



TAG TALK

September, 2018

President's Message



Chihuly at the Biltmore...by night

Breath taking drama with the added element of the reflections in the water was such a surprise. I could not imagine the over the top beauty. You know it's going to be pretty, but this is hard to anticipate...Just WOW!!! (These photos are my amateur attempt with my phone and they do not do it justice.)

As an artist, my mind was reeling with inspiration. I had already begun thinking about garden lighting after our June TAG Tour at the home of Jacqui and Steve Katz. Why not let there be light and enjoy your garden in a new way.

Caroline

Chihuly at the Biltmore...by day

My best Get Away ever...touring the Frederick Law Olmstead gardens of Biltmore (Asheville NC) festooned with glorious Chihuly Art Glass! I have seen the gardens before, so I knew I would see an incredible collection of roses surrounded by opulent borders of classic summer blooms. From the home you can see two ponds showcasing the lily and lotus collections. The conservatory, which was so innovative when the estate was built, houses another world class collection, beautifully displayed. It takes your breath away and then, install Chihuly art glass everywhere and you experience mind blowing sensory overload.

Renowned artist, Dale Chihuly has been doing garden installations for many years. It is such a delightful marriage of art and setting. Now, he is taking it up another notch by dramatically lighting the whole installation and offering two tours...Night and Day...and the difference is Night and Day. You lose some of the garden detail at night, but the drama is amped way up. By day, you see the glory of the gardens, enhanced with the art, transformed by sunlight. What a vision!



Look for more about the Katz gardens in this issue of TAG Talk.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

 * Friday, September 21, 9:30am Spring Lake Pavil- *
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 * **SHADE GARDENING IN THE LOWCOUNTRY** *
 * Guest speaker, Tim Drake, horticulturist from The *

Membership Notes.....

Program and Member Directories for the upcoming year have been published and will be distributed at our first meeting of this year on 9/21 (see above).

We currently have 7 Honorary and 66 paid and active members, including 2 new folks ... Nancy Pendleton and Steve Katz.. Please look for them and welcome them to the club at the September meeting.

Questions? Contact Membership chair, Carol Sevelowitz (843-715-2248), (sevelcss@gmail.com)

 * The Plant it Pink garden has had a blooming summer. All the plants are doing very well thanks to the efforts of: Joanna Fuller, Louise Gorny, Marge Gallagher, Sharon Jaunsem, Joyce Prange, Sally Price and Sandy Stern who have volunteered to water our garden weekly. Thanks Ladies *

HORTICULTURE ... *Diane Middleton, Master Gardener*

Well, rats. We needed the rain. Maybe we will get a few much-needed drops this week. It is still ovenlike outside, but the Beautyberries and gingers are colorful, and I noticed some rain lilies blooming in a good bit of shade. I need to order more, and if any of you want some, just give me a call and I will add your name to my list.

Speaking of lists, here are some of my favorite daffodils for the South. The big box stores carry some of them at fair prices now which is why The Council no longer sells them. Ice Follies, Carlton, Pink Charm, Saint Keverne, Rijnveld's Early Sensation, Thalia, February Gold and Kedron. DO NOT REFRIGERATE any of these. You may refrigerate gregii tulips and hyacinths, but don't put them near any fruit you are cooling or they will not bloom properly.

The Mexican Sage is lovely and lush this year. It seems to prefer dry conditions. When we returned from Maine on September 1st, the white plumes of the pampas grass were already lighting up my back yard.

Some things to do this month include starting seeds of cleome, bachelor buttons, marigold and dianthus. I will also try some hollyhocks when it cools off a little. Other garden chores to do this month are taking cuttings of coleus and other annuals and dividing bearded iris. Trim the roots and let them dry in the sun for a few days. Cut off any with borers (little round holes).

Who wants to go to The Savannah Botanical Garden to buy some of his beautiful iris?



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Plant and Pot Sale

I'm moving from 5 Water Orchid Ct. (but not leaving HHP,) and having a Plant and Pot sale on 9/22 & 9/23. If interested in purchasing some of my collections, call 843.338.2305 or 843.682.2262.

