



# Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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

January 2012

## President's Message

With January in full swing, a plethora of seed and garden catalogs begin to arrive. As you peruse these catalogs during the colder months, keep an eye out for plant material that accommodates our theme "Planting for the Future."

NCGC will soon have available as the first in a series a beautiful Baldwin collectible Christmas ornament. It is gold plated, with white dogwoods around the bottom and in relief a red Cardinal. Forms for pre-ordering will be available at the State Meeting April 29-May 1st in Asheville.

As we enter the New Year, our committees are busily doing their work. A new bluebird trail at Laney High School was dedicated on January 9, 2012 and this committee is busy trying to get the swallowtail butterfly named as our State butterfly. The Azalea Garden Tour Committee is getting in gear for the most exciting event of our year and preparations for many events are under way. The Endowment Committee has reached its goal of pledges of \$5000 and is busily collecting these pledges. The Battery Island Committee is busy beginning their planning for the annual cruise. Our conservation committee has become a very viable force in the community. How exciting that so many projects are under way.

The nominating committee will be meeting in the very near future. I encourage each of you to think seriously about taking a leadership position on the Board. It will be a very valuable and rewarding experience. Contact Sandra Kittinger for further information.

- **Becky Phillips, president**

## General Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

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

Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops: 9:10 am

Irene Shea Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Program: 10:00 am

Program Title: **A Visit to the 2011 Chelsea Flower Show**

Presenters: June Sweeny, Becky Phillips, Sandra Kittinger (members of CFGC)

Devotional: Joyce Galloway

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Heda Waldrup

Horticulture Theme: camellias and early bulbs

Day Clerks: Charlotte Dexter, Ann Hutteman

Judge: June Sweeny

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

**January 20 and 21 - Tree Fest** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm JC Penney court of Independence Mall. Local residents are invited to pick up to 5 tree seedlings to help replace the thousands of trees lost each year to disease, development, and storms. Sponsored by Keep America Beautiful.

**February 4 and 5 - 19th Annual Wilmington Garden Show** Schwartz Center of CFCC downtown Wilmington. Garden Show hours are Saturday from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. Admission is \$7.00, children under 12 are free.

**February 25 - 62nd Annual Tidewater Camellia Club Show** Arab Shrine Club 4510 South College Rd. Noon to 5:00 pm. free admission. Email [www.tidewatercamelliclub.org](http://www.tidewatercamelliclub.org) for more information.

**March 14 – New Member Orientation** 9:30 at the Arboretum Auditorium

**April 13 -15 - Azalea Garden Tour**

## Yearbook corrections and changes

### *New addresses:*

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### *Correct email:*

Charlotte Davis [cdavis4921@gmail.com](mailto:cdavis4921@gmail.com).

