



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

member of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

March 2010

President's Message

Hope you were able to attend our historic meeting in February celebrating eighty-five years of Cape Fear Garden Club. Our program by Ann Hewlett Hutteman was wonderful and received a standing ovation. We had 22 past presidents in attendance along with our GCNC president and first vice president and our district director. Of course, we always have GCNC third vice president who is our own Jenene Smith. Special thanks to Ann O'Malley who made nametags for our special guests and Shirley Hardee who welcomed them. Also thanks to Dianne Lynch for the awesome heart archway that everyone walked through to enter the Garden Show sponsored by the Arboretum. She and her husband, Waylon, constructed it and Marie Ashworth helped cover it with moss, camellias and carnations. Dianne also made a "camellia cake" centerpiece for the Tidewater Camellia Club show, which was also awesome. This month we will have a floral demonstration by Fiore Fine Flowers, which is sure to be a hit. The Azalea Garden Tour Committee will have garden sitter sign ups, garden party cookie sign ups and tickets will be on sale for those who need to pick up their required two or buy additional ones. Hope to see you there on March 23rd.

Looking Back

The first Azalea Garden Tour was conducted March 27, 28 & 29, 1953. The story is told that club president Bess Smith came up with the idea at a meeting in her Forest Hills Drive home. Our club had held garden pilgrimages and tours mostly of member's gardens before 1953 but this was the first held in conjunction with the newly organized Azalea Festival. We were one of the 36 incorporators of the festival that began in 1948. Ten gardens were on the first tour and the ticket price was \$1.50, which included 25 cents tax. The hours were 10 to 5 during the three days, but gardens were closed on Saturday from 10-12 so that everyone could go the parade.

For the 50th anniversary in 2003, the tour included six of the original ten gardens with a ticket price of \$10. That year we had a beautiful float in the parade with live azaleas and a working fountain powered by a generator. Riding it were belles, the GCNC president, our club president, district director and members. We also published our book *Belles and Blooms* that includes a history of the garden tour and the festival. This year's tour will be the 57th.

Elaine Henson, President

Yearbook corrections and changes

Jo Horton emeritus member new address 309 Forest Hills Drive 28403 762-3596

Recycling Tip

Old newspapers (including those gathered from your friends) can be used to mulch and weed control the garden. Wet newspaper and place thickly on the garden. Cover with bark or stones.

General Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Cameron Art Museum, corner of South 17th and Independence Blvd.

Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops: 9:10 am

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Program: 10:00 am

Program Title: **Let's Create Something Special**

Presenter: Fiore Fine Flowers, Lonnie Taylor, owner, designer, AIFD, NCCPF

Devotional: Kay Fare

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Carol Price

Horticulture Theme: tulips, daffodils, flowering shrubs

Day Clerks: Wanda Canada 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

- **March 12 & 13 - Annual Ikebana Exhibition of Japanese Flower Arrangements** Wilmington Ikebana International, Chapter 212 Friday 1:00 - 5:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium Free Admission Guest Exhibitor: The Cape Fear Bonsai Society. For more information, please call (910) 256-1808
- **March 14 -16 South Atlantic Region Annual Meeting** Litchfield Inn, Georgetown, SC
- **March 16 - New member orientation** 8:00 am set up Arboretum auditorium - 9:30 am new members and their sponsors arrive.
- **March 19 - Arbor Day Celebration** 9:00 am Bradley Creek School. Please try to attend to represent the CFGC as they help youth gardeners plant a tree out in front of the school.
- **March 25-29 - Master Gardener Plant Sale** Arboretum hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon-5 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday. Proceeds from plant sales benefit continuing education programs of the Master Gardeners Association.
- **March 27 (9 am - 5:00 pm) & March 28 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm) Poplar Grove Plantation Herb & Garden Fair** featuring plants and crafts for sale, lectures to attend, demonstrations to watch. Details: www.poplargrove.com or 686-9518.
- **April 9 - 11 Azalea Festival and CFGC Garden Tour**
- **April 25 -27 Garden Club of North Carolina Annual Meeting** Raleigh, NC
- **May 2 - Birds of the Lower Cape Fear Cruise** - Leaving again this year from Carolina Beach aboard the Winner Cruise Queen. Price remains \$35 per person for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. Tickets now available.

