

Newcomer Club of the Foothills

February Meeting held at WALHALLA CIVIC AUDITORIUM



Walhalla Civic Auditorium Welcomes the Newcomer Club - see more pictures on pages 4 and 17.

Newcomer Club News

OFFICER ELECTIONS

We will be electing officers for 2010 - 2011 at the April General Membership Meeting, Please plan to participate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLUB HISTORY PROJECT

We need volunteers to help research and compile a history of your Newcomer Club. All Newcomer Club members are requested to ask neighbors and friends that were past members if they have photographs and experiences they would like to share.

SPRING FLING

Save the Date!
May 4, 2010

This year the Spring Fling will be on May 4th at the Magnolia Manor in Westminster. Magnolia Manor is a 1897 Bed and Breakfast. Tickets sales start at the February meeting. Seating is limited. Cost is \$17.50 per person and will include a choice of two entrees and all the other fixings along with our meet and greet Mimos on a very pretty patio. Contact is Linda Callahan, lindacal1046@yahoo.com or 864-719-0134.

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Presidents' March Letter

Our thanks go out to Jim and Dianne Henderson and the Board of the Walhalla Civic Auditorium for organizing a fabulous event for our February general membership meeting. We all enjoyed a wonderful reception and entertainment by our own Blue Ridge Mountain Cloggers and the Bluegrass band, Shades of Blue. Attendees were also given an opportunity to visit the Oconee Conservatory of Fine Arts and the Oconee Heritage Center. We had record attendance for Lunch Bunch at the Zion Restaurant and fun was had by all.

We're happy to announce that we collected sufficient funds to sponsor a quilt for the Oconee Heritage Quilt Trail. Thanks to all that contributed to this worthwhile project. We are in the process of finalizing the design and location of the display. You will have a chance to sign up at the March meeting to help paint the quilt block. We will continue to keep you apprised of our progress.

Our 2009-2010 Newcomer Club year will be coming to an end in May, and we hope that you will take advantage of our two remaining general membership meetings and the Spring Fling. We've got some very interesting programs planned and the Spring Fling is a great way to wrap up the Newcomer year with fun, fellowship, and good food and drink including our traditional meet and greet Mimosas. This year's Spring Fling will be held at the Magnolia Manor in Westminster where we'll be given a VIP tour of the property.

You won't want to miss this month's program at the general membership meeting. We will have an update on recruiting efforts at the Oconee Medical Center and a most interesting presentation about the history of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). In addition to electing new officers at the April meeting, we

will feature a plant cutting swap, and presentations on the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Habitat and Upstate rivers and lakes by the Sierra Club of the Foothills. We will also have a presentation on Oconee Medical Center's new medical information system.

We look forward to seeing you at this month's general membership meeting.

Bill & Jan Jerome

Co-Presidents, Newcomer Club of the Foothills



Foothills Chorale Spring Concerts

"**A Spiritual Afternoon**", 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 7, at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson. Join us for this free concert of moving spirituals, Gospel and other beautiful liturgical music. The Foothills Chorale will be joined by the Fort Hill Presbyterian Chancel Choir and St. Mark United Methodist Church Choir, Seneca. Each will be sing a selection of songs ranging from the well-known spiritual Shut de Door - Keep out the Devil to John Rutter's Oh Be Joyful, and the combined group will sing Peter Lutkin's lovely The Lord Bless You and Keep You. We are providing this free concert as a gift our audience and as a fundraiser for Clemson Community Care. Please bring canned goods or other non-perishable food items to assist those in need. Tickets will not be issued for this event.



the Chorale will be joined by the Dorman Singers, and 100 singers will perform selections from the Broadway hit, Les Miserables

"**Unforgettable**" - 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 2 - Newton Hobson Chapel & Fine Arts Center, Southern Wesleyan University, Central. (Note this new location.) Our program includes beautiful love songs from the last 50 years to awaken your nostalgic memories such as Can't Help Falling in Love, Elton John's Can You Feel the Love Tonight; My Funny Valentine; When I Fall in Love and many other "Unforgettable" favorites. Additionally, the award-winning Dorman Singers from Dorman High School, Spartanburg, (directed by Lane Moore, our accompanist) will sing a selection - some you know and some new ones too! For the finale,

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$6 Students.

