



President's Message *Caroline Alderman*

I have observed several approaches from TAG members when dealing with under performing plants. Some are ruthless...quickly replacing a less than spectacular plant and drastically thinning prolific perennials to be shared or composted. Then there are the live and let live gardeners, who eradicate weeds and encourage any and all desired plants wherever they appear. And finally, there are the bleeding heart gardeners, who adopt any plant offered, search for a new spot for seedlings that appear willy nilly...even if there are hundreds, and cannot euthanize a plant that refuses to bloom. That would be me. Three years ago, I was seduced by a gorgeous bougainvillea that never produced another bloom from the day I brought it home. I dutifully watered and fertilized it to no avail. This year, I declared enough and planned to transplant it into my rugged outback. In late April, that little bugger bloomed...go figure! Then as if to prove the point, an orchid (again 3 years old...I'm sensing a pattern here) that also languished without blooming, suddenly sent up a spike and defiantly produced 3 beautiful orchids...on its own terms.

The moral of the story...
Patience can be rewarded if you keep the faith!



Coming June 22, 8:00pm

"Twilight Home Tour"

New member, Steve Katz and his wife, Jacqui have invited us to an evening tour of their garden. Steve is an expert in Lighting and Waterscapes. Since space is limited, the following guidelines will apply:

The first 40 members to respond will be able to attend. **There are still some spaces left.** Call or e-mail Olivia Ford at 843-785-7144 or email fordlarryolivia@hargray.com immediately!.

If all members are accommodated first, you may be able to bring a spouse.

Parking is very limited, so we will meet at the Plantation House parking lot at **7:30 PM** to car pool.

We will be serving delectable desserts and punch. If you are able to pitch in to create a special dessert, please contact Cheryl Hocevar at 843-802-5021.

Membership Notes.....

Dues for the 2018-2019 year are due by June 30th.

Almost half of us have yet to sign up for the coming year. Please forward your \$30 check to Treasurer Lori Schmidt, 43 Purple Martin Lane., as soon as possible in order to be included in the Member Directory .

Questions? Contact Membership chair, Carol Sevelowitz (843-715-2248)

HORTICULTURE ...

Diane Middleton, Master Gardener

The magnolias and the hydrangeas throughout the plantation have been twice as thick as usual. Aren't they gorgeous?! We enjoyed our bus trip to the Coastal Savannah Botanical Garden last month. I was very impressed with what they've accomplished in the past few years, and weren't the irises spectacular!



Your annuals are fabulous, and your perennials are dear old friends. Both are available at the farm market sales throughout May, June and the first two weeks of July from 9 to 11. Encourage birds to hang out in your garden as they eat hundreds of mosquitoes and caterpillars daily. Zinnia seeds and gladiolus may still be planted. Finish pruning azaleas and start going after the aggressive pyracanthus. Have a great summer!



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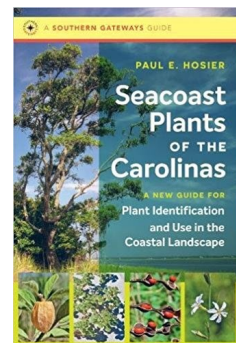
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There's \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ out there!!!

We are looking for volunteers to work with Fundraising Committee chairs, Jane Alexander and Dodi Eschenbach to help with writing grant proposals. Apparently, the State Garden Club has grant money available for specific projects, and we may qualify! If you have any grant writing experience, or would like to learn, please contact Jane (843-295-0041, diamondsun50@hotmail.com), or Dodi (843-689-5509, dhesch1999@aol.com).

How does your garden grow???

Our Librarian, Liz Van Alstyne, wants to help. She is hard at work creating a virtual library. Her goal is to create a compilation of any resources available either online, or by book, or from a brick and mortar source that you, the members, have found valuable in your gardening or birding efforts. These will be published on our website and in TAG Talk so everyone can avail themselves. Please forward your recommendations to her at: elizzy1106@aol.com. We hope to have it available by September as an ongoing resource.

