

Program Guest Speakers



Vicky Bertagnolli is the Consumer Horticulture Agent, Master Gardener Coordinator and local

'bug geek' in Aiken County. Vicky spent seven years as a research technician for Auburn Univ. AL. Fire Ant Management Program. She joined Clemson as an Extension Agent in 2008. In addition to her fire ant, insect identification and pest management expertise Vicky conducts Master Gardener Training classes in Aiken Co, is the coordinator for the Private Pesticide Applicator Training and the Commercial Applicator Licensing Prep Courses. Vicky holds a B.S. in Wildlife Sciences and received her M.S. in Entomology from Auburn Univ. 2016. She makes regular appearances of SCETV's *Making It Grow*.



Since 2007, **Trish DeHond** has been the Area Agronomy Agent for three counties in Northeastern SC (Chesterfield, Darlington and Marlboro) and a Certified Crop Advisor. She is a native of Rochester NY.

Trish holds a MS in Botany from Univ. Maine 1987 and BA Biology UNY Potsdam 1984. Previously, she served as Darlington Co. Horticulture Agent with Clemson in the late 1990's. She briefly covered Florence Co. and Dillon Co. from 2008-2014. She is the former Tourism Director for Darlington Co. Trish administered maintenance, design, and planting programs for the ornamental landscape gardens, lawns, and small nursery of the 35-acre Kalmia Botanical Garden in Hartsville, SC.

Jim Gandy brings over 39 years of experience as a professional Meteorologist. He assumed the position of News 19 chief



Meteorologist in 2000 and has since become known as South Carolinas Weatherman. In 1974 he received his Meteorology degree from Florida State. He continued his education (1992-97) by doing post grad work in Atmospheric Science at USC. His profession includes positions in Houston TX, Memphis TN, Oklahoma City, and Wichita KS. He joined WIS-TV in 1994. The SC Broadcasters Association presented the *Masters Award* to him in 2004. The award has only been given to 12 SC broadcasters -he was its first meteorologist recipient. Jim joined Gannett TV WLTX in 1998. He has taught a course called *Weather Science for Teachers* at USC. Recently Jim partnered with the Center for Climate Change Communication at George Mason Univ. and Climate Central to develop a program called Climate Matters for which he received a 2013 *Award for Excellence* in science Reporting. His blog is titled *Weather and Climate Matter*. His *Gandy's Garden* is regularly presented on WLTX TV.



Jackie Jordan is the Area Consumer Horticulture Extension Agent and master gardener coordinator for Richland, Kershaw and Fairfield counties. She is the Commercial Horticulture Agent working primarily on specialty crops such as fruits, vegetables, nursery crops and turf grass in Kershaw and Fairfield Counties. She

has worked for Clemson Univ. for 9 years, starting in 2007, and worked for over 10 years in the nursery trade as a green house manager in the Columbia area. Jackie has BS from Penn State Univ. in turf grass science. She worked with other agents to create a "Carolina Yard" demonstration garden at the Cottage at the Sandhills Research and Education Center.

Bob Polomski

Is an award-winning horticulturist and author.



For more than two decades he has educated commercial and consumer audiences on a wide range of topics. From July 1990 to Sept. 2006 he served as State coordinator of the Master Gardener program, and since 2009 he has taught six undergraduate classes.

He has produced "how to" horticultural segments for two Extension-sponsored television programs and conducted a live, call-in gardening program broadcast on SCETV, 2001-2014.

Polomski has published in scientific journals and authored a variety of commercial-consumer .magazines. For 13 years he was the "Questions & Answers" columnist for *Horticulture Magazine*.

Polomski was a contributing writer for two nationally distributed gardening books and a technical editor of 12. He authored four regional gardening books for Cool Springs Press; *Month By Month Gardening* was published in 2014. Since 1992 he has earned 34 awards (19 national and 15 regional/state) for his publications, radio, and TV programs.

Garden Seminar Registration Form

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Maryann Bowen
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Our primary mission is educational. This Garden Seminar is intended to provide up-to-date scientific based information to the citizens of Kershaw County and the surrounding communities. The day will have vendor goodies, good food, door prizes, and shared camaraderie with both gardeners and "want –to –be" gardeners. And it will certainly make you start thinking SPRING!

For More Information

Call Barbara Willens, President KCMGA
803-572-5757 or
www.kcmga.com
Email kershawmg@gmail.com

**Upcoming Kershaw County
Master Gardener Training Class!**

Thursdays, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
February 2 – May 25, 2017

Deadline to Register is January 18
Call 803-432-9071 for more information

GARDENING: Then & Now

Garden Seminar

January 21, 2017
9 AM – 3 PM

*(Doors open at 8:00 AM for
check-in & shopping)*

**American Legion Building
1333 Chestnut Ferry Road
Camden SC 29020**



Seating is Limited so Register Early!