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Gardening in the Lowcountry

BEAUFORT COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE, P.O. BOX 189, 102 INDUSTRIAL WAY, BEAUFORT, SC 29906 PH. 843-470-3655

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, October 6
4 - 6 p.m.
Palmetto Electric
Community Room near
Sun City

Please join us for this important meeting as new officers and committee co-chairs are introduced to the general membership. Newly formed committees will be reporting on their exciting plans for the coming year.

Officers and Committees

For information contact: Master Gardener Coordinator

Teri Hale 470-3655, ext.117

Officers

President -Ed Pappas
Vice President - Bob Collins
Treasurer - Bill Ellis

Social Refreshment Committee

Linda Bachtell
Cathy Agner

Communication Committee

Georgene Stewart
Don Stovall

Projects Committee

Sunday Brown
Sandy Stephan

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Debbie Garner-Editor

Trips & Activities Committee

Sandy Ives
Stephanie Mendenhall

Publicity Committee

Emily Render
Nancy Anderson

Intern Mentoring Committee

Marge Murray
Alice Massey

The President's Corner by Ed Pappas

I am truly proud and honored to serve as the first president of the newly formed Lowcountry Master Gardener Association (LMGA). We have put together a dynamic leadership team of newly elected officers and committee chairs who encompass a wide base of talents, resources and enthusiasm. It is our intention and commitment to make this Association the best it can be.

Something big is coming and we invite you to be part of it! Our general membership meeting will take place on Thursday, October 6, 4:00-6:00 pm, at Palmetto Electric (in the River Walk complex near Sun City). You will have an opportunity to meet the officers, hear about the exciting future plans of various

committee chairpersons and receive handouts and tips on gardening activities in the lowcountry.

We have recently voted to initiate annual membership dues of \$10.00. Through your support and participation in the Association, we will be able to accomplish great things. How will LMGA membership benefit you? Here are just a few ways: (1) Sharing of member knowledge, skills and resources; (2) Participation in scheduled field trips and activities; (3) Planning and involvement in projects that benefit Beaufort County; and (4) Mentoring recently graduated master gardener interns.

Please tear off the

membership application below, fill it out, and bring it to the meeting along with your check, or send it to the address on the form.

Also, Beaufort County welcomes the active membership of master gardeners. There are over 250 recognized master gardeners in Beaufort County. With a concerted effort, we can work together to perform much needed services throughout our communities such as working in public gardens that are now deteriorating due to lack of care. And there is more, I promise you!

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See you on October 6!

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Lowcountry Master Gardener Association Annual Membership Dues

Note: Annual dues are \$10.00 for all members EXCEPT interns. Interns do not pay dues for the first year. Dues are for September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2006.

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

**Make checks payable to: Lowcountry Master Gardener Association
Mail checks to: Beaufort County, Clemson Extension Office, c/o Bill Ellis
P.O. Box 189, Beaufort, SC 29906**

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Intern Mentoring Committee chaired by Marge Murray and Alice Massey is looking for people who are willing to mentor interns. Please contact Marge at 843-838-3840 for further information on the program.

Remember that 12 hours per year is required of Master Gardeners to maintain your certification. Earn your volunteer hours by mentoring the new graduate students.

New Interns Complete Classes

Congratulations to the summer 2005 class of master gardener interns. Classes were taught by the new County Extension Agent and Beaufort County Master Gardener Coordinator, Teri Hale. Although the classes required a lot of work and study, Teri's knowledge and enthusiasm for horticulture made the classes exciting and the field trips provided students with

a great learning experience. Thanks to those people who opened their gardens and shared their wealth of knowledge and information with the students.

There were a total of 26 graduating interns between the day and evening classes. The graduates are as follows: Susan Harden, Maureen Butterworth, Marie Ford, Mary Kay Hoffmann, Norma Doig, Glenn Storck,

Susan Harrington, Lynda Clarke, Emily Render, GeorGeline Jean-Charles, Wendy Wilson, Leslie Johnson, Marjorie Smith, Christine Szady, Kenneth Scott, Gloria Cartwright, Don Stovall, Jane Tennant, Catherine Campbell, Debbie Garner, Elizabeth Lee, Don Starkey, Teresa Kirk, Willa Clark, Fred Kates, and Jayme Davidson.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 5 - Hilton Head Island, Master Gardener Class

The class will be held on Wednesdays from 1 - 4 pm at the Public Service District (PSD) Community Room, 21 Oak Park Dr., Hilton Head Island. If anyone would like to help with the class, please contact Teri Hale at the Beaufort County Extension office. Call 843-470-3655, ext 117 or e-mail thale@clemson.edu.

Oct. 8 - Savannah, Southeastern Palm Society Meeting

Located at the Bamboo Farm, Savannah Campus, University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. For more information call 912-921-5460.

Oct. 9 - Charleston, Afternoon Garden Tour & Tea

Sponsored by the Preservation Society of Charleston. Wander through garden gates into hidden courtyards and private gardens of the past, 2 - 5 pm. Followed by a traditional tea. Call 843-722-4630 for information and tickets.

October 13, 20, & 27 - Hilton Head Island

Growing Awareness: Green solutions to Pollution, 10 am, Public Service District (PSD) Community Room, 21 Oak Park Dr., Hilton Head Island. Call 843-681-5525.

November 19 - Cypress Gardens, Monck's Corner

2005 Citrus Expo located at 3030 Cypress Gardens Rd., Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Call 843-553-0515.

December 12 to December 31 - Magnolia Plantation

Camellia Christmas: Enjoy one of the most extensive camellias displays in America. Magnolia Plantation, 3550 Ashley River Rd., Charleston, SC 29414, call 800-367-3517 or e-mail: tours@magnoliaplantation.com.

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