

NC Cooperative Extension



JUNE– All of the frenzy of spring planting is behind us. Coping with the unusual abundance of rain is a blessing and a curse. Insects are alive and well and in numbers not seen in the past few years. Remember to plant some fall blooming bulbs for a welcome surprise when everything else is getting tired.

ROWAN COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY June 8 1:00PM

Meet in the gardens of Rosarian Clyde Harriss. Following a short meeting and a tour of Clyde's gardens, which include both roses and perennials, we will continue on to the "Perfect Roses" of Robert Myers for a tour and tutorial on topics that Robert finds we have interest in.

Carpool from the Extension Office at 12:30 or from the Harris Teeter Parking lot at 12:40. Please email Sue Davis (sunfire72@carolina.rr.com) if you are planning to meet at either place.

Directions to Clyde Harriss's home: Exit Jake Alexander Blvd. onto Mooresville Road, (Hwy 150 West) and proceed about five miles. Just beyond St. Mark's Lutheran Church, turn right onto Briggs Road. Go approximately 1 mile. The address is 975 Briggs Rd, on the right.

To get to Robert Myers' and Jack Page's home from Clyde's: Go back to Mooresville Road (Hwy 150 West) and turn left. Go approximately 3 miles and turn right into Forest Glen on Forest Glen Drive. Drive past the clubhouse to the stop sign. Make a left onto East Glenview Drive. Continue thru the long curve and arrive at their home on the right at 302 E. Glenview Drive.

You can't miss it; there might be a rose or two (or 500+) to greet you!

Please park on the street along the right side of the road anywhere along their property. They have a corner lot.

Refreshments by Sherry Walker and Karen Busby.



WEST END Demonstration and Trial Garden



Not much happening at the West End. Most recent vandalism has been very disheartening, to say the least. Our obligation is still there, however. Major emphasis will be on the shade garden, the front border and the raised beds. Work days will still be Fridays from 9AM-11:30AM, or earlier depending on the heat index. The Miller Center children's programs will begin June 29 and there is still a lot to show and tell.

From the President:



June has arrived and it is that time of the year that we need to be proactive to protect our trees and shrubs as well as our lawns and gardens. Japanese Beetles are about ready to begin their annual destructive campaign. Insects, birds and rabbits have begun to discover the fresh fruits and vegetables that have started to develop in our gardens. And of course the warm summer sun is a welcome relief to the cool days of winter and spring but it certainly can play havoc with the lawns. June is the time to take action and prepare for these destructive forces.

There are several other areas where some simple efforts can have some very positive results. If new trees have recently been planted it is time to check the tree ties to insure that they are not cutting into the young sapling and if the new tree can stand alone it is time to remove the support stakes. Equally important, mulch should be applied around trees, shrubs, and gardens to promote growth, conserve water and reduce the weeds. In the vegetable garden, tomato plants need to be staked, watch for curly tops and remove diseased plants. Blossom end rot can occur on tomatoes as well as peppers, melons and squash and can be avoided by even watering, mulching and insuring that the soil pH is around 6.5. Plants generally need about one inch of moisture per week from rain or irrigation for proper growth and development.

An area where it appears that we have less control is the West End Garden. The weather and personal conflicts have limited much of our Friday morning participation at the Garden. Probably a bigger issue has been the recent rash of vandalism that has occurred on Brenner Ave. We are working with the City to repair the damage and hopefully there will be more police surveillance in the area. We plan to cut back on some of the efforts at West End but still need your support to prepare for an ice cream social on June 16th and several youth activities in the next few months. It is vital that we continue to support West End, our youth activities and Darrell's projects in order to keep our Association active and strong.

Bob



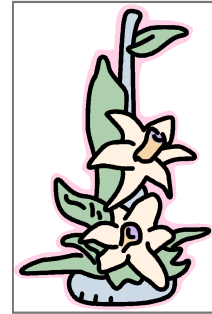
ICE CREAM SOCIAL—West End



**Wednesday June 16th 7:00PM—
Open to members and their spouse
or significant other and other fam-
ily members. Bring a lawn chair.
Members provide ice cream and
toppings. Association will provide
paper goods, beverages and set up.**

**Retro Flower Show—Wednesday June 9 1:00PM
Extension Office-Section “A”**

All committee members should have received the flower show materials by E-mail. Please review these and be ready to draft the rules and format for the First Annual Retro Flower Show. We will meet from 1-3PM. Be thinking of a theme for the Artistic Division of the show.