1. Contact Howard King 944-6565, or any Foothills Chorale member. No handling fee! Please provide cash or check payable to "Foothills Chorale".

2. By credit card via our secure website: www.foothillschorale.org, or from our toll-free number: 1-888-937-4642. Handling fee of \$2 per total order.



**Entertainment by Our Own Blue Ridge Mountain Cloggers
"Mountain Laurel"**



**Steve Smith Assists New Members with
Registration**



**Bluegrass Band, Shades of Blue
Entertains Club Members**



**Jean Phillips Provides an Interesting History of the
Civic Auditorium**



**Newcomer Club Members Battle the Rain for a
Morning of Fun, Fellowship, and Entertainment**

**WGOG's
Wayne
Morton MCs
the Day's
Program**



Walhalla Civic Auditorium



As of this writing, the Walhalla Civic Auditorium (WCA) is remembering the wonderful evening had on Feb. 13th at the Auditorium. The musical comedy, Route 66, came to Walhalla and a great time was had by all. In addition to the very entertaining show, we fed 54 people (many of them in Newcomers Activity Groups) in our first Dinner and a Show event catered by the Zion Restaurant. The show was wonderful and the food was delicious and plentiful. All in all, it was a great evening.

We also want to thank the Newcomer Club for having the February meeting at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. It was a wonderful meeting and we hope this can become an annual event.

Now on to March. Our March schedule starts with Celtic Crossroads on **March 5th**. Many of you saw this exciting group from Ireland last year and you will want to come again this year. Those of you who did not see them will not want to miss them this year. They will be here one night after recording a PBS special in New York. This energetic group of young Irish musicians, singers and dancers put on a spectacular show. This is the last

of our scheduled Dinner and a Show events and the dinner is sold out at this time. We want to thank Mullen's Irish Pub in Seneca for their partial sponsorship of this show.

On Saturday, **March 13th**, Joseph Greco will come to Walhalla. Joseph has a beautiful country music voice and he will sing many of the country and Rock and Roll songs you remember from when you were a bit younger. This Night with the Legends is the same show that Joseph performed and packed big theaters in Pigeon Forge. It will be a fun evening for all.

For the end of March, the Walhalla Civic Players will take over the Auditorium and present their version of Raggedy Ann and Andy. This promises to be a fun show and it is the first of three shows this excellent amateur theater group will present this year.

We will have a special show on **Monday, March 29th**, but we cannot announce it until March 5th. In fact, we will announce it at the Celtic Crossroads show and patrons at that show will be able to get a discount on any tickets bought that evening.

April 8th and 9th brings the Southern Appalachian Gathering to Walhalla. This is the first event of what we hope will become an annual festival. The first year will feature storytelling by some of the best storytellers in the country. Andy Irwin, one of the four who will be here for the shows,

describes what he does as "comedy with content". I found myself laughing out loud in my car, and I then realized I was smiling as I was driving as I listened to Andy's CD's.

At the Route 66 show, we had some special guests from the Collins Children Home and from The DAR School. These children were given some special insights into the preparation of this production and were granted interviews and tours by cast members. The performance and the special tour were funded in part by a grant from the Southern Arts Federation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the South Carolina Arts Agency. We want to thank them for their generous support.

Remember to check our website www.walhallacivic.com for information on these shows and all upcoming shows. We have signed The Return (the best Beatles tribute band), Mountain Heart, Michael Winslow and a number of other great shows, so be sure to stay up to date with happenings at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium.

While you are visiting the Auditorium's website, make sure to check out the Events page. On this page, you will find videos of many of the people coming to Walhalla. There are great videos of Celtic Crossroads, Mountain Heart, and Michael Winslow which will give you an idea of the talent level of these people.

