



President's MessageDick Phillips



Ed. Note: Dick and Mary Ellen are away on a cruise, so we have no President's Message this month. We hope they're having a wonderful time!!!

Meeting Friday, Jan 20, 2017
9:30 am Spring Lake Pavilion

Carol Guedalia
From The Greenery

Horticulture.....Diane Middleton



We had two frosty nights in January, and now it feels like April in February. The flowers are really confused with hyacinths and azaleas and Carolina jasmine all blooming at the same time. Don't be fooled by the warmth and plant tender plants too early as our last frost date isn't until March 15th.

A terrific tip that I shared with you last year bears repeating. Cut off the tips of brambles and insert the vine into a florist water holder full of Roundup. It will take it down to the roots and kill the whole thing.

If anyone wants any (deerproof) shasta daisies or bearded iris, I have loads to give away. For fast answers call my cell phone at 843-384-0794.



This is the month to prune anything that does not bloom in the Spring plus roses which also need fertilizing now. You may take out up to a third of each shrub if needed. Don't flattop anything. Pampas grass only needs to be cut back every three years. Keep your daffodils watered or they will bloom on short stems. Spray dormant oil with an insecticide where needed for scale. Transplant annuals such as larkspur and divide perennials



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

Diane Middleton
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Jr. Gardeners

We are doing a happy dance to let you know that the Junior Garden Club, sponsored by the Avid Gardeners will be restarting on Feb 21 by planting the Spring Garden.

We searched, delayed doing the Fall Garden because we needed dependable, steady help. We found it!! We have a young grandmother, who comes daily to pick up her grandson and a first grade teacher with a newly acquired greenhouse. They are enthusiastic and eager to be a part of the garden program.

We are still counting on help from some of our members who have shown an interest in sharing a specific skill or talent with the children. Please contact us or we will seek you out.

Nadine Korosi and Sandy Stern





FEBRUARY'S HEALTHY RECIPES FROM ANNA BROECKER



Mixed Berry Crumble

- 4+ c. mixed berries, fresh or frozen
- 2 T. oat flour*
- 1 T. coconut sugar (or your favorite sweetener)
- 1 T. chia seeds

Crumble topping:

- 1 c. oats
- 1/4 c. oat flour*
- 1/4 c. golden flax seed meal
- 2 T. chia seeds
- 2 T. coconut sugar
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 c. pure maple syrup
- 1/4 c. water
- 1/3 c. chopped pecans (opt)

Place berries in 8 x 8" baking dish. Sprinkle oat flour, coconut sugar, and chia seeds over the berries. Stir gently to coat berries. Set aside.

To make the topping, add all dry ingredients together and stir well. Then add maple syrup and water, mixing until crumbly. If mixture is not crumbly enough, add a small amount more water. Sprinkle crumble topping over berries. Bake at 350°F for 30-35 minutes until golden and bubbly.

Top with ice cream or vanilla bean whip before serving.

Makes: 8 servings

VANILLA BEAN WHIP

- 12 ounces pkg extra firm silken tofu
- 1/2 cup cashews soaked Overnight and drained
- 1/2 cup 100% pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- pinch salt
- 1 vanilla bean

Combine the tofu, cashews, maple syrup, lemon juice, and salt in a blender. Puree until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the blender to incorporate all the ingredients. Slice the vanilla bean in half lengthwise with a sharp knife and scrape the seeds into the blender. Blend the mixture until very smooth. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and cover with plastic wrap.

February TAG Meeting

Friday, 2/17, 9:30 am, Spring Lake Pavilion
TAG favorite, Carol Guedalia from The Greenery

"Plant Uses in the Home,"
from air purification to bug repellent, to mild medicinals

Aftermath of Mathew

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Do you have questions about your new reality after Matthew...sun where there was shade...tire ruts and root balls...plant, bush and tree selection for replacements?

We will be having this discussion with Q&A session immediately following Friday's meeting. In order to plan...please email Caroline if you are interested and ALSO send in advance any specific questions that you have to carolinealderman@roadrunner.com. This is your chance to ask the experts.

Do bring any questions/pictures of plants you need identified or how your garden might have been affected by the Hurricane.

Carol, our presenter from the Greenery, may not have time to answer too many but we have plenty of master gardeners in house to help out. Please read your January TAG talk to see what Diane Middleton has already sug-

Gardeners Who Lunch



On February 10th we enjoyed a delicious lunch and each others' fine company at The Sea Grass Grille. Won't you join us for lunch in March and get to know your fellow TAG members just a little better?

Mark your calendars for March 10th and watch for the email with
The Gardeners Who Lunch invitation

⁶ 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 next 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. Sect 2: Associate Members are those who are unable to fulfill the normal attendance requirements.

This club will be limited to seventy-five (75) Active members **and to no more than ten (10) honorary members.**
All references to Associate Members will change to 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.

The Board to vote on Honorary membership with a limit of 10. .

- 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 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.

- Article X, Section I, Amendments: Any proposed changes to the bylaws may be offered at any regular meeting of the club. Such changes will not be acted upon until a copy has been given to each member with a notice of the meeting at which the same is to be acted upon. This notice must be given at least 2 weeks in advance.

Such changes will not be acted upon until membership has received a copy by way of email through TAG

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will present their slate for next year at the February TAG meeting, as follows:

President.....Caroline Alderman
VP, Programs.....Olivia Ford
VP, Membership.....Corliss Zampino
Secretary.....Marsha Sullivan
Treasurer.....Lori Schmidt

Nominations may also be taken from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee. General membership vote at March meeting.



GCCHHI NEWS

The Garden Club Council of Hilton Head Island is seeking a candidate for nomination to their Board as President or Co-President. As you know, the Council represents all the Garden Clubs on the island and supports their activities with information sharing, website info, trips and activities. The Board meets only four times a year, and the position is crucial to the continuous functioning of the group.

If you or someone you know might be interested in finding out more, please contact Sarah Jebo (843-681-7205) or Christine Thumm (843-415-6809)

The Hilton Head Island Garden Club invites you (and any of your friends) to join us on our bus trip to Charleston for the Historic Garden Tour....Thursday, April 13th.

We will be leaving by bus from the parking lot of The Port Royal Golf and Tennis Club at 9:15am and returning at approximately 6pm. We will stop at The Marina and Restaurant for lunch which overlooks The Charleston Harbor. After lunch we will proceed by bus to The Historic Charleston Foundation on Meeting Street where we will pick up our prepaid tickets and start our walking tour. There will be time for a little shopping at the Foundation after the tour. The bus will be well stocked with wine, soft drinks and snacks for the trip back home.

We are going to buy a group of tickets before the end of February and the motor coach has already been reserved for us. The cost of the trip (not including lunch) is \$90.00 per person and these tickets are non-refundable.

Please send your check made payable to THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND GARDEN CLUB to:
(before March 30th)

Sarie Brennan
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Any questions: Please email Sissy Haskell at sissyhaskell@aol.com

This is a wonderful day and we look forward to having you join us.

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 March

Road Trip !!!



Convene at Palmetto Bluff for a talk by Dr Mary Socci on Henry Hartstene, one of the most interesting antebellum plantation owners there. Lunch at Buffalo's, and a possible private garden tour.

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