



# Master Gardener Thymes



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March 2013

## President's Message by Ann Barklow



Wow! What a great Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet last week!! It has by far become my most favorite meeting since I have been a member. Our minutes from the meeting are in this issue of the Thymes.

Many thanks to Linda Halsey who worked so hard on our Year In Review slide show. It was so fun to see all the projects we worked on together and the smiling faces. Also, thank you to Linda Halsey, Sandy Orr, and Betsy Russ who checked people in and handed out our voting ballots. Claudette Bannerman made sure that everyone received a brochure and free bookmark and Austin McInville, Jimmy's son handed out the door prize tickets. Janet Ledebuhr and Chuck Bender rounded up the ballots and counted the votes. Our social committee headed by Donna Feldmaier did an amazing job of decorating and made sure everything was ready to go when people arrived. We had sparkling stars and hearts and lovely plants on each table. The expenses were kept to a minimum, the plant decorations were from Donna's garden and are now back home with her. Our famous punch was delicious and most of the food and desserts were long gone by the end of the meeting. John Wham gave an awesome blessing before we chowed down. There was much laughter and a great time was had by all.

James Hodges and I had a great time handing out the badges and certificates to the 2010 class who have now become Full Fledged Master Gardeners and the certificates for Interns or "Master Gardeners in Training" for the 2012 class. Hour pins went out to a lot of hardworking members listed in our minutes and the Master Gardener of the Year went to the very deserving Linda Halsey!

Welcome to the new members of the board of directors: Secretary-Steve Tabor, Directors-Paddy Huff, Patti Larson, Jason Jordan, Trish Bridges, Linda Hamrick, Sandy Orr, and Janet Ledebuhr. The position for President and Vice President and Fundraising chair still remain open.

Please enjoy this issue. I wrote a review of the Greater Greenwood Master Gardener symposium and included a list from one of the talks on Unusual Southeastern Natives. You can't miss the article on Hugelkultur by Sandy Orr. Some of us are already trying to do this with some of our logs and soil! We have two important events coming up with the March 23 Home and Garden Show and the April 5 and 6th Plant Sale. Look for announcements in this issue.

Jeep Topiary chair, Jimmy McInville has been making great progress on the Jeep with the help of many of the Master Gardeners. Keep watching for his e-mails with workday announcements.

Unfortunately, I need to step down as president since I will be working for the City of Greenwood as a Horticulturist and it is a full time position. The nomination committee will be working on my replacement. In the meantime I will do the best I can and will be keeping us in a bit of a holding pattern with no new projects until my position is filled.

Thanks to all of you for making this such a great organization and for the countless hours you commit to our mission.

## Dates to Remember:

- MARCH 14TH BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM CLEMSON OFFICE
- APRIL 4TH -PIZZA PARTY & PLANT DROP-OFF FARMER'S MARKET 4- 8 PM
- APRIL 5 & 6- PLANT SALE FARMER'S MARKET 8 AM- 4 PM
- APRIL 11TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, DANIEL PARSON "GROWING A SUMMER VEGETABLE GARDEN-HOWEVER SMALL" 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- MAY 9TH PICNIC CONNIE MAXWELL 6:30 PM
- JUNE 13TH BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM LIBRARY
- JULY 18TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, REECE LYERLY 6:30 LIBRARY
- AUG. 8TH BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM LIBRARY
- SEPT. 12TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, PANEL DISCUSSION 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- OCT. 10TH BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM CLEMSON OFFICE
- NOV. 14TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, PANEL DISCUSSION 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- DEC. 12TH MEMBER SOCIAL 6:30 PM GMD

The mission of the Lakelands Master Gardeners, in association with the Greenwood County Clemson Extension office, is to extend to the public research-based education, horticultural programs and activities that enhance our environment, lives and community.

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

## Lakelands Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale

Our biggest fundraiser of the year will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Greenwood Farmers Market. The sales from this fundraiser will determine how we serve our community. We would like to have every master gardener involved to help make this a success. These are some of the ways you can help reach our sales goal:

1. Donate Plants (we will pick plants up if you are not able to bring them).
2. Help with the set up and operation of our booth.
3. Purchase Plants
4. Tell all of your family and friends about the sale and encourage them to shop with us.

