



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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President's Message

Hello CFGC Members,

Please let me start by saying a "Big Thank You!" to Donna Pendergrast and Brenda Moore for serving as Chair and Co-chair of this year's Azalea Garden Tour, and to all the committee members for another wonderful and successful tour! They have made this a tour to remember. Also, thank you to the garden club members for baking all those cookies and taking shifts and sitting in the gardens. All of your efforts have truly been appreciated. This tour takes participation from every club member in order to be successful and once again you have proven, that as a group, we can accomplish great things! Also, a special thanks to the "2008 Tour sponsors and Friends of the Tour" for helping to provide the funds necessary to get things started for the Tour. You helped make all this possible and we are very grateful. And most of all, "Thank You, Thank You" to our Garden Owners who so graciously opened up their wonderful gardens for the public to visit and enjoy. We appreciate you allowing us to show just how beautiful Wilmington and its surrounding areas are and how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful place. Without you, this tour would not have happened.

I can't believe that the club year is quickly coming to an end. We still have a few events left before the May Luncheon on May 20th. The annual club Picnic will be at Orton Plantation on May 1st. Remember that we will be meeting in order to carpool, at the Stein Mart Parking lot at 10:30 and leaving at 10:45 for the drive to Orton. You need to bring your own lunch and something to sit on/in. This will be a great opportunity to see all the work that has been done at Orton and enjoy the fellowship with other club members. I hope to see all of you there.

And remember that the last regular meeting for the club year will be on Tuesday April 22nd where we will be treated to the Tour DVD Slideshow by our very own Millie Maready. I know that this is a program that everyone looks forward to each year. We will also be discussing next year's budget as well as a possible by-law change so we need you to attend.

Lastly, I want to say a personal "Thank You" for all the support that you have given me this year. I have been honored to represent you as club President and will never forget the wonderful friendships that I have been fortunate enough to form this year. Thank you for a great year. I know that the new officers will enjoy working with such a great group of people and I wish them luck for next year.

And until we meet again, remember to plant an azalea and "Happy Gardening."

Susan Nettleman, President

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, 1415 S. 17th Street

Coffee and horticulture judging 9:30 am

Program 10:00 am

Program Title: 2008 Garden Tour Video Presentation

Program Speaker: Millie Maready, CFGC Member

Devotional: Anne Townsend

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Shirley Hardee

Horticulture Theme: Azaleas, spring bulbs

Day Clerks: Joyce Christopher and Betsy Wallace

Judge: Regina Coscarelli

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

- Friday, April 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wilmington Chapter 212 of Ikebana International presents the Annual Ikebana Exhibition of Japanese Flower Arrangements New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium Free Guest Exhibition by The Cape Fear Bonsai Society
- April 19 Coastal Garden Club Garden Tour and Tea 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. 8 gardens in the Woodsong, Shallotte area will be featured. The tea will be at Calvary Baptist Church from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.00. Contact Sandra at (910) 755-6486 for details and tickets.
- April 20 Bird Islands of the Lower Cape Fear Cruise 1:30 to 4:30 leaving from Southport Marina. Tickets are sold out!
- May 1 Club Picnic Orton Plantation - "Bring your own picnic basket" lunch and chair/blanket. Meet to carpool in the side parking lot of SteinMart at 10:30. If you drive yourself, plan to arrive at Orton around 11:00. We will take a short tour of the grounds and then have our lunch at 12:00.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Registration/Hostess Committee reminds you to notify Lola Rivenbark, chairman, if you need any changes made on your name badge or the sign-in sheet. These will be done over the summer. You can e-mail Lola at rivenbark@charter.net or call at 799-1528.
- Garden Therapy Committee will not meet in May. Jennie Lessing would like to thank all the committee members who were so supportive during the years that she was chairperson. She offers a BIG thank you to Eugenia Griswold and Julie Futrell who will be the new chairpersons in the Fall.

- The Birds and Butterflies Committee would like to thank all garden club members for your participation in and support of our activities this year. Nothing was more exciting than seeing everyone wear their butterflies at the last meeting. We had a great committee to make it all happen for all of us and we thank everyone. Sandra & Frances.
- Conservation Committee wants everyone to know that nomination forms for the Wilmington Tree Commission Annual Tree Preservation and Landscape Awards may be obtained on the website www.wilmingtonnc.gov/tabid/256/Default.aspx. Deadline for submittals: Arbor Day 2008 - April 25, 2008.
- 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 placed 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

- The Azalea Garden Tour would like to thank the following major sponsors of the Garden Tour. Their donations of money and publicity helps to offset the cost of our tour and allows us to give more money back to the community and for Cape Fear Garden Club projects such as Battery Island, scholarships, and the work of various committees: Prudential CRES Commercial Real Estate, BB&T, Encore Azaleas, Landscapes Unique, Foliage Design Systems, RSM McGladrey, McKay Acupuncture, and George Chadwick Insurance. We also would like to thank the Garden Club members who sponsored the Tour as FRIENDS of the Tour. Your donations also go a long way to make this tour a success!
- Horticultural and beautification grant applications are being accepted from April 1 - June 13 and may be downloaded from the azaleagardentour.org website. These applications are for the disbursement of the profits from the Azalea Garden Tour. Please get the word out NOW to organizations and encourage them to apply. Please direct any questions to Cathy Poulos, Chair 2007 Grant Disbursements Committee.
- YEARBOOK for 08-09 - If you have any changes or corrections in your address, phone number, email or want to change committee assignments for the upcoming year please fill out page 47 of our yearbook and get it to Elaine Henson. You can

mail it (210 Colonial Drive, 28403), phone (763-8056), or email (skipelainehenson@aol.com) your changes. The new book will be going to press in July and we want it to be as accurate as possible.

- Ideas for Programs? The program committee for our 2008-09 year will be meeting in May. If you have any ideas for programs you would like to have next year call Sandra Kittinger @ 910-256-6675 or e mail her at skittinger@gmail.com
- Help is needed!!! CFGC will participate in the Spring Litter Sweep on Friday, April 25, 2008. We will meet at Dunkin Donuts on 17th Street at 9:00 a.m. After a brief safety meeting will go to our designated clean-up area (Medical Center Drive). Please contact Anita Duren- Swain at 547-0765 or Becky Varner @ 395-4161 if you wish to help.
- Many thanks to those who helped at the Sales Table for the Master Gardener's Sale: Pam Brown, Susan Hickman, Anne Richardson, Eugenia Griswald, Mary Ellen Black, Linda Whitted, Becky Phillips, Joanne Davenport, Melinda Stewart, RoseAnne Moore, Alma Moore, Kay Rose, Sandra Kittinger, Pat Fitzgerald, Beth Pottle. We sold tickets, shirts, cards and prints. Thanks, Pam Brown, Carolyn Jefferies and Liz Haley
- Last chance to order art prints and stationary for this club year will be at the April general meeting. Call Cathy Poulos (538-5550) if you need more information.
- Please direct any changes or corrections to your name, address, phone, email during the year to Pat Plaskett at plaskett123@mac.com or 350-1149. Thanks!
- Need a ride to the April meeting or the May Luncheon or the Club picnic? Call Dorothy Gaither 791-0505.

Members are cordially invited to the
 May Luncheon and Officer Installation
 Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 11:30 am
 Cape Fear Country Club
 Bring reservation checks for \$18 to
 April meeting or mail to
 Marjorie Cartier
 7321 Gray Gables Lane, Wilmington, NC 28403.
 All checks MUST be received by May 12.

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