



# TAG TALK

November 2013

## *President's Message .....Sarah Jebo*

*Thanksgiving will soon be here. We've tidied up our flowerbeds in preparation for cooler weather. We've pulled out our sweaters and hopefully found no moth holes. We will go through old recipes planning for Thanksgiving dinner and look for some new ones as well. As Erma Bombeck said, "Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not a coincidence." We all have much to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is a time for gathering with family and friends around the table remembering old times and good times and making new memories to cherish.*

*I leave you with a blessing by Ralph Waldo Emerson:  
For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh and  
sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank thee!*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING,  
SARAH**

*Meeting  
Friday, November 15  
Spring Lake Pavilion  
9:30 am  
Holiday Tablescape  
Jo Anne Parent*

## *Horticulture.....Diane Middleton*

Another glorious- if rather dry- fall is compelling us to spend time in the garden. Roses are still blooming along with Sasanqua camellias and gorgeous Cassia along Whooping Crane. Pyracantha berries are colorful, but do not lend themselves to cutting as they shrivel after one day. Nandina and Holly berries are much longer lasting, and are beginning to turn their lovely red shades for holiday decorating. The Loquat tree is loaded with blossoms that mean a bumper crop of orange edible fruit in spring.



Clean and bring in houseplants for the winter. Finish planting shrubs and trees so their roots have a chance to get growing before colder weather sends them into dormancy. Mulch all tender plants and continue to water as needed. Do not turn off your irrigation for the winter, but do drain all hoses and other watering devices if a freeze is expected.



Start Amaryllis in pots of peaty soil for Christmas blooms. Transplant seedlings started in September, and look for baby Larkspur coming up everywhere. Plant bulbs at the end of the month. Fertilize lightly and water in. Rake and save pinestraw as it is a marvelous clean and free mulch.

Diane Middleton, Master Gardener [dcmgard@aol.com](mailto:dcmgard@aol.com)

The decorating committee is seeking discount coupons for **Michael's Arts & Crafts**. If you have any 40%-off coupons for Michael's you can spare, please bring them to the next meeting.

*Birding..... Mary Jane Major*

**Avid Gardeners!!** Please, please, mark your calendars to participate in the nationwide annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count that has taken place for 114 years. As many of you know, our own Vicky McMillan's distant relative was an original "idea man". Therefore, as a special "Get Well Vicky" message, let us dedicate our 2013 participation in the Xmas Bird Count to our Vicky!!

Sign up via email providing your complete contact information to my HHP Co-captain, Carol Clemens. She needs your name, notation that you are an AVID GARDENER, address, phone #, and email address to receive instructions on how to count at home, and to volunteer for the fun wandering- around field count.

LET'S ALL TRY TO COUNT...EVEN ONE BIRD REPORTED IS GOOD!! LET'S GO FOR 99% PARTICIPATION.... Questions: call or email Mary Jane Major : [themajors@peoplepc.com](mailto:themajors@peoplepc.com) or 342-5804....WE NEED AND WANT YOU.....

Keep your eyes on the Wye at Seabrook and Dolphin Head Drive. Each season will bring a change of scenery.

Among the plantings along with about 32 trees are azaleas, Iteas, Camellias, Cassia, snowdrops, amaryllis, plum trees, chaste trees, palmetto bush.

The Board would like your input in choosing a name for this garden. Bring your ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

*Amaryllis Fundraiser a big success thanks to you...*



**flamingoes,**

If you think you're seeing



they may just be **roseate spoonbills** according to those in the know.

## **FALL HERB PLANTS AND HERB SOCIETY PRODUCTS SALE**

Saturday, December 7.2013 from 10AM to 1 PM  
in the Courtyard of Pineland Station

Sale includes:

Quality Herb Plants, and Herb Society Products such as French Market Soup Mix, Curry, Flavored Vinegars, Jellies, Bouquet Garni, Herbs and Flowers Note Cards and more.

All profits from the sale are donated to local charities.

## Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 -Bear Creek Golf Club  
Cocktails - Dinner - Dancing - 6:00 - 9:30 pm

Mark your calendars for a fun evening and send in your reservation.  
\$35 per person made payable to TAG. Tables of 8.  
Name of your guest (if you are bringing one).  
Indicate Prime Rib or Chicken.

Open Bar - hors d'oeuvres: cheese puffs, ham & asparagus tarts  
Mixed Green Salad, Pecans, Dried Cranberries  
Rolls and Butter

Prime Rib of Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast with Feta and Spinach  
Smashed Red Skin Potatoes  
Vegetable du jour  
Crème Brulee  
Coffee

Send reservation to:  
Carol Wenk, 1 Wimbrel Lane, HH, SC 29926



Floral designer Benny Campbell gave a lecture and demonstration at Coligny Theatre this past Wednesday, November 6. Mr. Campbell calls his arrangements “free-flow style with a Southern influence”.

The presentation was entertaining and funny. He created arrangements around statuary and in unusual containers such as Wisteria baskets. The event was a fund raiser for the Hilton Head Island Council of Garden Clubs.



## Flower Arranging

Five flower arrangers went off to the South Carolina State Fair in Summerville (2013 Coastal Carolina Fair). We were delighted to find our own Olivia Ford had won first place in her division.



The theme of the show was "The Art of Flowers" spotlighting famous artists. Olivia's choice was Georgia O'Keefe.

In preparation for her arrangement, Olivia researched the life and works of O'Keefe and built an adobe for the backdrop. (photo at right)



The subject of the class held on November 8 at the Spring Lake Pavilion was *Parallel Design with Reflective Materials*. (See the 9 wonderful creations below). To join the arrangers for a lesson and to develop flower arranging skills join the group by calling Olivia or Nadine. The cost is \$10.00 for flowers. You take home what you design.

Olivia 785-7144

Nadine 689-5156



**Holiday Workshops**  
**Wednesday, November 13**  
**Group 1 ... 9:00-10:30**  
**Group 2 ... 10:30-12:00**

Check assignments in Xmas 2013 Instruction Booklet emailed Nov 3



## PLANT SWAP

*If you have a plant to share or are looking for a new one, please email us with the information or request.*

*This column will be a monthly feature*

*No entries this month*



### *Korosi Vegetable and Herb Garden*

*We've spent several sessions getting ready for a field trip on November 14 to the xeriscape gardens at Town Hall. We have focused in on the reason for that type of garden which is to conserve water. Using those ideas we are attempting to write some poetry for the Youth Division of the Garden Club of South Carolina's poetry contest due December 1.*

*Our guides at the xeriscape garden will be Marion Gossen and Betsy Jukovsky we will also plant paper-white bulbs.*

*Nadine Korosi*

### *Coming in January*

*Friday, January 17 9:30 am Plantation House*

#### *May River Orchid Field Trip*

*Meet at Plantation House to carpool to Mrs. Madeline Nelson's greenhouse on Confederate Street in Bluffton. Bring your orchids to repot or purchase new ones. Lunch at local restaurant.*



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