



The mission of Columbia Green is to promote beautification of the Columbia area through landscaping, gardening, horticulture, education and conservation. Making Columbia more beautiful will enhance the quality of life of its citizens and visitors and support economic development.

From the President

The economy may be tight and resources thin, but Columbia Green is finding new ways to continue its mission of beautifying the Columbia area that differs from our usual neighborhood and community grant programs or our funding of city medians throughout the city.



Susan Hamilton

Kenneth McWilliams owns a large property in Swansea that was originally a peach orchard. The area close to his house was extensively planted by his mother, and he now enjoys working in those same gardens. A portion of the yard is covered with Rose of Sharon (Althea) bushes of various sizes, and Ken wanted to clear that area so that he can build a play space for his neighbor's children. (Wouldn't you love to have a person like that next door?) He could have plowed under the bushes, or burned them, but instead he wanted to share them so he contacted Columbia Green to see if we could help.

After assuring him that we could find new homes for his plants, three of our members drove to Swansea on a beautiful Saturday morning in March and helped Mr. McWilliams dig up about sixty

bushes. They were temporarily potted up and given to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church and Fort Jackson who were most enthusiastic about incorporating them into ongoing projects. The church continues to landscape its Trenholm Road property, which includes a rain garden and backs up on the Gills Creek Watershed area. The effort is part of the Environmental Stewardship project that involves members of the congregation.

The bulk of the shrubs, plus some daylilies that needed to be divided, were taken to Fort Jackson. Mr. McWilliams was quick to point out that he had served with the Airborne in Panama but being a patriot, he was happy to beautify any military site. Board Member Jim Olsen arranged for Fort personnel to plant the trees in the family area near the Water Park.

We plan another trip to Swansea in the near future to help Mr. McWilliams finish his project and we'll share the bounty with other area groups. The plants are now leafing out and may well flower this summer. Althea is usually considered a beautiful but somewhat invasive flowering plant. Given the proper space to flourish, it puts on a beautiful show.

Thanks to his generosity and environmental perspective, Ken McWilliams has spread beauty well beyond his Swansea backyard. Columbia Green thanks him for helping us fulfill our mission as well.

Columbia Green recognizes Raiders

Columbia Green participated in festivities marking the 67th reunion of the Doolittle Raiders and dedicated canopy trees to be planted in honor of the nine surviving heroes and their deceased comrades. The plantings will be part of Columbia Green's 25th Anniversary Tree Initiative but will separately bear a plaque honoring the Raiders.

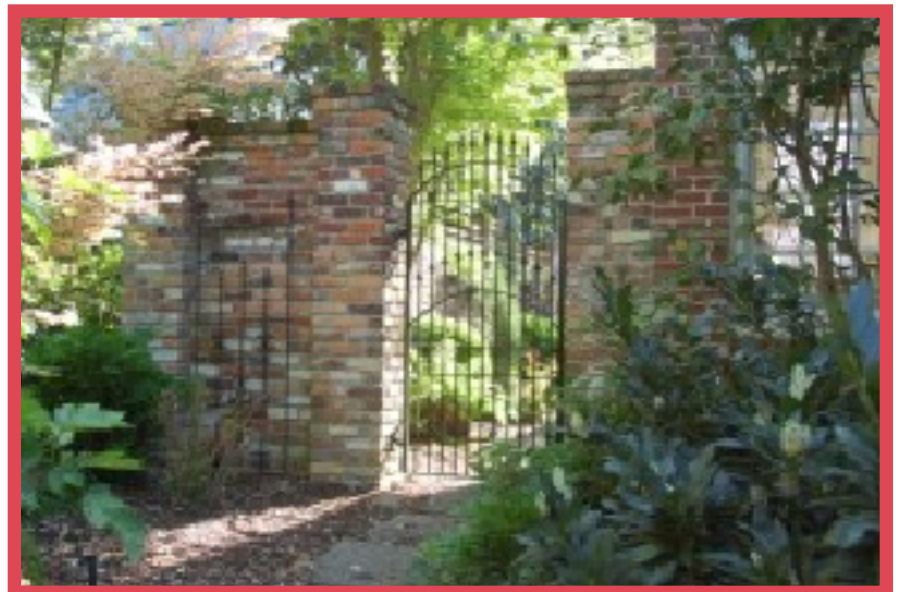


Columbia Green board members met with the Raiders on April 16 to announce the project. Columbia Green, working with the city and others, first recognized the Doolittle Raiders in the early 1990s by planting 80 palmetto trees along Gervais Street – one for each Doolittle Raider. A suitable site for the new canopy trees is still under consideration. The goal is that these trees will long serve as a reminder of these legendary heroes.

