

Report from Clemson Extension Service

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July 1-December 31, 2011

- Worked with Beaufort County Staff preparing the County's calendar by providing water quality tips
- Worked with Beaufort County Staff on the implementation of the Okatie River 319 grant. My part is to train a team of Master Gardeners who will provide assistance and information on installing vegetative buffers to residents on properties in the watershed.
- Prepared and delivered information at Home Builders Home and Garden show on Buffers, Native plants and Best Horticultural Practices. Master Gardener volunteers and I talked to 200 guests at the event.
- Coordinated activities of the Lowcountry Master Gardener Association including: Farmers Markets, Boys and Girls club gardens, home visits & follow up reports, and a native plant installation at the Nature Center at Hunting Island. **Master Gardener Impact in the county is very impressive. Volunteers reported a total of 4,155 hours of Community and Educational Service to residents and visitors of Beaufort County in 2011.**
- Lecturer for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on Fall Gardening which included best practices for lawn care and use of native plants
- Volunteered as a Master Naturalist for a program called Kids in Kayaks. I taught middle school students to throw a cast net. Many of them had never done it.
- Assisting in a buffer design and installation project at Waddell Mariculture Center which is a collaborative effort of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners.
- Wrote a monthly article for publication in the Lowcountry Weekly Magazine which has a circulation of 30,000 readers. One of the articles was titled "Got Buffers" described the need for and implementation for home landscapes in the Beaufort County watershed.
- Gave away 900 trees to Beaufort County residents for the December Arbor Day observance.
- I have 3 taped segments which run on the County Channel. One is on Buffers and native plants that can be used in a riparian buffer zone.
- Appeared on the SCETV Making It Grow with 129,000+ viewers in several states and streaming video.
- Prepared 3 workshops on growing fall vegetable crops to audiences in Sheldon, Sun City, and Port Royal.
- I was asked by my Department Head at Clemson University to represent Clemson Extension at a Regional Fair held in Jasper County by a "green industry" which is located in Ridgeland. About 200 people attended including the Governor, Nicki Hayley.
- Served as President of the South coast chapter of the South Carolina Native Plant Society.

In summary I had direct contact with 560 people and almost 160,000 indirect regional contacts.

I appreciate the Board's support of the programs and opportunities provided by the Clemson and the Beaufort County Extension Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lee Rose January 30, 2012