

Grand Strand Master Gardeners' *Monthly Newsletter*

March 2019



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

March Meeting:

3-26-2019 at 6:30 pm - Church of Christ Grand Strand,
2212 Glens Bay Road, Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Program: Lisa Swanger, the Coastal Waccamaw Watershed Education Programs Coordinator at CCU

Refreshments: Mary Wilder and Suzanne Allen will provide cookies and fruit. As discussed at the February meeting, there is a change to our refreshments routine. Those who volunteer to provide refreshments need only to bring a light dessert and fruit - if they wish. The beverages will be provided by GSMGA. For those who are coming directly from work or somewhere else, please feel free to bring whatever you would like to have during the refreshment break.

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

GSMGA news that we would like to remind you about:

- Please pay the GSMGA annual dues of \$20 that were due in February if you have not done so.
- We will be voting on an amendment at the March meeting to allow active master gardeners from other states to participate in the GSMGA's program. A suggested wording of the amendment follows:

“Active Master Gardeners from other states may participate as non-voting members of Grand Strand Master Gardeners Association. Verification is required from their home state. Clemson Extension requires certification in SC in order to represent the Clemson Extension Master Gardener program.”

- Gary Forester has provided us with a new login site to record our volunteer hours - https://cumastergrdner.wpengine.com/?page_id=126 . If you have questions or problems, he can be reached at 843-234-7713 or gfrstr@clemson.edu.

Our state MG coordinator has asked us to reach out to our Master Gardeners and encourage them to log in volunteer time if they are currently volunteering. Let's take the time to record our hours so that our area is fully represented in the Clemson Extension Master Gardener program.

- We are planning a field trip to Boone Hall Plantation on May 22, 2019. In order to get a group tour package at a cost of \$20, we need to have a firm commitment from 15 members. The package includes a tour of the house and more. Additional information will be provided at the meeting on Tuesday.
- Andrews Library has reached out, requesting that a master gardener provide a short program or series of meetings during the Spring on gardening topics. If anyone is interested, please contact Mary Wilder at the meeting or by email at wildermary@gmail.com
- We hope to start a sharing table at the meetings. Do you have an interesting plant to share with us or extra plants that you would like to share? Please have the plants labeled and put them at the round table at the back of room.

Volunteer opportunities:

April 4 – Plant problem Clinics begin at Inlet Square Mall. If you are interested, speak with Pat Hiter.

April 27 – Brookgreen Gardens Earth Day and Spring Plant sale event will be at the Lowcountry Center. We will have a Master Gardener table there and are looking for volunteers to help at the table. Contact Pat Hiter if you are available to help.

May – The flower boxes at the Marshwalk and Jettyview will be redone with summer flowers. Contact Peggy Sattelmeyer or Alice Vivian if you are interested.

TBA – Huntington Beach State Park pollinator garden – a work day will be scheduled for April or May to weed, mulch and transplant plants. Contact Suzanne Allen if you are interested.

SOS Health Care Gardens – 704 21st Ave. N, MB, SC - SOS Health Care provides a variety of programs for children and adults with Autism and intellectual disabilities across South Carolina. Contact Peggy Sattlemeyer if you are interested.

Recognition:

Thanks to Suzanne Allen, Pam Battaglia, Jack Roehrig, and Alice Vivian for working at the Huntington Beach State Park Pollinator Garden on March 12th to get it looking much better after the winter break.

We would like to recognize our master gardeners for their efforts in our community. Please share with us what you are doing in the community.

Reminder: To be included in the monthly newsletter, information/articles should be submitted by the 15th of the month.

Thank You!