



Master Gardener Thymes



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September 2012

President's Message

By Ann Barklow



Well, it's a hot August afternoon as I write this. I'm in between seasons with fresh tomatoes, eggplant, green beans, chard, and bell peppers continuing to reach the table. I have a second crop of green beans, squash, and cucumbers reaching their blooming stage. And better yet, I have some Brussels sprouts, broccoli, cabbage, Swiss chard and arugula in seedling stages on my back deck ready for the cool fall months ahead. I owe all this bountiful collection to the Lakeland Master Gardeners who taught me how and when to grow my own food in this southern climate.

I hope many of you were able to attend the Mushroom Talk with Tradd Cotter last month at the County Library. You can read more about it in this issue. You know how sometimes speakers talk too long? Well, Tradd could have talked for 6 hours and I don't think anyone would have left. The following week, I was able to get some logs from my tree trimmer and shared them with a small group of us who bought Wooden Plug Spawn after the talk. We are all individually getting ready to grow our own shiitake and oyster mushrooms from the plugs we bought that evening. A special thanks to Susie Bender for another great program!

We have another super program on September 13 on *Hostas and their Companion Plants*. The speaker meeting will begin at 7:00 and there will be Hostas for sale at the end of the program. An article about the talk is in this issue. We will hold a General Membership Meeting prior so please come at 6:30 for announcements, sign up for volunteer opportunities, show and tell, and fellowship among our mem-

bers. If you're lucky I might even bring my mushroom log!

Behind the scene committees have been working away. In particular our **Education Committee** with the new Master Gardener Class that started on August 14 with **15** students. Please read the article on mentoring to help get our new interns off to a good start. If you are grateful for what the LMGA has done for you, take this great opportunity to pass it on to our new future members. Mentoring doesn't require you to be an expert in gardening but only to have that good old southern hospitality that is so prevalent here so you can make our interns feel welcome and a part of our group.

Our **Bylaw Committee** has already had two meetings to improve our current by
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Dates to Remember:

- SEPTEMBER 13TH, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:30 PM
SPEAKER MEETING JACK AND PATRICIA DEVROOMEN "HOSTA AND THEIR COMPANION PLANTS" LIBRARY 7:00 PM
- SEPTEMBER 20TH, LANDSCAPE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC 6:00PM
- OCTOBER 11TH, BOARD MEETING BUDGET MEETING LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- NOVEMBER 8TH, SPEAKER MEETING DR. JOE JAMES "THE MIGHTY GIANT, THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT" LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- DECEMBER 13TH, CHRISTMAS PARTY GREENWOOD METRO DISTRICT 6:30 PM

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

General Membership Meeting

By Ann Barklow

I am so pleased to announce another item checked off of our Wish List. We will have a General Membership meeting this month!

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2012

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Right Before the Hosta speaker.)

Location: Greenwood County Library (side entrance)

This meeting will be chocked full of activities, like show and tell:

- Know of a new organic method for pest control?
- Have some flowers blooming that are rare or just plain gorgeous?
- Want to share about a gardening tidbit that you know we can't live without?
- Have any pest or disease problems that we can problem solve? Include these samples in a Ziploc baggie, please.

We will have a table set up for your items, so come and help us learn or

share your pride and joy with other master gardeners.

This will be a wonderful time to meet our new class. If you are mentoring one of them, you can offer to bring them and introduce them around to others and make them feel welcome.

Committee Chairs and co Chairs won't want to miss this golden opportunity to announce any projects coming up and **BRING YOUR CLIPBOARDS** to get sign ups, particularly our interns scrambling for hours to gain the prize of being a Certified Master Gardener. But more than hours, is the fun we have and the sharing about gardening with those that are as passionate as we are.

Please don't miss our general meeting before the speaker meeting this month!

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laws. They are making great progress. Special thanks to Steve Tabor for his invaluable help in this area. Notice the article on our new Corporation Status that is up and coming. Our **Nominating Committee** has also been actively searching out members for our board to fill the opening of secretary and vice president.

