#### 2018 Calendar

Sept. 13: Melissa Smith, Fraylick Farms, "What to Plant in the Fall Garden for **Spring Cut** Flowers, 6PM Membership Mtng. 6:30 Speaker. **Harris Baptist** Church, 300 Center St.,Gwd

Oct. 5-7: SCNPS Annual Symposium, Palm Key Nature Center, Ridgeland SC

### SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Oct. 11: Brie Arthur, "The Foodscape Revolution", 6:30 PM Harris Baptist Church, \$10 at door. For more info, contact melfincham@ gmail.com





#### **OVERWHELMED?**- Ann Barklow

This time of year is as Margaret Roach would say: "The Throwing in the Trowel Month" of gardening. Don't feel alone. Likely well over half of us can have that overwhelmed feeling at this time of year. The heat, less time in the garden because of travel, illness, family obligations, whatever it is, you have been here before and will make it back. Spring and early summer are filled with excitement but as the summer goes along we can easily fall behind and just don't know where to jump in.

Be sure to check out my blog on park seed on maintaining your garden.

https://blog.parkseed.com/2018/06/04/maintaining-pollinator-garden/

Most important at this time of year is the 15 minute timer, a friend to help you, and a notepad to make a list. Right now we are having some cool mornings so go spend a little bit of time revitalizing your garden. You may think it is crazy to volunteer with us at the City of Greenwood, when you are so behind on your own garden but it always inspires people to go home a work in their garden. I have no idea why but it works to prime the pump so be sure to join us.



This poolside planting is gorgeous and is in full bloom when we use the pool the most. It is a long bloomer that pollinators love but soon it will have a lot of dead flowers. I leave the seed heads for the goldfinches and then cleanup in the cool late fall rather than tedious deadheading in the heat of summer.

#### **KEEP THE EXCITEMENT GOING BY PROPAGATING- Barbara Wells**

Here are three pictures and garbled instructions on how I propagate offsets from Jury's Out Daylily. (A most beautiful delicate primrose yellow daylily that only recently stopped



blooming)

Picture 1. Look for a stem that has a little branchlet coming off the stem. Cut the branchlet off leaving a few inches above (if you want a handle to help poke them in the ground -I don't always do this) and below the node where the branchlet originates.



Picture 2. You will hopefully notice a small root already developing at the node at the base of the branchlet



Picture 3. Poke them in decent soil. Push them just far enough in to get the developing root and the adjoining node right under the soil.

If you haven't already done it, cut the top portion of the stem off right above the node and cut back the foliage a bit.



Water frequently until established. (Or ignore them and you should still get them to survive. This is what I usually do. It's a tough world out there.)

Voila. (French for See There! Or Badda Boom Badda Bing) New plants ready to go by spring.

#### THURSDAY WORK DAYS AT VETERANS PLAZA AND UPTOWN MARKET- Ann Barklow



Ann, Sherry, Karla, and Carol take a gorgeous selfie.

Sherry in the midst of her gomphocarpus.



**BEE CITY USA BOOTH-Ann Barklow** 

More than 150 parents and kids visited the Bee City USA booth. Thanks to Master Gardeners Rusty Wilson and Gail Beasley we had about 30 monarch caterpillars from first instar to 5th instar, one hanging in a J, and about 7 Chrysalis. The laughter, curiosity, and joy this brought to parents and children were the highlight. Big thank you to Anne Glawe from Springfield School and Master Gardener Intern Karen Mayes and MG Jimmy McInville. We got two signed up for next year's class and four new volunteers for the City!





#### ANN BARKLOW"S NEW POLLINATOR VIDEO FOR PARK SEED AND A TIP FOR CONTAINERS

#### https://youtu.be/Ne6NgDtatQ4

Ann had three beautiful pots in spring and early summer but they were looking awful in Late July. Fortunately Lowe's had a delivery of Baby Joe Joe Pye Weed, Helianthus, lantana and zinnias. This will be good until the first frost and then Ann can transplant them into her landscape.

#### WEED SPOTLIGHT- Ann Barklow

Chamberbitter, Little Mimosa, Stonebreaker, and my favorite name Gripe Weed is a widely spread tropical weed from Asia. The genus is Phyllanthus urinaria. Uninaria comes from the fact that it is used to treat urinary disease such as kidney stones. Actually it is considered to be one of the best medicinal herbs in particular for the management of kidney stones and bladder diseases.



