



# Master Gardener Thymes



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April 2012

## LMG Board Minutes

By Sandy Orr and Patti Larson

### March 8, 2012 Clemson Extension 6:30PM

Attendance- Patti Larson, Ann Barklow, Chuck Bender, Sandy Orr, Sandra Johnson, Janet Ledebuhr, Jimmy McInville, Catherine Swindell, James Hodges, Suzanne Bender, Vince Plotczyk, Jason Jordan, Doug Crawford

President's Report- Patti Larson reported that Cindy Wilkins resigned as the Membership Committee Chair. Minutes of the Board Meeting are to be reviewed and revised prior to publication in the monthly Newsletter, thereby eliminating the reading of the prior Minutes at the meeting.

Thanked Vince Plotczyk for hosting the first mini session for our members and guests. He has scheduled two additional ones—March 17<sup>th</sup> on container gardening and March 31<sup>st</sup> on raised bed gardens (repeat from March 3<sup>rd</sup>).

### OLD BUSINESS

Ann Barklow and Janet Ledebuhr gave the dates of the next three **Landscape Diagnostic Clinics**. April 26th will be at Mary Woodwiss's house, May 24th at Patti Larson's. There will be another clinic on July 19<sup>th</sup>. These are Thursday Clinics at 6:30PM. James Hodges recommended that a sign in sheet be completed for each activity with the public including email addresses for advertising future programs. These will be open to the public and we are currently looking for LMG volunteers to assist with this project.

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## Community Projects

By Sandra Johnson

### Spring Container Garden Workshop Spread the word!

The Spring Container Garden Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 am until 10:30 am at the Clemson Extension office, 105 North Hospital Street off East Cambridge Avenue. The workshop is free. You must call the Greenwood County Extension office and leave your NAME and PHONE NUMBER to register. Call 864.223.3264 and press 0 to leave a message.

### News from the Community Projects Committee

The Community Projects Committee as well as other volunteers has been busy planning some upcoming workdays. Mark your calendars for the following:

Ann Barklow has designed a raised bed garden for the Greenwood YMCA. Work is underway by Y staff. They will have a planting and work day on Saturday, April 21 from 2 to 4. Anyone who is interesting in consulting on the project should contact Ann Barklow. The Y has the staff and volunteers to organize the youth to complete the garden.

Committee members and Dwight Long have been working with Hospice Care of the Piedmont to complete a renovation of their Hospice House Meditation Garden. The meditation garden was a project of the Master Gardeners several years ago.

Volunteers are needed to complete the renovation on Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Hospice Care of the Piedmont is located at 408 West Alexander Avenue near the Highway Department. Please bring your shovels and gardening tools!

## Dates to Remember:

- APRIL 6 & 7TH, PLANT SALE GREENWOOD FARMERS MARKET
- APRIL 12TH, SPEAKER MEETING -LAKELANDS BEE KEEPER SOCIETY 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- APRIL 21ST, CONTAINER CLASS, 9:00 AM EXTENSION OFFICE
- APRIL 26TH, 6:30 PM LANDSCAPE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC
- MAY 10TH, LMG PICNIC 6:30 PM
- MAY 24TH, 6:30 PM LANDSCAPE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC
- JUNE 14TH, BOARD MEETING LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- JULY 12TH, SPEAKER MEETING, ANN BARKLOW "ALTERNATIVE TO PESTICIDES" LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- AUGUST 9TH, SPEAKER MEETING TRADD COTTER "MUSHROOM GROWING" 6:30PM LIBRARY
- SEPTEMBER 13TH, SPEAKER MEETING JACK AND PATRICIA DEVROOMEN "HOSTA" LIBRARY 6:30 PM
- 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 Lakelands Master Gardeners Association is a volunteer organization made up of Master Gardeners from Abbeville and Greenwood Counties in SC.

The **Topiary Project Status Report** was given by Patti Larson. The birthday cake was built by Dwight Long, Ev Collins, Jeremiah Grooms, Sharon Grooms and Rick Larson. The million bells flowers are on order to complete the planting of the cake. Patti Larson is coordinating and working with various schools in Greenwood and Ninety Six. In total there are 21 topiaries throughout the month of March that are being planted by the school children. Various LMG are assisting with this project.

