



Master Gardener Thymes

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Master Gardener of the Year

By Patti Larson

Catherine Swindell, chairperson of the Social Committee, was recognized as our 2011 Master Gardener of the Year Thursday May 12th, 2011!

Catherine has been an extremely active member since 2001...serving as chair person for many of our Committees over the years. She has helped on various projects such as the topiaries, Railroad Museum, the Oakland Elementary Memory Garden, and the Pinecrest Elementary Fence Garden just to name a few! In her ten years as a Master Gardener, Catherine has been involved in



many other activities, events and programs that spread good plant information and build the Master Gardener Association. In short, her recognition as Master Gardener of the Year is a well-earned

honor and a tribute to her many unselfish deeds and accomplishments. She stepped up to the plate and organized the 2010 Holiday Party in limited time. Wasn't the slide show she put together wonderful?

Because of Catherine's relentless energy and creativity, the 2011 Members Picnic was a memorable one....including Garden Bingo!!!!

Special recognition and thank you to the Social Committee for a hugely successful Picnic... Sue Monaghan, Sandy Stachurski, Melody McInville, Sandy Orr, Joe Dubuque, Rick Larson, Jimmy McInville and Catherine's husband George.

May Annual Picnic Pictures

By Chuck Bender

Pictures are now out on the LMG Shutterfly site. The URL address for pictures only is: <http://lakelandsmastergardeners.shutterfly.com/> Once at the site, the password is "gardener" to gain access. You can browse whatever pictures you like, leave a comment on a picture, and even download a picture (must be a Shutterfly member to download pictures, no cost to regis-

ter). Some of these pictures have also been added to the LMG Facebook site. If you take any pictures at any LMG social events, work days, programs, etc., please email them to cben70@hotmail.com, so that we can add them to the Shutterfly site. Try to label each picture with a partially descriptive file name or at least give background information on how they should be labeled.

Dates to Remember:

- SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH, FARMERS MARKET OPENS— VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VOUCHER PROGRAM
- THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH, 6 PM, BOARD MEETING
- THURSDAY, JULY 14TH, 6:30 PM – GENERAL MEETING
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 6 PM BOARD MEETING
- THURSDAY, SEPT. 8TH, 6:30 PM GENERAL MEETING WITH SPEAKER
- THURSDAY, OCT. 13TH, 6 PM BOARD MEETING
- THURSDAY, NOV. 10TH, 6 PM BOARD MEETING— BUDGET MEETING
- THURSDAY, DEC. 8TH, 6:30 PM CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Lakelands Master Gardeners Association is a volunteer organization made up of Master Gardeners from Abbeville and Greenwood Counties in SC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



By **Sandy Orr** dues. The phone tree committee will continue to contact the four 2010 non-participants.

Minutes of LMG Board, April 14, 2011

Board and Committee
Chairs in attendance: Catherine Swindell, Sandra Johnson, Jimmy McInville, Linda Halsey, Janet Ledebuhr, Sandra Orr, Vince Plotczyk, Chuck Bender, Patti Larson, Nicole Ellis, April Prater, Cindy Wilkins, and James Hodges.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$8,568.23 as of 4/14/2011

OLD BUSINESS

RAILROAD MUSEUM GARDEN WORK DAY: **Sandra Johnson** reported that an entire dumpster was filled with refuse from the garden.

ABBEVILLE WORK DAY: **Dwight Long** and **Sandra Johnson** cleaned up and mulched the butterfly garden and divided the daylilies. The Abbeville newspaper reported it. They worked in conjunction with LMGs Terri Burgin and Maureen Colby and an Abbeville Garden Club.

SEABOARD JARDIN MARAVILLOSO: **Linda Halsey** reported that watering issues are being solved and a planting schedule is being set. There are four raised beds and a wheelchair bed. Dwight Long has provided dirt and kids are planting seeds. More volunteers are needed for Tuesdays afterschool to help the kids. Linda will be going door to door to solicit more participation in the community. She is working towards a Junior Master Gardener program for the kids. Jardin Maravilloso can be found on Facebook.

GREENWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT: **Catherine Swindell** reported that Ann Barklow planted the containers and delivered them. Ann is working on a water feature design for them. Catherine will be maintaining the pots. In addition, Catherine is working on directional signs for LMG events. She has offered to donate the metal frames to hold the signs upright.

LMG WEBSITE: **Chuck Bender** is working on putting a password protected section on the website for things like the membership listing.