Honoring the Raiders by planting long-living and majestic canopy trees is another facet of the Columbia Green's recently-unveiled tree initiative. Columbia Green has pledged to spend \$25,000 over the next five years to plant canopy trees throughout the Columbia area. Not only are these trees beautiful, but they have a positive effect on air quality, water conservation, temperature and wildlife.

As when the Palmettos were planted in 1992, Columbia Green hopes to secure additional funding and pledges from both our members and others to honor these war heroes. Donations can be made in honor of the Doolittle Raiders and mailed to Columbia Green, P.O. Box 50191, Columbia, SC 29250.

Festival of Gardens to be held May 14 & 16



The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses." ~Hanna Rion, artist

No truer words could be spoken about the 12 residential gardens chosen by Columbia Green for its 2009 Festival of Gardens. On Thursday, May 14, and Saturday, May 16, nine gardens from the Forest Hills Historic District will put their best leaves – and blooms – forward, as will two gardens from the city's newer Tanglewood section.

Few city neighborhoods have the appeal of Forest Hills, created in 1925 by a landscape designer who planned the streets to wind and turn. The neighborhood's "islands," planted with shrubs, flowers and greenery, give the city streets a "park" distinction, and the National Register of Historic Places designation adds prestige to Forest Hills.

Nestled among Columbia's older neighborhoods, Tanglewood is grandly landscaped and has a more contemporary feel. The spacious homes and yards are yet another reason Columbia is beautiful year-round.

So, take time to smell the antique roses, see May's loveliest flowers and lush greenery, bask in the breezes of spring, listen for the occasional bark of a neighborhood dog sending you a greeting, and sample tasty treats at a Southern tea party.

Columbia Green, celebrating its 25th anniversary, once again puts the city on display in resplendent fashion. Bring a notebook, grab a friend, leave the strappy heels at home, don your best sunhat and shades, and mark 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. May 14 or 16 on your calendar for one of Columbia's "must do" spring events.

By Karen Petit

Volunteers Needed

Columbia Green is, of course, an organization whose success depends on the generosity of its volunteers. We always appreciate and seek financial contributions, but every May we ask for your donation of time.

We need volunteers to host and hostess each of our twelve gardens on Thursday, May 14th and Saturday, May 16th in the Forest Hills and Tanglewood neighborhoods. The commitment is for three hours.....either a morning shift from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM or from 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM in the afternoon. A volunteer must be willing to sit in beautiful surroundings, greet visitors, sip a cool drink and eat something yummy for sustenance and be the "face" of Columbia Green to a great many interesting people. There will be a Master Gardener at each location as well. Volunteers will be thanked with a free ticket to the tour which can be used either day. This includes a tea party from 2 until 5 pm and a chance to take home a wonderful door prize.

If spending some time in a beautiful garden that you don't have to tend appeals to you, please contact Ann Holtschlag at 699-9171 or hosouth@bell-south.net. The spots fill quickly, and we want to give our members the first opportunity to secure a free ticket. The Festival is a rain or shine event but the sun has already promised cooperation. Now we need YOU!

Tree Workshop a Success

Columbia Green and The Historic Columbia Foundation members and guests heard tree care tips during a four-hour symposium at the Robert Mills House on Saturday, April 4th. The workshop was led by trained arborists from one of Columbia's leading tree care firms, Sox and Freeman.

Three workshops provided information about tree planting, tree pruning and general tree healthcare. Sox and Freeman arborists demonstrated pruning techniques on the trees surrounding the Robert Mills House and planted both balled and burlap specimens as well as container trees on site. The company donated all trees to the house museum grounds and also supplied the six-foot trees that were given to the forty seminar participants.

This educational seminar is part of Columbia Green's "Year of the Tree" initiative being held to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Best known for median and gateway plantings in the greater Columbia area, Columbia Green has pledged to plant \$25,000 worth of trees over the next five years for aesthetic and environmental reasons. The goal is to enhance the Columbia area through landscaping, horticulture, education, and conservation.



Chris Freeman demonstrates tree planting techniques

Columbia Green Society April 2008 - March 2009

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All members receive the following:

- Quarterly newsletter
- 10% discount at participating garden centers, nurseries, and other businesses
- Free admission to special events and the annual meeting
- Discounts on Festival of Gardening tickets

Supporters, Patrons and Benefactors receive these additional benefits:

- Recognition in newsletter, other publications and website
- Complimentary tickets to the Festival of Gardening, including the kickoff party

To make a contribution in honor or memory of someone, to volunteer, or to inquire about other ways to support the organization, please contact Columbia Green at 803.254.7595 or through the website.

Please mail this form with your check to Columbia Green to:

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The garden of Michael Mann and Barbara Rakes at 1524 Westminster Drive is one of the 12 that will be featured at this year's Festival of Gardens tour May 14 and May 16.



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