



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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

March 2011

President's Message

Springtime is on its way and the Azalea Garden Tour is just around the corner. Have you bought your tickets or signed up to garden sit April 8-10? Gayle Ward has shared the photos of the Rotary Wheel and it is looking wonderful! "Can planting flowers boost civic pride? Up property values? Make streets safer?" Just look at the transformation of this area at Greenfield Lake. Our community has worked together with several groups to beautify this area with the leadership and vision of our club.

This month we are chairing "Plant an Azalea Month" March 26 through April 2, 2011. All of our local city councils have proclaimed this formally. We have 6 garden centers offering azalea plant discounts. There will be a workshop at the Arboretum on Friday April 1 on planting and pruning azaleas by Dr. Al Hight at 10am. Find a place to plant a new azalea in your garden or gift one to a friend. Let's boost our community pride one azalea at a time.

The long-range planning workshop on March 1, 2011 was a big success. Cathy Poulos and Anna Toconis explained the vision and the details of developing an endowment for our club. An Endowment Committee was appointed and is being chaired by Anna Toconis. Please support this initiative please by letting Anna, Cathy Poulos or me know. Happy Spring!

Sandra Kittinger, president

Committee Announcements

- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet Monday, April 4th at 1:15 PM at Elderhaus. Melinda Stewart and Eunice Andrews will be presenting the program. For more information contact Eugenia at 799-3629 or Julie at 256-2639.
- **Battery Island Committee** will have the following members on Battery Island on Thursday, March 24th for the annual spring clean-up: Harriet Kimbro, Carol Corbett, Eunice Andrews, Melinda Stewart, Mary Andrews, Diane Smith, Eugenia Griswold, and Penny Allison.
- **Flower Arranging Committee** will have a brief meeting of the flower arranging committee at Carrabba's after the general meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd. If you cannot or do not want to stay for lunch, please come for this brief meeting of announcements and planning for our May Luncheon table decorations. June Sweeny will hold the meeting before lunch and it should be very brief.
- **Garden Tour Committee** will meet on Monday, March 21st, at 1:00pm at Gayle Ward's home (5500 Woodland Trace).
- **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.

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

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: **Oakdale - NC's First Rural Cemetery, charted 1852.**

158 Years of History, Beauty and Charm

Presenter: Eric Kozen, Superintendent of

The Oakdale Cemetery Company

Devotional: Helen Pasin

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Shirley Hardee

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 18 – Arbor Day Program. The CFGC will plant a live oak tree at Oakdale Cemetery Annex (across the bridge). The 10:00 am ceremony will include Friends of Oakdale and members of CFGC. The tree will be dedicated to the ladies of Wilmington, who in 1925 founded Cape Fear Garden Club. Ten of the 12 charter members are known to be buried in Oakdale Cemetery. They are Mary Wiggins Davis, Ida Kate Hawthorne Elliot, Margaret Hargrove Hall, Margaret Iredell Meyers Latimer, Sarah Crowther Lippett, Nola R. Martin, Rena Nelson McRae, Jeanie Strange, and Margaret Glenn Willard. Come out and support both groups.

March 18 & 19 – Ikebana Flower Arrangement Exhibition at the New Hanover County Arboretum on Oleander Drive. Friday the show will run from 1 pm to 6 pm and Saturday from 10am to 4 pm. Admission is FREE and the public is invited. The Cape Fear Bonsai Society will be a guest exhibitor. Call 910-256-1808 for additional information.

March 20 - 22 – South Atlantic Region Annual Meeting. Greensboro, NC. Please contact Sandra Kittinger if you would like information on attending this event.

March 26 – Herb and Garden Fair. Poplar Grove Plantation 9:00 am to 5:00 pm free.

March 26 through April 1 – Third Annual Plant an Azalea Week. Discounted azaleas available at The Transplanted Garden, Lloyd's Nursery, Lou's Flower Patch, Zone 8, Five Oaks and Tinga Nursery. Help restore Wilmington to the "city of more than a million azaleas" by planting an azalea in your yard.

