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Sometimes Beauty is not Only in the Eye of the Beholder

If you are a plant lover and are growing beautiful specimen plants you may show them off at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair October 11-17. Many categories of foliage and flowering plants will be judged and prizes will be awarded. The fair personnel are seeking to increase community participation, pride, and excitement in our Agricultural Fair. The Florence County Master Gardeners will be judging the plant entries.

Entries will be received on Sunday, October 10 between 2:00 and 6:00p.m. or Monday, October 11 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Articles may be picked up Monday October 18, 2004 between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. For more information you may call the Fair Grounds at 665-5173. We also have Rules/Regulations books at the Florence County Extension Office located in the Public Services Building at the corner of Third Loop and Irby.

Also, the S.C. Dept. of Agriculture in cooperation with Clemson Extension Service are presenting seasonal decorating classes at the newly renovated Red Barn at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market. First of all, Sally Haynes a Florence County Master Gardener will present "Fall Decorating" on October 21, 2004. Next, Amy Taylor of Taylor Garden and Gifts will present "Christmas Cheer" on November 10, 2004.

The Pee Dee State Farmers Market is located at 2513 W. Lucas St. (Highway 52) between Florence and Darlington. Class space is limited to the first twenty registrants. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person per class. To register, call (843) 665-5154. Make checks payable to the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and mail to 2513 W. Lucas St., Florence, SC 29501. Please indicate on your check which class(es) your payment is for.

To learn the specifics on gardening we have both free and for-sale publications at our office in the back of the Public Services Building on the corner of Third Loop and Irby. You may also visit our Home & Garden Information Center through our web site at www.clemson.edu/florence. I may be contacted through our web site, amelton@clemson.edu, or 661-4800.

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