See you at the Auditorium.

Brooks Center for the Performing Arts

Fun On The High Seas



Featuring a cast of unforgettable characters and infectious tunes, *H.M.S. Pinafore* offers fun on the high seas. Opera A La Carte presents Gilbert and Sullivan's boisterous comic opera on Monday, March 8, at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$35 adults/\$25 students

Don't Miss Our Big Night



The Brooks Center will host its most exciting night of classical music in its 16 year history. The Wednesday, March 24, performance brings together **Lang Lang**, the world's most recognized classical pianist, along with the **Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orchestra**, an ensemble comprised of some of the best young musicians in the world, under the baton of legendary maestro **Christoph Eschenbach**, the legendary international conductor.

All Tickets \$85

Symphonic Band Concert March 2



The Clemson University **Symphonic Band's** concert will feature **two guest conductors**, University of Georgia music professor Gregg Gausline and Clemson's assistant director of bands Tim Hulburt. The [Learn More...](#)

FREE-No Ticket Required

Billy Jonas Offers Family Fun



Billy Jonas, the **Pied Piper of "re-percussion" bangin' and clangin'**, will be in concert on Friday, March 26, at 7 p.m. The Family Series performance features Jonas playing all sorts of recycled industrial-sized barrels, tubes, pipes, and containers in a **fun-filled show that's extremely interactive.**

Tickets: \$5 adults/\$2 students



The South Carolina Guardian ad Litem

Program recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers who are court-appointed to represent and advocate for the best interests of children in family court proceedings involving allegations of abuse or neglect. If you are interested in participating in this program, a training session is available in April. The dates are: April 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, and 30. It is a free 30-hour training session and will be held at the Gignilliat Center, 615 N. Townville Street, Seneca. The classes are from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. For more information, call 864-638-2267.



GAMAC Celebrates the Music of the Heart & Spirit!

The Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium (GAMAC) will present Celebration of the Soul on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church (307 S. Manning Street) in downtown Anderson featuring the GAMAC Chorale and Chamber Orch. The evening will showcase the beautiful music of the Easter season in memory



of friend and community leader Myrtle Eddins Gillespie.

Performances by the GAMAC Chorale will

include Brahms' How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place and Worthy Is the Lamb from Handel's Messiah. The Chorale will also perform popular hymns and spirituals such as Ain't That Good News, Precious Lord, Abide With Me and many more. The GAMAC Chamber Orchestra will perform Dvorak's Serenade under the direction of Artistic Director, Alex Spainhour.

Dr. Don Campbell will conduct the GAMAC Chorale as the third and final Chorale Conductor Search Candidate for the season. Dr. Campbell is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, SC. He holds a doctorate in choral conducting from Arizona State University and is much in demand as a choral clinician nationwide. He is currently serving as Director of Music at Trinity United Methodist Church in Anderson, SC.

Celebration of the Soul

is presented in loving memory of Myrtle Eddins Gillespie.



Mrs. Gillespie was a

founding member of the GAMAC organization and its volunteer guild, serving on its Board of Directors for 18 years. As a board member, she was a champion of children's music education initiatives and fiscal responsibility. In addition to her work with GAMAC, Mrs. Gillespie was well known as a leader in Anderson for her work with the United Way and the Anderson Medical Alliance. A life-time deacon of First Baptist Church, her death in December 2009 was a tremendous loss to the community. The GAMAC Board of Directors will announce its plans to honor her in a permanent way during the March 26 performance.

Tickets to Celebration of the Soul are priced at \$25 for adults and \$12 for students. To purchase tickets, please call the GAMAC office at (864) 231-6147. This performance is made possible with generous support from The Friends of Myrtle Eddins Gillespie and First Baptist Church-Anderson.