Ann Barklow reported on the **Mini Information Sessions**. The first, featuring Vince Plotczyk, was a great success. The next one on Container Gardening will be 3/17. Vince will repeat his Raised Bed Session on 3/31. April 14th, Ann Barklow will teach demonstrate how to prepare a media presentation. Doug Crawford will speak on Drip Irrigation- "Demystified" at a date to be determined. All sessions are from 9-10 on Saturday mornings at the Clemson Extension office.

Sandra Johnson gave the **Community Projects Report**. The Committee met and designated project managers to oversee each project. The Spring Container Workshop on 4/21 will be headed by Chris Hawkins. Lee Natvig will run the Fall Container Workshop. Rusty Wilson has agreed to take on the Rain Garden Work Day. Chris Hawkins and John Wham will work on the Hospice Garden. Sandra Johnson will manage the Railroad Museum work day (March 24, 9-12), and Julee Marshall will coordinate the Plant Sale. The Seaboard Garden will continue to be overseen by Linda Halsey.

Jason Jordan Education **Chair** suggested two new possible projects---a LMG Cookbook and a LMG Grow Calendar, which could be fund raisers for our Association. At this time, it is too early to determine if a 2012 MG class will be held...beginning in August.

Patti Larson gave the **Fund Raiser/ Plant Sale** status. Plants are to be delivered on Thursday evening April 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM at the building next to the old Civic Center (Farmers Market site). The actual **Plant Sale** will be held Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>---8:00AM – 4:00PM. Julee Marshall has asked all plants be labeled. We will need boxes for carrying plants. Smaller potted plants sell faster than larger ones.

Suzanne Bender spoke about the **Programs and Speakers** schedule. Donna Boozer will be the next speaker, the date and subject of which is in the newsletter. Suzanne is encouraging speakers to provide door prizes. All meetings will be at the Greenwood Library, instead of the GMD.

Catherine Swindell, **PR Chair** has finally found the scrapbook and is asking for photos for the LMG scrapbook. She is especially looking for photos of classes prior to 2008. They will explore using Shutterfly to display them. In the future, we will be using our webpage and Facebook page

Patti Larson gave Ann Stoddard's report on the **Social Committee**. The annual summer picnic is being consid-

ered to be held at the Connie Maxwell site in place of Magnolia Park. The Connie Maxwell is allowing us to use it for free but would like a contribution to be considered for its use.

Janet Ledebuhr **Newsletter Chair** suggested that projects be advertised in the newsletter to attract more volunteers. For example, the "96 Community Garden", "Seaboard Garden", and the topiary project could submit articles to the newsletter periodically. She was congratulated on an excellent job mastering the newsletter and adding a new section of the newsletter featuring: Odds & Ends" of gardening hints and observations.

Ann Barklow will be getting new lists to each of the **Phone Committee** members before the April program.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Patti Larson explained that the Board is currently violating various sections of the **LMG By-Laws**, pointing out that the voting Board of Directors are only the President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President. James is a non voting member on the LMG Board. She indicated willingness to revise the by-laws, which requires a 2/3 vote of the membership at an Association meeting. She collected a secret non-binding ballot to get an indication of the current Committee Chair's sentiments as to whether to revise them or not. This issue will be revisited at the next Board meeting. Copies of the current By-Laws were given to all attendees.

The **Park Seed Proposal** was explained by Ann Barklow. With the sanction of Clemson, LMG will provide a LMG volunteer(s) to volunteer at a booth or table at the Park Seed Company Garden Center on Saturdays during the month of June from 11:30-3:30. The proposal to present to Park Seed was passed with one vote against it. The proposal will be presented to Park Seed Company and Patti Larson will inform the Board as to the results.