Sharon Jaunsem





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TAG's Special "Twilight and Nightscaping Illuminations Tour" of Jacqui and Steven Katz' Gardens

In June, Jacqui and new member Steven Katz, hosted The Avid Gardeners for a spectacular evening in their lovely home and gardens. For weeks, Steven and Jacqui were planting and pruning to get everything in tiptop shape. We arrived at dusk to view the gardens in daylight. We enjoyed discussing many unusual specimen plants and Steven's choices for hardscapes, bushes and trees, and plants providing foliage and flowers. The garden art and furnishings created delightful rooms and vignettes, to pause and enjoy the garden, while catching up with friends. Inside, there was a delicious buffet enhanced by beautiful arrangements. Cheryl Hocer and Olivia Ford assisted the Katz' with the buffet. As night fell, Steven turned on the lights and we were treated to a totally different garden experience. Artwork and plantings were dramatically illuminated...absolutely gorgeous!

I'm sure that many of us began to think about lighting in our garden to extend our hours of garden enjoyment.

Steven has a business in Pennsylvania which specializes in water features and garden illumination. He does not intend to start a similar business here, although he may consider some consulting. Check it out at his website www.landandseascapes.com

Thank You Jacqui and Steven for such a memorable evening in your beautiful gardens and home. What a treat!



HOLIDAY SIGN DECORATION

As your calendars start to fill up for the upcoming months, please keep this in mind:

Here the schedule for the **Holiday Sign Decoration** tasks performed by all TAG members.

Nov. 14, 2018 - Wednesday 1pm - 3pm - Plantation House - TAG members pick up decorations for their assigned signs.

NOTE NEW TIME!

Nov. 15 - 21, 2018 - Thursday to Wednesday:
TAG members decorate their signs.

Jan. 1-3, 2019 - Tuesday to Thursday:
TAG members take down sign decorations from their signs.

Jan 4, 2019 - Friday - 10am - noon:
TAG members return their sign decorations to Plantation House.

Barb Holmes

Reflection Garden

The Reflection Garden is in excellent shape after the committee dug in with a vengeance. Tuesdays are the work days for 2 ladies at a time once a month. They will work as partners and weed and prune as needed. I don't anticipate any planting until early spring and actually don't believe there will be much care until then, but it's good to have a look-see every month. Weed preventive has been put down with mulch on top. It will be interesting to see how effective this is because to be frank, with all the things falling and blowing around in the area the weeds multiply with astounding rapidity. There are 11 ladies involved, 3 are floaters. Caroline has an added idea which should bring pow to the area at large.

Thank you volunteers !

Patti Peacock

Former TAG member, Midge Kennedy was asked to write some articles for the Harrowgate Courier, in the New Jersey community where she now lives. She was kind enough to share this one with Dick Phillips, who has forwarded it to me for TAG Talk. I think you will enjoy it...

SEX IN THE GARDEN

Did you go into a tither when your biology teacher explained fertilization of plants? How the female flowers must be fertilized by the males? Did you understand the connection of flowers to humans? Do you realize how "sex" is carried on openly right here on Harrogate's grounds?

With the growth of a single pumpkin last year, the prospect of home baked zucchini bread encouraged me to plant zucchini this season. Anxious to get started, because of a late planting season I became creative and started seeds in a Harrogate plastic food delivery container. With the cover down, seedlings sprouted within a week. When they were strong and weather conditions permitted, I transferred them to my garden plot (#11).

Unfortunately, the flowers on my healthy plants fell to the ground leaving bare stamen. I became aware of the need for a refresher course in botany.

