



President's MessageDick Phillips

Hard to believe we are into 2017 already, but time does march on, and it is surely doing that very quickly these days! I hope that by this time you've been able to get everything straightened out that "Matthew" turned upside down for you. It's still hard to believe all the debris scattered around HHP, but it's easier to believe now that it will take 6 months from the hurricane to get everything cleaned up. That said, we're getting there, slowly but surely!

Barbara Holmes, our new Chair of "Holiday Decorations", and all of her "helpers" did a great job with decorating all the neighborhood signs in HHP, in spite of all the hurricane debris. And for that matter, a huge thank you to Olivia Ford, and hubby Larry, for such a fun holiday party at Dolphin Head, way back in December! It was great, and a good time was had by all!

As we head into '17, I want to emphasize that our By-Laws require each member to attend at least 5 TAG meetings each year, and we are keeping track of attendance. The reason is that we currently have 8 potential new members on the "wait list", so if current members aren't involved in attending meetings, and additionally volunteering for one or more of the many "side tasks" TAG does (as also required in the By-Laws), then we will ask those uninvolved members to resign in order to free up space for those on the wait list.

I hope your gardens, like ours, are continuing to bloom like crazy with all the warm weather we've been having. It's warm enough that the gator who routinely visits our lagoon is currently out there sunning himself!

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Friday, and to hearing our guest speaker, Amy Spadafora-Thomson, discuss how to make sense of all the products on our shelves to create a simple path to better health.

They say that gardens look better when they are created by loving gardeners rather than landscapers, because the garden is more tended to and cared for. The same thing goes for cooking. I only cook for people I love.
Ina Garten, Author and Exquisite Chef

Meeting Friday, Jan 20, 2017
9:30 am Spring Lake Pavilion
Herbal Blessings
Amy Spadafora-Thompson

Horticulture.....Diane Middleton

The Camellias are really putting on a show this month. One of mine is complaining about getting a lot more sun, but they usually adjust to this over



time. Snaps and pansies are blooming happily along with winter azaleas, and our ryegrass is making us more cheerful in lawns that were torn up by bobcats after the storm. December's late freeze didn't do much damage except to my gingers which were sprouting after being obliterated by the aforementioned machines. Let's hope this doesn't discourage them too much.

Now is a good time to read garden catalogs or go online to plan beds and order new plants and seeds. Clean up flowerbeds in this balmy weather and dig in compost or commercial soil additives. Finish planting bulbs for spring bloom and mark them with golf tees to avoid disturbing them when you plant annuals over them later. If squirrels are a problem, sprinkle area with red pepper.

Some tall shrubs that are deer resistant and grow rapidly are Cherry Laurel, Clumping Bamboo, Bottlebrush and Oleander. River Birch trees with multiple stems are worth the expense, and some other shrubs you must try are Pineapple Guava, Burford Holly and Tea Olive. My Tea Olives have been blooming for over a month – filling the whole area with their delightful scent.



Any questions? Call me at 843-384-0794 for instant answers.

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Council News.....Christine Thumm

The arbor day celebration took place Friday, December 2. The theme for the 26th annual Arbor Day was "The Birds and the Trees". Three second grade classes from the HHI School for the Creative Arts participated. The classes researched the relationship between birds and which kind of tree they prefer.

The trees chosen were Magnolia, Redbud, and Holly along with the birds that call them home. The children made paper versions of these trees. Each class read their reports and then the children gave their drawings and writings to some of the adults in attendance.

We all took the Pledge to Protect Trees. The Green Thumb nursery donated the Nellie R. Stevens Holly which was planted at the High School



The 100 daffodil bulbs which were purchased by the Avid Gardeners from the Council Fund Raiser have been planted in the Wye with Patti Peacock's guidance. Watch for them come spring.

Healthy Recipe.....Anna Broecker

MARINATED SHRIMP-AND-ARTICHOKES
8 Servings



1/4 cup white balsamic vinegar
 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 1 (0.75-oz.) envelope garlic-and-herb dressing mix (Good Seasons used)
 1 pound peeled and deveined, large cooked shrimp (21/30 count)
 1 (14-oz.) can artichoke hearts, drained and cut in half
 1 (6-oz.) can large black olives, drained
 1 cup halved grape tomatoes
 1 (4-oz.) package feta cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
 Small fresh basil leaves
 Optional additions, roasted red bell peppers, marinated sun dried tomatoes, kalamata olives

Preparation

1. Whisk together balsamic vinegar and next 4 ingredients in a bowl. Stir in shrimp and next 4 ingredients. Cover and chill 8 to 24 hours.
 2. Stir in desired amount of basil just before serving. Serve with a slotted spoon
- For those with shrimp allergies, just leave out the shrimp, still really good

Description:

"Serve as heavy hors d'oeuvres or as a light holiday supper all season long"

Enjoy!, Anna

Gardeners Who Lunch



Thirteen members dined outside at The Boathouse on a beautiful, sunny day. It was a lot of fun and we hope that you will join us next month on Friday, February 10th.

Mark your calendars and watch for the email with The Gardeners Who Lunch invitation

NOTICE

Changes to the Bylaws have been proposed by the Bylaw Committee and approved by the Board. The current wording to be changed is underlined. The proposed wording is in red font. In compliance with Article IX, Section 1 this notice is being given to each member at least 2 weeks prior to a vote being taken. The vote will take place at the February General meeting. If passed, these changes will go into effect for the new term starting in September.

- Article III Membership, Section 1: This club will be limited to seventy five (75) Active members and to no more than five (5) Associate members.

This club will be limited to seventy-five (75) Active members **and to no more than ten (10) honorary members**

- Article III Membership, Section 5: Honorary membership will be conferred by a majority of the members upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

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- Article IV Officers and Organization, Section 1: The Officers include: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office for the Treasurer will be two (2) years; the term of office for the other Officers will be one (1) year. No Officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

The term for **all officers** will be for two (2) years and no officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms **in the same office.**

- Article IV Officers and Organization, Section 4 part M: PARLIAMENTARIAN: Advises the membership on parliamentary rules and procedures.

The office of Parliamentarian will be fulfilled by the immediate past President.

- Article IV Officers and Organization, Section 4, part Q: TELEPHONE: Notifies the membership of meetings, meeting changes and other timely information as needed.

Section to be omitted.

The Beaufort Council of Garden Clubs is holding a fundraiser

They are selling the booklet "The Lowcountry Gardener"
Price \$5.00

To order, please see Sandy Stern to put your name on the list
or email her at aestern1@gmail.com

The annual caladium sale is coming soon.

Watch your email for the flyer.

Coming in February



The Many Uses for Plants

Carol Guedalia from the Greenery
will present a program on plants
and their many uses around the home

Meeting at Spring Lake Pavilion 9:30 am

Hostesses: Maryellen Phillips, Barb Holmes, Eileen Creech, Louise Gorny

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Deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is the second Sunday of the month.