- **May 3 - Club Picnic** Come enjoy the fellowship in a beautiful setting. Bring your own lunch and chair. Noon. Airlie Gardens
- **May 12 - May luncheon** (note new date) - Figure Eight Club-house

Committee Announcements

- **Battery Island Committee:** Many thanks to Harriet Kimbro, Diane Smith, Ann Lawhon, Eugenia Griswold, Linda Harrelson, Alice Terry, Melinda Stewart, Cheryl Schramm, Linden Boone, and Rebecca Philpott who will be going to Battery Island on Friday, March 19 for spring clean-up. (Rain date, March 26).
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. (do not come early) at Elderhaus. Melinda Stewart, Pat McConahey, and Martha Blancher will be presenting the craft. For more call Eugenia Griswold (799-3629) or Julie Futrell (256-2639).
- **The Birds and Butterflies Committee** reports that Nancy Fitzgerald, Tammy Rondinaro and Johnnie Howard planted numerous flats of pansies in the small garden at the Harrelson Center on Tuesday, February 16.
- **Conservation Committee** will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 16th, at Port City Java on Shipyard (near Henry's Restaurant).
- **Flower Arranging Committee** to meet at the Arboretum on Wed., April 14th at 11:00 am for a workshop on the May Luncheon centerpieces. If you have purchased shoes, bring those with you. It is very important to be there! Call Shirley Hardee if you cannot attend.
- The **Promotions Committee** needs help to fill the shifts to man a table at the Arboretum for their annual Master Garden Sale. We would like to have 3-hour shifts, if possible. The dates we are looking for help are 3/25, 3/26, 3/27 - all from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Please email Ann Richardson annr@bizec.rr.com if you can work any of these times or call directly 612-8795.
- **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. Contact Alma Fennell 350-0130 with questions.

Club News

- Grant applications are in the process of being updated online. Once they are updated we will accept them from April 1 – June 15. Encourage any groups you may know to apply. Guidelines are also online. Call Brenda Moore with questions (798-9360).
- If you take pictures during the garden tour and would like them to be included in the CFGC DVD you need to get them to Millie no later than Monday morning after the tour. Up to 3 pictures can be emailed to Millie. If you have more, please, eliminate the bad ones and put the rest on a CD. Be sure to make it clear which garden you are photographing by adding a picture of the garden number sign at the beginning of each group of pictures. If you have questions email Millie at Milliemarkready@ec.rr.com or call 762-7268.
- Please take a moment to offer to get tickets to the Azalea Garden Tour for your friends or relatives. This could do wonders for our ticket sales. Don't forget April 9 -11th. Need tickets?? Call Gloria Degnan (910-232-4778), go online, or get them at the March meeting.
- **Garden Tour Cookies:** Plan to deliver your homemade cookies to Kyle McIntyre's home at 1938 S. Live Oak Parkway on April 8th. Please place the cookies on a stiff paper plate (no Styrofoam please) and bring in a zip lock bag. Remember...NO NUTS, NO CHOCOLATE. Hours for drop off are 9:00-11:00 am and 1:30-3:30 pm. Do not bring cookies any other time as no one will be there to accept them.
- There will be a basket at each general meeting to receive any print material concerning Cape Fear Garden Club. Remember the club name **MUST** appear in the article to be used. The Historian and the Awards Chair will make use of the material.
- **LUNCH--**Carrabba's lunch after the March meeting? Please e-mail sealady@bellsouth.net or call Shirley Hardee at 686-7305. Everyone welcome!
- Please direct any changes or corrections to your name, address, phone, and email during the year to Pat Plaskett at plaskett123@mac.com or 350-1149. Thanks!
- Call Dorothy Gaither for transportation to the March meeting (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).



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