The sole purpose of the flower is to reproduce. Each part of the flower plays a role in the steps of reproduction. Some parts are sterile. Their beauty and character entice bees and others to the plant, aiding in the process. There are male gametes and female gametes. Both are directly involved with creating the next generation. All parts needed for reproduction are in a single flower. "Sexual reproduction"

Male flowers appear first in anticipation of the females !!. As gentlemen, the early male flowers do not rush the females. They fall off and die to allow the females time to become strong receptacles of the pollen which contain the sperm necessary for the creation of a seed which will become the next generation. Bees and other insects are the propagators of pollen from flower to flower. While bees are flying around the flowers collecting nectar, pollen grains containing sperm from the males stick to their feet and body. The female catches the pollen and delivers the sperm down a tube to the egg that is waiting to be fertilized. The fertilized ovule becomes a seed which matures and forms the fruit, or future seeds.

A walk around Harrogate's grounds might now prove more interesting.
Midge Kennedy

An update: Fertilization was a success and I have two healthy zucchinis.



**June's
HEALTHY RECIPES
from Anna Broecker**

AVOCADO CRACK DIP

Ingredients

2 plum tomatoes, chopped
1/4 cup onion, chopped fine
1 bunch fresh parsley, chopped very fine
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 tsp oregano
1 Tbsp olive oil
2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
4 oz plain crumbled feta cheese
salt and pepper to taste
2 avocados chopped in chunks

Instructions

In a bowl combine all ingredients except the avocados.
Stir to combine.
Cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight.
Before serving add in avocados and stir.
Serve with tortilla chips.
To make vegan, leave out feta cheese
For gluten free, serve with gluten free rice crackers





Jr. Gardeners

Sandy Stern

Jr. Garden Club Program at Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts

Nadine Korosi and I will be starting up our *afterschool* Jr. Garden Club again, beginning on Sept. 12th. We will have one teacher, Ms. Jackson, and a parent volunteer, Beth Cooler who will assist us from **2:45 – 4:00 pm every Wednesday and Thursday**. We plan to work with 12 students in grades 3 and 4.

We are also looking for TAG members to volunteer to present a special program anytime from September 2018 - May 2019.

Contact Sandy aestern1@gmail.com or Nadine nakorosi7@aol.com to volunteer.

FUND RAISING



Jane and Dodi have ordered paper seed notecards and envelopes to share. They will embellish the notecards with small seed embedded colored butterflies, ladybugs, hearts and flowers. Packs of 5 will be made up and tied with a hemp cord. The cards will be sold at the State Convention in Beaufort in April and also to our members.

At least 100 cards will be available.

It is recommended that the notecard packs of 5 be sold for \$10 each, which will bring us a profit of around \$6 a pack.

AMARYLLIS FUNDRAISER

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Gift Boxes - \$20/each

Each box contains one 30/32 cm bulb, a green plastic pot, lid, saucer, potting medium & instructions.



White/Red Striped
Gift Box



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Gift Box



Red
Gift Box

Individual Bulbs - \$15/each



Candy Floss

Rose-pink w/darker striations, green throat, around 12" tall.



Cocktail

Rich, signal-red, greenish-white starburst on tall stems up to 20".



Inferno

Deep red double, w/variable white highlights. 26 cm, 14" to 16" tall.



Zombie

Salmon/pink w/white striations 24 cm, 14-16" tall.



Miniature Papilio

Cream/burgundy & bronze w/dark green foliage, bulb size 24 cm.



Trumpet Misty

Pinkish/white w/raspberry striations, bulb size 20 cm.

Order Form 2018

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Phone & Email: _____

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
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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

Email: gorny.louise@gmail.com

Order By: October 23

Delivery By: November 12



Looking ahead.....

October Meeting

South Carolina Garden club State President , Donna Donnelly, will visit to speak to us about her President's project:

FEED THE BIRDS

Friday, Oct 19 9:30am
Spring Lake Pavilion

November Meeting

MAKE IT, BAKE IT, SEW IT, GROW IT !

A favorite fundraiser from last year.

Please be thinking about what ideas you have and what you might bring. Later on we will take a survey so that we can better set-up the tables for the spaces that we will need.

The Autumn Garden Fest At Savannah Botanical Gardens

Fri, October 26th from 1-4PM and Saturday, October 27th

They will be dividing and selling their iris collection.



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

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