This weed has started to spread in my garden but not anymore! I have come up with the perfect solution. Pull it! Pull it! Yes I know you wanted something easier. Maybe a granule preemergent or a spray to knock it dead from its head to its toes, but this article is from me so manual pulling is the only answer I have. If you miss one it will reward you with hundreds of new weeds next summer. So be vigilant. Look every day if possible and don't put this weed in your compost. Trash it! I have been known to burn the life out of it with my flamer when it comes up in my driveway. It will come back of course but I enjoy flaming. As you can see I will demonstrate flaming to large crowds. https://flameengineering.com/collections/weed-dragontorch-kits





If you look closely at this mimosa type weed under the leaflets you will see wart like seeds. They don't just drop those seeds they explode all over your garden and in your lawn. This apparently already has happened for several years in my garden since I have a lot of them. They are easy to pull and yes if a little of the tap root remains it might come back. Sometimes these weeds can get ahead of us because they don't germinate until summer when the soil heats up and we spend less time in the garden and more time in our air conditioned home drinking sweet tea. Pull it now in the cool mornings at this time of the year or your friend will be back to greet you next year. A good 2-4" layer of mulch does help to suppress the germination but by the time the soil is warm enough for it to germinate our mulch has broken down to 1/2" and no one, I mean no one, wants to spread mulch in 90 degree heat.

I'm going to just continue pulling and flaming it, and be grateful that its long tap root helps to aerate my soil and that others are getting relief for their kidney stones.

Free and open to the public!!

## Calling all Master Gardeners and Friends!

at the Harris Baptist Church
300 Center Street, Greenwood, SC

## Fall Planting for Spring Cut Flowers



# **Speaker: Melissa Smith from Fraylick Farms**

For more information please contact: Donna Sears 864-943-1840



General Membership meeting promptly at 6:00 PM

#### BRIE ARTHUR, OCTOBER'S GUEST SPEAKER. SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 11, HARRIS BAPTIST, 6:30

Originally from southeastern Michigan, Brie Arthur studied Landscape Design and Horticulture at Purdue University. With more than a decade of experience as a grower and propagator at leading nurseries such as Plant Delights and Camellia Forest, she now combines her passion for plants and sustainable land management by communicating the value of gardening across the US. Brie has been dubbed a revolutionary for her leadership in the suburban Foodscape movement and for her work with public schools across the US. She appears as correspondent on the PBS Television show "Growing A Greener World" and her debut book, *The Foodscape Revolution* has become a best seller on Amazon. In 2017 Brie was honored as the first recipient of the The American Horticultural Society's Emerging Horticultural Professional Award. As Vice President of Horticulture at Gardenuity, Brie is able to use her plant knowledge and extensive grower network to reach consumers nationally. Her second book, *Gardening with Grains* published by St Lynn's Press, will be available in winter 2019.

#### The Foodscape Revolution

45-60 min

Brie has fine-tuned her signature design technique of Foodscaping, a sustainable landscape practice that embraces beauty and utility. Working with public school systems and suburban developments, Brie is the changing the way green spaces are designed and utilized. Encouraging everyone to "think outside of the box," learn how pairing edibles in a traditional ornamental landscape increases bio-diversity and adds purpose to everyday spaces. The best edible and ornamental planting combinations are featured to inspire attendees to create purposeful landscapes that engage people of all ages! Organic growing insights are shared to encourage professionals and homeowners to embrace sustainable practices. Easy to implant strategies are explained, including how to plant a bed edge to deter moles and voles. This is a fast faced, informative presentation that leaves attendees inspired and ready to foodscape!

You will receive a flyer in an email blast from Ann Barklow. Please share it with friends. This will be a great introduction to our Master Gardener group to those new to town or just becoming interested in gardening. There will be a \$10 charge at the door. Instructions for reserving your space will be on the flyer.

#### LINDA HALSEY STILL HAS VACANCIES FOR HELPING WITH THE NEW CLASS

Two people are needed for each class

August 14 - Botany - Physiology - Pathology - Full

August 21 - Soils and Composting - Need 1

August 28 - Lawn Grass/Weeds - Need 1

September 4 - Insects/IPM - Need 1

September 11 - Annuals/ Perennials Greenhouse field trip - Need 1

September 18 - Urban Forestry - Need 1

September 25 - Irrigation/Water - Need 1

October 2 - Fruit Production - Need 1

October 9 - Vegetables - Need 1

October 16 - Plant Propagation - Need 2

October 23 - Landscape Design - Need 2

October 30 - Pest ID/ Problem Analysis/ Control Methods - Need 1

November 6 - Pruning Trees/Fruit Trees - Need 2

November 13 - Final Exam/Shrub Pruning - Need 2

Contact her at halseyfarm@embargmail.com

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