



# Gardening in the Lowcountry

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### Winter Quarterly Meeting Thursday, February 9 1 - 3 p.m.

Palmetto Electric Community Room  
near Sun City in New River  
complex across Rt. 278 from the  
USC South Campus.

Guest speaker, **Lynn Taylor** from the Garden Gate Nursery, will be speaking on the importance of using proper pruning techniques. Find out when to trim certain plants, the proper tools to use, and how to correct mistakes. Committees will be giving updates on LMGA activities.

### Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, March 16 1 - 3 p.m.

Palmetto Electric Community Room  
The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers.

## *The President's Corner by Ed Pappas*

**H**appy New Year! I expect your resolutions for the New Year included ways to ensure your gardening success in 2006. As you ponder all the choices you have to create a successful garden, consider how your LMGA organization can help you.

If you have not yet joined the LMGA the following points are reasons why you should consider membership and help bolster your gardening achievements in 2006:

- We will promote and expand master gardener **awareness** through a variety of activities and projects which will help to build individual skills, provide new associations and create valuable experiences with other master gardeners.
- We will promote and expand master gardener **understanding** of lowcountry horticulture and ecology, along with the associated sensitivities and challenges, through educational events and programs.
- We will promote and expand master gardener **involvement** in LMGA sponsored projects and activities that provide horticulture and ecological support and contribute to community enrichment.

Your choice to be an active member of LMGA in 2006 will make a measurable contribution in promoting and maintaining the natural beauty of the lowcountry, while expanding your knowledge and skills.

I ask you to carefully read this letter and choose to become an active member! We hope to see you at the Winter Quarterly Meeting, February 9, 1 p.m. at Palmetto Electric.

*Ed Pappas*, LMGA Chairperson

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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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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#### **Officers and Committees**

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President - Ed Pappas  
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Marge Murray

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**For information contact:**

##### Master Gardener Coordinator

Teri Hale King 470-3655, ext.117

## Things You Should Know

The Intern Mentoring Committee has announced a "Buds and Bugs" get-together to be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the 4th Wednesday of each month. The meetings will take place at the Beaufort County Extension Service office, 102 Industrial Way, Beaufort. The casual meetings are held for master gardeners to discuss plant problems and successes. People are encouraged to bring leaf samples and insects for identification, or plants and seeds to exchange. Everyone

is encouraged to attend. For information call 843-470-3655.

The Plant Clinic will be held on Monday and Thursday in Beaufort and each Wednesday on Hilton Head. A Plant Clinic also will be held at the Beaufort and Hilton Head farmer's market starting in May. Please see the enclosed sign-up sheet. These hours can be credited toward your requirements for the year. Contact Marge Murray at 838-3840 or Alice Massey at 838-6756 for more information.

## Projects Committee Needs Your Help

Chairperson Sandy Stephan from the Projects Committee, is pleased to announce the acquisition of three ambitious community projects, and we need your help. Currently, about 30 hard working master gardeners and interns have volunteered to work on these endeavors, but requests for master gardeners' help are piling up. If YOU haven't signed up, please contact Sandy at [ssstephan@islc.net](mailto:ssstephan@islc.net), call her at 843-525-9882, or send mail to 16 Riverview Dr. Beaufort, SC 29907.

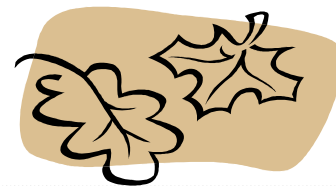
you are interested in helping, we will be starting the cleanup on Monday, January 16 at 1 p.m. When the greenhouse is in working order, the plan is to start seedlings and use donated plants for propagation. The project goal is to cultivate native plants in anticipation of selling them to raise money for our Association.

The third project scheduled for early spring is the *Xeriscape Demonstration Garden*, Town Center, Wexford Road, Hilton Head Island. In cooperation with the island's Natural Resource Manager, Sally Krebs, some of our Hilton Head contingent will be identifying and labeling plants in the garden. The purpose of the garden is to show the public how, once established, gardens can flourish without detriment to the environment and costly maintenance. Bonnie Neuman and Marion Gosson are leading the project.

An additional project on Hilton Head Island will be announced shortly. Please join the master gardeners in helping with community projects while gaining knowledge through participation.

Currently a revitalization project is underway at the *Buffer Demonstration Garden* located next to the Beaufort County Government Complex, located on Route 21 in Beaufort. A cadre of master gardeners (and one husband) worked several hours cutting, pulling, digging, and hauling overgrowth from the area. The clearing has provided a window to the marsh, revealing the native shrubs, trees, and grasses initially planted in the garden. The project is coordinated by Wendy Wilson and Gloria Cartwright. Recovery efforts will continue throughout 2006, as extensive clearing is still needed along with re-labeling of the plants.

Scheduled for January is the *Master Gardener Greenhouse* project at the Technical College of the Lowcountry on Ribaut Road in Beaufort. If



## Calendar of Events

### Riverbanks Botanical Garden Orchid Show

Feb. 10-12, 2006 Friday, 12-5 pm and Saturday/Sunday, 9 am-5 pm.

Riverbanks Botanical Garden, Columbia, SC., will host the South Carolina Orchid Society's, *Orchids on the Riverbank*, featuring orchids from all over the world. See thousands of varieties, attend educational seminars, learn about terrestrial orchids suitable for our climate, meet specialists from the region, and shop for orchids and supplies. Free entry to the show with regular admission to the Riverbanks Botanical Garden. For information call 803-359-3680 or e-mail: [sandhillorchids@aol.com](mailto:sandhillorchids@aol.com).

### Master Gardener Conference—25 Years of Excellence

March 23-25, 2006, Charleston Riverview Hotel, Charleston, SC

Attend historic garden tours, hear inspiring speakers, attend lectures and take plantation tours. Preregistration required—deadline February 14, 2006. Download registration online at: [www.charlestonmgconference2006.com](http://www.charlestonmgconference2006.com) or call 843-722-5940 before February 1, 2006.

### Bamboo Farm & Coastal Gardens, Savannah, GA

April, 2006 (Date to be announced.)

The master gardeners are tentatively planning this trip in April, however, a firm date has not been set. This facility is a 52-acre experimental station of the University of Georgia's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences which serves as a research and education center.

### 2006 Southeast Regional Master Gardener Conference

June 8 - 1, 2006, Chattanooga, TN.

For more information go to: <http://srmgc.tennessee.edu/2006>

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### ★ COMING ATTRACTION ★

★ Your leadership team is developing plans to launch an LMGA website in the coming months. It will ★  
★ provide the membership with ★  
★ timely information on LMGA ★  
★ events, projects and calendar ★  
★ activities. Current plans include ★  
★ making the site interactive so members ★  
★ can ask and get answers to horti- ★  
★ culture and ecology questions. ★  
★ Members will be able to provide ★  
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