

Grand Strand Master Gardeners' *Monthly Newsletter*

June 2019



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

June Meeting:

6-25-2019 at 6:30 pm - Church of Christ Grand Strand
2212 Glens Bay Road
Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Program: Ann Wilson, Interpretative Ranger at Myrtle Beach State Park will speak about the Loggerhead Turtles program.

Refreshments and the monthly meeting will follow.

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

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners,

This past month, the challenges of summer – extreme heat and many days with no rain have been difficult for the pollinator garden and the flower boxes at marshwalk and jetty view. Thanks to our dedicated master gardeners - watering several times a week, the pollinator garden is hanging in there and the newly planted flower boxes are looking great.

We are happy to announce that the GSMGA contributed \$250 scholarships to both Horry and Georgetown County 4-H Clubs for their summer camp programs. The scholarships enable less fortunate children in our community to attend the summer camp program. The 4-H agents, Miracle Lewis Rabon and Sherry Davis-Livingston expressed their appreciation for our support.

Welcome to our new member – Gabriella Dudley! She just completed the Horry County master gardener program.

On May 21st and June 8th, the Grand Strand master gardeners had work days at the pollinator garden. We worked on the path through the garden, deadheaded the plants that had bloomed in the spring, planted

some summer blooming annuals and of course, did a lot of weeding and watering. Thankfully, the work days were followed by a week of rain. We should have another flush of flowers for our pollinator friends on the way!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- June 19-26 is National Pollinator Week. Go to their website to learn more about events in our area.
<https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week#find-events>
- Gary Forester, our Clemson Extension agent has shared a Summer Gardening Workshop Series with us. For more information, go to <https://mailchi.mp/d11db09148a0/its-time-to-gather-in-the-garden-316797?e=40553ba825>
- 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.

We'd love to hear about some of your garden successes and trials at the meeting next week. Please plan on sharing!

Happy Gardening!

Mary Wilder and Suzanne Allen



Master gardeners working at the pollinator garden

L to R: Nanette Thomas, Gabriella Dudley, Jack Roehrig, Pam Battaglia, Alice Vivian, Mary Wilder, Peggy Sattelmeyer, and Kurt Cowles (not pictured)