**4-H Summer Fun and Miller Center Sessions -
Wednesday June 9 3:00PM Ext. Office-Section “A”**

By next week, we should know if we have enough signed up to justify our classes. Please review the outline E-mailed to volunteers who have signed up for these sessions. We need to fine tune the first Miller Center session and take inventory of materials on hand and draft materials and supplies lists for all projects. If you have any questions regarding either meeting, contact Carole Massey.



**Mills Herb Farm. Thursday
June 10 9:15AM**



The purpose of this trip is two fold: to learn about growing and using native herbs and to get ideas that will be useful in our Miller Center and 4H Summer sessions

Mills Herb Farm 732 Mills Garden Road Statesville.

www.millsgardenherbfarm.com. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 per person, which includes an herbal snack and drink. The primary use of the fee is to continue the growth and maintenance of the farm.

We became acquainted with Madge at the 2009 NCMGVA Conference. She is extremely knowledgeable about both growing and using herbs. Madge says herbs “are a link to history, literature, music and nature.” Carpool. Sign up will be done at the meeting.

PLANT PROPAGATION X—Session 1—June 30

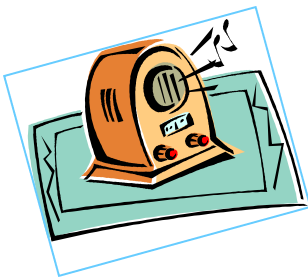
Session 2—July 15



Jean Lamb will once again lead a class of 20 in the first session which is open to the public. The second session may be a Master Gardener project day with Volunteers sticking trays for the Association. If there is enough interest however, this session will also be open to the public. Call Melva to register. 704-216-8970.

Volunteers are always needed the day before to prep the trays and secure cuttings to share with the class, in addition to assisting both sessions.

There were some requests for additional plants that we have not propagated at our Sale and Swap. If you have any interesting varieties of shrubs or perennials worthy of being propagated, please let us know. We would like to take cuttings of Euonymus (burning bush), Daphne, lorapetalum and Vitex among others.



On the radio!!!

Tune in every Thursday morning on WSTP 1490AM at 8:35AM to hear the latest in Rowan County Horticultural happenings. Thanks to our sponsors: Patterson Farms and Tours, Farm Bureau Insurance, James River Equipment, Godley's Garden Center & Nursery, Faith Farm Equipment and Southern States Rowan Co-operative.



JUNE 2010

8 1:00PM—Visit the gardens of Clyde Harriss and Robert Myers
Carpool or drive on your own

9 1-3PM-Retro Flower Show Committee meeting Ext. Office Section “A”

9 3-4PM-4-H and Miller Center Volunteers Ext. Office Section “A”

10 9:15AM - Statesville—Mills Herb farm tour– carpool from Ag Center

16 7:00PM—West End Ice Cream Social

29 BOD—TBA

29 9:30-10:30AM—Miller Center Summer Sessions begin

30 9:00AM Propagation X –Session 1

JULY 2010

7 9AM-12:00noon—4-H Cloverbud “Fun with Gourds”

13 Elluminate—10:00AM

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/garden/PlantsPestsPathogens/2010.html>

You can sign on from home.

13 9:30-10:30AM– Miller Center Summer Session

13 1:00PM—MG Association meeting TBA

14 9:00-12:00noon—4-H Cloverbud -”Vegetable Art”

15 9:00AM-Propagation X—Session 2

19-23 4-H Summer Fun Horticulture Camp

27 9:30-10:30AM– Miller Center Summer Session

27 BOD—TBA

AUGUST 2010

6 Set up for Retro Flower Show

7 Retro Flower Show

13 9:30-10:30AM– Miller Center Summer Session

13 1:00PM—MG Association meeting Piedmont Research Station. Joe Hampton Research Operations Manager will speak. Tour of the station.

31 10:00AM– BOD– Chamber of Commerce

Radio every Thursday—1490 WSTP

West End—Every Friday weather permitting: additional workdays as needed

Millbridge-raised beds have been installed and planting has begun.

June 15 & July 20—Summer session

Please note that some of these dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please check the web page for updates and corrections.

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