April 2 – Bird Watching Tour Oakdale Cemetery with noted ornithologist, Dr James Parnell. A retired professor of biology at University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Dr. Parnell is the author of numerous books and articles on birds, among which is *Birds of the Carolinas*, which he co-authored. \$8.00 for non-members; FREE for members. Tour begins at 8:00 am and ends at 10:00 am. Tours are cancelled in event of inclement weather.

April 8 - 10 Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour

April 29 – Harbor Island Garden Club Tour of Homes. Wrightsville Beach. 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Tickets on sale at WB Museum (\$15 before April 22 and \$20 after April 22). Cash only. For more information, go to www.harborislandgardenclub.net <<http://www.harborislandgardenclub.net>>

May 1 – Battery Island Cruise sponsored by CFGC. Tickets sales are moving along. If you would like to attend, tickets can be bought at Wild Bird and Garden in the Hanover Center, via mail, or from Melinda Stewart at the March meeting. (\$35 for adults).

May 2 – Club Picnic at Airlie Gardens. Noon.

May 1 – 3 – Annual meeting of the Garden Club of NC. Charlotte, NC. If you are interested, please go to the website: <http://www.gardenclubofnc.org> and look at the details under Notices on the left.

May 19 – Installation Luncheon. Porters Neck Clubhouse. 11:30 am.

Club News

- **COOKIES!!** Plan to deliver your homemade cookies (NO NUTS and NO CHOCOLATE) to Elderhaus on April 7. Details and times for drop-offs will be announced at the March 22 meeting. Call Carolyn Jefferies or Pam Darden if you need more information. The Ribbon Cutting Committee and Cookbook Committee would appreciate cookies made from recipes in "A Christmas Tea" cookbook, especially Orange Blossoms. Patt Noday, the Master of Ceremonies, will be mentioning these in his comments during the program.
- Sign-up sheets for the **installation luncheon** will be available at the March and April meetings. Please indicate your preference of shrimp or chicken salad. Make your checks in the amount of \$18.00 payable to Cape Fear Garden Club.
- **SELL GARDEN TOUR TICKETS!!!** Our club's annual Azalea Garden Tour is less than a month away! The Azalea Queen will cut the ribbon to open our 3-day garden tour at the Greenfield Lake Amphitheater on April 8th at 10:00am. Park at Legion Stadium and ride the free bus to and from Greenfield Lake. Please attend and have a beautiful time.
- Thanks for helping Cheryl Hunter and Betty Gail Buggeln get the word out to everyone in Wilmington about the "**Plant an Azalea**" project. The Wilmington Garden Show booth for our club really helped us in contacting the public. Let's keep telling our story of beautifying Wilmington with a "million" azaleas. Go to the CFGC website for all of the project details.
- Do you have a friend whose daughter is a belle for the Azalea Garden Tour? If so, you may like to give her a pack of the **belle note cards**. It would be a wonderful little gesture of celebration!! Feel free to contact me if you would like to purchase any note cards or prints. Beth Woodruff – 465-2959 or 686-0004
- **New Member Orientation** will be on Monday, March 21 at the Arboretum. Committees can begin setting up at 8 am; meeting will begin at 9:30 and should end around 11:30. New members and their sponsors are required to attend.
- **News and Media:** Please email, Lori Harris, News Director, with any upcoming committee activities and event information to be included in annual calendar. Committee event news release should be emailed to News Director for final review and distribution. Lori Harris, News Director (lharris2006@yahoo.com or 409-0202).
- **Carrabba's for lunch after the March meeting?** Cost is \$15.00 per person. Everyone is welcome. E-mail or call Shirley Hardee (sealady@bellsouth.net or 686-7305) so she can make a reservation for you.
- **Parking Situation: Please reserve the closest 4 rows of parking at the Cameron Museum for our older members.**
- **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.**
- **Call Dorothy Gaither for transportation to the March meeting (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).**



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