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Fall is For Plants

The majority of people fall into two categories: Plant Killers or Plant Lovers. However, plant lovers can also be plant killers. They may love plants but do not possess the knowledge needed to grow plants successfully. For instance the #1 death of house plants is over-watering. Therefore, here comes the Florence County Master Gardeners to the rescue.

Today is the last day of the Fall Plant and Flower Festival at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market. The Florence County Master Gardeners will have a booth in the center of the shed. We will be there to answer all your plant questions and allow you to sign-up for January's Master Gardener Class. If possible bring us a sample of your problem, to make answering your question easier. Open from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., you still have plenty of time to get the answer to your plant question or buy that perfect plant for your lawn or garden. With free admission and parking, it is the perfect Sunday evening family-outing.

Also, 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.

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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