



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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

April 2012

President's Message

Hats off to the many people making this year's Azalea Garden Tour absolutely wonderful! It is truly a group effort - cookie bakers, garden sitters, the many committee chairs, the tour leader, Karen Smith, have all worked together to produce a truly great event. Thanks to everyone! As we wrap up this club year, remember, we still have one more general meeting where we will celebrate our wonderful tour and finalize the revised by-laws, the club picnic and May luncheon. Hope to see you all at these great events.

- **Becky Phillips, president**

Upcoming Events

- **April 16 - 21 Plant an Azalea Week** All CFGC Members are invited to attend the kick off ceremony for "Plant an Azalea Week" at 10:00 am, April 16th at Sunset Park Elementary School near Wilmington's beautiful Greenfield Lake. During the ceremony at the school, six of our Azalea Belles will present to the school children Encore Azaleas to be planted at their school. Media and press will be present.
- **April 27 - Arbor Day** On Friday, April 27 at 10:00, the CFGC will celebrate Arbor Day with a planting of a live oak on Dock Street between 3rd and 4th on the city right away. Kindergarten students from St. James will attend. All garden club members are invited to attend.
- **April 29 - May 1 - GCNC State Convention** Asheville, NC. All garden club members are invited to attend. Check out the GCNC website for registration information (www.gardenclubofnc.org).
- **May 2 - Club Picnic** Meet at Airlie Gardens at noon.
- **May 5 - Rose Garden Tour** Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society is hosting a tour of 10 local rose gardens in memory of Susan Hart All gardens may be visited in any order between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. FREE For further information call (910) 392-1748 or (910) 762-6457.
- **May 6 - Bird Islands Cruise** of the Lower Cape Fear SOLD OUT!
- **May 22 - May Luncheon** Cape Fear Country Club 11:30 a.m. Cost \$18.00. Please sign up and pay at April General Meetings (envelope will be passed during the meeting). Checks should be payable to CFGC. Entree options will be chicken or vegetarian/pasta. Contact Janet Warren if you have questions 251-9821 or jwarren8@ec.rr.com.
- **May 30 - Butterfly Symbol Reception** Legislature Building, Raleigh, NC. All CFGC members are encouraged to get involved with this project either through endorsement letters and/or by helping with this special reception. More details and contacts listed under club news.

General Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

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

Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops:

9:10 am Shirley Hardee

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Program: 10:00 am

Program Title: **CFGC's 2012**

Azalea Garden Tour

Presenters: Karen Smith, Tour Chair and CFGC Photography Committee

Devotional: Rachel McKnight

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Bonnie Faler

Horticulture Theme: azaleas and spring bulbs

Day Clerks: Wanda Canada, Barbara James

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.

A container is still missing from the Christmas Tea.
If you helped with the Tea, please look around for an extra flower container.
If found, please, contact Penny Allison at 686-0888.

Club News

- Our May 6 Bird Islands Cruise of the Lower Cape Fear was sold out by the 15th of March. Thanks to the following members who will be assisting on cruise day: Ticket takers - Harriet Kimbro and Rebecca Philpott; snacks and drinks - Diane Smith and Eugenia Griswold; photographers- Charlotte Davis and Eunice Andrews; additional crew - Ann Lawhon, Linda Harrelson, Bettie Anne West, and Melinda Stewart.
- May 30 is the end of CFGC Fiscal Year. The treasurer should receive all requests for reimbursements by May 26. No requests will be paid for 2011-2012 after May 30, 2012.
- ENDORSEMENTS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Help Name the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly as a North Carolina State Symbol. On Wednesday, May 30, CFGC will be sending a delegation to Raleigh to lobby for the endorsement of the State butterfly. The Butterfly Symbol Committee will host a reception (chaired by Marie Ashworth) at the legislative building to SHOW SUPPORT for this bill. All volunteers for this event will be trained and given all the information that they need prior to the May 30 event. **Contact Marie Ashworth (762-2051) for more information. Send your letters of endorsement to Frances Parnell ASAP.**
- The Civic Improvements Committee will accept nominations for the Spring/Summer Beauty Spot Awards during the month of May for awards to be given in mid June. Please start scouting for new Beauty Spots across New Hanover County that will be in their prime season for early June. The awards will be given during National Garden Week in June" - we hope to have media coverage with a ceremony to recognize winners in all 3 categories: Businesses, Neighborhood Entrances, and Residential. Nominations can be sent to Cathy Poulos at cpoulos@ec.rr.com or Cathy Giannini at thegianninis@earthlink.net.
- Are you sponsoring a belle this year? Azalea Belle note cards are a great gift for the belle and/or her mom!! Note cards will be available at the April meeting for purchase or call Beth Woodruff at 465-2959 to arrange for a special delivery. Ten cards for \$10.
- **Belles and Blooms** - Our book will be available at our April meeting including the new 2012 Belle List for \$25, Belle List only for \$5 or call Elaine Henson 763-8056 to purchase.
- We are looking for tablecloths for the general meeting. If you would like to donate a tablecloth, please contact Alma Fennell 791-8732.
- Carrabba's will be open for lunch after the April meeting. Cost will be \$15.00 for a 3-course meal. Contact Shirley Hardee 686-7305 or email sealady@bellsouth.net. There is a back room if you would like to have a committee meeting there.
- Please direct any changes or corrections to your name, address, phone, and email to Eileen Haley at eileenhaleync@gmail.com. Thanks!
- ^a Changes to departments/committees for next year need to be sent to Gloria Degnan at gdegnan@ec.rr.com.
- Call Dorothy Gaither for transportation to the April meeting, club picnic or May luncheon (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).



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Committee Announcements

- **Battery Island Committee** - Eunice Andrews, Charlotte Davis, Linden Boone, Carol Corbett, Eugenia Griswold, Sherry O'Daneill, Denise Miller, Harriet Kimbro, and Melinda Stewart conducted a spring clean up of Battery Island on March 16. Surprisingly we found only 50 gallons of trash, and we fortunately found 19 of our 20 Yaupon holly with new growth. Wire wraps were closed at the top to keep out the young hatchlings.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** would like to "thank" all of my committee members for their help at Elderhaus this year. We had a good time and brought a little joy to the clients there. See you in October and maybe before, for a little gardening. Pat McConahey
- **Birds and Butterflies Committee** has been hard at work planting the Welcome Garden at the Arboretum. Please take time to peek at the garden located just past the gift shop. Donations are still being accepted to help complete this project. Checks should be made out to: NHCFOA (New Hanover County Friends of the Arboretum) with "Welcome Garden" in the memo space at the bottom left of your check, to ensure that the Welcome Garden benefits from your donation. Send your check to: New Hanover County ARBORETUM, 6206 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, NC 28403. Please contact Joan Dolezal (399-1823) for more information.
- **Garden Tour Committee** would like to give a big thank you to all of the wonderful committee chairs and committee members for all of your hard work. This year's tour is absolutely wonderful with or without azaleas! Karen Smith
- **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 791-8732 with questions.

PARKING CONCERN AT CAMERON ART MUSEUM

All members are asked to NOT park in the Pine Valley neighborhood. Homeowners are upset about cars parked in their yards. Please park in the main museum lot and now, the lower lot near the Pancoe Building and staff parking (where we were not supposed to park in the past).