

2016 Calendar

9/8 Speaker and membership meeting. Gwd Library, 6:00 Membership Mtng, 6:30 Speaker Will Metts, Metts Organix Farm.

10/13 LMG Board Meeting, 4:30 at Gwd Library

10/15 LMG ROAD TRIP to ColorFall at Moore Botanical Gardens

11/10 Speaker and Membership Meeting. 6:00 at Library, 6:30 for Speaker Donna Booser talks about bees.

12/8 LMG Board Meeting



President's Letter-Barbara Wells

Fall road trip. I love a fall road trip!

Plant sale. I love a fall road trip to a plant sale!

Gardening seminar. I love a fall road trip to a plant sale and a gardening seminar!

Lunch included. I love a fall road trip to a plant sale and a gardening seminar with lunch included!

Botanical garden. I love a fall road trip to a plant sale and a gardening seminar with lunch included at a botanical garden!

If you love any or all of the above, too, then you'll want to be a part of our day trip to ColorFall at the Moore Farms Botanical Garden in Lake City on Saturday, October 15. A fall day trip was mentioned in our last newsletter and we now have our location and date set. We'll soon be finalizing details such as sign-up deadline, departure time, carpooling, etc., but now is the time to get the date on your calendar. Additional information is included later in this newsletter.

Coming soon is our September 8 Membership/ Guest Speaker Meeting, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Greenwood County Library. We are so fortunate to have Will Metts of Metts Organix as our guest speaker. You may have seen either Will or his produce recently at area farmers markets, and this is your chance to hear him share a bit of his organic gardening expertise. Whether you're well-seasoned (forgive the pun) in organic techniques, or a wannabe organic gardener, or even if you're not entirely certain what the word organic means, this is a meeting you won't want to miss. Again, additional information is included later in this newsletter.

The new class of Master Gardener students is off to a great start. They now have three class sessions under their belts, and before we know it they'll be graduating in November. Thanks to Education Co-Chairs Linda Halsey and Wally Sears and the entire Educational Committee for all their hard work to make this class a reality. Also, a big thank you to Mike Brown for his stellar attention to detail and organization that keeps the Tuesday night classes flowing

so smoothly, both this year and for many years in the past.

Thanks, too, to Chuck Bender for his years of dedication to The Lakelands Master Gardeners. You may have heard that Chuck and his wife are in the process of relocating to North Carolina, and I am sad to confirm this is true. Chuck has been an active member and tireless volunteer for nearly ten years, was selected as 2014 Master Gardener of the Year, and served as Treasurer and Chairman (and sole member) of our Website Committee. We will truly miss you Chuck and wish you well.

As Chuck leaves, thank you also to Marla Starling for volunteering to take over Chuck's duties as keeper of the website. All of us are grateful, especially me and my fellow computer blockheads. Vince Plotczyk put quite a bit of work into setting up the website, Chuck kept it going, and with Marla carrying on, I believe the website can continue to be an important tool in our efforts to reach out to our members and community.

Keep an eye out for email blasts about volunteer opportunities including fall clean up days at the City Garden (contact-Sandy Orr), work days at the City Greenhouses (contacts Ann Barklow and Jimmy McInville), and installation of new plantings at Meg's House, a local non-profit that offers shelter and support to women and children who are victims of domestic violence (contact -Jimmy McInville). Jimmy also mentioned that if anyone has divisions of perennials they would like to donate to the Meg's House project, they would be very much appreciated. (Jimmy's email is truerainwater@yahoo.com)

Other opportunities will be coming soon, so open those MG emails and see what's happening.

Eagerly awaiting Fall,

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Money can't buy you happiness, but it can sure buy you some plants, and that's pretty much the same thing.

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Odd as I am sure it will appear to some, I can think of no better form of personal involvement in the cure of the environment than that of gardening. A person who is growing a garden, if he is growing it organically, is improving a piece of the world. He is producing something to eat, which makes him independent of the grocery business, but he is also enlarging, for himself, the meaning of food and the pleasure of eating.

Wendell Berry, *The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays*

The Lakeland Master Gardeners are proud to welcome
Mr. Will Metts of Metts Organix
As their guest speaker
September 8, 6:00 Membership Meeting
Speaker at 6:30, at the Greenwood Library

Mr. Metts will be speaking on how to achieve your organic gardening goals by using the many resources from the Department of Agriculture and the NRCS.



