

Grand Strand Master Gardeners' *Monthly Newsletter*

July 2019



Grand Strand Master Gardeners Association
Horry and Georgetown Counties, South Carolina

July Meeting:

7-23-2019 at 6:30 pm - Church of Christ Grand Strand
2212 Glens Bay Road
Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Program: To Be Determined

Alice Vivian and Marianne Cerniglia will provide refreshments and the monthly meeting will follow.

Notes from our Co-Presidents: Suzanne Allen and Mary Wilder

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners,

Our July meeting will be the last meeting during the summer. We will have a break in August, with the next meeting scheduled for September. Right now it seems so far away but it will be here before we know it! Since this will be the last newsletter until September, Suzanne and I have a few topics we would like everyone to think about.

Firstly, when we were reviewing the roster of members, we became aware that some of our longstanding members are not able to attend meetings or participate any longer. We would like input from everyone to recognize GSMGA members who have in the past been active but are unable to do so. After consideration at the September meeting and in accordance with GSMGA By-laws, we will vote for these members to have the status of honorary members of GSMGA. Please review the by-laws for more information.

We would like for our next fundraiser in 2020 to be a great success so we feel now is the time to start brainstorming what that would encompass. What successful fundraisers have you been a part of? Do we want to have a plant sale and garage sale like we have in the past? If so, how can we ensure that we will be ready? Do you have ideas regarding marketing our fundraiser to the public? When will be best date in

the spring to have our fundraiser? So, let's all think about it. What can each of us do to make this the best fundraiser yet!

We encourage your ideas and input. With all of our experiences, we are so much the better!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Starting June 15th until September 8th, there is an exhibition of ocean plastic artifacts created by six noted artists, working with reclaimed plastic from the sea and a series of lectures about the worldwide concern regarding ocean plastic debris, free to the public. Go to <http://myrtlebeachartmuseum.org/events/list/> for more information.
- What is Ratooning? The process of cutting the stem of a plant, causing it to push out new growth and produce another crop, typically in the fall. Read this HGIC article to learn more - <https://hgic.clemson.edu/getting-more-bang-for-your-buck-by-ratooning-spring-vegetables/>. Personally, I had a lot of success ratooning my okra. I had so many offshoots and had so much more okra through the fall.

Bring your garden stories and plants to share. See you at the meeting!

Happy Gardening!
Mary Wilder and Suzanne Allen