



# Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

March 2016

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

## President's Message

Spring is almost here.....and I look forward to seeing you at the March 22 general meeting as we welcome the first week of spring! As you can see in reading the March Clippings, there are numerous events and projects happening this month and through the end of May. The March meeting is an important time for introducing and getting to know our new members. In addition, there are four business items to discuss and vote on at the general meeting: approval of the 2016 – 2017 budget, approval of a Conflict of Interest Policy (this is something our club must have in place before we can apply for 501c3 status), approval of a By-Law change regarding the Garden Tour Disbursement Committee, and approval of a letter to the New Hanover County Commissioners in support of beautification. Thank you for your support and participation during this very important time in our year!

Cindy Henry, President

### General Meeting Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Cape Fear Country Club  
1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Irene Shea

Program: 10:00 am

Devotional: Diane Smith

Program Title: **Smart Yard Concepts**

Presenter: Tracy Skrabal, Coastal Scientist, NC Coastal Federation

Horticulture Theme: Tulips, Daffodils & flowering Shrubs

Day Clerks: Bettye Broadwater, Betsy Wallace

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.

## Yearbook Corrections and Membership News

### Active

Brantham, Mary Rose - correct email mrbrantham@hotmail.com

Hardee, Shirley - add cell 910-617-4231

Jenkins, Suzanne - moved to Emeritus

Shumpert, Pam - new email address PASHumpert@gmail.com

Sloan, Louise - resigned

Waldkirch, Carol - new email waldkirchc@gmail.com

### Associate

Simmons, Wendy - delete home phone, add 910-612-3387

### Emeritus

Fraleigh, Willene - passed away 2/27/16

McIver, Gladys - new email gsmciver123@gmail.com

**Membership reminder:** Please forward any news of members who should receive a get well, thinking of you or sympathy card to Carolyn Jefferies at jessejefferies@gmail.com or call 251-9203.

## Upcoming Events

- **March 18 - North Carolina Arbor Day.**
- **March 18 & 19 Ikebana and Art in Bloom Exhibition - Arboretum.**
- **April 3 - Mary Lou McEachern Belle Tea.** Belle Committee only. Arboretum. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- **April 3 - 9 Plant an Azalea Week.** A special planting event will be held at Hugh McRae Park on **April 5th** at 10:00 a.m. All members are invited to attend. More details other side.
- **April 7 - 10 Art in Bloom.** North Carolina Museum of Art. Many art & flower related events including a Flower Show. Visit [ncartmuseum.org](http://ncartmuseum.org) for details and tickets.
- **April 8 - 10 Azalea Garden Tour "Stepping into Spring".**
- **April 17 - 19 Garden Club of NC, Inc. Convention.** Durham, NC. Check GCNC website for more information.
- **April 21 - Azalea Garden Tour Garden Owners Luncheon.** Open to all CFGC members. Surf Club Wrightsville Beach. 11:30 a.m.
- **May 14 - Bird Island Cruise.** If anyone would like to purchase tickets, please contact or see Diane Smith at the March meeting. Cost is \$40.00 per ticket.
- **May 17 - May Luncheon & Installation of 2016-2017 Club Officers.** Surf Club, 1 Mallard St., Wrightsville Beach. Social starting at 11:30, Lunch at 12:00. Luncheon cost is \$22.00. To sign up, an envelope will be passed at the March and April meetings. Lunch choice is Chicken Milanese or Spicy Seared Mahi Mahi.
- **Spring 2016 Litter Sweep** sponsored by the Conservation Committee will be held sometime between April 16 to April 30. Exact date to be announced later. Please plan on coming out to show our support for "Keeping NC Green and Clean".

## Memorial

The following book has been donated to the New Hanover County Public Library in memory of Joann Lennon Durner Hoyt