Our **Projects Committee** is taking on a new project called the Healing Garden at the Veterans Center at the old library location and are in the process of looking at a therapeutic garden with wheelchair accessible beds at the Burton Center.

All our other committees, Media, Office, Membership, Newsletter, Phone, and Social are continuing to keep us moving forward with our purpose and much appreciation to all of you. Sandy Orr, who will be ending her term as Sec-

retary this year will move into the much needed Membership Chair position. Be sure to renew your membership with the form enclosed.

The only open position we have is Fundraising. I would love someone to help us look at more creative ways to raise money. Hopefully we can raise more money with less work. Coincidentally, we have five of our new interns in this year's class that checked off fundraising as a committee they would like to join. Please contact me if you are interested in heading off this committee so we can grab these younger members while their enthusiasm is at its peak.

As always, being president is more than just an honor it has been FUN! Please don't hesitate to contact me with anything you would like to discuss in regards to our great organization. 864-344-0120 annbarklow@embarqmail.com



Masters of the Garden

LMG members in the Spotlight



Cathie Swindell

2011 Master Gardener of the Year, Cathie Swindell wasn't always a master in the garden. "When I was in 4th grade my school had a fundraiser selling seeds and I bought a packet with my allowance. I planted them in

an alley strip of dirt behind my home." she explained. "Of course, I didn't know anything about amending the soil or the importance of watering, so they didn't grow."

Cathie's favorite memories growing up were visiting her grandmother who had a big garden brimming over with Sweet Peas and Gladiolas and a beautiful green lawn. This was big difference from where Cathie lived with her three younger brothers above a storefront in the city of River Rouge, Michigan where her Dad worked in an auto factory. Coming from a low income family there was no money for vacations or travel so visits to her grandmothers home were like vacations to her.

Growing up, Cathie had an impressive collection of comic books that she said hit the ceiling and she would trade them mostly with boys. She played in the band as a drum majorette and was voted in high school as "Most School Spirited."

Out of high school she entered the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph as a Postulant, which is the beginning stage of becoming a nun "I stayed for exactly 1 year," she ex-

plained. Cathie worked at a life insurance company in Detroit and drove back and forth to work in an old Studebaker that she had painted with white house paint.

At 24 Cathie married George Swindell and lived for a couple years in Germany while he was stationed there in the service. In 1978 they moved to Greenwood, SC. She spent 17 years at Park Seed Company in various positions. They have 2 daughters and 5 granddaughters.

George and Cathie spend a lot of time in the garden on their 10 acres of land. "This is the closest thing to my grandmothers garden." she said. "I have a large shade garden of hostas, ferns, and perennials. I grow my vegetables and herbs in containers."

When Cathie isn't volunteering as the media chair for the LMG, she is volunteering at the county library genealogy section, helping people find books and teaching them how to research their family history.

It was the founder of the LMG, Kathryn White, who coaxed Cathie to take the master gardener class in 2000. "Kathryn and I worked together at Park Seed, and she thought it would be a good thing for me." Cathie explained. "I love the camaraderie and sharing of garden ideas with the other members the most." She was extremely surprised and honored to receive the Master Gardener of the Year in 2011.

When I asked Cathie what she has learned over her lifetime that she would share with the younger generation she said: "The More You Give, The More You Receive."

I know we appreciate all your giving, Cathie! Thank you for being a huge contributor to this Association. I would venture to say now, you could get voted "Most Spirited Master Gardener!"

September's Speaker Program- Hosta and Their Companion Plants

By Susanne Bender, Speaker Program Chair



Our next educational program is "**Hosta and their Companion Plants**" on **September 13th** at the **Greenwood County Library** beginning at **7:00 PM**. There will be a short LMG business meeting beginning at **6:30PM** with the presentation to immediately follow.

The guest speakers are Jack and Patricia deVroomen . They specialize in bulbs for Southern Gardeners. Both are the proprietors of Marlboro Bulb Company in Greenwood!