James Hodges will teach a **Beginner Gardeners class (2 nights)** on growing fruits and vegetables in then will follow with 2 nights teaching techniques of canning. These classes will run from March 26-March 29 from 6-8 in the evening at the Clemson office. The fee will be \$60 and there are only 10 students that can sign up. For this, they will receive valuable instruction booklets and other materials. James requested help from the LMG. The program will be announced in the Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Index Journal.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hosted by speakers (including Donna Boozer) at the Greenwood County Library at 6:30PM.**

**This is open and free to the public and no registration is necessary to attend.**

*Catherine Swindell, PR Chair will be advertising the program.*

## Landscape Diagnostic Clinics

By Janet Ledebuhr

The first *Landscape Diagnostic Clinic* will be held at Mary Woodiwiss' house, 6:30 PM, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Some of the topics we will cover are leaf spot, invasive plant material, weed control, and tree care. The second clinic will be held at Rick and Patti Larson's house, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Flyers advertising the first clinic will be sent out the first week of April. Once flyers are sent out, be sure to call and get a spot, we are limiting the clinic to 15.



## MASTER GARDENER MINI SERIES EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS!

By Ann Barklow

Ten Lakeland Master Gardeners and a few of their friends attended Vince Plotczyk's talk on Raised Bed Gardening. The stormy Saturday morning in March was a perfect day to gain more knowledge about Planning, Building, Planting, and Irrigating a Raised Bed Garden.

Vince also provided research based information on materials such as treated lumber, railroad ties coated with creosote and how to deal with those pesky voles.

His presentation skills, props, and slides along with an excellent collection of handouts made learning easy and enjoyable. He was an inspiration to other master gardeners who offered up their expertise to teach some upcoming classes.



Please contact Ann Barklow 344-0120 if you would like to teach a one hour class to master gardeners. Most of us have an area that we know more about and would like to share. Also, if you have some topics you would like to learn about please let us know.

## Steven's Creek Heritage Preserve

By Janet Ledebuhr

Last Saturday Ann Barklow and I had the pleasure of participating in the nature hike at Steven's Creek Heritage Preserve. It was a great morning for native plant enthusiasts. We saw more Trillium than I have ever seen before, *Claytonia virginica* Springbeauty, Wild Ginger, Flowering Crabapples, Shooting Star, *Dodecatheon meadia*, and the Micosukee Gooseberry, *Ribes echinellum*. Our expedition was led by Patrick McMillan, Clemson professor and TV host of Expedition, a PBS series. It was a great educational experience and I was glad I was able to go. If you have the opportunity next year, by all means, make plans to go!



# Lakeland Master Gardener Name Badge Order Form

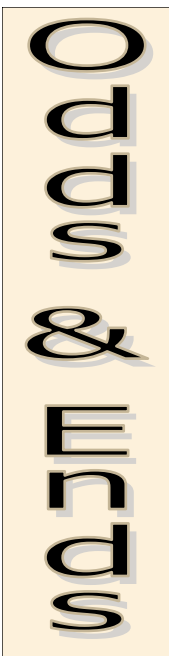
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Last Name		First Name	
Mailing Address			
City		Zip Code	
Home ( )	Cell ( )	Other ( )	
e-mail address			
For Office Use Only	Received	Confirmation	Delivered

**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**  
**325 Nautical Way**  
**Greenwood, SC 29649**  
 Questions, please e-mail Patti Larson: [greenwood\\_patti@yahoo.com](mailto:greenwood_patti@yahoo.com) or call 554-1600



- Free **AARP** Tax Preparation  
 The AARP offers free federal/SC tax preparation at the Main Street United Methodist Church (in the building closest to the old, closed library). Hours are 9:30 - 12:30, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday and also Tuesday evenings. Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Greenwood Library at 941-4650. Most returns with wages, interest, dividends, stock sales, pensions, social security, etc. can be done. Some more complicated returns may be "out of scope" and can't be handled.
- **BE AN EDUCATOR!**  
 Do you want to teach a class or be a guest speaker at a garden club on a subject you are knowledgeable about but don't know how. Master Gardener Ann Barklow has lectured on gardening topics for 25 years. She will provide free coaching to any master gardener that is interested. Topics will include: How to Develop a Laptop Presentation, Where to find researched based information on the internet, providing handouts, the use of props, practice sessions, and how to dress for the occasion. Contact Ann to schedule an appointment at 864-344-0120 or [annbarklow@embarqmail.com](mailto:annbarklow@embarqmail.com).
- **Upstate Farm Tour—**  
 Local farms are open the weekend of June 2-3 to tour. Located in Hodges, Huckleberry Farm is new this year. Details- <http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/upstatefarmtour.shtml>