Please call me at 803-348-0256 or email me at [sbcarroll96@yahoo.com](mailto:sbcarroll96@yahoo.com) if you would like to help. Thank You  
Sarah B. Carroll

### Volunteer Recognition



Ann Barklow recognized by the YMCA as volunteer of the year for work with the children's vegetable garden. Congrats Ann.



Linda Halsey being presented with the Master Gardener of the Year Award by Ann Barklow and James Hodges. Congratulations to Linda!

#### You know you are a Master Gardener if:

- You get upset when you see uncared for plants in stores and you can't resist deadheading them and making them look nice.
- Early spring you only pull babies that you know for sure are weeds and leave the ones you're unsure of. After all, they might be volunteers that will turn into amazing new flowers.
- you have six pairs of shoes on the front porch covered in mud.

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\* Botanical terms- \*  
\* Procumbens— laying along the ground *Pachasandra* \*  
\* *procumbens* \*  
\* Diphylla— two leaved *Jeffersonia diphylla* \*  
\* Media— average or middle *Dodecatheon media* Shoot- \*  
\* ing Star \*  
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#### *Fragrant Plants in the Landscape*



March— *Edgeworthia chrysantha*

- *Osmanthus fragrans*, Tea Olive
- *Edgeworthia chrysantha*— Rice Paper plant
- *Hamamelis vernalis*— Witch hazel
- *Daphne odora aureomarginata*— Winter Daphne
- *Narcissus 'Grand Soleil d'Or'*- yellow paperwhites
- *Daphne genkwa*— Lilac Daphne

Do you have something fragrantly blooming now? Share your information to add to the newsletter. I know you have something fragrant in your garden!



2012 Booth at the Farmers Market Building

## PIZZA PARTY AND PLANT DROP OFF FUN, FUN, FUN!!

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013  
4:00 to 6:30 pm

### This is our Main Fundraiser!

We are asking every Lakelands Master Gardener to  
Donate 12 plants or the equivalent of homemade/ crafted  
garden related items for the  
**April 5 and 6 Plant Festival**

Best Sellers are weed free and healthy looking in nice pots such as clean nursery containers or solo cups with drainage. Unique and hard to find plants are a plus! Labels with botanical and common names with cultural requirements are preferred. A surprise table will be set up for the nameless. Pictures of the plant in flower increase sales. Print photos from the internet unless you have your own.

**Worst Sellers are poorly presented, weedy, too high priced,  
too large and no plant names**

Please contact Sarah Carroll at 803-348-0256 or [sbcarroll96@yahoo.com](mailto:sbcarroll96@yahoo.com)  
Tell her what you will be bringing. A pickup service will be provided, if you  
are unable to drop them off

Don't miss out on this wonderful volunteer opportunity  
Keep track of your hours in planting and designing all your plants and items  
to sell and let Sarah know you want to help at the Sale.

#### Additional information—

- AARP Tax-Aide free tax counseling and preparation service is offered to all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 & older. Local service is available in the building adjacent to the Main Street United Methodist Church (211 N. Main St), on Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 1 pm and Tuesday evenings 6-8 pm. Appointments are normally required and can be made through the Greenwood County Library by calling 941-4650.
- The youtube video link attached is the one they used at the awards ceremony for Dr. Jan Haldeman as is the link to an article from the online Erskine news, written by Joyce Guyette about Jan and the award.  
<http://news.erskine.edu>  
<http://youtu.be/nKKDFmXk4Fg>

While listening to the NPR Morning Show on the radio, Susanne Bender heard a report about bees that she thought was very interesting. We know that bees are attracted to flowers by color, but did you know they were also receiving electric signals from the flowers? The flowers have an electric field around them, signaling whether another bee has just been collecting pollen from that flower. The field around the flower stays charged for about 100 seconds, letting the bee know to bypass that bloom. The link below offers both a audio clip of the article as well as text. Find out more about bees, flowers and electric charges at —

<http://www.npr.org/2013/02/22/172611866/honey-its-electric-bees-sense-charge-on-flowers>



