



# TAG TALK

September 2016

## President's Message .....Dick Phillips

With summer winding down (date-wise, that is - it's still 95 as I write this on September 10!), our thoughts move forward to fall, cooler days and nights, maybe some football, school for the kids and grandkids, and family visits here and there. This was quite a summer for us here on HHI, including a record 68 consecutive days with temps of 90 or higher, and Tropical Storm Hermine, which brought down tons of pine cones, large and small branches, and created a lot of work for everyone. At our house, I made 8 trips to the HHP debris drop-off site in our van with the seats stored and a large tarp covering the floor and sides, and the whole storage area filled with storm debris. Who needs a fitness center when you have so much home-made work to do!

One other thing I've noted, which surprises me a bit, and that is the seemingly huge number of mosquitos in our area this late summer. With having had such a dry summer, I wasn't expecting to get attacked any time of the day (early, mid-day or late) when walking the dogs or doing yard work, but boy, I've never seen so many mosquitos, or had as many bites, as this year. Thank goodness for Off!

As our monthly TAG meetings get underway at our first meeting September 16, Mary Ellen Harkins, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Programs, has planned an action-filled and interesting series of programs, speakers and field trips for this year. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will start our first "welcome back" meeting at 9:45, rather than the usual 10:00 AM. The meeting will last about 30 minutes, after which we will car pool to the Okatie home of landscape designer John Summerall for a first-hand look at how a professional does it. My guess is that it will be a lot like visiting the beautiful gardens of TAG members at our May meetings, but we shall see. John will have some plants to sell, so if you might be interested, bring along your checkbook or some cash. Following the visit, we will drive back to the Island for lunch at Hudsons on the Dock.

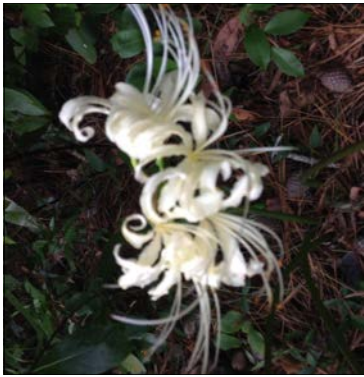
It's difficult to believe the summer has come and gone so quickly, but that's the beauty of living in paradise – time zips by in a hurry. I also noted last week that flower buds on our various camellias have appeared, so it'll be fun to see them start to bloom in a few weeks. I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Friday!!

*Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.  
Hans Christian Andersen*

Meeting Friday, Sep 16, 2016  
9:45-10:15 Spring Lake Pavilion  
Colleton Plantation Tour  
immediately following

*Horticulture.....Diane Middleton*

Well this summer really let us feel the heat for a record number of days over 90 degrees and more wind than I have ever felt in my 20 years on the island. Then Mother Nature adds insult to injury with a tropical storm that is nearly a hurricane. That particular storm gave us at least 4 inches of welcome rain, but I am back to watering pots every day.



Lycoris or Naked Lady sent up some beautiful blooms this year. It comes in red, pink, yellow and white, and I can order it at wholesale prices if there is enough interest. Also called Spider Lily, it grows well in quite a bit of shade and is worth the price. Google it, please.

Beautyberries or Callicarpa are bearing heavily and being devoured by birds and an adventurous squirrel or two. Pampas grass lights up my back yard as it provides a buffer from the mowers and fishermen on the bank of my lagoon. Gingers of several varieties are blooming along with Mexican Sage to provide large bouquets, and dozens of clumps of white society garlic with their honey scent make good cut flowers too.



Start seeds of cleome, bachelor buttons, marigold and dianthus as they do better if started in the fall. Order and refrigerate gregii tulips and hyacinths for a few weeks, but DO NOT refrigerate daffodils for the South. I will be selling 7 varieties next month, so order quickly when you see the flyer.

Diane Middleton, Master Gardener

[dcmgard@aol.com](mailto:dcmgard@aol.com) or 843-342-5884

Deadline for ordering Daffodils is **October 14**

*Conservation.....Vicky McMillan*

## Carpenter Bees

During these warm days of late summer and early fall, you may have seen many carpenter bees in your garden. They resemble bumblebees in size and overall appearance, but the abdomen (rear body segment) of a bumblebee is hairy and yellow. The abdomen of a carpenter bee is shiny, hairless, and black. Unlike bumblebees, which nest together in the ground in small social groups, carpenter bees are solitary and nest in wood.

Male carpenter bees usually have white faces and are territorial, hovering and patrolling around their nest holes, although they can't sting. Females can sting, but rarely do so unless provoked.