## **"What's a-Buzz in Greenwood?"**

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**Lakelands Master Gardeners are excited to be hosting a presentation by-  
Donna Boozer with the Lakelands Beekeepers:**

**When: Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:30PM**

**Where: Greenwood County Library  
600 South Main Street  
Greenwood, SC 29646**

There will be a panel of beekeepers to discuss their experiences and the current plight of the honeybee. The panel includes-

**Ray Farmer** - 2010 "SC Beekeeper of the Year" with over 50 years experience- Lakelands area "bee rescuer".

**Donna Boozer** - Journeyman beekeeper with 10 years experience

**Sarah Sowell** - Certified Beekeeper with 4 years experience

**Becky Leski**- recent graduate, certified beekeeper in training

**Learn about the following facts and more.....**

1. How much of our food supply is related to honeybees for pollination?
2. Does honey spoil?
3. Who does all the work in a bee hive?
4. How many bees are in a hive?
5. How does our modern day monoculture practices impact honey bees?
6. How much honey does a single honey bee make?
7. What is CCD?
8. What pesticide is the most lethal to honey bees?
9. What can I do to "save the bees"?
10. How many types of honey are there?
11. As a gardener, what is my role in "saving our pollinators"?



**Questions—Please call Patti Larson at 554-1600**



## Topiary Work Days

Place: Wesley Common Greenhouse

Monday April 30 --- 4PM—6PM

### Dates:

Tuesday April 3—12 Noon – 2PM

Tuesday April 10 --- 12 Noon- 2PM

Wednesday April 11—12 NOON- 3PM

Tuesday April 24—4PM- 6PM

Wednesday April 25 ---- 4PM- 6PM

Friday --- April 27—10AM- 12 Noon

Saturday April 28—10AM- 1PM (stay tuned for this date)

These work days will be to continue working on the various topiaries including but not limited to the jeep and cake. You are welcome to come to one, all, or pick some as your schedule allows. If you let me know by email that you are coming, that will be helpful. Thanks! Sharon Grooms ([shargrooms@embarqmail.com](mailto:shargrooms@embarqmail.com))

## Building a Worm Tower to spread compost (castings) throughout your garden.

By Donna Boozer



All you'll need is a 3 or 4 foot piece of PVC piping (or a 12" concrete pipe) and a flower pot.

According to [Ecofilms](http://www.ecofilms.com.au), be sure to use a food grade PVC pipe to avoid any chemical contamination - and the concrete pipe often works best. Punch holes in the side of the pipe. This is where the worms will travel back and forth between the compost and the garden patch.

Once you've got your pipe, the next step is to bury the tower half way down in your garden with half of the pipe sticking out the top.

Then, add some manure, compost worms (it's important to use compost worms, red wigglers), and secure with a flower pot lid. It's also important that you feed your worms every couple of days with vegetable scraps from your kitchen ... and voila! The worms will do the work for you! Once a week water through the pipe and you'll water the plants as well as keep the worms moist. You might also decorate the pipe as you desire to fit your garden theme.

<http://www.apartmenttherapy.com/make-composting-easier-by-buil-146855>

## The 96 Mill Village Community Garden

By Doug Crawford

The 96 Mill Village Community Garden is entering its third year of operation. Although I started working in family gardens as a little boy, I had not worked a garden in a number of years. My wife and I really enjoyed working the garden the first year. The 96 Mill Village Community Garden was a huge success and allowed us to provide many vegetables to residents of the mill village.

In 2011, I became the garden manager.