The KeyMac OSX Discussion Group will meet in the Keowee Room of the Activity Center at Keowee Key on Tuesday, March 2 from 10:00 a.m.-noon. The OSX group is an informal gathering of members to discuss and resolve computer hardware and software problems. No agenda. Bring your Mac books, problems, questions, solutions!

The General Meeting of the KeyMac User Group (MUG) will be on Tuesday, March 16 in the Keowee Room of the Activity Center at Keowee Key from 10:00 a.m.-noon. We will demo ways to capture what is happening on the Mac screen. We will look how several different programs, some free and some not, can be used to make both still pictures and videos of what is taking place on the Mac screen. We will also discuss how you can use these techniques to get or to give better problem solving advice. Guests are always welcome!

For information on the KeyMac User Group, log onto <http://www.keymug.com>, or call Wayne Walker at (864) 719-0016.



The Oconee County Friends of the Library will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m. in the meeting room of the Walhalla Library. The featured speaker will be Carol Preston, a long time Secretary and member of Friends, who spent 2 years (2007-2009) in the Peace Corp teaching English at the Chongqing Medical University.

There will be door prizes and refreshments. The public is invited.



Magic & Music. We invite you to enjoy an evening of Magic and Music with the inconceivable illusions created by the Magicians of Ring 63 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians from Greenville/Spartanburg.

The Show will be presented by the Magicians and the Golden Corner Barbershop Chorus and quartets that will be providing music between the magic acts.

The Show will be at the Walhalla High School auditorium on April 9th and 10th at 7:30 PM.

Expect to be delighted by the magicians performing with uncommon mystery and skill. Magicians will also be demonstrating their skills by circulating among the audience before each performance and during the intermission.

Tickets are only \$10 (\$8 for groups of 10 or more). For information about the Show or to purchase tickets, contact Jon Reed, 972-0026; Ron Naradowski, 888-8545; or Ray Schmelter, 944-7905; or go to goldencornerchorus.org.



Oconee County HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

presents
Swingin' again in 2010
With Ed Polcer and his All Stars

Thursday, April 22, 2010
7:30 p.m. at Walhalla Civic Auditorium

Ticket price: \$20.00. Tickets on sale at:

- Habitat Resale Store 130 Bountyland Rd.
- Walhalla Civic Auditorium
- The Wine Emporium, Salem
- The Booksmith, Seneca (after March 22)

For more info, call Bill at 864-944-0780



Writers Ink. Residents interested in sharing their creative writing - fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or chapters of memoirs and novels - are invited to check out Writers Ink. The group meets in members' homes from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday from September through May. The group will meet on March 5 and 19, 2010.

For further information, contact Margret Nordquist at 944-6334, or send email to margreto61836@bellsouth.net



save the date

accepting entries
friday, march 26 & saturday, march 27
10:00am to 4:00pm

call to artists

35th annual

anderson arts center



110 Federal Street
 Anderson, SC 29625

(864) 222-2787

calendar of events

Delivery of Work: Arts Warehouse
 at 110 Federal Street, Anderson, SC

Friday, March 26th
 10:00am-4:00pm &
 Saturday, March 27th
 10:00am-4:00pm

"Members Preview"

Party for Members, Purchase Award
 Donors and Merit Award Contributors
 Saturday, March 27th
 5:30-9:30pm

m-ART-ket at the Arts Warehouse

Sunday, March 28th
 1:00-5:00pm

Juried Cards Mailed

Friday, April 2nd

Champagne Preview

Friday, April 9th, 6:00pm

Opening Reception

Friday, April 9th, 7:00pm

Not-Accepted Entries Pickup

Friday, April 9th
 11:00am-10:00pm

Show Closes

Friday, May 28th

Accepted Entries Pickup

Tuesday, June 1st &
 Wednesday, June 2nd
 10:00am-5:00pm

The Anderson Arts Center is celebrating its 35th Annual Juried Show, one of the oldest in the southeast. Last year we had over 450 pieces of artwork entered with artists from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. Offering over \$11,000 in awards this year, we hope that all artists, local and beyond, will be encouraged to enter our juried show. Awards include Best of Show for \$1000, Second Place, Third Place, Merit Awards, Photography Merit Awards, Fine Craft Merit Awards, Purchase Awards & A Special Award made from the Juried Show for the Anderson Arts Center's Permanent Collection in honor of the memory of Callie Stringer Rainey and her contribution to the arts.