Jack and Patricia, gardeners themselves, have planted more than 80,000 bulbs in their gardens at their home in Ware Shoals. Their special interests have allowed them to develop a variety of themed gardens.

Hostas are easy to grow and are shade tolerant perennials. They are grown especially for their variety of colors and beautiful foliage. They have a long life expectancy and provide us many years with their beauty and with only minimal care!

Please join us at the Greenwood Public Library, September 13th at 7:00 PM.

Hosta plants and other companion plants will be on sale after the presentation.

Looking forward to a great evening!!!!



"Mushrooms: Man's Biological Allies"

By Susanne Bender, Speaker Program Chair



A powerful presentation of "Mushrooms: Man's Biological Allies" was presented to the Lakelands Master Gardeners by Tradd Cotter- owner of Mushroom Mountain. Tradd lectures and consults all over the USA and Canada. His presentation on August 9, 2012 covered cultivation, recycling and composting with **fungi**. He touched on the topic of waste stream reduction and the benefits of understanding and expanding our positive relationship with the natural world around us. Tradd Cotter firmly believes that the fate of human civilization will depend on the rapid implementation of renewable food and fuel systems created by using fungi and mushrooms! Attending the presentation were 21 LMG members 10 guests. All gave great and positive reviews. y thanks to Pricilla Ellis for taking care of the membership and guest sign in sheets and Patti Larson for contributing the door prizes.

Please visit his **website** (created by his wife Olga) - www.mushroommountain.com for additional information. Tradd has written a new book Organic Mushroom Cultivation and Mycoremediation, due to come out January 2013.

I would love to see a field trip to Liberty, SC by interested members in the future! Thank you for your support.

A message from Tradd Cotter:

"Greetings everyone and thank you again for hosting me to speak! I hope everyone is out looking for mushrooms and learned a little more about fungi. If you would like to join the Clemson group you can view the site and membership forms here: www.scumsonline.com

Directions for growing your own mushrooms are on our site http://www.mushroommountain.com/grow_your_own/home_cultivation.asp

Also there is a video showing you how to drill, plug, and wax your logs...Enjoy!



Master gardeners Melody McInville and Ann Barklow enjoy some fellowship with Chris Moon, who enrolled in this year's class. Taken at the Mushroom talk.

We Will Be a Corporation

By Ann Barklow

Thanks to many hours from our members and our board we have researched the advantages and disadvantages to becoming a non-profit corporation instead of our current status with the State of nonprofit charity. The largest advantage to this is it protects us against liability and that is essential for us because of our extensive community involvement. We are in good company, since there are a list of 20 South Carolina Master Gardener groups that are registered as Nonprofit Corporations. The cost to renew and the paperwork are not prohibitive and we are already doing most of the requirements as an unincorporated nonprofit. Thank you to all who helped with this. I will include the minutes from our e-mail voting.

LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Email Meeting August 24, 2012

A board meeting was held by email for the purpose of voting on whether to incorporate the LMGA. Recent discussions had been held regarding the advantages, disadvantages and financial implications of remaining an unincorporated association versus converting to a corporation status. Concerns had been raised as to financial risks to members and directors as individuals under the current unincorporated status. Ann Barklow moved and C. Bender seconded the following resolution:

“Resolved that the LMGA will undertake the required actions to convert to a corporate status by December 31, 2012. “

Motion passed unanimously, and resolution adopted. Attending by email were: Sandy Orr, Jimmy McInville, Patti Larson, Chuck Bender, Ann Barklow

Cherry/ Pineapple Dessert (Quick and Easy)

1 can cherry pie filling
1 can crushed pineapple
½ cup sugar



Mix together and put in a 9X12 baking dish
Spread 1 box Jiffy cake mix over top
Spread ½ -1 cup chopped pecans over cake mix
Melt 1 stick margarine and spread over all

Bake 325 degree oven about 50 minutes...Enjoy!

