



# Master Gardener Thymes

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February 2009



**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, unless otherwise noted. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!!**

## Upcoming Meetings!!

### February 12th:

**Upstate Forever/Rain Barrel Presentation**  
*Ned Barrett – 6:30 @ Arts Council Bldg.*

Ned Barrett has eighteen years of education experience, having taught history, English, and French in secondary schools in New Hampshire, California, Virginia, and South Carolina. He earned his BA from Colgate University and an MA in English from the University of Virginia. A tenth-generation West Virginian, Ned has lived in Spartanburg since 2002. He has two wonderful children, Lydia and Quinn, and enjoys running, hiking, and just spending time in the outdoors.

### March 12th:

**“Interesting Calls to the Home and Garden Center”**

*Millie Davenport -- 6:30 @ Greenwood's newly renovated Museum (Uptown Greenwood, next to Greenwood Community Theater.)*

*A light-hearted look at the interesting and unusual calls to the HGIC.*

Millie Davenport joined Clemson Extension in January, 2006 as an Information Specialist with the HGIC, answering questions about gardening and

pests from across South Carolina. She earned a BS in Horticulture from Clemson in 1995 and an MS in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Tennessee in 1997. Prior to joining Clemson Extension, she worked eight years for the Wholesale Division of Park Seed as a Product Manager.

### April 9th:

**“Successful Water Gardening”**

*Dwight Long – 6:30 @ Greenwood Museum*

Dwight will talk about various types of water features/gardens, water quality, plants, pumps, filters and maintenance.

Dwight is originally from Greenwood & graduated from Engineering Graphics @ Piedmont Tech. He originally worked in the field of civil engineering, & then in computer graphics and computer technology. Currently, he is employed at Knox Nursery in Hodges. He became interested in water gardening in 1988, at a time when the idea wasn't as popular as it is today. While living in Simpsonville, he built a small 300 gallon garden pond. A few years later, the fish were outgrowing the pond, so he built a larger 800 gallon pond. When he moved to Greenwood three years ago, he built a 1500 gallon water garden and transplanted the fish, plants, tadpoles and about three tons of stone.

To those attending the February meeting, enter the Federal building at the front entrance. The side entrance on Oregon St. will be closed. And, as with any Uptown event, park in well lighted areas. There is parking available on Main St., on Oregon St. and a well-lit parking lot at the rear of the building. Walk in groups, if possible, and don't forget to lock you car. These same precautions should also be used when attending the meetings at the Museum. (Just plain 'ole Common Sense advice).

## *Thank You, Master Gardeners!!!*

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your donation of \$200 to HospiceCare of the Piedmont.

Donations are very important to our organization. Last year alone, HospiceCare provided over \$185,000 of indigent care to patients in our communities. A very important part of our mission is to provide our special kind of caring without regard to a patient's ability to pay. Your gift helps make this possible.

Again, thank you so much for supporting our program. We appreciate your generosity as we continue caring for the terminally ill and their families in our area.

In Hospice,  
Kelly Buckshorn  
Director of Development

### **Our New Vice-President**

Thanks to Uma Sridharan for agreeing to serve as our Vice-President this year. Uma was in the 2007 class. She will do a great job for us. Thanks Uma!

We greatly appreciate each of you for donating your time in the month of January. Several committees have been very busy including: Programs, Web Site, Mall Office, Social, Phone, Membership, Education, Newsletter and Public Relations. It takes each of us doing a little to accomplish a lot. Thanks again and don't forget to turn in those valuable volunteer hours to Linda Halsey.

### **SEARCH YOUR LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER FILES!**

The Public Relations Committee will be cataloging past Lakelands Master Gardener minutes, newsletters, news releases, pictures, etc. Carol Scales and Public relations Committee members, Richard Elrod, Debbie Ashley, Judy Sieckman and Sandra Johnson. Please date submissions and identify people in photos, if you can. Thank you.

### **Carol Scales**

Donna Wilson, our new email person, is up and running. She will be forwarding important messages to you. If you aren't receiving

messages from her, please contact her at [utvolsfan@embarqmail.com](mailto:utvolsfan@embarqmail.com) or call her at 229-1740.

### **Dear Clemson Extension Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Coordinators,**

We are delighted to announce the first Clemson Extension Master Gardener Jamboree at the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden on March 21, 2009. The Jamboree will offer fun and fellowship, home and garden demonstrations, educational booths, and Master Gardener merchandise for purchase. This event is open to *all* Master Gardeners and is a great opportunity to socialize, further camaraderie, and forge new friendships with fellow Clemson Extension Master Gardeners from all corners of the state while visiting one of South Carolina's finest gardens.

Please make plans to join us on March 21, 2009 at the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden for the very first Clemson Extension Master Gardener Jamboree. Admission to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is discounted to half the price of regular admission for this event and registration for the Jamboree is free. More details to follow, so keep an eye out for future CEMG Jamboree News.

Hope to see you at the CEMG Jamboree!

### **PLANT SALE – APRIL**

Our main fundraising event is the plant sale which will be in April. It is early, but be thinking about which plants you can divide and donate for our annual plant sale. John Wham, our chair, says from past experience, perennials are great sellers. Examples are different types of Hosta, Day Lilies and different types of Iris (Siberian, Dutch etc). As Master Gardeners we like to buy plants that aren't in bloom but at the plant sale folks like to see the plant in bloom so they know what it looks like. Our plants usually sell quickly so the more you have and can share, the better.

