**GARDEN SPOTLIGHT**

**Pachysandra procumbens**

“Allegheny Spurge”
(as seen in the Bog Garden at Benjamin Park)

Pachysandra procumbens is an excellent native groundcover. It’s a semi-evergreen that fills in areas under shade trees and shrubs.

- grows 6” to 10” (12”) high, upright
- leaves are blue-green, glabrous, and are 2”-4” long and 2”-3” wide
- deciduous to semi-evergreen,
- spreads by rhizomes
- fragrant, white or pinkish flowers in March-April
- coarsely toothed leaves and a spiked bloom in the spring
- most often chokes out competing plants and weeds
- prevents soil erosion

**NEIGHBORWOODS**

Saturday, November 3rd dawned clear and cold as over 200 volunteers participated in Greensboro Beautiful’s 2012 NeighborWoods Community Tree Planting in the Benbow Preserve. More than 300 trees and shrubs were planted in 2 hours at the 6.5 acre site.

The NeighborWoods Community Tree Planting Program is designed to help restore the tree cover in Greensboro by planting trees in neighborhoods and open space.

This year’s NeighborWoods Community Tree Planting Program was funded in part by a generous donation of $10,000 from The UPS Foundation. Other program sponsors included: The City of Greensboro’s Field Operations, Parks & Recreation, and Water Resources Departments; Kindred Hospital; Guilford County Open Space Program; Dunlap Lawn Service; NC Cooperative Extension Service in Guilford County; Davey Tree and Lawn Care; and Poster Prints.

Neighborhoods interested in applying for next year’s NeighborWoods program may visit the NeighborWoods website at: www.greensboro-nc.gov/NeighborWoods. Applications will be made available in February.

To help further the work of Greensboro Beautiful and the City’s Urban Forestry program, individuals are encouraged to make private donations to Greensboro Beautiful’s Tree Fund. To make donations, visit GreensboroBeautiful.org, or call Greensboro Beautiful at 373-2199.
LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

“If I’d known grandchildren were so much fun, I would have had them first!”

“Here with friends from England walking off a large lunch.”

“The trees are nice. The air is warm. But my phone won’t stop ringing!”

“Walking with my Nana and brother in a garden is fun!”

“Walking in the garden with people I love. It’s a wonderful day.”

After walking through the Tanger Family Bicentennial Garden for years, I recently noticed, for the first time, a moss-covered mailbox tucked next to a camellia bush and marked “Your Thoughts.” Inside was a small notebook with “thoughts” from many of the garden’s visitors, and from which the above quotes are taken. There were thoughts from a variety of visitors from here and abroad, including one which I was unable to read as it was in Arabic. I was impressed that people took the time to make their thoughts of appreciation known, often in a whimsical way, but too in a very sensitive way as one who wrote:

“Take time with each other; time slips by” -- a thought to keep in mind as we all enjoy our families and friends in the new year.

The gardens of Greensboro are true jewels in the city’s crown. As one writer added: “Thank you Greensboro for all the lovely gardens you provide for our enjoyment.”

In the Arboretum, the Perennial Border continues to be a highlight, thanks to Jeannette Windham, Curator, and the devoted volunteers who work with her. Jeannette worked with the original Arboretum committee in 1986 and has served as Curator of the Perennial Border since 1994. She recently announced that she will be stepping down and that Nancy Warberg will take her place. Our thanks and appreciation to Jeannette for all she has done in helping to create and maintain the Perennial Border and to Nancy for agreeing to bring her enthusiasm as Curator.

When you are visiting the Tanger Family Bicentennial Garden in the new year, look for the moss-covered mailbox and consider adding your thoughts to the small notebook. I’ll do the same!

SMARTxT DISPOSAL
A Prescription for a Healthy Planet

On September 29, Greensboro Beautiful joined forces with the City of Greensboro, the Drug Enforcement Administration, NC Safe Kids, Alcohol and Drug Services, and the News & Record to sponsor SMARTxT Disposal, a citywide medicine collection event geared towards protecting the environment, preventing accidental poisonings, and keeping medications out of the hands of drug users. This year’s event was held again at Greensboro Walgreens locations, as well as Burton’s Pharmacy. The event was a success with 466 area residents participating. Local law enforcement officers filled 26 boxes, equating to 585 pounds with medications that were incinerated.

Medicines play an important role in treating certain conditions and diseases, but they must be taken with care. Unused portions of these medicines must be disposed of properly to avoid harm to waterways, wildlife, pets, and people.

Responsible medicine disposal protects our waterways and the environment. To learn more about proper disposal of medications, please visit www.SMARxTDisposal.net, a joint venture of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the American Pharmacists Association and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

BUSINESS LANDSCAPE AWARD

September Recipient: Gateway Business Center
2400 Freeman Mill Road

October Recipient: Chick-fil-A
209 Pisgah Church Road

I-r: Rodney Loflin, Jeremy McNeill, Doretha Ritter, Kevin Cagle, (all with Green Thumb Nursery), Brandi Crumley (Crumley Roberts), Robert Capen (Greensboro Beautiful), and Pam Anderson (Crumley Roberts)

I-r: Keith Kiser, Connie Winstead, Robert Capen, Mark Gregory.
30th Annual Holiday Greenery Festival!