**FARMERS MARKET  
SPRING PLANT FESTIVAL**

**APRIL 5th & 6th**  
8:00AM - 4:00PM

**FLOWERS**  
**VEGETABLES**  
**HERBS**  
**GARDEN CRAFTS**  
**& LAKELANDS**  
**MASTER GARDENERS**

AT THE **GREENWOOD FARMER'S MARKET**  
SC HWY 72/221 EAST



## Index-Journal to host 2013 Home & Garden Show at the Greenwood Mall

**Date: Saturday, March 23, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**  
**At the Greenwood Mall, Greenwood, SC**

The Index– Journal Home and Garden Show is being held March 23rd in the Greenwood Mall. Our Master Gardener group will have a table at this event. The show runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00PM. We will have our 'Ask a Master Gardener' table set up from beginning to end and are looking for some volunteers to man the table. You will be will at least one other Master Gardener — no worries about being alone and being asked a question you have no clue how to answer. Our job is to field the questions and answer if you know the correct answer. If you don't know the answer simply take the client's name and phone number and as much information as possible to research the answer. Once you have the answer, contact the person with your information. If you are willing to help out, please let Janet Ledebuhr know. queenofseaford@yahoo.com or 374-7781. We are asking for a hour or two, if you can be there longer we welcome the extra support!

# ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET - FEB 21, 2013, Greenwood Metro District

Sandy Orr



Over 50 jovial interns, newly minted Master Gardeners, and old pros gathered to celebrate the conclusion of an eventful year and the beginning of a new organization. Business was efficiently conducted by Ann

Barklow, President. A motion was made by Steve Tabor to **dissolve the current Lakelands Master Gardener Association and move the assets to the new Lakelands Master Gardener Inc.** Motion was seconded by Sandy Orr and **passed unanimously.** Ballots prepared by the Nominating Committee had been distributed to active members, those whose dues were paid and their annual hours had been completed. The officers elected were as follows: Secretary- Steve Tabor, Directors-Paddy Huff, Patti Larson, Jason Jordan, Trish Bridges, Linda Hamrick, Sandy Orr, and Janet Ledebuhr. The position for President and Vice President still remains open.



**Ann Barklow** indicated that until another **President** is selected, she will serve as best she can given her recent full time employment. We all appreciate her enthusiasm, attention to detail, and wonderful communication skills during the transition

to incorporation. An extraordinary number of community projects were taken on during her tenure this past year. After the **blessing by John Wham**, we all enjoyed the creative potluck fare and best of all, the desserts. A wonderful **slide show** followed which illustrated the range of projects completed by the Master Gardeners, and the fun we all had doing them. Thanks to our Association photographers and Ann and Linda for organizing it.

Ann and James Hodges introduced the **newly certified Master Gardeners** and gave them their badges and certificates: Toni Able, Lynsey Bock, Mary Jo Cook, Doug Crawford, Priscilla Ellis, Beth

Osteen, and Ann Stoddard. Congratulations.

Ann and James then introduced the **new graduating class of 2012** and

gave them their certificates:

Claudette Bannerman, Bonnie Baumhofer, Trish Bridges, Louann Collins, Savannah Durham, Donna Feldmaier, Linda Hamrick, Glorietta Jones, Phyllis Krohn, Susan Lawson, David McCall, Christine Moon, Terry Morse, and Betsy Russ. Welcome and we look forward to you getting your badges next year.



The pins for **service hour recognition** were given out by James and Ann: 100 Hours: Toni Able, Melody McInville, Rusty Wilson, Mary Woodiwiss. 250 Hours: Ann Barklow, Doug Crawford 500 Hours: John Wham 750 Hours: Linda Halsey, Sandy Orr **3,000 Hours: Nancy Collins**



