



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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

April/May 2010

President's Message

Last month we enjoyed a beautiful array of floral arrangements and how to do them from Lonnie Taylor at Fiore Fine Flowers. Lonnie gave us a recipe for moss so we can grow it on clay pots, statuary, etc. The recipe is in this newsletter along with the web site where he purchases some of the containers he uses.

By the time you are reading this, our 57th annual Azalea Garden Tour will be one for the record books. It was a fantastic tour with PERFECT weather and the media did an outstanding job covering our events. Thanks to Gloria Degnan and her committee and to each and every one of you who helped with our tour. It is a huge undertaking and it requires many, many workers to make it a success. We will see a beautiful slide show of the tour at our April 27th meeting and I hope to see you there. Also mark your calendars for our May Day picnic on May 3rd at Airlie at noon and the May Luncheon on May 12th at Figure Eight Yacht Club, 11:30.

Looking Back

The first May luncheon was in 1955 according to an article in the Wilmington Morning Star dated May 3, 1956. The article goes on to describe the '56 May luncheon as the second annual. It was held in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of 16th and Market Streets with 170 members and special guests attending. The officers for the 56-57 club year were installed and included Mrs. Roger McCarl as president, Mrs. Cecil Appleberry as first VP, Mrs. Henry Rehder as second VP, Mrs. Richard Wortham as recording secretary, Mrs. John Gemmell, Sr. (my two children's late grandmother) as corresponding secretary and Mrs. H.A. Huggins as treasurer. Following the luncheon, a program titled "The Evolution of Corsages" was presented by Miss Mildred Robbins and Mrs. Henry Gerdes. The two made several corsages during the program; one called a "TWIRP" was made from a white carnation adorned with eyes, nose and a mouth and presented to special guest Mr. J.E.L. "Hi Buddy" Wade.

Elaine B. Henson, President

General Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 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:

2010 Azalea Garden Tour

Presenter: Ken and Patricia Ramsauer, Accent Photography

Devotional: Mary Kathryn Turner

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Pam Bencke

Horticulture Theme: azaleas, spring bulbs

Day Clerks: Joyce Christopher and Paige Williams

Judge: Mary Louise Campbell

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

- **April 25-27 - Garden Club of North Carolina Annual Meeting** Raleigh, NC
- **April 29 - Ribbon Cutting for Airlie Butterfly House in memory of Alexander Hugh "Sandy" McEachern, Jr. and honoring Mary Lou McEachern** 4:30 Reception, 6:00 Ribbon Cutting, 6:30 Butterfly House open. Please plan to carpool as parking is limited. RSVP to Susan Nettleman (793-0578)
- **May 2 - Birds of the Lower Cape Fear Cruise** SOLD OUT!!!
- **May 3 - May Picnic** - noon at Airlie Gardens. Airlie is setting up tables and chairs for us between the Bottle Chapel and the Butterfly House, which will be open by then. Bring a picnic and come meet our UNCW scholarship recipient, Jaclyn Miller, who will be joining us.
- **May 12 - May Luncheon** - Figure Eight Yacht Club Noon

Committee Announcements

- **Battery Island Committee:** Those members working the cruise will have a very short "pull it together" meeting following the regular meeting in April. Those members who still need to pick up their tickets can do so then.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will not meet again at Elderhaus until October. Many thanks to everyone for their participation this past year. Julie and Eugenia
- **The Birds and Butterflies Committee** will meet for lunch in the small dining room at Carrabas after the CFGC general meeting on Tuesday, April 27.
- **Conservation Committee:** Please join us for Litter Sweep on Friday, April 23. We will gather at Dunkin Donuts on 17th Street at 9AM and then follow our usual routine of cleaning the far end of Medical Center Drive. Please email or phone Anita Duren-Swain (prayerfultoo@aol.com or 395-2103) or Becky Varner (BeckyVar@aol.com or 395-4161) if you are coming.
- **Cookbook Committee:** Thanks for all the hard work this year. There is still more to do so expect an email from Bonnie Faler soon.
- **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.
- **The Hospitality Committee for the Azalea Garden Tour** would like to give a great big thank you to all of our CFGC members for baking such delicious cookies for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
- **From the Disbursements Committee:** We had a wonderful garden tour and we are looking forward to sharing the proceeds with the community. We are now accepting grant applications. The forms are online at our website. We ask that they be printed out and mailed to Brenda Moore. (The address is on the application) The postmark deadline is June 15, 2010. Please tell your friends and organizations who could use the money about this opportunity.

Club News

- Azalea City Designation- The beautiful framed certificate was presented to Mayor Saffo at the garden tour ribbon cutting certifying Wilmington as an official Azalea City by the American Azalea Society. Special thanks to Marie Ashworth who worked tirelessly on the application and made it possible. She also ordered the plaque attached to the frame giving CFGC credit.

- NC Wildlife Award – Congratulations to five of our committees who applied for an award with the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. We have received notification that we will be awarded the Affiliate of the Year award at the annual Governor's Award Banquet on September 18, 2010 in Durham, NC.

- Work has begun on the 2010 - 2011 yearbook! Forward any changes of name, address, email, telephone, cell phone and/or committee assignment to Becky Phillips (beckyluv2cook@bellsouth.net). Please consider giving CFGC your email address so you can receive the Clippings by email. This helps us to save trees and money. You can designate that you do not want your email published.

- Are you aware that at the New Hanover County Arboretum there is a gardening program created to bring gardening to all people, regardless of ANY limitations called the Ability Garden? It is a great community resource and best of all they always have healthy, locally grown plants for sale. Stop by the Arboretum and see their plants. Also, become their friend on Facebook. You'll get updates and notices of plant sales. Just type in "the ability garden" on facebook and you will find lots of information about this exciting program.

- Recently our county commissioners discussed selling Airlie Gardens to help offset budget deficits. Does this upset you? Write them a letter and tell them how important Airlie is to our community. For addresses and email information go to www.nhcgov.com.

- 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 April 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 April meeting or May luncheon (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).

Yearbook corrections and changes

New address: Mary Philbrick P.O. Box 7697 Wilmington, NC 28406

New email address: Carol Corbett cec1915@yahoo.com

Moss Recipe: 1 handful moss, 1 block potter's clay (get at craft store), 2 cups fish emulsion (Transplanted Garden \$5.99). Put in a blender until blended; use a paintbrush to apply to clay pots, etc. Transplanted Garden also sells a product called Moss Milkshake that you just add water to get the same mixture (\$22.95). The website where Lonnie from Fiore Fine Flowers gets some of his pottery is www.kikuimports.com, click on Catalog, then Other Antiques, then Flower Vases.

CAPE FEAR GARDEN CLUB INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010 11:30 A.M.
FIGURE EIGHT YACHT CLUB \$20.00

We will pass an envelope at the meeting on Tuesday, April 27th to collect checks, no cash please. Your check is your reservation. You may mail your check to the Treasurer at the following address...

Suzanne Jenkins

8506 Hammock Dunes Drive, Wilmington, N.C. 28411

Make checks payable to Cape Fear Garden Club and on the memo line put May luncheon. Please come and support these club members who are volunteering their time to serve Cape Fear Garden Club.



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