Submitted by Melody McInville

Italian Baked Chicken

4-5 chicken breasts
Salt and pepper
Parmesan cheese

1 jar spaghetti sauce
Mozzarella cheese
Pasta
Season chicken breasts with salt & pepper
Cover both sides of chicken thoroughly with parmesan cheese
Place chicken in a greased baking dish

Pour spaghetti sauce over chicken
Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour

Cover with mozzarella cheese and return to oven for 5-10 minutes
Serve with pasta



Submitted by Anita Herzprung

THE LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER BOARD 2012

President- Ann Barklow
Vice President- vacant
Treasurer- Chuck Bender
Secretary- Sandy Orr
Past President- Jimmy McInville, Patti Larson
Clemson Advisor- James Hodges
Community Projects- Sandra Johnson & Charlotte Cabri
Education Co-Chair- Linda Halsey and Helen Spiller
Finance and Fund Raising- Julie Marshall
Membership- vacant **Co chair-**Linda Halsey (hours)
Newsletter- Janet Ledebuhr
Phone-Priscilla Ellis
Programs and Speakers- Susanne Bender
Media – (3 chairs)- Catherine Swindell (PR) Doug Crawford (Facebook) Web– vacant
Social- Ann Stoddard
Office- Vince Plotczyk
Topiary - Nancy Collins

Pear Relish **Correction**

Please note corrected amount of pears—

By Paddy Huff (recipe is my grandmother Emmie Huff's)

1 peck pears (old term--- means a ¼ bushel or about **8 quarts**)
4 red bell peppers (de-seeded)
4 orange bell peppers (de-seeded)
4 yellow bell peppers (de-seeded)
2 hot peppers with seeds
5 large Vidalia onions
Grate or grind but do not pulverize!

Mix with:
4 cups sugar
4 cups vinegar
1 table- spoon salt
1 tablespoon allspice
1 tablespoon turmeric
1 tablespoon celery seed
¼ tablespoon dry mustard



Boil 25- 30 minutes and can into sterilized jars

Makes approx. 8 quart jars

Veteran's Center Healing Garden

Submitted by Elyse Benson, project coordinator

Last spring, the YMCA offered a cash grant of \$5000 for a community project, so Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods submitted a proposal for a Healing Garden at the new Veteran's Center. The pool of hundreds of applicants was narrowed to their top five choices, and of the five, the project receiving the most 'likes' on Facebook and was the winner! The Veteran's Center healing garden here in Greenwood was the national winner by a large margin. Social networking does have redeeming value! In our proposal, we agreed to revamp the courtyard behind the old library into a comfortable, pleasing environment for reading, conversing or quiet thought. We also agreed to install a small container garden around the front patio. To complete the general ambiance, we invited LMG'S to provide some guidance and labor to enhance the area immediately surrounding the courtyard. Thank you to the LMG's who enthusiastically responded! We will be planning a work day late October/early November, so keep your shovels and garden gloves handy!



Jimmy McInville, Doug Crawford, Elyse Benson, Ann Barklow, Sue Monaghan, and not pictured- Sandy Orr who took the photo

Our Nominating Committee

By Ann Barklow

Please welcome our Nominating Committee:

Ann Barklow, president 2012-2013

Patti Larson, past president 2012-2013

Jimmy McInville, past president 2011-2012

Chuck Bender, treasurer 2012-2013

Sandy Orr, secretary 2011-2012
Janet Ledebuhr- newsletter editor

Mary Woodiwiss - Class of 2009
Ginny Wilson - Class of 2007

Our nominating committee fits a low profile in our organization but they are not low in importance. This team may not meet as often as other committees but their job is ongoing. A year-round recruitment strategy ensures that skilled directors committed to the organization represent the board of directors. It is an effective year round element of valuable board building.