Mr. Metts' produce can be found at the following locations:

Greenwood County, Saturday 7:00-12:00 a.m.
96, (across from the Shell Station) Friday 3:00-8:00 p.m.
Uptown Market, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

COLORFALL at Moore Botanical Gardens

Fall is quickly approaching so join us for day full of festivities! Enjoy our fall plant sale, lecture by Dr. Larry Mellichamp, scrumptious lunch, good tunes and a beautiful garden.



Date: Saturday, October 15th

Time: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Moore Farms Botanical Garden

Registration: \$15 per person; children 12 & under are free

Plant Sale: Who doesn't love plants? Fall is the time for planting so load the car up! This sale features many varieties of choice, hard-to-find and unusual plants. Our staff horticulturists will be able to assist you on the best selections for your landscape.

Lunch: A delicious chicken bog lunch will be served from Noon to 1:30 pm. If there are any special dietary restrictions, please contact Rebecca Turk at rturk@moorefarmsbg.org.

Guest speaker: Dr. Larry Mellichamp, presenting on "Bizzare Botanicals".

Registration: Upon receipt of your payment, we will send you a ticket with further instructions.

Credit card: Please use the PayPal system on our website or contact Rebecca Turk at (843) 373-8068 with your credit card information.

Check: Make checks payable to Moore Farms Botanical Garden. Checks can be mailed to:

Moore Farms Botanical Garden, 100 New Zion Road, Lake City, SC 29560

C/o Rebecca Turk

Questions?: For more information, please visit www.moorefarmsbg.org or contact Rebecca Turk at rturk@moorefarmsbg.org or (843) 373-8068.

Details as to who is driving will be sorted out after we assess the number of people wanting to go. We already have one driver and two people going. The meeting point and time are also TBD. Please make your own reservations, then contact sandyorr@embarqmail to coordinate the transportation.

ADD SOME FROTH TO YOUR GARDEN - Sandy Orr

If you've seen fields of Queen Anne's Lace in the U.S., or its close relative called cow parsley in the U.K., you know how these foamy white billows soften the landscape. There are five white umbrellifers that I struggle to differentiate, though they have unique features. All of them act as great fillers in the border, especially in contrast to large-leaved mounding forms. Most of them spread rampantly by self-seeding, but unwanted seedlings are easily removed. The seeds are best planted fresh, which means here they can be sown in fall to get a blousy spring or summer show. All of these genuses are in the family apiaceae. All are extremely attractive to pollinators. All of these grow in our region. All are tap-rooted and therefore resent disturbance once situated. They do differ in bloom size, height, and bloom time:

Daucus Carota, Queen Anne's Lace, or Bishop's Weed - Native to Europe, some consider this a noxious weed, but it is beautiful and lasts well in flower arrangements. The white flower has one tiny red floret in the middle to attract insects. It is thought to represent the drop of blood where Queen Anne pricked herself while making lace. No one has yet figured out why it is there, except some think it fools insects into believing there is already an insect on the flower, thus drawing them in. The delicate lacy foliage and roots smell like a wild carrot and the root is edible if desperate. Select the biggest strongest most floriferous roadside clump from which to collect seed. It is a biennial, forming its ferny basal rosette in the first year of growth and then flowering and dying in the second year. To ensure an annual crop of flowers, collect the seed when the flowers curl up around the edges and turn brown, then immediately plant the seeds. The cup-shaped brown dried seed heads give daucus carota another common name of "bird's nest". Be careful handling the ferny foliage, as it can cause a light-sensitive skin rash. Deer generally avoid daucus, but have been known to chomp the flowers off.



Ammi Majus, Bishop's Weed (never use common names), White Dill, Lace Flower- Originating in the Nile Valley, this is one of the latest bloomers of the white carrot-like umbrellifers. The flowers are uniquely dome-shaped and 6" wide. The plant is 3' tall and the foliage is wider and more robust than daucus carota. Ammi is considered a hardy annual. It blooms well after daucus, starting mid-summer and fading out in late August. The florets are clumped in groups that show up strongly white in the flower head, especially a dark green background. The flowers last in water even longer than Queen Anne's Lace.



Peucedanum Verticillare, or hog fennel is a clay and moisture loving 8 ft. tall European native. This is a hardy bulb that can be grown from seed. It grows in part shade and deer avoid it. The broomstick-sized ruby stems age to black. Leaves are substantial and triangular unlike any of these other umbrellifers. It is the most impressive due to its sheer size and coloration.



