



TAG Talk

MARCH, 2025

President's Message...Carol Sevelowitz

We've all heard the old saying, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." I'm feeling as though the lion is still with us. This has been a very unusual winter, what with very cold temps, strong winds and even tornado and storm warnings. All of which has set back our usual gardening efforts. Hopefully the lamb will soon take over and we'll be able to plant those spring and summer annuals that bring so much joy and color to the garden. On another note, April will be upon us soon and with it come new officer elections for TAG. This year we need to replace our Treasurer, second VP (Membership), and President, all of whom have already served two consecutive 2 year terms. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of nominees: Treasurer—Christy Beltran, Membership VP—Liz Van Alstyne, and co-Presidents—Debby Meeks and Sandy Stern. Election will take place during the April meeting. Nominations for other candidates may also be made from the floor, as long as the proposed candidates are aware they would be nominated. Please plan to be on hand to cast your vote.

Several members are planning to attend the West Lowcountry District meeting on March 28, at Dataw Island, near Beaufort. Tuesday, March 18 is the last day to notify Cindy Hooper if you plan to register for the meeting. Please call Cindy Hooper by Tuesday at 5pm to let her know to expect your registration and check. Her number is 502-802-6807. After Tuesday, no new registrations will be accepted because the menu will have been finalized. If you would like to carpool, we have room for 2 more in my car; please contact me if you'd like to join us.

March Meeting

3/21/25

Field Trip to Magnolia Plantation

Attendees should plan to meet at the Plantation House at 8:45 for carpooling. Questions about details should be addressed to Rita Rivlin.

At last month's meeting, we were visited by the president of the Garden Club of South Carolina, David Stoudenmire, along with Membership Chair, Tara Ranson. Tara gave a presentation on what it means to be a federated garden club. Also on hand were Kathy New and Christy Sloane from the West Lowcountry District.



At the same meeting, charter member of the Avid Gardeners, Patti Peacock, was honored for her many years of dedication and service. Peg McAnn presented her with a certificate of appreciation.





The Butterfly Bunch

Jane Johnson, Sandy Stern,
Melissa Olsen



Jr. Garden Club News

Spring season of the Jr. Garden Club began on February 28th this year. Sixteen students in grades 3, 4 and 5 signed up to participate in the club that meets every Thursday afternoon from 2:45 - 4:15 pm at the Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts. The Avid Gardeners volunteers greet the students at Mr. Sadler's room (our teacher-assigned) and head outdoors to the courtyard where our Korosi Vegetable Garden and Butterfly Gardens are located. After a quick snack and a brief gardening lesson, the children don their garden gloves, pick up a gardening tool and begin their 'chores.'

They have learned how to weed, prune and water the existing plants, including the numerous fruit trees (grapefruit, lemon, blueberry, and plum.) They tend to the kale, broccoli, cabbage and onions already growing in the vegetable beds. Last week, they planted vegetable seeds (carrots, beans, lettuce, and radishes) inside the greenhouse. Two students are assigned to keep the birdbath in the butterfly garden clean and filled with fresh water.

Melissa Olsen, Karen Hardwick, Mary Long, Edna Biederman, Karen Heany and I (Sandy Stern) alternate the days we work with the youngsters. Melissa made kale chips from the garden kale and the students had it for snack. This week, the children made birdseed ornaments to hang from the trees in the courtyard. They also took home small portions of fresh broccoli. Next week, they will begin planting their seedlings into vegetable beds, harvest the onions, cabbage and kale, and then plant flowers in the butterfly garden.

*Plant-it-Pink Update**Rob Cushman*

As any of you might have seen if you drove by the PIP Garden at the hospital, this challenging winter has taken it's toll on our wonderful garden. We have had two meetings to discuss where we go from here and it was the consensus of the group we need to do a major renovation. The first step is to have a prep day on March 17th and then replant the garden on April 4th. We are investigating various options and will make a final decision soon. We invite any interested members to join us for one or both days – starting at 9:30 AM.

We had a Plant-it-Pink workday this morning (3/17). And, what a wonderful day to be outdoors gardening. The group worked for 3 hours uprooting the dead plants, weeding, bringing up the edging and planning for new plants come April 4th.
Sandy



Coming in April.....

Friday, 4/18/25

9:30am

Spring Lake Pavilion

Succulent Garden Workshop

Long time member and past President, Olivia Ford, will demonstrate how to plant and care for succulents. Bring your own small dish garden container. Plants, soil, etc, will be provided.



March Birthday wishes to:

Dede Bethke

Karen Hardwick

Mary Long

Janet Manglitz

*I like gardening, It's a place I find myself when I
need to lose myself.....Alice Sebold*

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