### **Southern Home & Garden Show**

Greenwood County Family & Community Leaders are having its annual trip to Charlotte for the Southern Home & Garden Show March 5. Tickets are \$38. To reserve a seat on the bus, send a

check to Greenwood County FCL, 106 Clark Avenue., Greenwood, SC. The fee includes a ticket to the show, charter bus transportation and light refreshments on the way to Charlotte. The bus leaves the Greenwood Civic Center at 7:30 AM and returns by 7:30 PM. If there are questions, please contact Helen Spiller. (copied from Index Journal)

Do you enjoy teaching? Do you enjoy children?  
Do you enjoy all aspects of gardening?

If so, you are just what we are looking for. Billie Elsley would love a Master Gardener to start a Jr. Master Gardener Program at Oakland Elementary. She would be a great liaison between the coordinator and the school. Children are our future leaders. We want them to realize the benefits of gardening and we can only insure that if we are willing to put forth effort to teach them. If you would be interested in being the coordinator for this program, please contact Sandy Stachurski for details.

### **Educational Opportunity**

*Submitted by Donna Boozer*

For a very educational and affordable event, plan to attend the Organic Growers School to be held at Blue Ridge Community College, Flat Rock, NC, on March 21 & 22, 2009. For information and registration: <http://www.organicgrowersschool.org/>

### **For Up-Close Garden Shots, Try a Macro Lens**

*By: Dean Fosdick for The Associated Press*

Gardeners learn quickly that a fascinating world performs freely at their feet—a miniature world of dew-drops clinging to flower petals; ornate, one-of-a-kind snowflakes building into drifts, or the pollen-coated legs of honeybees foraging among the flowers.

What can make these images even more appealing is using a macro lens on a camera to document and share them.

“Macro photography is the visual portal to a world most people walk by without a glance,” says Alan Detrick in his book, “Macro Photography for Gardeners and Nature Lovers” (Timber Press, 2008). “Plants, animals and parts of plants and animals never before imagined enter the camera’s

viewfinder” – and all in the backyard, or perhaps a neighborhood park.

Most point-and-shoot cameras have the macro mode built in.

“That allows you to focus on a subject as close as one-half to 1 inch in front of the camera lens.” says Ian Adams, who wrote “The Art of Garden Photography” (Timber Press, 2005).

### **LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENERS CELEBRATE**

*Submitted by Carol Scales*

Over 90 Master Gardeners, their families and friends attended a dinner meeting to celebrate the graduation of the 2008 Master Gardener Class and the certification of 2007 Master Gardeners completing at least 40 hours of community service. Members of the 2008 class are: Keelie Brewer, Yvonne Combs, Richard Elrod, Vickie Hedden, Katherine Langley, Patti and Richard Larson, David and Kappy May, Ken McDade, Jimmy and Melody McInville, Millie Parnell, Charlotte Perosino, Leo Petrusha, Vincent Plotczyk, Barbara Sanders and Donna Wilson. Eighteen members of the 2007 class of Master Gardeners were recognized for their community service. Clemson Extension Agent, James Hodges, told those assembled that 5,500 hours of community service were donated this past year by members of the Lakeland Master Gardeners, who actively contributed to the floral topiary project, a new addition to the Greenwood Festival of Flowers.

### **Upcoming Community Projects**

*Submitted by Chris Snipes  
Community Projects Chair*

Lakelands Master Gardeners are already getting requests for help with projects in Greenwood as well as Clinton and Abbeville.

These project requests will be reviewed by our Board and an announcement will be made soon as to when and where we will be working.

Thanks to everyone who made our first project of 2009 a success. The project was the graduation dinner. We had a great variety of delicious, home-made food.

Congratulations to the new graduates.  
Congratulations to the interns who are now Master

Gardeners. This year of gardening will be starting very soon. I know that you will enjoy working with and learning from each other.

Sandra Johnson is in charge of the work at the Railroad Museum. Sandra will be announcing scheduled working days for that very soon. It's a good way to get hours and to meet lots of gardeners. The fellowship is wonderful.

Be on the look out for future project announcements. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

## Sign Up Today!

Are you interested in learning how to fill out your quarterly **Hours, Miles, Continuing Education, and Contacts Log**? Are you a bit confused as to what constitutes an hour of horticultural community service and or an Office Volunteer Hour? Just what are the many options to add to your continuing education hours? These and other questions will be answered for you when you sign for an **appointment on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Mall Office** 942-8664 to meet with Linda Halsey who will enjoy a time of teaching and conversing with all those who are interested.

**Lakelands Master Gardeners**  
**PO Box 49632**  
**Greenwood, SC 29648**

## Work Day!!!!!!

Ready to get out of the house, have some fun, and get some Master Gardener volunteer hours? There will be a Master Gardener workday at the Railroad Historical Center on Saturday, February 21st from 9 until 12. The Railroad Historical Center is located at 908 South Main Street in Greenwood between the Palmetto Bank and South Main Street Baptist Church. Park in the Palmetto Bank parking lot and enter through the side gate.

Please bring gloves, wheel barrows, pruners, rakes, etc. If it rains (or snows), we will reschedule for Saturday, February 28th at 9. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail Sandra Johnson at sandramjohnson@embarqmail.com or call 864.229.1248. Hope to see you there!

## Attention!

As you come to our meetings, please wear your badge so the visitors can identify you as a Master Gardener.

Catherine Swindell and Richard Elrod have been working very hard at contacting Master Gardeners from the past. If you know of a Master Gardener that has not been active lately, please contact Catherine or Richard so they send can an invitation to our February 12 meeting.



