

Grand Gardeners' Gazette

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

Our February Meeting:

2-28-17— 6:30 pm - Church of Christ Grand Strand, Glens Bay Road, Surfside. **Program:** Our very own Gary Forrester will be giving an advanced Master Gardener lesson on phytoplankton monitoring and how activities in our landscape can influence phytoplankton populations. **Refreshments:** Barbara Marshall and Peggy Sattelmeyer

Greetings - Peggy Sattelmeyer

Fellow Master Gardeners, the daffodils and loropetalum are both showing their colors, so it must be time for our February Meeting. (See info above.) Please remember to bring your 2017 GSMGA membership dues (\$20) if you did not pay at our January meeting.



In addition to Gary's presentation, several members will be presenting ideas for possible field trips. If you have an idea of a special place you'd like our group to visit, please come prepared to present that idea.

Also check your calendars for Saturday, March 25th as we will have a signup sheet for those who can help at our table at Brookgreen's Diggin' It Fest. We will need at least two garden-

ers at the table between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. That means four of us could take three hour shifts, or six of us could take two hour shifts. If you can help, but cannot come to our February meeting, please email me at (peggy.sattelmeyer@gmail.com) and let me know when you can help.

And last, but not least, keep recording those hours!

Happy Gardening, Peggy

Other Opportunities:

3/02/17 - 9:30 am - 12 noon at Moore Farms Botanical Garden (Lake City) Registration: \$20. Transform your pine cones into beautiful floral creations in a few simple steps. Contact Rebecca Turk at rturk@moorefarmsbg.org for more information - or call her at 843-210-7582.

Also at Moore Farms;

3/24/17 - 10:30 am - 12 noon - "Bulbs of the Deep South" by Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, Va. - Fee: \$10

3/25/17 - You can stroll through their display of daffodils, alliums, anemones, tulips and more **for free!**

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies. Gertrude Jekyll

Greetings from Our Co-Presidents:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve as your co-presidents for 2017.

Our accomplishments for 2016 were as follows:

Held Plant Problem Clinics in Surfside Beach, Inlet Square Mall and Georgetown
Volunteered at Camellia annual show
Provided speakers for Jensen's Garden Club and the Surfside Beach Garden Club
Had an information table at Brookgreen Garden's Diggin' It
Participated in Brookgreen's annual spring plant sale
Donated funds for 4-H children to go to camp
Consulted with Lakewood Elementary School regarding Vegetable Gardens
Participated in SOS "green" garden in Myrtle Beach
Held fall plant/yard sale
Consulted with Murrells Inlet 2020 on Planter Boxes
Provided information and meeting reminders to membership
Revised and updated GSMGA Website
Held November pot-luck dinner

Our goals for 2017 are as follows:

Encourage new membership through our website and by personal contact by our members with potential members.
Continue to participate in our Plant Clinics at Surfside Beach on Tuesdays, Inlet Square on Thursdays and Georgetown on Saturdays.
Serve our communities, as a group and individually, by supporting Brookgreen Gardens during their various projects
Strive to be "green" at home and during our meetings
Obtain speakers and programs, including club members, to enhance our knowledge of horticultural issues
Continue our education process via field drips, seminars and garden tours
Continue our funding of grants for 4-H camp scholarships
Continue providing information and meeting reminders to members
Assist Murrells Inlet 2020 Beautification Committee by sponsoring several Marsh Walk Boxes

It is a privilege to be involved with such a dedicated group who love digging in the dirt!

Peggy Sattelmeyer and Jean Floyd