We decided to incorporate raised beds in our garden to make it easier to work and to make the area more of a perma-culture design. As the garden developed once again into a beautiful garden, I decided that it was time to take



the Master Gardener's class to increase my knowledge and make the Community Garden the best it could be.

I signed up for the class in August 2011. The HGIC has helped me answer questions from fellow garden workers and helped me get the garden ready for 2012. Taking the MG class also gave me the knowledge to plan our irrigation system and to setup and start a green-

house for our plants this year. As the garden year continues, I know that I will be able to put to use much of what I have learned through Clemson Extension's Master Gardener program.

## Abbeville Farmer's Market

By Julie Bowles

ABBEVILLE FARMER'S MARKET & PLANT SALE



Plant Sale: Save the date: April 21

Where: Livery Stable on Trinity Street in Abbeville  
Come find just the right thing for your flower or vegetable garden in the lovely old stable from 6:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. with many of our local

growers. That's also the date for the yard sales all around the town square starting at 6:30, so come find treasures for home and garden!

### FARMER'S MARKET KICKOFF

Save the date: Thursday, June 7, 4-8 p.m., Livery Stable  
Fun for the whole family! Celebrate the opening of the farmer's market Thursday evening. We'll have:

**Ice cream making** with the Farm Bureau Women's Com-

mittee and

Southern Oaks Dairy

**Bee Keeping** with Lakelands Bee Keepers Association

**Cooking demonstrations**

**Old Tractor and engines displays**

**AG simulator** from the Farm Bureau (feels like riding a combine)

**Music, other demonstrations** and, of course, lots of

**Fresh veggies and local farm products!**

2012 Market hours:

Thursday evenings  
4 till 8

Friday mornings 7 till  
noon

*To volunteer for  
market hours call  
Julie Bowles 366-  
8500*



## CONTAINER GARDENING

By Ann Barklow

March 17, 2012 Extension Office

Another great class this warm St. Patrick's Day morning at the extension office by Vince Plotczyk. This class was on Container Gardening for plants and vegetables. 13 Lakeland Master Gardeners and their friends showed up for an informative class covering such topics as soil, drainage, fertilizers, pest control, and care. The class watched as Vince demonstrated how to drill drainage holes and plant a blueberry bush in a container with his homemade acid soil mix that he learned about through his research. Vince also brought several of his vegetable container gardens to the class so attendees got to see his lettuce, spinach, and radishes up close and personal.

## Light in the Garden

By Sandy Orr

With the coming of spring, the light has become beautifully diffusive, and I've noticed the light reflective qualities of various plants in my neighborhood.

Orene Horton wrote an article about this in the State newspaper once about how much she appreciated this plant quality. It is now one of the primary characteristics that I look for in a plant.

Some evergreens are particularly good reflectors. Magnolias throw glints of sunlight off their dark mirrored leaves. Hollies virtually glisten. The new growth on boxwoods and box-leaf euonymus throws gorgeous lime light.

Hairy silver plants glow in the morning light. My Cardoon, which is about four feet tall now, resembles a silver fountain. Lamb's ear glistens as it romps all over my paths. *Artemisia* 'Silver King' froths around my beds. A miniature



ground cover *Artemisia*, not even an inch tall illumines a 'hell strip'.

Deciduous trees that are just blooming add to the show.

Grancy Graybeards, or *Chionanthus virginicus*, with its fringed petals looks like a tree with lace thrown over it. And my smoke tree, *Cotinus coggygria*, hasn't even begun its show. A little earlier in the spring, the *Paulownia*, or Empress tree put on its candelabra show of lilac lit blooms. I observed a friend's Empress tree from a seedling and got to see firsthand how the juvenile leaves are huge, up to a foot long, and you can almost hear it grow. (Apparently the older the tree gets,

the smaller the leaves become).

In addition to color, foliage quality, height, and shape of a plant, consider adding reflectivity to your landscape requirements.