MEMBERSHIP LISTING: **Cindy Wilkins** reported that four members of the 2010 class have dropped out. She found seven lost Master Gardeners that have since sent in

PLANT SALE APRIL 22,23: **Patti Larson** asked that plants be delivered Thursday afternoon to the Farmers' Market. The sale will begin Friday and Saturday at 7:30 AM.

LMG PICNIC, May 12 at the **Emma Gaskin Magnolia Park** and will include a **PLANT SWAP**. The LMG will provide drinks and meat. **Catherine Swindell** needs grill volunteers to cook for her. LMG'ers will provide potluck veggies/desserts. RSVP by May 6 to Catherine Swindell by e-mail.

URBAN TREE PROJECT- **James Hodges** met with Bob Kellison from the Library. Rain days have delayed tree measurement at the library.

PUBLIC CONTAINER GARDENING CLASS, April 30th 9-11 AM **Charlotte Cabri** is in charge and has done a press release. Phone your reservations in to the Extension Office.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: **Janet Ledebuhr** needs content for next newsletter by April 15. She would like the submissions. She is archiving old newsletters on the back page of the current one.

New Business

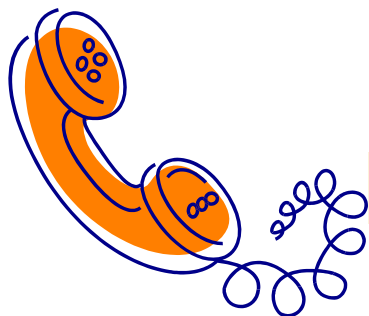
Update the plaques that indicate Hours Served in the Master Gardener Office- Vince Plotczyk

Scholarship Fund for Master Gardeners- The discussion was tabled until a written proposal is made.

Linda Halsey and **Sandra Johnson** volunteered to outline a program. It was moved and passed to waive the Master Gardener membership fee for first year interns.

Email Usage- A proposed set of guidelines was presented by **Patti Larson**, after complaints by several businesses associated with Master Gardeners. A vote was tabled until other views can be elucidated and presented for discussion at the next meeting.

Presentation of Budget- Tabled by **Patti Larson**. A report of 2010 actual expenditures was presented, broken out by purpose/project.



Master Gardener Thymes

Phone Committee

By Patti Larson
Sometimes a Committee works behind the scenes and goes unnoticed----

Without our PHONE COMMITTEE and the countless hours this group volunteers, many of our programs and projects would be poorly attended and perhaps even forgotten! All of us are busy and how many times have you had the best intention to make a call or send an RSVP email only to put it on the “back burner”? That’s when our PHONE COMMITTEE helps us out. Take for example the last social function—the picnic. Before the Committee started calling, there were very few responses. When one of our fellow Master Gardeners on the PHONE COM-

MITTEE calls you, *please take a few moments to be thankful that they are reminding you of a function.* If you prefer never to be called, please let Patti Larson at 554-1600 or greenwood_patti@yahoo.com know and the info will be passed onto *Nicole Ellis, chairperson of the Phone Committee.*

Kudos to our PHONE COMMITTEE—Nicole Ellis,

Chairperson
Maureen Colby
Sandy Orr
Pamela Kelly
Julee Marshall
Ginny Wilson
Rusty Wilson
Betty Reece
Betty Tabor
Betty Sargent
Maxine Syrkett
Steve Tabor
Penny Dubuque

Spring/Summer Container Class overwhelmingly successful!



Julee Marshall giving advice to one of the participants



Participants hard at work creating their containers!

Thanks to Charlotte Cabri and Sandra Johnson, the container class scheduled for April 30th was swamped with requests! Two classes were then held the same morning to service as many of the requests as possible. The participants went home with beautiful containers filled with flowers and plants to enjoy this season---- all free thanks to our LMG Association.

Also a special thanks to James Hodges for picking up the flowers, plants and soil from a local Nursery and Charlotte for obtaining the containers from a second local Nursery.

Kudos to the volunteers that helped make this program a success...