I have often referred to them as the eyes and ears of our organization. The primary duty of the

committee is to lead the recruitment process for suitable members to serve as officers for the board and will solicit suggestions for open positions from the entire membership, via e-mail, newsletter and meetings. They will be aware of certain position openings and will have those skills in mind as they talk to people. I guess you could call them our private investigators, making sure our positions are filled when elections come around in December.

Executive Board openings this year are Vice President and Secretary.

We are now accepting nominations for either of these positions or if you would like to volunteer, please let the committee know by November for December elections. **We need to hear from you!**

Please contact Patti Larson at 864-554-1600 greenwood_patti@yahoo.com or Jimmy McInville at 864-990-0512 truerainwater@yahoo.com.

There's an App for That!

by Ann Barklow

Get the best and most current home landscape information while you are out in the garden



Last month we featured an app to keep easy records of your Master Gardener hours called the HourTracker®. This month our featured app is called IPM Lite®. It is in the education category and is designed for zone 4-9 and developed by 7 universities.

What I like most about it, is it sends push notice alerts to my phone when I am supposed to perform a task that will help me take care of my plants to prevent pest problems.

One notice recently, was to continue to deadhead so that my plants don't go to seed and stop blooming. Now, I knew I needed to do that and kept putting it off but when the notice came through, I was already out in the garden so I got it done. Another notice gave me a week to do my last major pruning for shrubs so they could harden off for winter. The last one came in to apply pre emergent herbicides for cold weather annuals in my lawn.

The IPMLite is the homeowner version. The cost is 9.99. There is also a version for the landscape professional and nurseries called IPMPro which adds the pesticide recommendations and a electronic pesticide record keeping.

If you find you need IPMPro it is easy to upgrade from the IPMLite, but for this organic gardener, IPMLite works well for me.
Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. IOS 3.0 or later.

Mentors-The Gift of Giving

By Ann Barklow

Have you ever had a mentor? There is something very special about them. I had one when I became a horticulturist, one when I became an arborist, and one when I became an artist. I still have my mentor, Jimmy Walters, our urban forester who has been unselfishly answering my 100's of questions since I moved here and my art mentor continues to help me even though she is 3,000 miles away.

Lakelands Master Gardeners have had a mentoring system in place since its beginning. Master Gardener, Kathryn White who started the LMG program in 1998 explained: "It is like a Big Sister or Big Brother program for gardeners." Many remember Kathryn because she teaches the design portion of the Master Gardener Class and was the extension agent before James. She emphasized the Mentor Program as critical for the new interns to guide them into discovering the joy of being an active master gardener.

Everyone knows the feeling of being an intern, dizzy from long weeks of learning, only to be set out on your own to

"Get Your Hours". A mentor takes the lead and gets in touch with their intern while they are at the beginning stages of their classes. They offer to pick them up for meetings, events and projects. "Figuring out what constitutes for hours can be baffling," said Kathryn, "a mentor takes the guess work out of it for them."



Three 'generations' of mentors. **Nancy Collin**, mentor to Sue **Sue Monaghan**, mentor to Beth **Beth Osteen**

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to mentor one of our new students. Deadline is September 7, 2012 Call Lynsey at 513-659-8747 or lynseybock@gmail.com

She will match you with an intern. Sometimes you are the only familiar face they will see at workdays and meetings. Thank you in advance for welcoming our new interns and getting them off to a positive start.

A Weed a Day, Keeps the Roundup® Away! Daily Weeding Makes the Task Easier

by Ann Barklow

I'm not sure why this never occurred to me until I visited my sister's farm in Santa Rosa, California this past spring. My sister Mary and I are like identical twins in our love for gardening except 10 years apart. We could spend all day in the garden. My visit was a support to my sister after just losing her husband of 50 years. I guess you know where we spent most of our time.

The most profound activity I noticed, was if my sister walked out the door of her house, she grabbed her pruners, gloves and slipped on her garden shoes. Of course all these were at the door for easy access. She might be getting the mail, dropping some food scraps in the compost pile, taking out the trash, but whatever it was she was going to pull weeds and prune or deadhead on the way.