Also ongoing, if you find you have books or publications relative to gardens or nature in your home library that you no longer have room for, we encourage you to donate those to TAG. Liz will make them available at each General meeting for members to purchase at a nominal fee which will help to build our Treasury.



Installation of officers for the 2018-2019 year was held at the Country Club of Hilton Head during our May luncheon. Pictured from left to right: Nadine Korosi (Master of Ceremonies), Arlene Anderson (standing in for Secretary Joyce Prange), Carol Sevelowitz (2nd VP—Membership), Caroline Alderman (President), Lori Schmidt (Treasurer). Olivia Ford (1st VP—Programs). Flowers courtesy of Diane Middleton.



Birding

George Westerfield



The HHP anhinga, resident of our fresh water lagoons, is the least likely winner of any avian beauty contest. Its sinuous and undulating neck arouses serpentine fears among of us as we observe it traverse the local dark waters in search of prey. And if that sight does not dissuade the panel of judges just wait till the bird assumes its pose in the drying sunshine and presents an image of disjointed wings hanging akimbo as it balances on some drooping branch above the water.

But the anhinga is not in a beauty contest! And that snake-like neck and those weird wings are important attributes to assuring the species a comfortable niche in our gated wonderland. That undulating neck propels a needle sharp beak in impaling fish underwater for the anhinga to feast on after its forage beneath the surface. The unusual perching posture is part of a preening procedure in which the bird with its beak reapplies oils to waterproof its wings.



As we plan our calendar for the coming year, we remind you that we are in need of hostesses for our General meetings. Hostessing can be as easy or as involved as you desire. As one of a 4 or 5 person team for each meeting you would be responsible to prepare and set up refreshments for our pre-meeting social half-hour. Hostess chairperson, Cheryl Hocevar will guide you and let you know the basics of what's needed and where to find supplies the club keeps on hand. This is a great way for newer members to get to know and work with others in the spirit of getting an easy job done. If you have not yet signed up for one of the monthly meetings, please contact Cheryl at: hocavar@bellsouth.net or 843-802-5021.



June's HEALTHY RECIPES from Anna Broecker

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN OR SEITAN

- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 pound seitan or 1 pound cubed cooked chicken
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 large bell pepper (cut in cubes)
- 1 large onion (chopped)
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks (with juice)
- 1 can pineapple juice (6oz)
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- 2 ½ tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Saute onion, bell pepper then add garlic

Separately saute seitan, just until hot, or chicken cubes

In a separate pot add remaining ingredients and stir constantly under med hi heat until thickened

Add this to seitan or chicken, and veggies, warm together and serve over Chow Mein noodles or brown rice

COOK'S NOTE

Seitan is a healthy vegan meat alternative available at Whole Foods and Krogers. Basically this is a low fat wheat protein that has a similar texture to meat.





Jr. Gardeners

Sandy Stern

This school year proved very rewarding and bountiful.

Nadine and I worked with the Jr. Gardeners twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until May 29th. A teacher, Beth Jackson, and a grandparent volunteer, Beth Cooler (pictured with Nadine below), assisted us during every session.

From February through May 2018, the students planted, harvested, and tasted, garlic, radishes, tomatoes, lettuce, kale, string beans, cucumbers, arugula, peppers, sweet potatoes, broccoli, and cabbage.

They started some vegetables from seed and others from small plantings. They had opportunities to pick blueberries off the bushes, grapefruits off the trees, and beans off the vines. They learned about composting, amending the soil, and propagating plants from cuttings. The students maintained the four raised vegetable and herb beds as well as the flowers in the school's Butterfly Garden.

Nadine and I were pleasantly surprised last week to receive personalized photo books from the teacher and volunteer with pictures of the students and us all engaged in gardening. It has been a pleasure teaching these young students and developing their gardening skills.



Quick Reminder regarding the 2018-19 Member & Program Directory

If you anticipate a change in your name, address, phone or email address, please forward your information immediately to Carol Sevelowitz at sevelcss@gmail.com

Also, if your picture is ages old and you would like an updated one, please notify Sandy Stern at 843-342-4834 and she will be delighted to take a new headshot.

Have a safe and happy summer!!!

See you in
September.....



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

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