

# Wake County JMG - 4H Newsletter



Severe Weather Policy:

If Wake county schools are cancelled, JMG-4H will not meet.



Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2009 7:00-8:30pm

## Parent Note-

Dear JMG Parents, Students, and All Supporters,

In December I was notified that my part-time position with Wake County Cooperative Extension had been eliminated. At the time I notified my advisory committee and committed to keeping everything in place through May as that ends our evening programs for the current school year. Our advisory committee is still evaluating all of the things we do year-round. We'll keep you informed and we may have some information by our meeting time next week.

For the past twenty-five years I can attest to the quality and achievements of our program. The recognition our members have received from the club, county, state, and national levels show that we have, are, and will continue to Make the Best Better! If you have questions, suggestions, or comments I'll gladly listen.

Sincerely,  
Carol

## Homework-

*Wear your JMG shirts!*

Remember to turn in their homework assignments, as we hope to have a celebration for those meeting the JMG Certification requirements in each club in May.

# Announcements



## 4H Plant ID Contest (date coming soon)

Check out the Purdue University reference and study list to prepare for this perennial favorite:

<http://hort.purdue.edu/ext/senior/senior.htm>

## 4-H Horticulture

### Weekend at NCSU -

April 25-26, Saturday 10 a.m. - Sunday 4 p.m.. Event will include tours, workshops including plant ID, and the event that is a \*\* Participate Attraction features our own Dakota Starr, who helped the North Carolina Team to a National State Championship at the NJHA Convention last October!

## 4H horticulture weekend -

Liz Driscoll invites you to attend a Horticulture Weekend at NCSU and the J.C. Raulston Arboretum April 25-26.

The weekend has special emphasis on the state 4H Horticulture Contest with workshops drawn from the NJHA study manual, focusing on the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in the contest.

## Links-

Junior Master Gardener

<http://www.jmgkids.us/>

National Junior Horticulture Association

<http://www.njha.org/welcome.html>

4H

<http://www.national4hheadquarters.gov/>

## **Only six weeks left until the plant sale!**

Our **Annual Plant Sale** will be held **April 17, 18, and 19**, at the State Fairgrounds, inside Gate 6 (Flower Show Area). Plants will be delivered on Thursday morning 4/16. The sale hours on Friday and Saturday will be 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday afternoon 12:30 - 5 p.m. We'll be offering Camellias, Daphnes, 'Miss Kim' Lilacs, Spireas, Lady Banks Roses, Heirloom Tomatoes, and some of our members are working on their own entrepreneurial project and will have plants they've propagated for sale.

Remember that funds for our program curriculum and other expenses come exclusively from dollars we raise. So, get involved and help keep the program operational!

### **For those who are propagating plants to sell:**

Bring one of your plants, properly labeled (see last month's newsletter for labeling instructions and pictures) to this month's meeting. We will check plant quality to ensure that standards for the plant sale are met. Peter will be in the lobby during classes, so please stop by and show me your sample plant.

### **From Peter Zierz, propagation project coordinator:**

I've heard from some of you that you've faced some challenges and setbacks in your propagation efforts. Hang in there!

Consider investing in a propagation station: We bought one of those \$13 heating pads from Kmart and a \$10 fluorescent light fixture and installed them between two metal shelves in our garage. The heating pad sits on the lower shelf and the light fixture hangs from the bottom of the upper shelf. In between we place our seed-starter domes - complete with 72 Jiffy pots these can be purchased for about \$7 at Home Depot. Both the light and the heating pad is on a timer so that the seeds and seedlings receive 12-14 hours of sunlight each day.