Customers take advantage of extra items for sale at the Holiday Greenery Festival.

Fresh ivy topiaries were a new item at this year’s event.

Volunteers Beth Cross and Ellen Ashley assist customers with wreath selection.

A number of local arts & crafts vendors participated in Greensboro Beautiful’s Holiday Greenery Festival.

Fiber Crafts

Volunteers and donors prepare wreaths for delivery to Mobile Meals recipients. Many thanks to all donors who helped Greensboro Beautiful donate 336 wreaths to home-bound citizens in our community!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s event fun, festive, and a fundraising success for Greensboro Beautiful!

Photos by Becky VanderVeen, VanderVeen Photographers.

Circle of Caring Volunteers

Duke Energy retirees prepare wreaths for delivery to Mobile Meals recipients.
GREENSBORO BEAUTIFUL’S GIFT TREE PROGRAM

Remember loved ones, honor friends, and celebrate life’s special occasions with the lasting gift of a tree.

Gifts to this program enables Greensboro Beautiful to continue the greening of our community by planting trees where needed in neighborhood parks, along city streets and in Greensboro’s public gardens.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Purchase a gift tree as a memorial or an honorarium
- Tell us who to notify and a special note will be sent to them
- We’ll let you and the recipient know when the tree has been planted (all trees are planted in late winter each year)

Make a gift online at GreensboroBeautiful.org, or call 373-2199.
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Greensboro Beautiful has established a planned giving program to recognize those planning to make an estate gift to our organization. Gifts to the Forever Green Society will help build a base of resources to provide a steady stream of income for Greensboro Beautiful for years to come.

Through Greensboro Beautiful's relationship with the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, professional advisory staff is available to discuss estate and gift planning, and to assist you in making arrangements.

HOW TO GIVE THROUGH YOUR ESTATE
☐ Direct in your will that Greensboro Beautiful receive all or a percentage of your remaining estate assets after payment of any specific bequests and estate-related expenses.
☐ Establish a Charitable Remainder Trust that pays lifetime income to your beneficiaries, after which the trust assets are given to Greensboro Beautiful.
☐ Designate Greensboro Beautiful as the beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), other retirement plan, or a life insurance policy.
☐ Designate Greensboro Beautiful as the beneficiary of identified financial accounts.

To learn more about including Greensboro Beautiful in your estate planning, call 373-2199.

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With your help, we can conserve resources!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

For 44 years, Greensboro Beautiful - a non-profit, volunteer organization - has worked in partnership with the City of Greensboro to conserve and enhance the beauty and ecology of our community through public and private cooperation.

We do this through the private funding and volunteer support of individuals and corporations, civic and youth groups, foundations, faith communities and families to initiate community enhancement projects and programs.

Through generous and continued private support, we have accomplished a great deal for our community. Greensboro Beautiful relies on this support to continue

- enhancements to each of our four public gardens (Bicentennial, Bog, Arboretum, and Gateway Gardens)
- two garden events each year – Art in the Arboretum and Parisian Promenade
- Neighborhood Initiative Grants Program
- two annual litter cleanups – Big Sweep and Great American Cleanup
- NeighborWoods Community Tree Plantings
- and much more!

Please join in Greensboro Beautiful’s efforts to make and keep our community an appealing and viable place to live and work. Consider making a gift at the Cornerstone Contributor level ($250 and above), and you’ll be invited to attend special appreciation events for our Cornerstone Contributors in the coming year. You may make a secure tax-deductible donation online at GreensboroBeautiful.org.

Thank you for your support!
**S P R I N G  C A L E N D A R**

**January 23 (Wednesday): Community Appearance Index**
Greensboro Beautiful volunteers assess our community’s appearance with regard to presence and frequency of litter, abandoned and junk vehicles, illegal signs, graffiti, and outside storage. This information helps direct Greensboro Beautiful’s cleanup and community improvement efforts.

**March 22 (Friday): Arbor Day**
In observance of Arbor Day, a ceremonial tree will be planted. Location and time TBA

**April 20 (Saturday): Great American Cleanup**
9 am-12 noon
Join volunteers throughout Greensboro to get litter out of our waterways, off our streets and out of our neighborhoods!

**April 13 (Saturday): Citywide Earth Day Celebration**
1-5 pm; Edwards Family Library, 1420 Price Park Road
Hands-on nature and eco-exhibits, eco-art, gardening activities, nature crafts, nature photography contest, face painting, scout activities, live entertainment, and more! Admission is free.

**May 4 (Saturday): Cornerstone Society Spring Garden Gala – “Kentucky Derby Party!”**
5 pm; at the home and garden of Bob Krumroy & Deb Degol
The next in Greensboro Beautiful’s series of Donor Cultivation Events thanking current donors at the $250 level and above, and attracting new contributors to our organization. For more information, call 373-2199.

**June 2 (Sunday): Parisian Promenade**
1-5 pm, Tanger Family Bicentennial Garden
Greensboro Beautiful recreates the sights, scenes, sounds and smells of a spring afternoon in Paris - all in our own Bicentennial Garden. Sidewalk artists, live music, children’s activities, family games, sidewalk cafes, and more are featured - all within the colorful backdrop of the garden in bloom. Admission is free.