

CCGC January Newsletter

Congratulations Mary Glenn Ray on passing the Master Gardener's test!

Mark Your Calendars:

The Coosaw Creek Garden Club co-presidents would like to invite you to the annual president's luncheon to be held on Monday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Georgiann Sujka, 4267 Club Course Dr. (more details in invitation to follow)

Events in Charleston area:

Saturday, Jan. 4, 10-11 a.m. SC Herbal Society, Wild Walk on the Greenway: Walkers will meet in the BACK parking lot of the Horticultural Society (S. Windermere Plaza) and spend about an hour exploring the Greenway. Learn plant ID and how plants have been used through the ages. The fee is \$5.

Monday, Jan 13, 6:30 p.m. at Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St. Charleston Horticultural Society. *Welcome Home, George Washington* lecture by Dean Norton; Director of Horticulture, Mount Vernon. The beauty, use and importance of Mount Vernon's gardens and landscape will be discussed as well as preservation over the years with a focus on the most recently restored pleasure garden. \$15 nonmember

Tuesday, Jan 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m. SC Herbal Society Meeting, *Folklore of Culinary Herbs*: explore how herbs have been used in cooking, poetry, song and battle over the centuries. Meet in the Education Center of the [Charleston Horticultural Society](#) in the Windermere Plaza. \$10 nonmembers

Saturday, Jan 25, 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Charleston Camellia Flower Show, [Citadel Mall Food Ct.](#) The Coastal Carolina Camellia Society presents, The 65th Annual Charleston Camellia Show: an annual display and competition among Camellia growers.

Miscellaneous:

January Gardening tips:

- Now is the time to plant Camellia japonicas – add color to you landscape.
- If you have any winter transplanting to do in your yard, January is a great time to do it!
- January is the time to prep your soil for spring planting. The first step is to have your soil tested to determine the ph level. Contact Mary Glenn on the proper way to have your soil tested.

[Charleston's 5 Iconic Plants](#) Many of our best-loved plants first entered the South through Charleston. Click on the link for the fascinating story from *Southern Living* of how they got to the region's garden gateway and then to your backyard.

["Garden of Romance" Poetry Contest at Magnolia Gardens](#) Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, America's last large-scale romantic-style garden, will award prizes totaling more than \$2,000 to poets - young and old - who best capture Magnolia as an idyllic 'garden of romance.' March 1 deadline. Click on link for more details. Get out your poem writing quills!

January's birth flower, the carnation. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means 'I love you.' White carnations mean pure love, striped carnations means regret that a love is not shared, and yellow means rejection or disappointment. The other January flower is the **snowdrop**. It signifies hope and beauty.

