



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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March 2006

President's Message

No matter how fast we run or how organized we may be, it seems impossible to get everything done once Spring arrives. Our club has one big event after another. Our gardens are sprouting weeds faster than we can pick them. The days are longer so we pack more into our "To Do" list. Spring Break, March Madness, Easter vacation, baseball practice, gardening and coming out of hibernation are filling our days. But somehow, our Garden Club members find a way to get it all done. Have your double espresso and check out our upcoming events.

Azalea Garden Tour is in full swing. The members of that hard working committee have once again put it together to be the professional fundraiser of the year. We are ALL needed as support. They have prepared lists for us to sign up for garden sitting. The lemonade brigade's enthusiasm is infectious so get those cookies baked. Tell everyone about the tour to generate ticket sales. Remember April 7-9. Everyone counts!

The die hard committee of the year must be Battery Island. They have tried now four times to get the clean-up and planting done, foiled by bad weather. But the cruise is definitely sailing April 23 and tickets are for sale. Southern Living's article has generated a nice buzz.

Airlie Showcase Garden is ready and plans are underway to have a club picnic there. You won't want to miss our Japanese Garden. It's awesome! A special thank you goes to the Arboretum for donating a lovely large camellia plant.

Thanks go out to our Youth Gardeners who got in the spirit for Arbor Day and St. Pat's Day by planting a flowering cherry tree at the Oakdale Cemetery.

Opportunities will be coming up with Litter Sweep and planting at the Yahweh Children's Village, just in case you run out of things to do. But this will be the end of next month so you have time to clear your calendar! Don't forget the May Luncheon May 23.

Sue Bilzi

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Lily's Banquet Room (behind Greentree Inn), 5025 Market Street

Coffee and horticulture judging 9:30 am

Program 10:00 am

Program Title:

"Combining East and West: Occasional Table Arrangements"

Program Speakers: Christiane Dybvik, Carol Price, Anne O'Malley,
Cape Fear Garden Club Members

Devotional: Jo Taylor

Committee Sponsor: Flower Arranging

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Sue Krause

Horticulture Theme: Tulips, daffodils, flowering shrubs

Day Clerks: Angeline Saffo, Judy Stine

Judge: Jenene Smith

You are encouraged to bring horticulture specimens and/or arrangements to all monthly meetings. They should be labeled and in place by 9:15 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Battery Island Cruise:

Sunday, April 23, 2006

Boarding 1:30 PM Carolina Beach Boat Basin

2:00 PM Departure - 6:00 PM Return to Dock

Cost : \$35.00 per person/ No children's fare.

No rain Date.

Tickets can be purchased :

Wild Bird Center/Hanover Shopping Center

Wild Birds Unlimited/Ogden

The Cottage Restaurant/ Carolina Beach

The Southport Visitors Center

or mail check to:

Cape Fear Garden Club, PO Box 3842, Wilmington, NC 28406

The Master Gardener Plant Sale is coming March 30 - April 5, 2006 at the Arboretum. They are looking for volunteers, who will receive 10% off their purchases. Contact Melissa Hight, 452-6393.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to the committees and departments for a most enjoyable and successful new member orientation!! Gayle and Shirley

Flower Arranging: Many thanks to Marie Ashworth, Susan Nettleman and Diane Lynch for their wonderful flower arranging classes. They were enjoyed by all! If there is continued interest for next year for students or teachers please contact LeNeve Duncan at 262-3019. We will get on the Arboretum's calendar early.

Garden Therapy Committee will meet Monday, April 3 at 1:15 pm at Elderhaus. Program will be by Andrea Humphries. For more info contact Jeanie Lessing 686-9419.

Battery Island Committee will meet after the March club meeting for lunch. Location to be announced.

Hospitality Committee: Please bring refreshments at 9:15 am for our general meeting. All refreshments should be placed on a serving plate ready to be put on the table. Also please include the recipes for the food you bring. We are starting a cookbook of Cape Garden Club recipes. Contact Alma Fennell 350-0130 with questions.

CLUB NEWS

Be sure to watch "Our State on Air Magazine" on Wednesday, April 5 at 8:00 pm for a feature piece on the N.C. Azalea festival, Azalea Garden Tour and Airlie Gardens. The story will air on UNC-Public TV.

Congratulations to Michelle Poulos, our new 2006 Azalea Princess, daughter of our own Cathy Poulos. YIPPEE!!

Plant sale at our April General Meeting. Bring your plant clippings and new sprouts. Plan to adopt a new plant. It's a lot of fun.

AZALEA GARDEN TOUR INFO: Every member is required to bake one batch of cookies for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Deliver your cookies from 10-12 or 2-4 to Mary Ellen Black, 2614 Hydrangea Lane, on Thursday, April 6. ****If you are attending the ribbon cutting ceremony, please take the buses from Legion Stadium, 2221 Carolina Beach Rd. There is a \$2.00 round trip fare. There is no parking at the ribbon cutting site.

Azalea Garden Tour Committee will meet on March 20th at 1:00 p.m. at Marty Melton's, 3114 Tipton Court and again on April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at Cathy Poulos, 104 Mulligan Lane.

***Please sign up at the March meeting for sitting in a garden. We still have room for many volunteers.

LAST CHANCE to pick up Azalea tour tickets at the March meeting!! Tickets are \$20. Each member is required to buy 2 tickets. The required 2 tickets are \$15 each and any after the required are \$20. Sponsorships are still available. We strongly encourage each member to become a "Friend of the Tour" for only \$100.

A few volunteers are needed to help clean-up after our general meeting. Call Marie Ashworth 762-2051.

Deadline for submitting photos for the 2007 engagement calendar is March 31. See page 49 of your yearbook for details and entry form.

All current names and addresses of members will be sent to the Garden Club of North Carolina in March for their yearly update. Please call 686-9495

with any change of name, address or zip code. Message can be left on recorder.

Come see our latest cards and bookmarks at the March meeting. We have a new supply! Call Pamela 392-9618 or Carolyn 251-9203 for more info.

To place announcements in the next issue of Clippings please call Beth Pottle 392-1455 or email bpottle@ec.rr.com. Deadline for April issue is Monday, 4-10.

Belles and Blooms

We have the new 2006 Belle Lists available for \$3. The books are still \$25 (tax included) and come with the new List.

We will be selling both at the Belle Tea, April 2nd from 2-4 pm, at our next meetings or you can call Elaine Henson at 763-8056. The books will also be sold in the gardens during the tour (not the Lists).

Susan Taylor Block, author of Belles and Blooms, will be at the Belle Tea on April 2nd to sign copies of the book. Plan to buy your book there or bring books you have already bought for her to sign.

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