

CCGC Recommendations

2014 Yard Gardening School Sat., March 22, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Charleston Exchange Park Lectures, workshops, Keynote speakers from Clemson's "Making it Grow" gardening show on PBS, exhibits, lunch, books & plants for sale, & complimentary compost! [See attachment.](#) \$75/entire day. Mary Glenn Ray, Debbie Adrian, and Kathy Gates attended last year's school and loved it!

Mark Your Calendar: 67th Annual Festival of Houses and Gardens March 20 through April 19 Besides the tour of homes, there are four Glorious Garden Tours (3/20, 3/27, 4/10, & 4/17 at 2:00 p.m.) and two Inspiring Garden tours (4/14 & 4/19 at 2:00 p.m.). During the self-paced [Inspiring Gardens](#) tours in the historic Ansonborough neighborhood, many of the homeowners, landscape designers and professionals responsible for these elegant gardens will be present to share their knowledge and experiences with guests. **CCGC is planning an outing to attend the Monday, April 14 Inspiring Gardens tour.** Tickets are \$50. Please call Mary Glenn or Karen for more information.

Area Gardening events:

-**Sunday, Mar. 2, 3:00 p.m.; Charleston Lowcountry Rose Society** Invites you to a lecture on *Planting & Fertilizing Roses* By Dr. Fletcher Derrick Jr.; Berkeley Electric Cooperative Office, 3351 Maybank Highway, Johns Island Admission: **FREE**

-**Breath of Spring Flower Show, Feb. 28 – March 2, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cypress Gardens**
-**bulbapalooza.** Friday, March 21 & Saturday, March 22, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. [Moore Farms Botanical Garden](#), Lake City, SC. Take a stroll through the garden viewing thousands of bulbs, dogwoods, redbuds, and cool season annual displays. \$10

-[Charleston Horticultural Society](#): **Lecture** Mon. Mar. 10, Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting Street, 6:30 p.m., *The Sensory Appeal of Native Plants* Gregg Tepper; Acting Dir., Delaware Botanic Gardens. Gregg will discuss the unique ways in which Native Plants appeal to each of our senses: Sight, Smell, Touch, Taste, and even Sound. **Workshops:** Tues. 3/11, 10 a.m. *Let's Talk Native*; Tues. 3/11, 6 p.m. *The Novice Garden Photographer*; Thur. 3/13, 6 p.m. *Floral Design*; Tues. 3/18, 10 a.m. *Like, Post & Share: Gardening thru Social Media*; Tues. 3/18, 6 p.m. *Buy Local, Eat Local.*

-**Camellia Walks, Middleton Place**, every Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday through March 23. Tours begin at 11:00 a.m. \$25 adults, reservations are required. **Weekly Wine Strolls** begin March 12 through June 25. Each Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. through June 18. June 25 – rum stroll.
-[Lowcountry Chapter of the Native Plant Society's](#) annual spring plant sale. 9:00 a.m. to noon, March 15 at Charlestowne Landing.

March Gardening Guide

Plant annuals & Perennials after frost
Feed new bedding plants time-release
Fertilize roses, balanced and time-release
Prune trees

Websites

-[Possum's](#) has a horticultural hotline with lots of great information.

-From [National Gardening Assoc.](#) Butterfly World houses the largest butterfly house in the world at its headquarters north of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Their website includes a [Regional Guidebook](#) that lists the dominant butterflies in our region and their host plants. If you're interested in planting to attract butterflies, check it out.

-For all of you orchid lovers, check out the pictures on Jim Fowler's blog. He says the best place to go see wild orchids is Newfoundland. Jim Fowler is a well-known wildflower expert here in the Carolinas. (Check out his blog: <http://www.jfowlerphotography.com/?p=2472>) He is also author of *Wild Orchids of South Carolina, a Popular Natural History*. This book is full of spectacular photography, personal anecdotes, and an extensive description of each orchid in the state.