

# Grand Gardeners' Gazette

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



## WHOOPEE, IT'S POT LUCK TIME!

Our annual get-together is one week from today. It's on 11-14-17 at 6:00 pm at our regular meeting site: Church of Christ Grand Strand, Glens Bay Road, Surfside. But be aware: this is a "third Tuesday" of the month rather than a "fourth" which is our regular meeting date AND the time is at 6:00 pm. There will be no business meeting after the event; we will be too full to make rational decisions!

So, if you have not signed up with Wanda Hall (843-240-7246), you might give her a call to see if there is a hole in her menu (not likely), or just create your favorite dish and bring it to share. Either way, feel free to bring your spouse or some other friend. More, the merrier. But, come hungry. This group is made up not only of good gardeners, but good cooks as well. And if you taste a particularly good dish at the supper, make a note. We'll ask for the recipe and share it with everyone.

### AND THERE IS MORE TO MAKE US HAPPY:

We have THREE new members!!

SKIP LILES has so much in common with other members who have said that their love of gardening started with a grandmother. Skip's had two gardens: one to feed the body (vegetables) and another to feed the soul (roses). And the lessons he learned from his grandmother continue to impact his gardens and connect him to the hymn, "In the Garden" - a place to feel happiness, a closeness to God, and a connection with life.



Skip and his wife Sue moved to their "active retirement"

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. Audrey Hepburn

in Murrells Inlet only recently. For Skip, this trip began in Farmers Branch (Dallas) Texas, and with 21 years in the US Army, carried him to many sites. The last duty station was in Wisconsin, and that was followed by a non-military stop over in Fort Mill, SC (well, it was for @ 17 years!). In fact, Skip completed the Master Gardeners' course in York County (2016) with Paul Thompson as instructor. Whether abroad or stateside, the Liles family always has had some type of garden. Along the way, Skip and Sue had three children, adults now. One daughter, Lisa - the middle child - has Downs Syndrome, so they are especially supportive of services to persons with special needs. They also are involved in church activities, food ministries, men's ministries (Ironman Outdoors), and, of course, gardening. And when the GSMGA needs someone with experience in community gardens, raised beds for elementary schools, etc., Skip's the man. Welcome, Skip!



**JACK ROEHRIG** is another person who found his interest for gardening as he grew up. Today he enjoys planting annuals and perennials, attracting birds and butterflies to his gardens, and learning about gardening in zone 8b. In fact, he completed the Master Gardener course in 2017 with Gary Forrester.

Jack worked in financial services in New York City for 40 years. He and his wife Nancy moved to the Grand Strand area from Middletown NY 18 months ago. They are involved in church and local town related volunteer work. And there is time for music and sports in addition to gardening. Jack has already applied his MG course information; he worked this summer at the Surfside Plant Problem Clinic. Welcome, Jack!

**CHERLY TUCKERMAN** and her husband David are both finally full-time residents of South Carolina after buying a house here in 2014 and continuing to have a home in Cherry Hill NJ until this year. Needless to say they spent much time on the road between the two, particularly Cherly who held down the local site. So now they are renovating their house here inside and outside, and no doubt a garden is in progress.

Cherly completed the MG course in April 2017 with Gary Forrester as the instructor. But, gardening is in her blood. She says she has always loved digging in the dirt and did a lot of that in NJ. She served in the local civic association, assisted with a community garden, and helped establish a single stream recycling program for the city. And in addition she grew a large variety of orchids and has learned that they love the South Carolina weather, so that hobby continues.

Traveling to see family is another favorite activity.



Cherly and David have two children - a daughter and her family (which includes two beautiful granddaughters - to quote their grandmother) who live in Houston, TX and a son who lives in NJ and is currently deployed with the NJ National Guard to Puerto Rico.

Prior to 2007, Cherly worked for 12 years as a Cardio-Pulmonary Specialist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. Sound like a woman with many things going at the same time? It's happening here as well. She has already been staffing the Carolina Forest Plant Problem Clinic along with all her other activities and travel. Welcome, Cherly!

AND FINALLY A VIDEO FOR YOU:

Nancy Launi recommends this video about solitary/mason bees:

<https://www.growingagreenerworld.com/solitary-bees-pollinators/>

Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!  
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