A Sampling of Master Gardener Volunteer Activities

As shared by James Hodges at the LMG picnic

- Hours and hours for many on planning, assembling, plugging and working on Topiaries 25+ MG's
- Container classes for the public at the Clemson Office
- Container classes at other location such as Faith Home
- Speaker and programs for many local groups of all ages and topics
- Class helpers on Master Gardener Class, Extension and Master Gardener sponsored programs
- Coordinating and/or teaching Junior Master Gardener Class
- Help neighbors with various plant problems
- Help neighbors to design and construct a raised bed for strawberries
- Work to clean up and plant flowers at Railroad Museum and prep for Festival of Flowers
- Grow and/or divide plants for the plant sale fund raiser
- Work at the plant sale and/or answer questions for the public
- Collect native seeds for various upstate plants
- Teach a class to inmates at the McCormick Prison on horticulture using the Master Gardener slides and format.
- Establish and help manage community gardens in Ninety Six providing food to the community
- Organize and establish community garden in Greenwood for residents in Seaboard area
- Conduct educational session for various ages at as part of community garden establishment
- Work with female inmates at Greenwood's Women's Prison
- Update MG website with program calendars, newsletters and other public and association
- Volunteer on the Lander University Campus to control tree vines and trees in the arboretum
- Conduct classes at Emerald Farm for the public on plants and bees
- Teach bee keeping and flower pollination biology for school groups, Master Gardeners and others
- Assist with garden project at Erskine
- Contact old MG members to improve participation/ we miss you emails and letters
- Mentor new Master Gardener students in 2010 class
- Regular contact calls for workdays, meetings and programs
- Provide publicity for special programs for the public sponsored by MG
- Update and complete planters at Metro meeting site
- Work on measurements and tree assessment as part of the Urban Tree Project
- Volunteer at the Clemson Extension Office to answer questions, meet the public, process soil samples and plant samples
- Home visits to friends, church members and callers to extension office to assess plant problems and give advice and information
- Take photos of plant problems and plants to use for newsletter articles, programs and education
- Work to cleanup Rain Garden site with additional plants at Rain Garden and Extension Office
- Organize a local neighborhood group, solicit plants and plant flowering plants in Rain Garden to further improve the site
- Work with other local organizations on plant and agriculture program committees and boards such as Farmers Market, County Extension Advisory Board, Greenwood Beautification Commission, Family and Community Leaders Organization and Beekeeper Associations
- Coordinate the annual plant festival at the Farmers Market
- Provide local plant information and problem solving in Newberry and Laurens counties
- Provide educational talks on herbs and herb gardening
- Provide local support in Saluda and Education committee work
- Provide programs and answer questions at various meetings and programs
- Coordinate Master Gardener projects and workdays with association and public
- Leadership of the Association which is committed to Horticultural Education in the Lakelands
- Provide leadership and assistance with the Abbeville Farmers market
- Newsletter publishing and email distribution to membership for updates on many projects and events
- Other special projects with various groups needing plant information
- Many hours of answering questions at the extension office
- Help the Abbeville Extension Office distribute trees and information to the public during their annual sales
- Grow numerous plants for the plant sale and coordinating the sale
- Assist with the 4-H20 program for kids at Lake Greenwood
- Just to name a few with many other items!

To all who have served and helped with the success of Seaboard Jardin Maravilloso (Wonderful Garden), it has been a blast!

A pictorial narrative of this community garden.



Dreaming of what could be!!



Soils movers, thanks to the Hannah's



Progress



Ashanti & Shania ready to work!



Yisel excited about planting her very own seeds!



Translating



Community

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Raised herb garden



Many hands make light work!

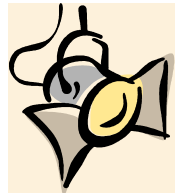


Soon we will have produce to pick!

Thanks to all who have assisted with Seaboard Jardin Maravilloso



A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT~~~~



The Railroad Historical Center

By Sandra Johnson

The Railroad Historical Center was developed in 1970 by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Adams and Charles H. Herndon, Jr., as a gift to the Greenwood community in recognition of the city's railroad heritage. In developing the Center, the Adams family preserved the historic J. B. Park House at 908 South Main Street, which was adjacent to an abandoned railroad line.

The Center included the house, out-buildings, landscaped grounds, a locomotive, and six rail cars. For thirty years Mrs. Adams assumed principal responsibility for operating, maintaining, and funding the Center.

In 2005 the family gave the Railroad Historical Center prop-



erty to The Museum to ensure its continued operation. It remains one of Greenwood's most popular attractions for school groups, civic organizations, festival-goers, and railroad enthusiasts. It is an outstanding example of adaptive reuse.

That same year the Lakelands Master Gardeners approved the Railroad Historical Center gardens as a Master Gardener project. Volunteers have worked over the years to maintain the gardens and promote the Center as a tourist attraction for the Greenwood area.

Rock gardens have been uncovered. New plants have been discovered. And many area residents have learned about the work of the Lakelands Master Gardeners during their visits from April through October each year.