## Dogwoods

By Jan Haldeman

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Our local native Dogwood has the scientific name *Cornus florida*, and it is distributed throughout the eastern United States and up into Canada. Six other species of the genus also grow in America. Other "dogwoods" are

found in Asia and Europe, but it's not certain whether bible lands were home to any of them. When not flowering, and even in winter, dogwoods are easy to spot in the woods because of their characteristic bark, which is broken up into small squares. Most native dogwoods have white blossoms. Some pink ones are found naturally, and several shades of pink have been developed by horticulture. In the "wild" dogwoods grow as an under story tree, as well as along woodland margins, but they can tolerate full sun. Most homeowners like to test this by placing their dogwoods smack out in the middle of the lawn, or in a row along the edge. This always bothered me, but now I understand that planting dogwoods in the open actually gives them better protection from fungal diseases, including the devastating "dogwood anthracnose," which has killed so many wild and home planted trees.

What looks like a single dogwood flower is actually a cluster of very tiny yellow blossoms, surrounded by large petal like modified leaves called bracts. You have to look closely to see that each tiny flower is complete and perfect, with four sepals, four petals, four ( male )stamens and a

(female) pistil in the center. Each pistil is able to produce one fruit, which birds enjoy as food after it ripens to a bright red.

### MEDICINAL VALUE OF OUR NATIVE DOGWOOD:

Flowering Dogwoods have a variety of chemical compounds that have medicinal properties. These include tannic acid, gallic acid, and various resins. Native Americans used a tea made from bark, flowers, and fruit to reduce fever and as a remedy for colic. They also made chew sticks ( toothbrushes ) from twigs for cleaning teeth. These are easy to make. Just cut about an 8 inch piece of twig that's the diameter of a pencil, and whittle the bark off about 2 inches from one end. Chew on that end until it becomes



frayed producing the "brush."

Chemicals in the twigs have demonstrated antibacterial activity, and bark extracts are reportedly good for gums. So if you're on a trip or out camping and have forgotten your toothbrush, just look for a healthy dogwood tree and you can create your own. Sweet gum trees can also be used for chew sticks. Cultures all over the world make chew sticks and have appropriate favorite plants for that purpose. When Erskine's group toured Tanzania, we learned to identify local chew stick plants and made some toothbrushes! In Africa large piles of twigs for chew sticks are a popular commodity at local markets.





LAKELAND MASTER GARDENERS

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articles due by the 25th of the month—  
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at: Greenwood Public Library, 600  
S. Main St. Greenwood, SC @6:30  
pm

*Board Meetings are held in Febru-  
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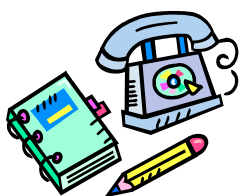
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Don't forget to check the Shut-  
terfly website for photos. See  
address at the top of the page.  
Chuck keeps updating the  
page with more photos of our  
activities. The password is avail-  
able.

**Master Gardener Office  
Needs Volunteers**

Need hours? Volunteer to work in  
the Master Gardener office any  
time Monday thru Friday. The of-  
fice hours are from 8:30a.m - 5  
p.m. Schedules are posted at the  
office for sign-ups. We encourage  
everyone to work in the office for  
Office Volunteer Hours.

You can sign up two ways: Go to  
the Extension  
office and  
add your  
name to the  
schedule; or  
call the Ex-  
tension office  
at 223-3264.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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| Have a committee where you could<br>use an extra hand? Send it to the<br>newsletter and it will be listed. | 2. FoF Topiaries<br>3. Plant Sale |
| 1. Landscape Diagnostic Clinic   |                                   |

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tion? All of our newsletters can be found at our website at— [http://  
www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/newslet2012.html](http://www.lakelandsmastergardener.org/newslet2012.html)

**THE LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER BOARD 2012**

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Volunteer hours are reported quarterly to Linda Halsey at  
[halseyfarm@embarq.com](mailto:halseyfarm@embarq.com). March, June, September and December I will attach  
an Excel form for the quarter. If you do not have Excel and need a word document,  
please let me know—[queenofseaford@yahoo.com](mailto:queenofseaford@yahoo.com)

**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 resi-  
dents 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 vari-  
ety 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.