, 0830-1900 (Friday) & 0830-1500 (Sat), Burlington, <https://festivalnet.com/2399/Burlington-North-Carolina/Home-and-Garden-Shows/Herb-Festival>

**April 24-25** – 32nd Annual Mebane Dogwood Festival <https://www.visitalamance.com/event/32nd-annual-mebane-dogwood-festival/15114/>

**May 8-9** —Guilford Master Gardeners Pass-along Plant Sale, Ag Extension Service, Greensboro, NC. Friday 9 am—3 pm, Saturday 9 am—1 pm.

plant  
sale



From the Members

Quiz: Can you spot the person who is totally out of his gourd?







### Kurt Moore's Winter Gardening

Clockwise from upper left—rapini or broccoli rabe, rapini crown, kale, Swiss chard.





## 2020 Programs

Hey folks, we need input to round out the 2020 program agenda. Give us your input on suggested topics and speakers. We need programs for May through August.

**January** — “Orchids”, Ray Schwartz

**February**— “Wild Flowers”, Alvis Webster

**March**— “Vermiculture” Eric Levine

**April**—“Gardening and Fertilizers”, **tentative**

**May**— OPEN. Please suggest speakers and topics

**June**—OPEN. Please suggest speakers and topics

**July**— OPEN. Please suggest speakers and topics

**August**—OPEN. Please suggest speakers and topics

**September**—Annual Picnic/Social. Place TBD. Spouses invited.

**October**—Presentation from our donee organizations—PeaceHaven, ACC and Western & Southern FFA programs.

**November**—“Lasagna Gardens”, Gail and Kurt Moore

**December**—No Meeting.