She also had waste buckets strategically placed in her garden for easy disposal.



Mary (L) with her Gloves in hand and Ann in Santa Rosa, CA

Since, I've been home, I have adopted her practice and not only has it kept my weeds from taking over, it brings back good memories of our week in the garden together as she healed and we grew in our love for each other.



David McCall



Mike McKinney

Meet Our Photographers

Watch out for these guys if you don't want your picture taken!

Please welcome one of our new students, David McCall and Master Gardener, Mike McKinney who will be our official photographers. Thank you guys!

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 * Botanical terms- *
 * Radicans- plant roots from stem *
 * RAD-ee-kans *
 * Tomentosa- covered with fine, matted *
 * hairs toh-men-TOH-suh *
 * Pleached- branches woven together or *
 * braided *
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Erskin Project– The Pressley Family Garden

By Susanne Bender
Project Leader



September is upon us and hopefully cooler weather will be also! What a great time to get in some Master Gardener hours.

I would like to invite all LMG but especially those from Abbeville, Due West, Hodges, Donald's, and Honea Path to join me working in the garden at **The Pressley Family Garden** at Erskine College in Due West.



Dr. Haldeman and I would like to have you adopt a small section of the garden and call it you own! (The garden is large and can become overwhelming hence we are dividing it in small, manageable sections).

Water and tools are available. Just bring your own gloves if you so desire.

Please call or email me if you are interested in helping with this project.

Once I hear from you, we will set up a convenient time for us to meet and show you the garden and pick YOUR area to work. (Wednesday's are good for me but please call or email your interest and we will go from there).

Hoping to hear from many of you. sonnenhof@wctel.net or (864) 379-2434

It is a great historical garden, a great learning opportunity and a means to gain hours to maintain your certification!



Fundraising Chairperson Opportunity!

I was amazed to find out how many of our new interns would like to help with fundraising! This can only mean that there is a Master Gardener out there in our midst that is ready to volunteer for this opening.

A chairperson's first goal will be to review our current fund-raising strategies. Meeting with the board will help them to clearly define our goals and objectives and will gain feedback on ideas. The chairperson can also review past fundraising campaigns and look for new strategies. They will also be networking with organizations such as Rotary and Lions Clubs, Chamber of Commerce, Business and

Government Associations to solicit support for a fund-raising activity.

A good personality for this position is outgoing, pleasant, and engaging with the ability to motivate individuals and organizations to support a fund-raising cause. I know you are reaching for the phone or e-mail message right now to apply for this exciting position!

Contact Ann at 864-344-0120 or annbarklow@embarqmail.com

Food Umbrellas for Pest Control?

By Ann Barklow

Food covers are used to protect food at outdoor buffets and picnics from flies and other insects. They are also excellent to use in the garden to prevent pests from invading those young seedlings we are starting this fall. They are inexpensive and collapsible for easy storage. You might find them around town or order online by searching for food umbrellas. Sun and moisture can get through the mesh but pests stay out!



Broccoli seedling under a food umbrella with heavy wire keeping it from blowing away.

Twelve trees to avoid

<http://www.finegardening.com/item/23608/fast-growing-trees-to-avoid/page/all>

Some of the trees mentioned are White Pine, American Sycamore, Bradford Pear and Leyland Cypress. See what other trees are mentioned and why the author thinks these trees should be avoided.

Park Seed Bargain Basement Purchases

By Sandy Orr

Where are they now? Being an inveterate bargain hunter, I always raid Park Seed before they close for July/Aug. I saw many LMG'ers doing the same thing. What happened to these plants, many of them snapped up without a thought as to where they'd fit?

John Wham, who happily wheeled out carts and carts of fabulous deals, snagged Clematis, Amaryllis, Senna (candelabra plant), Seven sons flower tree, *Heptacodium miconoides*, 18 rhododendrons (the real kind, not azaleas), and *Schizophragma hydrangeaoides* 'Roseum' (a pink climbing hydrangea cousin). He kept many of these in pots to avoid having to baby them in the ground through the heat.