Carpenter bees are important native pollinators. This year, we've had dozens buzzing around the wild poinsettia and stonecrop in our butterfly garden.



Plants will be for sale at the garden tour  
Friday.  
Don't forget to bring cash or check.



*Save the date*  
*Holiday Party*  
*Sunday, December 4 6-9 p.m.*  
*Dolphin Head Golf Club*  
*Cost \$46 pp*

*Council News.....Christine Thumm*



The Council Daffodil fundraiser has begun. An order form is enclosed on page 10 (after the amaryllis). Deadline for ordering daffodils is **October 14**.

Arbor Day is scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, December 2 with participation by the School for the Creative Arts. More information to follow, but save the date.

Xeriscape garden could use many more volunteers. The work day is Tuesday morning and all are welcome. The Herb Society is holding their herb plant sale on Saturday, November 5 at the Shelter Cove Pavilion (across from Poseidon Restaurant).

Amaryllis Fundraiser

Louise Gorny has put together a beautiful amaryllis fundraiser assortment. There are 3 pages to choose from and they're located at the end of this newsletter.



Deadline for ordering is **October 28**

Recipe requested from the pot luck luncheon at Dolphin Pointe

**Broccoli, Grape & Pasta Salad**

1/2 cup chopped pecans  
 8 oz bowtie pasta  
 3 cups finely chopped broccoli florets  
 1 cup mayonnaise  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
 1/3 cup diced red onion  
 1/2 tsp salt  
 2 cups seedless red grapes cut in half  
 6 cooked bacon slices - crumbled

Toast pecans in 350 oven for 5-7 mins, stirring half way through.

Cook pasta, drain & put in large bowl. In another bowl combine mayo, sugar, vinegar, red onion & salt, whisk well. Add broccoli & grapes to bowl w/pasta. Gradually add mayo mixture ( may not use all).

Cover & chill for 3 hrs. Stir in bacon & pecans into salad just before serving.

From: Ann Gillens

*Healthy Recipe.....Anna Broecker*

PASTA WITH PEANUT AND ROASTED RED PEPPER SAUCE

Pasta of your choice (I prefer whole wheat)  
 1/2 cup peanut butter  
 1/2 cup low sodium chicken broth  
 2 tablespoons rice vinegar  
 2 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce  
 pinch of red pepper flakes (I don't use)  
 12 ounce jar, drained, sliced, roasted red bell peppers



Cook pasta according to package directions

In a blender, combine 1/2 cup peanut butter, 1/2 cup low sodium chicken broth, 2 tablespoons rice vinegar, 2 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce and optional pinch of red pepper flakes (I don't use red pepper flakes)

In a large skillet, gently warm the pasta and a 12 oz jar of drained, sliced roasted red bell peppers (cut up red peppers some more).

Add the peanut sauce and heat until warm.

Serve topped with sliced scallions and ground black pepper (I skip these)

## Junior Garden Club



If you missed your chance to be a school teacher in your past life, lucky you!! Now you have another chance. Be a part of the school garden team working with Junior Gardeners at the School for Creative Arts!! Junior Garden Club meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 TO 4:45. Sandy Stern and Nadine Korosi will be with you each time to keep things running smoothly.

Offer yourself with a special talent you wish to share or a day now and then. Come spend some time with the youth in our gardens. Reward yourself! We are learning about pollinators! We would love to hear from you!!

Nadine Korosi  
 843-689-5156



## General Davis Island – Fall 2016 Clean-up Schedule



**DATES:** TUESDAY, OCT 18<sup>th</sup> and TUESDAY, OCT 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

**TIME:** 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM each day. Please note we are working on TUESDAY for two consecutive weeks. This may make scheduling easier.

**PLEASE BRING:** Any or all of the following “garden gear”: Garden gloves, rakes, small and/or large clippers or pruning implements, tarps and kneeling pads. Don’t forget BUG spray and some water to drink!

With enough hands and just a couple hours of your time EITHER DAY, General Davis Island will look great for the fall and winter Holidays. We’re hoping to have at least 10 members attend each day for clean-up.



**RAIN DATES:** WEDNESDAY, OCT 19<sup>th</sup> and WEDNESDAY OCT 26<sup>th</sup>.

**QUESTIONS:** Please call or email Michele Curry at 843-363-9486 or [mwcurry8@gmail.com](mailto:mwcurry8@gmail.com)

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!**

### *Coming in October*



Johnson Farms Urban Farm  
Farmer Emily Johnson to discuss history  
of Johnson Farms  
Basic growing tips will be offered.