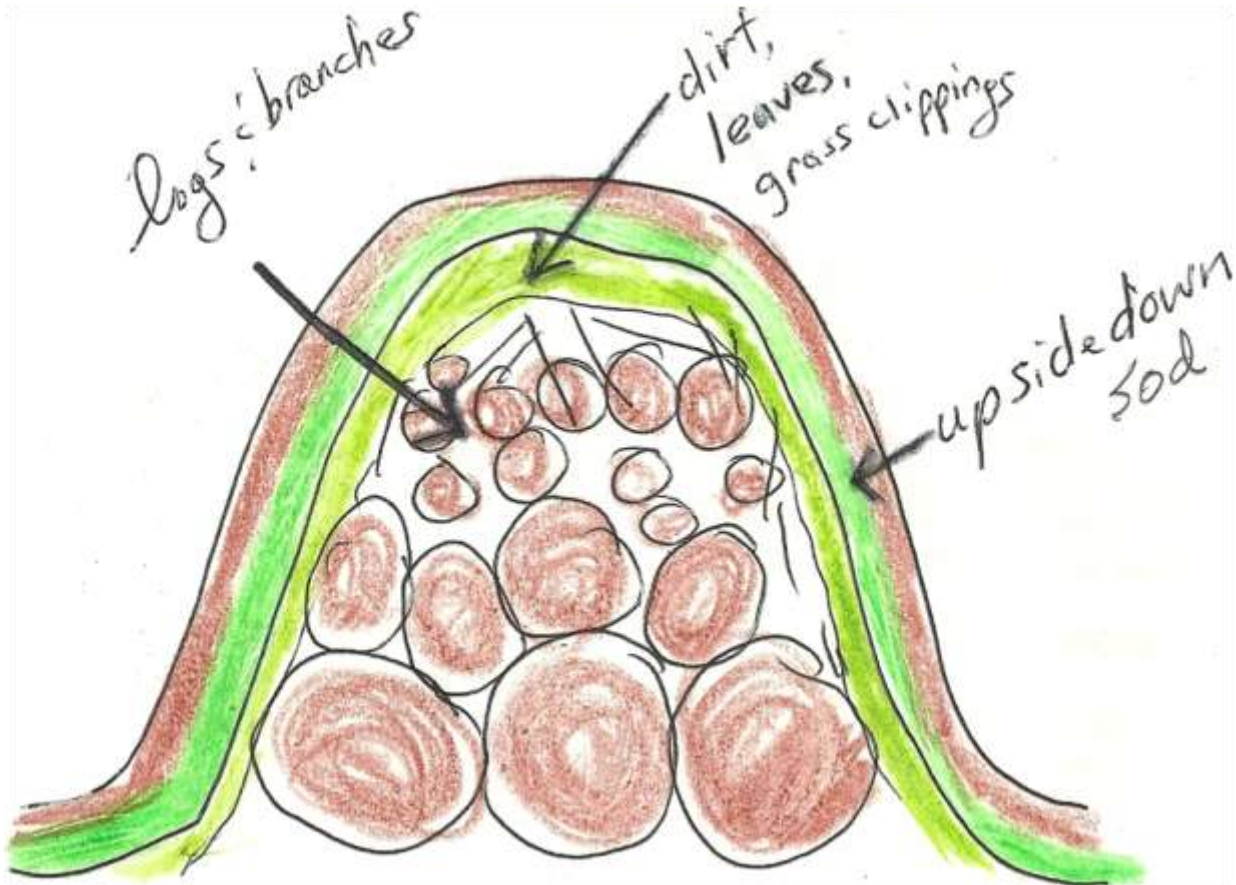
The Master Gardeners' next project will be the **March 23<sup>rd</sup> Home and Garden Show**, to be spearheaded by Janet Ledebuhr. She welcomes volunteers to staff our booth or do a demonstration for ½ hour. The meeting was adjourned after this announcement.



# HUGELKULTUR

By Sandy Orr

To hear this word in all its beauty, you must befriend a native German. I tripped over this term when threading through an internet search beginning with "gardening in heavy mulch". Three dumploads of chipped trees were placed on my spare lot and I wanted to know if I could use them uncomposted and plant directly into the chips. (Turns out you can if you plant into the dirt beneath without stirring the wood chips into the dirt. The results on You Tube are spectacular). Pulling this thread led to the extreme form of this, known as hugelkultur or hill cultivation. In a nutshell, hugelkultur involves building a huge raised bed, the base of which is closely stacked logs (decomposed or new wood), covered with sod turned wrong-side up, into which plants are placed.



**WHY DO THIS? IT'S UGLY.** The ultimate benefit of either breaking your back, or using fossil fuel to run a bobcat, is that in the long run, this bed requires no irrigation. After having watched all the You Tube videos (thereby giving me a doctorate in hugelkultur), it seems that fruit grown in these hills tastes more intense, vegetables need no rotation, and Wagnerian arias serenade your gardening tasks.