Anthriscus Sylvestris, Cow Parsley, Wild Chervil, or Queen Anne's Lace (never use common names)- Also native to Europe, this perennial was introduced to the U.S. and is considered a noxious weed in the Northeast. The flower is less significant than daucus carota and the foliage is rougher. Like the wild carrot, it blooms late spring, early summer and takes some shade. It is usually about 2 ft. tall, a bit shorter than most daucus carota. This is rampant along hedgerows and in the fields of England. To date, the deer haven't bothered mine.



Selinum Wallichianum, Milk Parsley, Peucedanum (it's not, see above)- Another tap-rooted carrot-like apiaceae family member. This long-lived 3ft. woodland perennial beauty has 8" umbrels of bright white. Each umbrel has clearly divided groups of florets in the flat flowerhead. This blooms a little later than the above species. It is native to the Himalayas and is a magnet for the swallowtail butterfly. Even if it didn't bloom, the 3' by 3' clump of ferny foliage would be worth the effort to grow. It is called the "Queen of the Umbrellifers". Deer do not bother it.



Look for these beauties on roadsides and in catalogues.

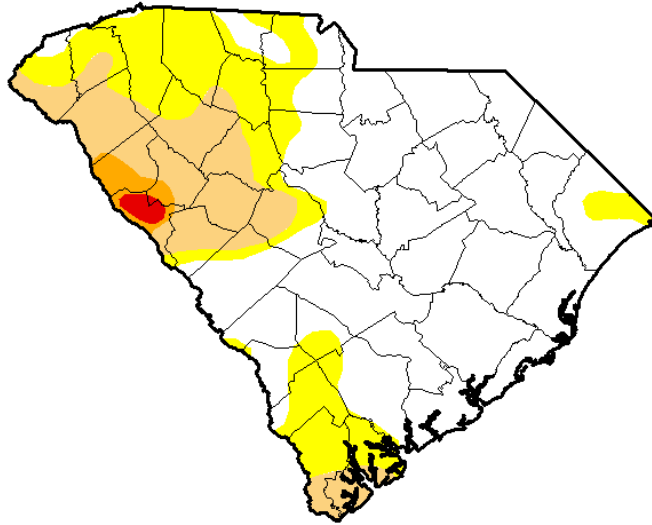
GARDENING TASKS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1) Lay out new garden beds, loosening soil after a rain, adding compost, and leaf mulch. If ground is weedy, do a lasagna bed with newspaper to suppress weeds.
- 2) Cut down brown perennials to improve appearance of the garden. Save seeds in paper envelopes, not plastic, so they don't mold.
- 3) Take semi-hardwood cuttings of broad-leaved evergreens such as boxwood, aucuba, cherry laurel, camellias, and nandina. The cuttings root well in bright light with high humidity.
- 4) Plant fall vegetables such as kale, collards, broccoli, brussels Sprouts, turnips and mustard.
- 5) Start stem cuttings of asters, snapdragons, artemisia, coreopsis, and campanula.
- 6) When it cools off a bit, divide clumps of perennials.

Despite two rains for some people, the drought is still bad for Greenwood County.

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

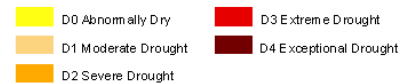
August 23, 2016
(Released Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	61.77	38.23	16.89	2.12	0.58	0.00
Last Week 8/16/2016	62.11	37.89	17.06	5.98	1.55	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/24/2016	83.07	16.93	8.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/22/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/25/2015	8.34	91.66	63.79	26.73	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

Carolina Cover Crop Basics ONLINE Class

Cover cropping is an important part of sustainable farming, even in the backyard garden.

Clemson Extension Agents Millie Davenport and George Dickert are offering an **ONLINE course** about the basics of cover crops.

This is a self-paced class that **starts on September 12th** and will be available for participants to **access for 4 weeks**. The class instruction includes videos and discussion forums with Q&A available.

Participants will learn:

- Benefits of using cover crops
- Cool-season and warm-season cover crop selection
- Proper planting time
- Nitrogen fixation with legume crops
- Pest suppression

- When and how to terminate
- How to incorporate cover crops into your crop rotation plan

The **\$50** registration fee covers course materials that will be mailed.

Please contact Millie Davenport (mdavenp@clemson.edu) or George Dickert (gdicker@clemson.edu) with any questions or call (864)656-9999.

SC Master Gardeners earn 4 hours of Continuing Education.

[Register online now.](#)

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State Coordinator

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