Everyday Flowers: Flowers to Beautify and Decorate the Home  
by Paula Pryke

## Club News

- Each club member is asked to **turn in their Committee Selection Sheet** to the Yearbook Committee at the March or April General meeting **whether you're changing committees or not**. Thank you!
- Remember to **vote daily for the Azalea Festival** to be named one of the Top Ten US Flower Festivals at <http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-flower-festival/>. Voting continues until March 28.
- **Need a ride?** The Transportation Committee will provide transportation to the March general meeting for any member who needs assistance. Call or email Brenda Garrison ([brendaken@ec.rr.com](mailto:brendaken@ec.rr.com) or 919-619-1633).
- **LUNCH!** Reservations are due to Cathy Poulos (rsvp to your invite or call 910-538-5550) by March 17 for lunch after the March 22 meeting. Cost \$18. Payable by cash (correct change) or check made out to CFGC.
- Our **scrapbook basket** will be in the lobby for all general meetings; please share your pictures, articles and news items. Thanks!
- **Plant an Azalea Week** will be held the first week of April with a ceremony and planting at Hugh MacRae Park on April 5 at 10am near the Gazebo. The Plant an Azalea cards are for sale at each meeting and can be bought in honor of or in memory of someone. Each card funds an azalea that will go in a New Hanover County Park. We'd like to challenge all of our members to Plant an Azalea during the week of April 3rd-9th and to post a picture of your azalea on the Club's Facebook page! As an incentive, we are giving away an azalea at our March meeting.
- Last chance to order embroidered items for this year at the March meeting. If ordering we will make every effort to get the items by Azalea Garden Tour weekend. **Orders already placed need to be picked up and paid for. We have quite a few not picked up!** Also we will have copies of *Belles and Blooms* for sale for \$35 along with the list of belles including the 2016 belles for \$10. Plan to get your copy now. This may be the last year the book and list are sold.
- Conservation Committee has **tote bags for sale** - \$15.00 - Great deal! If you are interested, please contact Linda Snider at 910-620-3756.

## Committee Announcements

- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on April 4 at Elderhaus at Greenfield Lake at 1:10. Melinda Stewart, Joan Marshall and Joan Lynch will lead us in the craft. Hope to see all committee members there.
- **Birds and Butterflies Committee** would like to invite you to a dedication of the butterfly signage at the Davis Community butterfly garden March 22 at 2:45 pm. Parking is limited near the garden so please carpool if possible. **Directions:** Enter the main gate and continue straight past Champions Assisted Living. There will be a stop sign ahead. Go to that stop sign and straight ahead you will see a waterfall. Directly behind the waterfall is the butterfly garden with an obelisk at its rear. You can park on either side of that area wherever parking is available, but please follow the directional signs counter clockwise around the area with the waterfall. **We invite all members to join us in wearing something with butterflies at the March general meeting (clothing, scarf, jewelry).**
- **Airlie Showcase Garden Committee** is happy to announce that the Southern Garden is almost finished. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-2:30 the committee will host a floating garden party for all members of the club. We hope that each of you will have a chance to come by and see your generous contributions at work. Thanks again for your support.
- **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 set on the table. Contact Alma Fennell 350-0130 with questions.
- **New Member Relations Committee** would like to thank Fran Summerlin and Pam McNeill for researching and teaching the best cookie recipes and baking/decorating tips for February cookie workshops. We will have the recipes and tips posted on the CFGC website (in the members area) in time for your garden tour baking. Please join us as we welcome our newest members to the Cape Fear Garden Club at the March meeting! Last year's new members have "lost" their flowers on their name tags and bloomed out to regular active members! Be on the lookout for the newest member's flowered name tags and introduce yourself!

## Garden Tour News

- **COOKIES:** Plan to deliver your 2 dozen cookies for the Ribbon Cutting at Elderhaus on Thursday, April 7, anytime between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Remember NO NUTS and NO CHOCOLATE. Recipes and baking tips can be found in the members area of the CFGC website.
- **Azalea Belle Committee** is reminded to bring either a sweet or savory treat to the Belle Tea at the Arboretum on Sunday, April 3.
- **Tickets:** If you have not picked up your tickets, please see Betty Hill, as all members are required to purchase 2 tickets.
- The **Garden Owners Appreciation Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, April 21 at The Surf Club at 11:30 am. A sign-up sheet and envelope will be passed at the March General Meeting. Porter Young is the organizer and is your contact for reservations. Please note the entire membership is invited to join the Tour Committee in thanking our 2016 Garden Owners.
- **Spectrum Gallery** will be sponsoring a Paint Out over the weekend of the Azalea Garden Tour. Eleven artists will be painting "en plein air" on location in our featured gardens. Their work will be on exhibit the weekend of May 6-8, 2016.
- **Garden Sitters:** Every associate and active member of Cape Fear Garden Club is **required** to sit a shift in a garden over Azalea Garden Tour weekend. If you have yet to sign up for a shift, please contact Marty Melton, Addie Arato or Nancy Cameron.
- **Volunteers needed** for Amphitheater clean up after Ribbon Cutting on April 8th. Please email [hillarymcneir@gmail.com](mailto:hillarymcneir@gmail.com) if you can help.



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Beautiful flowers from February meeting



Blue ribbon camellias



Refreshment table arrangement by Bobby Jean Harvey

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