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'Mme Emile Mouillere'



'Lanarth White'



'Limelight'



'Tardiva'



'Lanarth Lavender'



'Fribet'



'Altona'

CSRA Hydrangea Society

## In Place of our Regular May Meeting There will be a Garden Tour on Saturday May 16, 2009 From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm In case of rain—'bring an umbrella'

Mark your calendars for the first ever CSRA Hydrangea Garden Tour. The four society member's gardens are all different and unique in their own special way. The gardens vary from cottage style to more formal, from normal size to

acres. Some have small water features and one has a large pond with exotic fish.

We guarantee that you will not be disappointed and can take home some ideas to use in your own garden.

**See the Enclosed Flyer for Directions and Other Information**

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all the special members who furnished refreshments at our March meeting: They were Patsy Belson, Lois Christen-

sen, Trudy English, Jeanette Goad, Georgia Jopling, Linda Phillips, Elsie Smith, Denny Workman, and Sue Wormer.

To volunteer for refreshments at the August meeting please contact Lois Christensen at (803) 648-6167.

## President's Message

It's that time of year when the hydrangeas are starting to leaf out and only another month until we see the beauty of our name sake in full bloom. May is also our Garden Tour. Pam Glogowski, Linda Phillips, and our four homeowners have been working hard to get ready for this event. Not only will you see a great number and variety of hydrangeas but you will see four totally different types of gardens. These gardens are not only hydrangea gardens, but have unique plantings to enhance the individual garden settings at each home. Although this tour is only open to society members, if you have friends who are interested in joining us on the tour, they can attend by becoming a member of the Hydrangea Society.

After the March meeting we had 80 paid members; if any of these members would like to bring a neighbor or friend

to our next regular meeting on August 20th they are welcome. Our guest speakers are Martha Bertrand and Tom Mills, discussing the history of Pendleton King Park. In addition, there will be a plant exchange.

At our November 19th meeting we will have our election of officers followed by a panel of experts who will answer gardening questions from the membership.

We are putting our website together and expect it to be available in early May. The website is:

<http://www.csrahydrangea.org>

It will have information on the Garden Tour including a map of garden locations. The latest information for our plant sale will also be available on the site. In time, more features will be added for both our members and visitors including a calendar, gallery, newsletter and links to other Hy-

drangea web sites.

The Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to "Sold Out" at the Aiken Farmers Market. We plan to have 40 varieties of Hydrangeas in one to five gallon containers. We need some volunteers on Friday afternoon (2 hrs.) and Saturday for the sale. Please contact me (803-648-1909) or Pam Glogowski (803-642-5226) to volunteer.

We will be represented at the Aiken Garden Show at the Aiken County Historical Museum, "Banksia," on Friday and Saturday May 8 and 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is an eventful and busy time for our organization and I look forward to seeing our members at the upcoming events, both as participants and volunteers.

Regards,

Irv

# Hydrangea Society Plant Sale

**Saturday, June 6, 2009: 8 a.m. until sell-out**

**Aiken Farmers Market (corner of Richland and Williamsburg streets)**

Over 350 hydrangeas have been ordered to sell at our fourth annual plant sale on June 6, 2009. We will have a selection of over forty named varieties of mopheads, lacecaps, panicle, oak-leaves, mountain, and climbing hydrangeas.

Plants will be available in 1, 3, and 5 gallon containers. Proceeds from the sale will fund scholarships at Aiken and Augusta Technical Colleges, and contribute to educating our members and the public about hydrangeas.

**Volunteers are needed to make this event successful! You can help by:**

**Unloading hydrangeas from the delivery trucks on Friday, June 5.** The trucks are due to arrive at the Farmers Market the afternoon of June 5, and it will take about 2 hours to unload. (8 volunteers)

**Setting up for the sale:** Meet at the Farmers Market at 6 a.m. on June 6 to set up for the sale by moving plants to the sales area, setting up tables and chairs, and placing signs by plants. (12 volunteers)

**Selling hydrangeas:** Record sales with a provided sales book and pen. (The shoppers take the completed sales sheet to the cashier and pay.) Large numbers of hydrangeas can be set aside by sales people with tape placed around the

plants. (10 volunteers)

**Working at the Information Table:** Answer questions about hydrangeas, including variety selection, planting, fertilizing and pruning. Handouts and reference books will be provided. (6 volunteers)

**Providing refreshments:** Bring either a cooler of bottled water or a container of cookies for Society volunteers. (4 volunteers)

**We appreciate your help!** Please contact Irv Magin at (803-648-1909) or Pam Glogowski at (803-642-5226) to volunteer for June 5th and 6th.

Sign up sheets will be available at the Garden Tour.

The **Augusta Hydrangeas Galore Sale and Tour** of the Garden at Pendleton King Park will be Saturday, May 30th from 9 am until sold out. Plants will be available from four nurseries and the proceeds will fund volunteer projects at the park. Upcoming projects needing funding include an observation platform in the wetlands area and a new park information kiosk. New plants for the azalea walk, hydrangea garden, and trails will also be purchased. Volunteers from the CSRA Hydrangea Society are needed to provide answers to the attendees about hydrangea culture and to publicize the organization.