I began my hugelkultur bed, by siting it so that it ran East/West. I had lots of logs due to snags in the woods where it's built. In addition, I wanted it to be in full sun, so I cut down several middling-sized trees (gasp!) that I'd like to think had problems already. My next layer was twiggy, leafy, shrubby material that was too woody to put in my good compost pile and had been offending the neighbors for the last five years. Dirt formed from years of oak leaf piles was stuffed into crevices and clay was used as primordial glue to keep things in place. It's not planted yet, but plans include putting zinnias all over it, so my neighbors long for the day when it was merely a pile of yard waste. Updates to follow in future newsletters.

## Review of The Greater Greenville Master Gardener Symposium Held on Saturday, February 2, 2013

By Ann Barklow

The only thing I can say about this symposium is: I can see why it sold out. It is truly the Super Bowl of Horticultural Education. Over 300 gardeners showed up to hear 5 speakers that left the audience dizzy with information.

**Kirk Brown**, horticulturist, historian and dramatist dressed as John Bartram, America's first and foremost botanist and plant collector to give us a humorous and entertaining history of how horticulture began in Philadelphia. His description of gardeners: "that they are always testing, testing, testing, try this, try that, and forever looking for something different, something greener, bigger, smaller" certainly hit home to the crowd of mostly master gardeners. As Ben Franklin said: "I didn't fail the test, I just found 110 ways to do it wrong."

He left us with the assurance that we are all gardeners in God's place with a need to be in the earth and dirty. The world is our garden...protect it, preserve it, sustain it. This proved to be a theme echoed by the speakers.

I discovered why I like to be continually educated in the field of horticulture. It motivates me to try new things and stimulates me to be a better gardener. In other words, it sets me up for success and to garden in the southeast, I need all the help I can get! Alright, maybe I liked the free bag of potting soil, Daniels plant food, a garden ruler for bulb planting, Italian Silver Rib Heirloom Chard seeds, brochures to various horticultural treasures in South Carolina, several gardening magazines and at least ten catalogues of companies I hadn't heard of.

After **Cory Tanner**, Greenville extension agent's talk on extending your vegetable season, I ordered some hoops and row covers to extend my harvests. Learning that row covers can simulate living in Charleston by increasing my zone an entire number really made my day! The fact that 85% of the light can still get through to my plants takes the pressure off of me to remove them on cool sunny days.

Because mulch can cool the soil he talked about removing it in spring to warm the soil for the summer crops. That did not occur to me so I have it on my to do list. I love how mulch helps feed my soil as it breaks down and keeps my

weeds from sprouting but this extra knowledge was a big help.

**Mary Palmer Dargan** who taught us how to *Create the Garden You Love* got me started on taking pictures of my garden to serve as before shots and start dreaming. She showed how our sketches of ideas do not need to be artist quality but merely doodles. The importance of asking yourself a lot of questions on how your property is used is something I've known but she used a technique I would have never thought of. Pretending you are in a hot air balloon floating over your property, draw where your house is and activities that happen there. This can be the UPS driver coming to your door, company arriving, hanging your hummingbird feeder, harvesting vegetables and herbs, going to the shed, your dogs paths and play areas, etc. Remember these are doodles, so put the perfectionist away and have fun.

I took the most notes in **Larry Mellichamp's** lecture on Unusual Southeastern Natives for your Garden. After vegetable gardening that is my second favorite interest. Dr. Mellichamp, director of the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens, discussed that there were merits to both exotic and native gardens so why not have a combination. Some interesting plants were *Continus obovatus*, the American Smoke Tree that loves the heat. The *Acer leucoderme*, Chalk Maple looked like a great substitute for the Japanese Maple, and he gave a list of *Trilliums* that are easier to grow. The *Magnolia macrophylla*, Big Leaf Magnolia would be an amazing specimen if you didn't mind the large leaf litter that can resemble dirty laundry hanging on your bushes. The list of 20 plants he gave us provided interesting, underutilized, grow able, and mostly available varieties to try. We have included this list in this newsletter. Print it out and keep it handy where you can refer to it before a native plant sale. The UNC Botanical Garden Sale is coming in April where many of these plants will be available. UNCCharlotte Spring Plant Sale  
Friday-Saturday April 19-20, 2013 8 am – 3 pm  
[Members pre-sale Thursday April 18, 3-6 pm]