### **RESIGNED**

Active: Sue Foss, Norma Knight

### **CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP**

**From Active to Associate:** Mary Lou McEachern, Lola Rivenbark

**From Active to Emeritus:** Kitty Lee

**From Associate to Emeritus:** Babs Shaw

### **DECEASED**

Active: Angie Hamlet

### **MARK OFF MEMBERSHIP**

**Active:** Barbara Buchanan, Deborah Cavanaugh, Katie Dunaway, Lois Potratz

**Associate:** Lisa Galphin, Rose Ann Moore

## Club News

- Azalea Belles: Applications for our 2012 Azalea Belles will be available at the Jan 24th general meeting. Each CFGC member may sponsor up to 3 girls. Please note that the Azalea Belle Policy was revised by the Belle Committee to limit applications to high school seniors and juniors only. Due to the large numbers of applicants in the recent years it has been impossible to make the cut as a sophomore and many juniors have to re-apply. Please review the application carefully with your sponsored girl to make sure she understands her duties and responsibilities. All applications are due by January 31. Azalea Belle Committee will meet to sign up for dress fittings and Belle events on January 30 at 11 am at 104 Mullington Lane, home of Cathy Poulos.
- The recent installation of a bluebird trail at Laney High School represents third bluebird trail in New Hanover County that the Birds and Butterflies Committee initiated. Students of Deborah Gill, science teacher at Laney, erected six bluebird houses on wood posts. Six weatherproof plaques by local artist Sean Ruttkay were mounted on the posts beneath the houses. The plaques depict a bluebird photograph taken by Dr. James Parnell. The Committee also initiated the naming of the Cape Fear Garden Club as a co-sponsor with the Arboretum of a Welcome Garden there. This garden should be in good shape for the 2012 Azalea Festival Tour, where the Arboretum is one of the tour locations.
- Any Cape Fear Garden Club member is welcome to participate in the planting of the Welcome Garden. Email or call Joan Dolezal at joanandfrank@jdolezal.com. (Tel. 399-1823.) To ensure that this garden will look great for the Azalea Festival, send your tax deductible check to: New Hanover County Arboretum 6206 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403. Please make your check payable to FONHCA (Friends of New Hanover County Arboretum) and put "Welcome Garden" in the memo line at the bottom left of the check.
- Great news! Congratulations! We have reached our goal of \$5000 in pledges to match our club's \$5000 and open our endowment fund with the North Carolina Community Foundation. Please join us with your support by writing your checks to NCCF/CFGC today...whether you made a pledge or not. It is not too late and no amount is too small. Please send your check in today to Sandra Kittinger, 303 Bradley Creek Point Road, Wilmington, NC 28403 or give it to her at the January 24, 2012 General Meeting.
- Gayle Ward was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow on November 29th at the downtown Rotary meeting. Gayle was recognized for her cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Wilmington in the beautification of the Rotary Wheel at Greenfield Lake. The Rotary Wheel was the site of the Cape Fear Garden Club's "Queen's Garden Party" following our Ribbon Cutting to open our 2011 Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour.
- Carrabba's will be open for lunch after the January 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 January meeting (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).

## Committee Announcements

- **Battery Island Committee** will be meeting after the CFGC January meeting on the 24th at Henry's. We will be discussing the late March clean up and making plans for the May 6 Bird Islands Cruise of the Lower Cape Fear. Please notify Melinda Stewart (452-16116) (JohnandmelindaS@aol.com) as to whether or not you plan to attend so reservations can be made.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on Monday, February 6 at 1:15 at Elderhaus. Ginger Longino and Eugenia Griswold will present the craft. Please bring gardening tools for a little work session in the courtyard after the craft presentation.
- **Flower Arranging Committee:** June Sweeny will bring all items that were not picked up from Wanda Copley's to the January meeting. If I have your item and you will not be at the January meeting, please have someone pick it up for you. Thanks once more to everyone who helped to make this one of our most beautiful Christmas Teas ever!
- **Garden Tour Committee** will meet on Monday, January 16th at 1pm at Karen's house. The tickets, brochures, and posters are completed and will be available at the general meeting on January 24th. Please consider becoming a friend of the tour for \$100 and get your two tour tickets. See Sandra Kittinger at the ticket table on the 24th to become a friend of the Tour. The wine and Cheese reception for the garden owners and media will be held February 23rd at the home of Linda McCall. Stones for the garden owners have been donated by the Stone Garden, sandblasted by Rags and ready to be picked up by the garden owners at the wine and Cheese reception.
- **Gardening for Wildlife Committee** announces that a wildlife garden has been installed at Dorothy B. Johnson Pre-K. We would like to thank the Birds and Butterflies Committee for their generous donation of a birdbath to the garden. Oakdale Cemetery has been certified as a wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. We are updating our list of Cape Fear Garden Club members who have certified wildlife habitats. A list will be passed around at the January meeting. Please review the list and add your name if your yard is certified by the National Wildlife Federation. Contact Kathy Williams at jkmdwilliams@ec.rr.com if you have any questions.
- **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.

*In memory of CFGC's dear friend, Susan Hart,*  
here is one of her favorite recipes. It is fondly called "Susan's Pudding." The ingredients included about equal parts of composted manure, peat moss, and high quality potting soil. She mixed these all together in a wheelbarrow and added liberal amounts of the "recipe" into the border gardens before planting. Susan was a big proponent of careful soil preparation, and this was the secret to her long-blooming borders and container gardens.



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