



President's Message.....Caroline Alderman

It's Fall and we are experiencing the Best and Worst of Mother Nature...Harvey, Irma and Maria brought back memories of the devastation that Matthew wreaked upon our island paradise. Our homes and gardens were ravaged...our psyches were traumatized by the debris piles that lined our streets for months. But now, one year later, our landscape is once again lush and green. This gives us hope for the victims of the 2017 storms...nature comes back with remarkable healing and rejuvenation of our environment and spirit.

Irma visited our island in September, causing a Mandatory Evacuation and cancellation of the TAG Board meeting. Our general meeting was attended by the intrepid members who chose to ride out the storm at home and those who returned quickly after the all clear was sounded. The speaker cancelled, so talented Olivia Ford created a program demonstrating that you can create incredible green arrangements using plant materials from your yard. Kudos to Olivia!

In Fall, many of my flowers begin to decline after blooming their little hearts out all summer. This sets the stage for the swamp sunflowers who put forth a sudden growth spurt festooned with a profusion of blooms that dance in the breeze all over the yard. After their performance, the wind scatters their seeds causing them to appear here, there and everywhere in the Spring. This makes them a great Amiga Flower (a flower to be shared with gardening friends), so let me know if you'd like some next Spring.

Fall is also the beginning of TAG's year. This year we are trying new things in addition to our much loved traditional activities. I encourage you to embrace this opportunity to enrich your TAG experience. It is YOUR participation that makes TAG successful. Just say YES!



Horticulture.....Diane Middleton

It's a far cry from last October at this time, thank Goodness! But the humidity has been tough to take.

Still going to the garden as early as possible to cut loads of flowers including the perennial ginger and my swamp sunflower as well as lovely zinnias of many colors that I planted around August 15. You don't really have to plant them – just sprinkle saved seeds on cleared soil and pat down. They do appreciate some fertilizer or good rich compost.



The crepe myrtles are still blooming as the sasanqua camellias begin to open along with my clematis. On the patio, caladiums and **mandevilla** showing off alongside some pots of 'Profusion Double Mix' zinnias. The **pampas grass** and other grasses are looking good this year too.



October is the month to clean up all spent plants. Shred fallen leaves for compost or stack and mow them if you don't have a shredder. Cut back and divide perennials as they turn brown – being careful to watch for wasps! Save seeds from favorite annuals. Make sure they are totally dry before storing in baggies in the refrigerator.

My centipede lawns are so thick and lush this year, there is little chance of overseeding with winter rye.

Diane Middleton, Master Gardener, dcmgard@aol.com or 843-384-0794

Meeting Friday, October 20, 2017

9:30 am

Spring Lake Pavilion

Speaker: Victoria Bergeson

Community Decorations :

Dramatic to Whimsical

Birding.....Pam Riebesell

Christmas Bird Count

The Christmas Bird Count is a longstanding program of the National Audubon Society. It is a winter bird census involving thousands of volunteers across the United States, Canada and many countries in the Western hemisphere.

The bird count here on Hilton Head Island is scheduled for December 15 and our club has a tradition of volunteering in this program. Anyone interested in birds can participate regardless of your identification skills. If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please email me at (pam@riebesell.com) or sign up at our next meeting so I can give your name to the area captains. You absolutely do not need to be an experienced birder to participate. Volunteers are needed in each group to not only spot birds but also to record the sightings.

In addition to the bird count, everyone is invited to come to the local Audubon chapter's December meeting held on December 7 at 7:00 p. m. at First Presbyterian Church for a slide show presentation of our local birds.

Parliamentarian.....Janet Hicks

The Four Basic Principles of Parliamentary Law:

- 1. Courtesy and justice for all.*
- 2. Consider one thing at a time*
- 3. The minority must be heard.*
- 4. The majority must prevail.*

Welcome New Members



Six new members with TAG president, Caroline Alderman on right

Council News.....Christine Thumm



Since the Hilton Head Island Council of Garden Clubs is hosting the West Lowcountry District meeting here this spring and all member clubs are participating, I thought it would be a good time to familiarize you with the Council. The five member clubs are: The Avid Gardeners, The Herb Society, Hilton Head Island Garden Club, Plantation Garden Club, and Sea Pines Garden Club.

