



**FLORENCE COUNTY  
MASTER GARDENERS  
ASSOCIATION**

# FROM THE GROUND UP

## "Sowing The Seeds of Love For Gardening"

August 2014

### From Our President: Janet Bugbee

Hello fellow Master Gardeners,

How is your summer going so far? I think this has been the coolest July around here in a while. I'm used to seeing at least 100 degrees by now. I hope the rain has been helping your gardens, it is at least helping the weeds to grow.

Try to visit one of our local farmer's markets if you can. I love to go there, especially when I can't get those darn vegetables to produce in my garden, and the weeds take over. They have put so much into growing for us that we should take advantage. Remember to volunteer when you can. I know it is a hard thing to do when everyone has such busy lives, but I do know others sure do appreciate it. I wanted to pass on that if you do volunteer and want your hours to count, that the online reporting for those hours is still kind of at a standstill. For those of you that received your password for the site, can use it to log in. For those of you that didn't, you will still have to keep track on paper. I was told it probably won't be until way into next year for that new part of the website to take over. When it is operable you can then log in all your previous hours.

A lot of things are in the planning stages for our future, just like they are for statewide Master Gardeners. Has anyone checked out the new Facebook page that Clemson has

([www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-Master-Gardener](http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-Master-Gardener))? There is also the Blog at (<http://scmgblog.wordpress.com>). At our last meeting we discussed having more classes, field trips, entering plants in the Agricultural Fair, next year's Symposium, the Pecan Festival, and much more. That's one thing, as a Master Gardener, there is no reason for ever being bored.

Have a good summer and try to beat the heat and garden early.

Happy Gardening,

Janet Bugbee



### \*\*\*\*\*Field Trip\*\*\*\*\*



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## DUES REMINDER

The FCMGA By-Laws require a member's dues be paid in order to vote on any issue brought before the Association. Dues are \$10 and can be paid at the next meeting or mailed.

## Quotation Corner

*Bee Balm was traditionally carried to Church where it received its other name - Bibleleaf  
from Mugworts in May*

## Upcoming Events

### FCMGA Meeting

Monday, Aug. 18, 6:30 PM

No agenda. This is an opportunity to get together and talk gardening and let us know what you would like to see happen with the Florence County Master Gardeners; program suggestions, field trips, other group activities.

### Dargan Street Project

Terasa Young Lott needs volunteers to help in re-doing the rain barrels and irrigation line at the Dargan Street Project.

Terasa will meet with those interested

Monday, July 28 at 10 am at the site

If you're interested, please contact Terasa

[terasa@clermson.edu](mailto:terasa@clermson.edu)

### 4-H AG Day for Kids at PD REC

July 30, 9 am – 12 noon

Members of the 4-H club will be enjoying a morning of activities at PDREC

including touring the Master Gardener Beds

Volunteers are needed to be on hand to answer questions.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Southern Fruit Fellowship at PDREC

August 21 – 24

\$25 per adult

Includes tours of a commercial kiwi, peach and citrus operations

A visit to Moore Farms Botanical Gardens, and

Presentations from a wild fruit expert and

An entomologist

[southernfruitfellowship.com/index.htm](http://southernfruitfellowship.com/index.htm)

### Fall Plant and Flower Festival

Pee Dee Farmers Market

October 2-5

Volunteers will be needed for each day

### Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair

October 14 – 18

Enter your Outstanding Veggies, (etc.)

Details available at the website

[Ecafair.com](http://Ecafair.com)

### Pecan Festival

Saturday Nov. 1

Volunteer Master Gardeners needed in the Kid Zone

Assisting children in potting their own plants

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## MONTHLY TO DO LIST FOR AUGUST

- Prepare beds for fall vegetable planting by tilling and cultivating.
- Purchase vegetable seeds, flower seeds, and flats for planting.
- Water potted plants daily and frequently with liquid fertilizer.
- Cut garden flowers in the morning and place in water immediately.
- If daylilies did not bloom, it is probably due to overcrowding. Dig up, divide, and replant 12-18 inches apart.
- Give extra water to shrubs, trees, flowers, and lawns to compensate for summer drought.
- Remove faded blooms from annuals.
- Regular inspection and treatments are your best defense to maintain healthy lawns and gardens.
- Prune overgrown hollies and woody evergreens now.
- Pick up any rotten fruit around trees and shrubs to reduce disease.
- Control fleas in lawn.

### LAWNS

- **Fertilizing:** Apply fall applications of high-potassium fertilizer (no nitrogen) to lawns, if soil tests dictate. Potassium helps hardiness of turfgrass.
- **Mowing:** Due to excessive heat stress, raise mower blade this month.
- **Special Care:** Watch for late summer insect infestation and treat accordingly. Apply pre-emergent herbicide for winter annual weed control, such as henbit, chickweed, and annual bluegrass.

### VEGETABLES & FRUITS

- **Planting:** Sow beans, beets, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, cucumber, kale, lettuce, mustard, rutabaga, summer squash, and turnips for fall harvest. Plant garlic now. Transplant catnip, lavender, tarragon, and fennel.
- **Fertilizing:** “Sidedress” to fertilize established plants.
- **Irrigation:** Continue irrigation program as needed.
- **Special care:** Swollen, knotted roots on nonleguminous plants from the garden indicate a root-knot nematode problem. Take a nematode sample this month if noticed. If nematodes are found, solarize the soil by tilling, moisturizing, and covering soil with clear plastic for two months. Continue to spray fruit trees, brambles, grapes, blueberries, strawberries, and pecans, to control insects and disease.

### TREES & SHRUBS

- **Planting:** Take cutting of ornamentals to propagate new plants.
- **Irrigation:** Continue to irrigate new shrubs weekly. If extremely hot and dry, use drip hoses around base of established trees and shrubs. Ensure there is adequate mulch, but do not pile mulch around the base of trees.
- **Pruning:** Prune trees and shrubs lightly for cosmetic purposes. Remove seed heads on crape myrtles.

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## MONTHLY TO DO LIST FOR AUGUST FLOWERS

- Planting:** Plant marigolds, zinnias, petunias, and pansies for fall color. Plant bearded iris and lilies for next year's bloom. Sow seed for candytuft, sweet William, Shasta daisy, and foxglove. Divide and transplant iris, daylily, liriopse after blooming.
- Fertilizing:** Continue to fertilize roses and bedding plants. Fertilize late summer and fall flowers, such as mums, dahlias, and asters now. Use 1 Tbs. of a granular 10-10-10 per plant.
- Special Care:** Prune back large rose bushes for more fall bloom. Inspect gardens for pests and diseases. Control as needed.

## OTHER EVENTS FOR AUGUST

### Moore Farms Botanical Garden

#### Pinecone Topiary

August 9 9:30am – 2pm

#### Landscaping in Small Spaces

Aug. 16 9:30am – 2pm

#### Hypertufa Class

Aug. 28 9:30am – 2pm

#### Bog Gardening

Sept. 11 9:30 – 12 noon

### Brookgreen Gardens

#### Butterfly House

*Features a lush tropical garden filled  
with plants and hundreds of butterflies*

*Exhibit open daily. Tickets are \$3 Adults and \$2 children*

*With garden admission*

