



# Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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

February 2012

## President's Message

Many thanks to each of you for getting on board and following our time restrictions at our meetings. We are now conducting meetings that follow the guidelines of the National Council, Southeast Regional Council, North Carolina Council of Garden Clubs and our District 11. We can now say that we are professionally conducting our meetings in a timely and efficient manner. Keep up the good work.

Fortunately our winter weather has returned so it will slow down the maturing of flowers so necessary for the Azalea Garden Tour.

The Endowment Committee has met its goal and will be presenting the endowment at our February meeting. Mayor Bill Saffo and County Commissioner Chair Bill Davis will be attending our meeting for this presentation. This committee has done an excellent job.

Suzanne Jenkins, Treasurer, will be busy in the coming weeks putting our 2012-2013 budget together. If you have not already done so, get your requests in to Suzanne immediately.

February brings a flurry of activity to the Azalea Garden Tour Committee. Belles have been selected and the garden owners will be honored at a wine and cheese party.

- *Becky Phillips, president*

## General Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

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

Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops: 9:10 am

Ann O'Malley Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Program: 10:00 am

Program Title: **The Most Important Element of Gardening – Starting with the Proper Soil**

Presenters: Evan Folds, Owner of Progressive Gardens

Devotional: Jenny Rippy

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Johnnie Howard

Horticulture Theme: camellias, spring bulbs & flowering branches

Day Clerks: Joyce Christopher, Bettye Broadwater

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.

## Upcoming Events

- **February 25 - 62nd Annual Tidewater Camellia Club Show** Arab Shrine Club 4510 South College Rd. Noon to 5:00 pm. free admission. Check website ([www.tidewatercamelliaclub.org](http://www.tidewatercamelliaclub.org)) for more information.
- **Sunday, March 4 – Camellia Tour** Ed Powers and Bill Wilcox, both members of Wilmington's Tidewater Camellia Club and certified judges of the American Camellia Society, will guide participants on a two hour tour of the camellias blooming in Oakdale. \$8.00 for non-members; FREE for members. Tour begins at 2:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm. Tours are cancelled in the event of inclement weather.
- **March 14 - New Member Orientation** 8:30 am at the Arboretum Auditorium for set up. Meeting starts at 10:00 am.
- **March 25 – 27 - South Atlantic Annual Meeting** Greenbrier Inn, West Virginia. Go to the SAR website for more information ([www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org)).
- **April 13 -15 - Azalea Garden Tour**
- **April 15 -21 Plant an Azalea Week**
- **April 27 - Arbor Day** Tree planting information coming soon!
- **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](http://www.gardenclubofnc.org)).
- **May 6 - Bird Islands Cruise of the Lower Cape Fear**

**It's time to start thinking about Garden Tour Cookies! Remember no nuts and no chocolate. The following recipe belongs to Rita Williams (Kathy Williams' Mother-in-Law) and is perfect for tour cookies.**

### Butter Cookies

3 sticks of butter, softened at room temperature  
1 ¼ cup of sugar  
3 cups of flour  
Pinch of salt  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon of vanilla

Cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer. Gradually add flour and salt. Add egg and vanilla. Bake at 350 degrees about 7 minutes. Cookies are ready just before they turn brown around the edges. Suggestions and tips: This recipe works great with a cookie press. When cookies first come out of the oven they may appear to be "unfinished" (raw and moist). Just transfer them to a wire rack to cool and everything will turn out just fine.

Stay tuned for another recipe next month.

## Yearbook corrections and changes

Correct email addresses:

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## Club News

- If you are taking pictures of an event put on by the committee you are on, please forward them to me as soon as possible after the event so I will be able to make copies for the historian and to keep on file to have as needed. Millie Maready milliemaready@ec.rr.com
- Carrabba's will be open for lunch after the February 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 during the year to Eileen Haley at eileenhaleync@gmail.com. Thanks!
- Call Dorothy Gaither for transportation to the February meeting (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).

### **ATTENTION: Special Called Meetings**

Special review sessions have been set up for all club members to have an opportunity to respond and provide insight in the proposed new by-law and policies & procedures documents. The documents will be released by email and mailing to non-email members prior to the review sessions. The Executive Board will first review and make necessary corrections and then the general membership will have the opportunity to respond. Please read the documents carefully, bring your printed copy and your written questions to one of the designated review sessions if you have input.

Proposed By-Law and Policies & Procedure Review/Question and Answer Sessions:

1. Feb. 29, 2012 Executive Board Q&A Session: 11:00-2:00 @ Arboretum.
2. General Membership Q&A Sessions (2):  
March 14, 2012, 1-3:00pm @ Arboretum  
March 20, 2012, 2-4:00pm @ First Baptist Church Activity Center on Independence Blvd.

## Committee Announcements

- **Battery Island Committee** - There will be a Battery Island Clean-up on March 16, with a rain date of March 23. (Fridays). Thanks to our committee members, all slots are filled for both dates. Tickets went on sale Feb. 1st for the Bird Islands Cruise of the Lower Cape Fear. (Sunday, May 6). To date over 1/3 of the tickets have been sold. As long as they last, tickets can be purchased at the meetings, and of course at Wild Bird and Garden in the Hanover Center. Many thanks to the committee members who are passing out flyers, posters, enrolling us on local calendars, and working the day of the cruise in order that we will have a successful day.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on Monday, March 5 at 1:15 at Elderhaus. Kay Fare and Johnnie Howard will present the craft. Hope to see you there!
- **Birds and Butterflies Committee** continues to work on the Welcome Garden at the Arboretum. Anyone wanting to donate time or money to that effort please contact Joan Dolezal at joanandfrank@jdolezal.com.
- **Garden Tour Committee** reminds everyone to sign up to sit in a garden and pick up your tickets at the February meeting. The theme for the garden tour is "Follow the Blooms".
- **Gardening for Wildlife Committee** announces that Wilmington's historic Oakdale Cemetery has been certified as a wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. All CFGC members are invited to attend the publicity event at 2:00 pm, Friday, February 17, just outside the cemetery's main gate on 15th Street. Also, a big thank you to the Conservation Committee for their generous contribution of \$100 to be used for the vegetable garden being installed at Dorothy B. Johnson Pre-K.
- **Special Events Committee** announces that the Garden Show booth was a great success. Thanks to Marie Ashworth and Josh Richards of the Creative Cascades for setting up the front entrance. The azaleas came from Encore as a gift. Thanks also to club members Shirena O'Donnell, Cathy Gianinni, Cheryl Hunter, Donna Thompson, Martha Blacher, Marie Ashworth, Mary Ann Bridger and Irene Shea who tended the booth. The committee has now provided 4 arrangements for opening events at the Cameron Art Museum. Carol Price has worked with Irene Shea to do the designs.
- **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.



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