

Upcoming Events

Bill and the Jungle Taming gang are very active in community activities around the Columbia area. They will be providing gardening information at a variety of events.

Chapin Garden Club

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

9:30 a.m., Coffee; 10:00 a.m., Featured Speaker

Registration: Open to members only. Contact Mary Lafond at (803) 345-1307 for more information about membership.

Ron Cowart and Bill Kunze will spend the morning with the Chapin Garden Club. Ron will address the following gardening topics:

- *Use of fertilizer*
- *Deer resistant plant list*
- *Vegetable gardening*
- *Planting in the shade*
- *Eliminating weeds in the lawn*

Bill will speak about the new EPA regulations affecting homeowners living on bodies of water who wish to control weeds by the use of fertilizer. He will also discuss how Jungle Taming can help when a DIY project becomes too much to handle.

The Chapin Garden Club was organized in 1938 and became a Federated Garden Club in 1945. It is the community's oldest volunteer organization and continues to be very active. Its purpose is to promote the love of gardening, protect our trees and flowers, and encourage civic beauty. This is carried out by maintaining the town's entrance planters, library urns, and Carolina Fence Garden, by planting trees (19 to date) around the community, and participating in community-wide projects such as Community Service Day. The club also delivers flowers to residents of Generations each month.

Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month in members' homes where members conduct a business meeting and enjoy a wonderful garden-related program. Membership is open to any person in the greater Chapin area who has a love of gardening and wants to share it with the community.

Adaptive Gardening Seminar

Thursday, April 5, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Robert Mills Carriage House

Registration: (803) 296-2273

<http://www.palmettohealth.org/body.cfm?id=3302&oTopID=3095>

*Bill Kunze of Jungle Taming will be the featured speaker for the spring Adaptive Gardening Seminar hosted by the Total Joint Center at Palmetto Health Richland. He and his colleagues will present a two-part program called "**Gardening Solutions**":*

- **Build a Low Cost Raised Container Garden**, Ron Cowart
- **Adaptive Tools and Other Resources**. Don McInnes

The Total Joint Center offers two free Adaptive Gardening Seminars each year — held in the Spring and Fall — on the grounds of the Historic Columbia Foundation's Robert Mills House. The seminars feature gardening advice from the Richland County Master Gardeners Association and other gardening professionals. They are designed for those whose gardening may be limited by physical disabilities such as injury or arthritis. Gardening can become enjoyable again when using the right tools and techniques.

Midlands Plant and Flower Festival

Thursday through Sunday, April 19, 20, 21 and 22

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thurs-Sat; 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun

S.C. State Farmer's Market

3483 Charleston Highway, West Columbia

Admission and parking: FREE

<http://agriculture.sc.gov/content.aspx?ContentID=736>

The Jungle Taming team will be available to discuss a variety of gardening and landscape topics. The Midland's Spring and Flower Festival is a highly-anticipated four day event featuring agricultural and horticultural vendors from across the state. Visitors are encouraged to bring wagons for their purchases of plants, flowers and garden décor. The Festival offers products and information for both experienced and novice gardeners, and is held rain or shine.

Sparkleberry County Fair

Saturday, April 28, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sat.

Clemson Research Center, Two Notch and Clemson Roads, Columbia, SC

Admission: \$5.00 per carload

At the Sparkleberry County Fair, the Jungle Taming team will challenge children and parents alike to identify the poison ivy plant from a group of similar plants. Instructions on how to safely eradicate the plant will also be provided. The Sparkleberry Country Fair features family-oriented amusement including an antique tractor show, a cow milking contest, carnival rides, petting zoo and more.

Palmetto Health Employee Discount Advantage Fair

Tuesday through Thursday, May 29, 30 and 31, 2012

Times and Locations:

Greystone Boulevard Administrative Offices, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Palmetto Baptist Hospital, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Palmetto Richland Hospital, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open to Palmetto Health Employees Only

Jungle Taming, LLC, will be a featured vendor at the annual Palmetto Health Employee Discount Advantage Fair. Palmetto Health employees will have an opportunity to speak with a variety of businesses that offer discounts.