

Grand Strand Master Gardeners' *Monthly Newsletter*

September 2019



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

September Meeting:

9-24-2019 at 6:30 pm - Church of Christ Grand Strand
2212 Glens Bay Road
Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Program: Viki Richardson, Brookgreen Supervisor of Horticulture Programs & Outreach will speak about native plants

Pat Hiter and Valerie Moliterno will provide refreshments and the monthly meeting will follow.

Notes from our president: Mary Wilder

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners,

For those of you who were not at the July meeting, you may not be aware that Suzanne Allen stepped down as Co-president for personal reasons. We thank Suzanne for her many hours of service to GSMGA and wish her well. I will finish out the current 2019 year as the president of GSMGA.

Fall is here - even if it doesn't feel like it on some days! The time is approaching for maintenance on some of our ongoing projects in the community. See the volunteer opportunities for more information.

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we would like our spring fundraiser to be a success. We have two more business meetings this year (September and October). To prepare for the fundraiser, we need someone to step forward and coordinate the planning of the event. Most of the process is routine since we have done the fundraisers for years, however someone is needed to oversee the process. If you are interested, please contact me for more details.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Sometime in October the Marshwalk and Jetty View flower boxes will need to be redone with the winter annuals.
- It would be great if we could plan a work day at the Huntington Beach State Park pollinator garden to spruce it up for the Atalaya Arts and Crafts Festival from Sept. 27-29th.
- We have another opportunity for service in the community. Due to lack of funding, the Waccamaw Library in Pawleys Island needs help with maintenance of the bed at the front entrance of the library. It would entail weeding and mulching the bed around a grouping of landscaping plants near the bike path in the spring and fall. The Low Country Herb Society maintains the herb garden, but does not have the volunteers to maintain the adjacent landscaped area. Are we interested in taking on this project? We will discuss the opportunity at the September meeting.
- The 2019 state wide Master Gardener Conference will be held October 24 at the River Center, Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia. They are no longer taking applicants but if you are registered and going, it would be great if you could provide a report of the conference.

Sharing Plants has been a great way for us to try some new plants in our yards. Bring in something to share at the meeting or share one of your successes or not-so-great gardening experiences from the summer.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Mary Wilder