## Unusual Southeastern Natives for Your Garden

Larry Mellichamp

UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens

Greater Greenville Master Gardeners Symposium

February 2, 2013

1. *Aesculus parviflora* BOTTLEBRUSH BUCKEYE

2. *Acer leucoderme* CHALK MAPLE

3. *Cotinus obovatus* AMERICAN SMOKE TREE

4. *Croton alabamensis* ALABAMA CROTON

5. *Dodecatheon media* SHOOTING-STAR

6. *Dryopteris xaustralis* DIXIE WOOD FERN

7. *Matteuccia struthiopteris* OSTRICH FERN

8. *Illicium floridanum* FLORIDA ANISE TREE

9. *Jeffersonia diphylla* TWINLEAF

10. *Kosteletzkya virginica* SEASHORE MALLOW

*K. virginica* 'Immaculate' WHITE SEASHORE MALLOW

11. *Lyonia lucida* SHINING FETTERBUSH

12. *Magnolia macrophylla* BIGLEAF MAGNOLIA

13. *Pachysandra procumbens* ALLEGHENY-SPURGE

14. *Pinckneya bracteata* GEORGIA FEVER TREE

15. *Pinus glabra* SPRUCE PINE

16. *Rhapidophyllum hystrix* NEEDLE PALM

17. *Sarracenia* spp. PITCHER PLANT

*S. leucophylla* WHITE-TOP PITCHER PLANT

18. *Taxodium ascendens* POND CYPRESS

19. *Trillium* TRILLIUM, TOADSHADE

*T. decumbens*, *T. lancifolium*, *T. maculatum*, *T. stamineum*

20. *Tsuga carolinana* CAROLINA HEMLOCK

## Some good nursery sources for Propagated Natives

<http://www.forestfarm.com>

<http://www.lazysfarm.com>

<http://www.mulberrywoods-nursery.com>

<http://nearlynativenursery.com>

<http://www.nichegardens.com>

<http://www.plantdelights.com>

<http://plantsaplentyfarm.com> (in Forest City, NC)

<http://www.woodlanders.net>

<http://carolinawild.com>

S.C. Native Plant Society

<http://web.archive.org/web/20060114072714/http://www.scnps.org/>

## Books on identification and propagation:

Armitage, Allan. 2006. Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens.

Case, Frederick W. 1997. Trilliums.

Foote, Leonard & Samuel Jones. 1989. Native Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Southeast.

Mickel, John T. 2003. Ferns for American Gardens.

Midgley, Jan. 2003. All about South Carolina Wildflowers. (one of the best)

Nelson, Gil. 2010. Best native Plants for Southern Gardens (very good)

Porcher, Richard & Douglas Rayner. 2001. A Guide to the Wildflowers of South Carolina.

Spira, Tim. 2011. Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the S. Appalachians and Piedmont.

## UNCCharlotte Spring Plant Sale

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[Members pre-sale Thur April 18, 3-6 pm]

Come visit the Van Landingham Glen at UNC Charlotte. Open 7 days a week. Seven acres of Carolina natives. Free admission, and easy weekend parking. Vast expanses of bloodroot in bloom mid-March

<http://gardens.uncc.edu>





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Clemson Cooperative Extension Office– Greenwood– 864-223-3264



Don't forget the photos from our Christmas social and other LMG events are on our Shutterfly page. (see link above) You can leave comments or download photos from the Shutterfly page. The password has been sent in the email with this newsletter attached.

LAKELAND MASTER GARDENERS

### Lakeland Master Gardener Name Badge Order Form

Master Gardener Information			
Last Name		First Name	
Mailing Address			
City		Zip Code	
Home ( )	Cell ( )	Other ( )	
e-mail address			
For Office Use Only	Received	Confirmation	Delivered

**Orders are filled upon receipt of order form. There is no deadline to send money and form to Patti.** Please *Print* Information the way you would like it to appear on your name badge

Cost: \$10/badge Cash or Check accepted

Make Checks payable to: Lakelands Master Gardeners *Remit Payment and Order Form together to:*

**Patti Larson**  
110 Hutira Lane  
Greenwood, SC 29649

Questions, please e-mail Patti Larson: [greenwood\\_patti@yahoo.com](mailto:greenwood_patti@yahoo.com) or call 554-1600



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