All artists 18 years or older may submit works for the show. Only original works of art not shown previously at the Anderson Arts Center and created within the last

Anderson Arts Center (cont'd)

two years are eligible. These works may be in any medium including painting, pastel, drawing, sculpture, pottery, photography, fiber, printmaking, weaving, basketry, graphics, wood, etc. A non-refundable fee of only \$30 per artist for one or two entries is to be submitted upon delivery of work to the Anderson Arts Center.

We encourage all artists to participate as will be accepting entries on Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th from 10am to 4pm at the Anderson Arts Center. A downloadable prospectus will be available online by Saturday, February 13th, along with a printed version of the prospectus available through the Arts Center by the end of February. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our artist email or mailing list for the juried show, please contact us at staceym@andersonarts.org.

On Saturday evening March 27th, we are planning a unique opportunity, Member's Preview Party, to view the numerous works of art at a party for Members, Purchase Award Donors and Merit Award Contributors. An admission fee of \$10.00 per person and anyone can attend; you do not have to be a member!

Also before the jurying begins, we will be hosting a preview and sale of all submitted works that is open to area collectors, designers and the general public. This m·ART·ket, as we call it, will be held on

Sunday, March 28th at the Anderson Arts Center. This is your chance to purchase a variety of local artwork from oils, acrylics, sculpture, photography, mixed media, drawings, etc. This even is free and open to the public.

The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 9, 2010. A special champagne preview will be held immediately before the opening reception at 6:00 pm. The opening reception & champagne preview is free and open to the public thanks.

In conjunction with the Anderson Arts Center's 35th Annual Juried Show, Terri Pruitt, owner, will hold a show at Gallery 3•1•3, 313 North Main Street, Anderson. She will choose artwork to be hung in her gallery as a salon style exhibit after the jurying process. The exhibit at Gallery 3•1•3 will have an opening reception at 6:00pm on Friday, April 17th, in conjunction with the Arts Center's opening reception. We encourage everyone to visit both exhibits, which are less than a block away from each other. This is a great opportunity to see more talented artists throughout the southeast.

Our NEW gallery hours are: Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. Please call 864.222.2787 or email staceym@andersonartscenter.org for more information, or visit our website at www.andersonarts.org.



Golden Corner Lakes Sail and Power Squadron



Golden Corner Lakes Sail and Power Squadron, a unit of United States Power Squadrons®, announces:

America's Boating Course

Designed to advance public boating knowledge and skills for safer boating in the Upstate.

The course starts on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, and continues on Thursdays and Tuesdays, May 6, 11, 13 and 18 (four sessions and an exam). Each class meets from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The course will take place at Oconee Medical Center, Seneca, SC (Room to be arranged).

The cost is \$30 for manual and supplies. The manual can be shared by a family

Registration is May 4 and starts at 6:30 p.m. You can preregister (highly recommended), by contacting Gary Powell, 864-654-4188, e-mail powellgl@bellsouth.net

www.usps.org/goldencornerlakes

Attention Lake Communities

A great community activity that can contribute to safer boating is to organize a day for having the residents' boats checked for compliance with the SC regulations. **Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron** has a group of certified inspectors that will come to your community and inspect your boats (free of charge). All boats that pass the check will receive a 2010 VSC (Vessel Safety Check) decal that is recognized by the SCDNR. Boats not passing will be left with a sheet highlighting what is required for compliance. If your community is interested in organizing such an event, contact Marlyn Stroven (864-985-0788 or mjstroven@bellsouth.net) to schedule a time and day.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University Spring 2010 Catalog

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"Because Curiosity Has No Age Limit"