Annual Plant Sale

By Patti Larson

Our Annual Plant Sale, held April 22nd & 23rd was a huge success, even Mother Nature could not stop folks from coming out!

This is the only fund raiser scheduled this year, netting \$1,234.00 for the Association.

A very special THANK YOU to the many members that contributed plants- John Wham, Sarah Carroll, Jimmy McInville, Sandy Orr, Julee Marshall, Jean Anderson, Catherine Swindell, Rusty Wilson, Chuck Bender, Jean Anderson, Melody McInville, Stuart Menaker, Dwight Long, Uma Sridharan and anyone else I missed (my apologies).

We could never have been so successful if it was not for the many members that volunteered their time each day—Sue Monaghan, Julee Marshall, Bryan Wesson, Jane Blackwell, Jimmy McInville, April Prater, Melody McInville, Maureen Colby, Sandy Orr, Rusty Wilson, John Wham and his lovely wife—Ella, Miriam Smith, Anita Herzsprung, Sandra Johnson, Betty Reese, Charlotte Perosino, Catherine Swindell, Stuart Menaker, Mike Brown, Pamela Kelly, and Rick Larson.

Again, thanks and any comments or suggestions would be appreciated by sending to Patti Larson— greenwood_patti@yahoo.com

How could anyone resist our display!!!!



A few of the LMG volunteers taking a break and enjoying each other's company!

A future Lake-lands Master Gardener.....?



Juliette de Bairacli Levy, Grandmother of Herbal Medicine

<http://www.herbalmedicinehealing.com/Juliette.asp>

LMG Susanne Bender wanted to share information about Ms. Levy. "She is a fantastic, interesting person and I had the pleasure to meet her personally," says

Susi Bender.

A wonderful biographical sketch and her books are offered on this web site. Juliette de Bairacli Levy has led an interesting life and is considered a Pioneer of Herbal and Holistic medicines.





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articles due by the 15th of the month—
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LMG General Meetings will be held at: The
Greenwood Metro District Meeting Room
110 Metro Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646

Directions
From Self Regional Hospital: Take West
Alexander to Premier Dr. – stay on Premier
Dr. by turning right – turn left on Metro Dr.
From 225 Ext: Going South on 225 Ext.,
turn left on W. Alexander, turn right on Joe
Bernat Dr., turn left on Premier Dr., turn
right on Metro Dr.

Board Meetings are held in February, April,
June, August, and October on the second
Thursday of the month @ 6:00 pm @ The
Clemson Extension Office @ The Brewer
Center

Miles and Hours - please submit to
Linda Halsey
halseyfarm@embarqmail.com, 864-374-
7253, or P.O. Box 82, Hodges, SC 29653

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have a committee where you could
use an extra hand? Send it to the
newsletter and it will be listed.

3. Programs and Speakers chairman
4. Check the website for other ongoing projects

1. **Board positions**– Public Relations
2. Urban Tree project, email James

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newsletters can be found at our website at— [http://
www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/newslet2011.html](http://www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/newslet2011.html)

THE LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER BOARD 2011

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June 15th is the
deadline
to turn in
your hours
and miles,
even
though it

is in the middle of the month, it
will give me time to call many
of you and to also prepare my
report to send to James in a
timely manner. Any hours/
miles accrued after the 15th or
there about, you will just need
to add them to the following
quarter. Thanks to all for vol-
unteering to enrich neighbor-
hoods, our organization, out-
reach programs, etc..., I look
forward to hearing about your
activities! By Linda Halsey

halseyfarm@embarqmail.com

Membership dues....it is never too late to pay your dues....please send your dues
and form to: Patti Larson, 325 Nautical Way, Greenwood, SC 29649
Forms available online - print page #6
<http://www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/archives/Feb2011.pdf>

**This Association shall be operated for the growth and development of its
members and for the following purposes:**

1. Sharing horticultural information and guidance with South Carolina residents based on re-
search specific to the local climate, soils, and plants;
2. Volunteering time to assist the Extension Service in meeting the demand for reliable gardening
information;
3. Providing volunteer service to improve our communities through a wide variety of horticultural
projects;
4. Promoting the training of Master Gardeners and keeping Master Gardeners active in service;
5. Encouraging interest in gardening by all citizens;
6. Encouraging the utilization of all resources for better gardening, including the Department of
Agriculture and Clemson University Extension Service;
7. Encouraging local environmental beautification and preservation; and
8. Helping those less fortunate prosper from the benefits of horticulture.