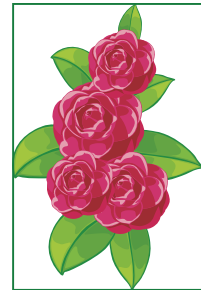




SEPTEMBER-Still hot, still dry. Grass is slowing down, less mowing, fewer clippings for the compost pile. Bees and butterflies galore. Hummers still draining the feeders. Fall planning in earnest. Order bulbs.

**ROWAN COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER  
VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14 1:00PM**



Our speaker will be Matt Hunter a North Carolina State Director for the American Camellia Society (ACS) and an accredited ACS Camellia Judge. He will give a presentation on growing camellias. He will be also be presenting timely information on the camellia varieties we have selected for our Fall Plant Sale. The public is invited to attend at 2:00PM. Our business meeting will be first.

Refreshments by Lorie Trumbo, Sandy Hall,  
Sheila Armstrong and Sherry Walker

**West End Community Park & Garden**



A Fall clean up is scheduled for Friday September 17 beginning at 9AM. A final weeding and general maintenance is needed for the end of the season. There may be a few specimens for the fair and/or the fair booth.

## From the President:



Well we made it through one of the hottest summers that most of have experienced in quite a long time. The extended warm stretch took its toll on our home gardens as well as the community garden that generally consumes many of our summer volunteer hours. Now that the daytime temperatures are showing signs of receding, this will hopefully encourage our gardeners to once again become involved and there is plenty to get involved with.

September is jam packed with opportunities for our Master Gardeners. A top priority will be to clean-up the West End Community Garden after weeks of neglect due to the repressive heat. After a stroll through the garden this morning, all that I could find flourishing were weeds. The Rowan County Fair, running from the 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, will provide opportunities for us individually as well as an Association. As I mentioned last month, there will possibly be volunteer opportunities to work at the Fair in support of Cooperative Extension.

Do not miss the Association meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be an important planning meeting plus Matt Hunter will be speaking about Camellias. The public will be invited to Matt 's presentation and to top it off we will have a mini plant sale. Speaking of plant sales we will also be in the midst of our Camellia and Crepe Myrtle offerings.

Finally in September, how about a "Potting-up" gathering on the 15<sup>th</sup>? Yes it appears that the plants that were propagated earlier this year are ready to be potted and sent home with their owners. In addition there are clean-up projects that will require our attention in and around the greenhouse as we prepare for the fall and winter.

Bob

## CAMELLIAS AND CREPE MYRTLES

There are six Camellia varieties available in limited quantities. Dr. JC Raulston, Shishigashira, Lady Laura, Taylor's Perfection, Scentsation and William Lanier Hunt.



Mr. Matt Hunter of the American Camellia Society will be our September Association meeting speaker. The meeting will be open to the public and plants will be available for purchase at \$10 each, 2 for \$18 or 3 for \$25. We will also take orders

This is also the year for our **Crepe Myrtle** sale. We will be taking orders for these plants as well. Varieties are Acoma (white), Pink Ruffles (pink dwarf), Chickasaw (lavender miniature), Pocomoke (deep rose-pink miniature), Dynamite (red 15-20ft.) and Powhatan (purple 10-20ft.). Quantities limited \$15 each. Brochures will be available at the meeting and details will be on-line. Any questions contact Dawn Holshouser: [dholshouser@bellsouth.net](mailto:dholshouser@bellsouth.net) These plant sales will be a contributing factor to our budget for upcoming projects. The Association needs your help with the sale and distribution of both.

### Greenhouse Workday and Cleanup –



### Wednesday September 8—9AM-3PM

There is much to be done in and around the greenhouse. The sale plants need to be weeded and prepped. The ornamental grass plot needs to be weeded. The area behind the greenhouse needs to be tidied up. The interior of the greenhouse needs to be sorted through and rearranged. If you can't come for the day, pick a time and come for a few hours. Bring your own tools.

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### Plant Propagation X- Sessions I & II Potting Up – Wednesday September 15—

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It is time to pot up the cuttings taken in July. Thanks to Bob, Dawn, Jean, Carolyn and Jim, most of the trays have had a positive success rate. All participants will be notified to bring containers and tools. Instructions will be given and folks can either stay or take their trays home to do. Help is needed for potting up MG trays.

## Rowan County Fair September 20-25

The feel of Fall is in the air and the fair is back in town! As in the past, the Master Gardeners will have a booth in the exhibit hall and Volunteers are needed to share their homegrown plants to dress up the display. We will set up on Sunday Sept.



19 at 1PM. Our theme will be the children's programs we have conducted this year, featuring the terrarium, herb garden, garden mosaic, gourd painting and canvas painting. Be thinking about what you might have that will be worthy of showing off at the fair. There will be a brief meeting of those who have indicated a willingness to help at the September MG meeting. Take down will be Sunday Sept. 26.

Fair catalogues are available at the Extension office. Entry forms are due NO LATER THAN September 10. Entries are taken to the fairgrounds on Sunday September 19 at 2PM. There are so many categories for every interest. Ribbons are nice and so are the premiums!



Help support 4-H by visiting Carolina Lily and voting for 'Cannie' the Master Gardener Garden Fairie. She has a lot of attributes to remind one of our Master Gardener Volunteers. Go see for yourself, and enjoy Julie Apone's lovely shops and gardens.

The scarecrow with the most votes wins \$250.00 for their charity. Tell your friends and share one of Rowan Country's secret destinations. Visitors know about Carolina Lily, but not the locals. Go see for yourself.

### **SEPTEMBER 2010**

- 8 9AM-3PM—Greenhouse—Fall clean up**
- 10 Rowan Fair Entries due**
- 14 1:00PM MG Association meeting-Matt Hunter –American Camellia Society**
- 15 9AM-noon Propagation Potting Up**
- 17 9AM—West End—Fall clean up**
- 19 1-3PM—Set up MG Fair Booth**
- 20-25 Rowan County Fair Week**
- 23 Guilford Garden Gala—Speakers, Workshops, Vendors -\$35.00 registration fee includes lunch. Registration form on request.**
- 26 1-3PM Take down MG Fair Booth**
- 28 10:00AM– BOD– Chamber of Commerce**

### **OCTOBER 2010**

- 12 1:00PM MG Association meeting Piedmont Research Station Joe Hamilton**
- 20 9AM-noon Propagation Potting Up –if needed**
- 26 10:00AM—BOD**
- 29 9AM-noon Fall Fun Days—Hypertufa workshop (tentative)**

**Radio every Thursday—1490 WSTP**

**West End—Final Fall Cleanup Friday September 17**

**Millbridge-gourds were really productive. Additional boxes to be installed.**

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