Schizophragma hydrangeaoides
'Moonlight'

Some of the rhodies have been planted. It takes a truly green thumb to plant rhododendrons in July/August. Many of the others are still potted in shade near a hose in a holding area. I saw the Senna in his guerilla garden below the power lines along Cambridge.

Janet Ledebuhr grabbed a *Cercis canadensis* 'Merlot', a smaller version of 'Forest Pansy'. She also bought a *Phlox paniculata* 'David' in laven-

der, not the usual white. These phlox have superior mildew resistance. All of Janet's purchases have been planted, including a *Caryopteris* 'Longwood Blue' and three 'Sterling Silver'. She also succumbed to *Rhododendron* temptation, buying 'Capistrano' a yellow one. She must have some woody shade since *Tricyrtis formosa* 'Gilt Edge' (Toadlily) and a 'Northern Lights', a native azalea, also found room in her cart. Further purchases included a *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Limelight', and *Euphorbia x martinii* 'Ascot Rainbow'. The daylilies 'Sunday Gloves', and 'Raspberry Sundae' were among the clever daylily names filling out her entourage.



'Gilt Edge'



'Ascot Rainbow'



'Carolina Sapphire'

I succumbed to a lifetime dream of a *Carpinus betulus* (hornbeam) 'Monument' pleached hedge, buying 11 knee high pots and promptly killing several with too much water. I later found out it can take more than 10 years for them to get over five feet. There goes my pleached hedge.

The \$1.50 *Cupressus arizonica* 'Carolina Sapphire' came home with me and there's no space big enough for their mature size in my yard, but they were a steal. *Actaea pachypoda* 'Misty



'Blue Heron'

Blue' will be featured in my front yard, so the deer can hopefully eat the berries and never return. I love my *Corydalis curviflora* var. *rosthornii* 'Blue Heron' whose flowers are actually turquoise.

Very few of my purchases have hit the dirt yet, but are languishing in a highly engineered misting system (a leaking drip line) in the shade until the cool weather hits in September, or October, or November.

Attention Beekeepers and Native Plant Enthusiasts!

The SC Native Plant Society will be holding their annual sale in the parking lot behind McAlister Square of Greenville

Saturday, September 22nd
9am-1pm

Stock up on gorgeous native plants that are sure to attract honeybees and compliments alike!

Visit scnps.org for more valuable information!

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

Master Gardener Name Badge Information			
Last Name		First Name	
County		Year Graduated From Master Gardener Training Course	

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 or call 554-1600



It's that time of year again that we begin our annual Membership Drive!!!!!!
 You will find the **Membership Renewal Form** in this copy of the Thymes.
 Please take a few moments and complete it and send to Chuck Bender...his address is on the form.
Once again THANKS so much for renewing your 2013 Membership

☹ **Missing a newsletter?** Looking for an earlier edition? All of our newsletters can be found at our website at— <http://www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/newslet2012.html>

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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharing horticultural information and guidance with South Carolina residents based on research 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; | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. |
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Lakelands Master Gardener Association

2013 Membership Renewal

Check one: Renewal Lifetime Member Update New Member/Transfer

Please renew your MG membership by completing this form and paying your dues for the coming year. Members who pay dues by October 15th will be included in the Lakelands Master Gardener Association Membership Directory and will receive uninterrupted membership benefits. Lifetime Members please update your contact info and indicate your interests for the coming year.

Master Gardener Membership Dues: (Select your Membership Category by checking)

- Individual, 59 years old and under \$ 15
Individual, 60+ years old \$ 10
Married couple, 59 and under \$ 20
Married couple, 60+ \$ 15
Individual, Lifetime Membership \$ 125

Make your check payable to Lakelands Master Gardener Association and mail to:

Chuck Bender
108 Inlet Pt.
Cross Hill, SC 29332

Membership dues are due by October 15th of each year.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

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