Each week until Spring Semester begins, we'll give our members an exclusive sneak peak at some of our upcoming courses. Find one you particularly like? Call into the OLLI office and register while space is available. This week's sneak peek features two courses, "Immigration: Facts, Not Fiction" and "U.S. Citizenship: Acquisition and Loss" taught by OLLI instructor David Dreher. In "Immigration: Facts, Not Fiction" David will try to help you understand if there is something about the word "illegal" you don't understand? Perhaps. For example, did you know that in most cases it is not "illegal" to be an "illegal" immigrant? This course looks at immigration from the perspective of the instructor, who adjudicated tens of thousands of immigrant visa applications during a 25 year career with the U.S. Government. The pros and cons of current immigration policy will be discussed, with class participation encouraged. Actual cases will be used to make the presentation interesting and

enjoyable. "U.S. Citizenship: Acquisition and Loss" follows up on the material in "Immigration: Facts, Not Fiction" but "Immigration: Facts, Not Fiction" is not a prerequisite. Is President Obama a U.S. citizen, or did he lose his

citizenship many years ago? Does the U.S. Government recognize dual nationality? Can a U.S. citizen give birth outside the U.S. and gain citizenship for the child? What about the citizenship of a child adopted abroad? Take this course and get the answers! The instructor adjudicated thousands of passport applications, and a handful of Loss of Nationality cases, during a 25 year career with the U.S. Government, and will use actual cases to make the presentation interesting and enjoyable. You don't want to miss out on this insider's look at immigration and citizenship. Call today and register!

ATLANTA HISTORY MUSEUM EXCURSION - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

A registration deadline for the Atlanta History Museum Excursion has been set for Friday, March 5. The excursion on Tuesday, April 6, is to include a tour of the Atlanta History Museum followed by lunch in the Museum restaurant. If you are interested in participating in

this excursion, please call and register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February is National Senior Independence month. This is a time for senior citizens to evaluate their lifestyles with help from family and friends. For more information on senior independence issues visit Interim Healthcare at <http://www.interimhealthcare.com/Blog/post/Celebrate-Senior-Independence-Month.aspx>

Event: 2010 Southern Regional Conference for Institutes for Learning in Retirement: Engage

Date and Time: July 21, 2010 through July 23, 2010

Location: Furman University, Greenville

Description: OLLI at Furman University, OLLI at Clemson University, and The College for Seniors at the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement will sponsor a regional conference. The members of more than 62 different organizations that provide learning activities for mature adults are invited to attend. Registration is open.

The cost: Early registration is \$225 per person (covers room/board for 2 nights, 3 days and all conference materials) For More Information: Joan Pettigrew 864-656-6912 or OLLI@clemson.edu

S.C. Botanical Garden and Bob Campbell Geology Museum

These events are planned in March at the S.C. Botanical Garden and Bob Campbell Geology Museum at Clemson University. Register in advance at 864-656-3405 or scbg@clemson.edu. For additional information, visit www.clemson.edu/scbg/.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

GARDEN YOGA

Renee Gahan leads Vinyasa Yoga classes, open to every skill level. In Vinyasa Yoga, students move through a series of postures focusing on the breath. Attention is paid to proper alignment and guidance is provided in how to develop poses in the body. For more information, visit Renee's website: <http://clemsonyoga.typepad.com/>.

Time: Tuesday and Thursdays, 6 – 7:15 p.m.;

Saturdays, 10 – 11:15 a.m.

Fee: Yes

Location: Hayden Conference Center

FIRST FRIDAY GARDEN WALK

Meet with a Garden staff member for an unforgettable tour of the Garden. Walks are offered the first Friday of every month, but no two outings are ever the same. The first Friday of every month at 7:00 a.m. (April to October) or 9:00 a.m. (November to March)

Fee: Free

Meet in the Caboose parking lot

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Thursdays, March 4 – March 25

YOUNG NATURALISTS : A nature discovery program for children in 3rd-5th grade.