Meeting at Spring Lake Pavilion 9:30 am

*Hostesses: Eva Duchart, Carol Vivona, Mary Ann Snyder*

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843-415-6809



Carol Sevelowitz  
sevelcss@gmail.com  
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Deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is the second Sunday of the month.

**AMARYLLIS FUNDRAISER****CHRISTMAS FLOWERING AMARYLLIS -- HIPPEASTRUM****Individual Bulbs - \$15/each****Amalfi (Single)**

Shades of neyron-rose w/white highlights, small white starburst & a green eye. (24cm; 14-18" high)

**Wedding Dance (Single)**

Chartreuse-ivory to glistening white with a pale green throat. (26 cm; 14-18" high)

**Zombie (Double)**

Light to dark salmon-pink with white striations with layers of dancing petals. (24 cm; 14-16" high)

**Hot Lips (Miniature)**

This trumpet is intense cherry-pink with a bright white starburst. (18cm; 3-4" flower, 12-14" high)

**Graffiti (Miniature)**

This Papilio-type is flushed pale green with burgundy striations. (18cm; 3-4" flower, 12-14" high)

**Merry Christmas (Single)**

Orient-red, usually blooming on shorter 12" stems. (26 cm; shorter 12" stem)

**2016 Order Form (INDIVIDUAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERING BULBS) – \$15 Each**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Quantity</u>
Amalfi	_____	Hot Lips	_____
Wedding Dance	_____	Graffiti	_____
Zombie	_____	Merry Christmas	_____

**Send orders with checks (made out to TAG) to:**

The Avid Gardeners, 5 Hermit Crab Ct., HHI 29926

Questions: Call Louise Gorny 843-681-5187

Order By: October 28

Delivery By: November 11





## AMARYLLIS FUNDRAISER

### ROYAL DUTCH SINGLE AMARYLLIS

***Individual Bulbs - \$15/each -- These quality bulbs are 30/32 cm. unless noted (\*).***



**Floris Hecker**  
This exquisitely formed beauty is rich velvety-red.



**Christmas Gift**  
Glistening white with a luminous green center.



**Cybister La Paz (\*24 cm)**  
Spidery petals are dark coral, greenish-white edged, darker mid-veins & green throat.



**Rosalie**  
Salmon-orange flushed water-Melon w/white highlights.



**Luna**  
Substantive flower petals of greenish-yellow. It pales to a creamy-yellow as it matures.



**Temptation**  
White w/diffuse raspberry to crimson splashes on upper petals/ petal edges & a dark scarlet-red starburst.

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Hilton Head Island Council of Garden Clubs

**Daffodil Fundraiser**

**Carlton**  
10 bulbs \$10



A two-tone yellow daffodil with a strong perennial nature. Soft yellow petals encircle a large, frilly, golden yellow cup. It is a splendid multiplier that does well in the South.

**Ice Follies**  
10 bulbs \$10



Very large, silvery white flowers with a wide lemon-yellow cup that turns white as the flower matures. It is one of the strongest growing daffodils ever and great for naturalizing. North and South.

**Obvallaris**  
10 bulbs \$10



Obvallaris is a cute little 10" golden trumpet that blooms early and lasts a long time. It looks like a familiar yellow daffodil on a reduced scale, so it's great where space is tight. Grows well in the north and as far south as Tallahassee.

**Planting instructions**

Plant 4-6" deep where they will get at least 6 hours of sunlight in well-drained soil. Fertilize very lightly with a low-nitrogen fertilizer just as the shoots emerge in early spring. Feed again with balanced fertilizer after blooms are cut.

After daffodils flower, wait at least 8 weeks until the leaves turn yellow before cutting them. Never tie or braid foliage. This year's leaves equal next year's flowers.

**Thalia**  
10 bulbs \$10



Nodding white flowers, usually 2-3 per stem, with narrow petals and a delicate cup. They have a light, feathery quality. Excellent for massing at the edge of woods or among shrubs.

**Yellow cheerfulness**  
10 bulbs \$10



Each stem bears clusters of 3-4 double, yellow, very fragrant blooms. This heirloom flowers late in the daffodil season.

**Gigantic Star**  
10 bulbs \$15



Big, strong, early perennial. It's what you could call a meat-and-potatoes daffodil. It's durable and grows well in the South.

**Pink charm**  
10 bulbs \$15



White flowers with wide cups that look as though they were dipped in apricot nectar. It's a great naturalizer and is very adaptable. Grows well everywhere.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Obvallaris \_\_\_\_\_

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