Here is an excerpt from their website:

“The purpose of this organization shall be to develop and strengthen cooperation among the garden clubs of Hilton Head Island, SC and to promote joint activities among the member clubs which will aid in the protection of natural resources, enhance civic beauty and encourage the improvement of roadsides and parks.

Our mission is to be of service to Garden Clubs. Organized January 12, 1989 we are associated with: [National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#), [South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc \(SAR\)](#), [Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.](#) and the [West Low country District](#)

Our council clubs work together to oversee the redevelopment of the Xeriscape Garden which focuses on native plants at Town Hall. They also collaborate with other local organizations and schools in planning and organizing the island’s annual Arbor Day ceremony. The Council has also prepared a [Public Gardens of Hilton Head Island brochure](#) for residents and thousands of visitors

Current officers are:

President: Ann Clayton (The Avid Gardeners)

Vice President: Olivia Ford (The Avid Gardeners)

Recording Secretary: Beth Evans (Hilton Head Island Garden Club)

Treasurer: Rosemary Kratz (The Avid Gardeners)

Past President: Sarah Jebo (The Avid Gardeners)

Visit the Council website www.hhicgc.org

Member password is **hhicgc1989!**

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- The Herb Society is holding their annual herb sale on Saturday, Nov 4 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Shelter Cove Pavilion.
- Arbor Day is scheduled for Friday, December 1. Details to follow
- West Lowcountry District meeting is Wednesday, March 21
- The Council received a First Place award from the National Garden Club for the Council Website and also from the Garden Club of SC. The Arbor Day celebration received a First Place Award from the West Lowcountry District.
- The Plantation Garden Club and The Sea Pines Garden Club are also having their flower shows in the spring of 2019 which is when our next show is scheduled.
- Ann Clayton, current Council President has proposed implementing a scholarship of \$1000 from the Council to a local high school student who will be majoring in horticulture.



This is a picture of the Carpet of Flowers displayed during the South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs Convention held on Hilton Head Island March, 2015.

Council Garden Clubs designed and “built” the carpet.

Healthy Eating.....Anna Broecker

B & M BROWN BREAD WITH STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM CHEESE

1 can B & M Brown Bread (near the beans at Publix)
 cream cheese (regular or vegan)
 fresh strawberries, chopped to mix with cream cheese for filling
 whole for garnish

Open can and slice the brown bread with raisins into thin slices
 Mix cream cheese with fresh chopped strawberries and spread filling between 2 slices
 of bread, cut into 4 triangles.
 Serve with fresh strawberries, grapes and/or blueberries for garnish



CINNAMON RAISIN BREAD (SWIRLED) WITH CREAM CHEESE AND APRICOTS

1 loaf cinnamon raisin bread, swirled, sliced
 cream cheese
 dried apricots, chopped to mix with cream cheese and
 whole for garnish

Mix chopped apricots with cream cheese
 Spread apricot cream cheese mixture between 2 slices of bread
 Cut 2 slices with cream cheese filling perpendicular into 4 fingers
 Serve with whole apricots and almonds for garnish



Junior Gardeners.....Sandi Stern

The Jr Gardeners harvested okra and tasted it raw. They plan to use the remaining okra for a holiday project



Jr. Gardeners harvested dozens of sweet potatoes grown from seed in the school's Korosi vegetable garden.



A sign of the times...



From the Clemson University Extension Service.....

"The third week in October, October 16-20, 2017, has been declared by the South Carolina General Assembly as "South Carolina Native Plant Week" to recognize the importance of native plants to South Carolina's history, economy, landscape and environment. Thank you to our friends at Audubon SC for their hard work in getting native plant week designated."

For more information, visit the native plants website: www.scnps.org



Coming November 17



Make it, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It
Holiday Club Fundraiser
Bring a **guest** and your checkbook (or cash)

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