Fee: Yes

Time: 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Location: Hanson Nature Learning Center

CLASSES AND PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 25, April 1 (no class Mar. 18)

HOME GARDENING FUNDAMENTALS

Would you like to transform your yard into a garden that pleases you? Understanding plants and

their needs is key to creating a rewarding garden that's a joy, not a chore. In this ongoing series of classes, Director of Education Lisa Wagner will help you better understand the language of your garden from her perspective as a plant ecologist and keen gardener. We'll integrate learning about plants and their biology with the importance of garden design, focusing on regional gardening.

Fee: Yes

Time: 10:30am – 12:00noon

Location: Hayden Conference Center

- March 4 - **Designing a Successful Home Garden**
- March 11 - **Working with Piedmont Soils**
- March 25 - **Understanding Plants**
- April 1 - **Plant Selection for the Upstate**

Wednesdays, March 10 - April 28

GARDEN NATURALISTS

Tuesday, March 24 - **VEGETABLE GARDENING BASICS**

Tuesday, March 30 - **HANDS-ON PERENNIAL GARDENING WORKSHOP**

ART GALLERY

Featured artists: Patrick Wright (photography), Tatjana Mai-Wyss (paper cutting and sketching), Joe Bradley (oil painting), and Denise Dietrich (ceramic sculpture).

Visit the Fuller Galleries in the Fran Hanson Discovery Center to see a rotating collection of artwork by artisans inspired by the materials, nature and beauty of the Upstate. Up to six artists at a time, all connected to the Upstate area, showcase their work together. At least one new artist rotates into the collection each month, so

S.C. Botanical Garden and Bob Campbell Geology Museum

there's always something new to see. Artwork ranging from paintings to ceramics, and baskets to photography, are available for sale with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the South Carolina Botanical Garden.

The Fran Hanson Discovery Center also houses a permanent display of Elizabeth Belser Fuller's extensive collection of wildflower and nature paintings.

Gallery Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Admission: Free
Location: The Fran Hanson Discovery Center in the S.C. Botanical Garden

GARDEN INFORMATION

Be a Garden Volunteer

No matter what your background or the time you have available, there is a place for you at the S.C. Botanical Garden. Volunteer opportunities are available in grounds maintenance and gardening, education programs, special events, and visitor services. Call the Garden at 864-656-3405 or visit www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/support/volunteer.html.

Special Event Planning at the Garden

Whether you're planning a business meeting, party or wedding, the SC Botanical Garden offers a beautiful setting for your important day. Call Judith Gardner, Garden Rental Manager, for more information at 864-656-3075, or visit www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/events/rentals/.

Geology Museum

The Bob Campbell Geology Museum houses an impressive collection of over 10,000 rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary objects (carvings, gemstones), and artifacts (mining equipment, Native American tools). Educational tours are available Tuesday-Friday. Call 864-656-4600 for more information or visit <http://www.clemson.edu/public/geomuseum/>.

Gift Shops

The Garden Gift Shop and the Bob Campbell Geology Museum Gift Shop offer unique gifts for children and adults, including beautiful handcrafted gift items by local artists, gardening and geology books, t-shirts, local food items, jewelry and more. Call 864-656-3405 for more information, or visit www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/shop.html.

Hours of Operation

The S.C. Botanical Garden is open from dawn until dusk 365 days a year.

Discovery Center & Garden Gift Shop Hours:
Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Bob Campbell Geology Museum Hours: Wed. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sun. 1– 5 p.m. Museum admission: \$3/adults and \$2/children 12 and under. Free admission on the 3rd weekend of every month.

General Information

The South Carolina Botanical Garden is located on the Clemson University campus at the intersection of Highway 76 and Perimeter Road. The Garden encompasses 295 acres of display gardens, nature trails, woodlands and streams, and is open year-round from dawn to dusk, free of charge. The Garden is partially supported by the state of South Carolina via Clemson University, but relies on private funding, memberships and proceeds from educational events to continue operations. Contact the Visitors Center for more information at (864) 656-3405 or <http://www.clemson.edu/scbg>.

Oconee County Habitat for Humanity

Construction

On February 12, 2010, OCHFH dedicated the house at 220 Old Knox Bridge Road in Fair Play, SC, built for Tracey Evans and her three children by the Homebuilders Association of Oconee (HBA) in partnership with The Western Upstate Association of Realtor. This was the fourth house HBA has built for OCHFH.

The following HBA members contributed to this home: Armour Electric, Central Contracting Corporation, Dixie Carpets, Donnie Phillips, Hunter Roofing, Tim Johnson, Kauffman Truss, Ken's Plumbing of Oconee, Lovingood Heating & Air, Lowe's, Jonathan McGinney, Robert Mixon, Oliver Construction, Southern Basements, Trammell



David Gully, Central Contracting, and Tracey Evans, with her children Brooke (16), Jason (7) and Audrey (5)

Painting, Tucker Materials, Upstate Utilities, Vinyl Services, Gene Smith, Whirlpool, Wood Insulating, and Yoder's. The project was coordinated again this year by David Gully, owner of Central Contracting Corporation.



Volunteers from Homebuilders Association of Oconee and Western Upstate Association of Realtors enjoyed the picnic lunch provided by Oconee County Habitat for Humanity to thank all who contributed in building the Habitat for Humanity house at 220 Knox Bridge Road in Fair Play

OCHFH's goal for 2010 is to build 6-8 houses in Oconee County. Volunteer construction managers and workers are needed. Contact: Mary Sue Plague at 944-6888 or send email to c-msplague@earthlink.net.

Jazz Concert

"Swinging Again in 2010," a benefit concert for Oconee County Habitat for Humanity, will be held on Thursday April 22, 2010, at 7:30 pm. in the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. Ed Polcer and his All Stars will again give a concert of swing, Dixie and some traditional jazz. Tickets are \$20 and are available from the

Oconee County Habitat for Humanity (cont'd)

Habitat Resale Store at 130 Bountyland Road, Seneca; the Walhalla Civic Auditorium, Walhalla; The Wine Emporium, Salem; and The Booksmith, Seneca (after March 22); or by sending a check (made out to OCHFH) and

Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The store will be closed on Good Friday, April 2, 2010.

Watch for store information in our Wednesday ads in the Seneca Daily Journal. You'll find special items on sale, general Habitat announcements, such as dedication schedules, and a description of our affiliate's needs. Sincere thanks to all store supporters - together we make home construction possible!

The store needs and appreciates donations of just about everything, especially furniture and appliances. Dishes, bric-a-brac, paintings, jewelry, draperies, linens, bedspreads, books, games, garden items, tools, toys etc., are also appreciated. Items can be dropped off at Receiving behind the Resale Store during store hours. For pick-up of donated furniture, cabinets, countertops, appliances, and bathroom fixtures call (864) 888-2118 or send email toochfho6@bellsouth.net. Pick-ups are available in Oconee and Pickens Counties. Used cars, trucks, boats and boat trailers in working condition are also accepted.

OCHFH also offers help to homeowners or heirs of sold homes clearing the house of all unwanted furniture and/or furnishings. Call (864) 888-2118 or email ochfho6@bellsouth.net for further information. All donations are tax deductible and are helping build more homes for needy families in Oconee County.



Family Partner Hayes Cross presents gifts to Tracey Evans

a SASE envelope to "Habitat Jazz", 11 Point North Drive, Salem, SC 29676. Tel: 864-944-0780

Resale Store

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Hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Ray Crawford Enjoys Refreshments Provided by the Civic Auditorium



Club Members Take Their Seats in the Auditorium

Upcoming Meetings

- Mar 2 - Oconee Medical Center & OLLI
- Apr - Gardening and Plant Cuttings Swap
Butterfly Gardens, & Sierra Club of the Foothills
- May 4 - Spring Fling at Magnolia Manor

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