



# Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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

March 2012

## President's Message

We're beginning to see the signs of spring with daffodils, and other bulbs showing their beautiful color, as well as all the flowering trees and shrubs. It's a good time to rethink our theme for the year "Planting for the Future." Since our drought is still here, as you select shrubs, trees and perennials for your garden, think about the water they require and select those that are drought tolerant.

It's just a few short weeks until the Azalea Garden Tour, certain to please us once again with all the beautiful gardens. If you have not already signed up to sit in a garden, please do so at the next meeting. It takes all of us to man the gardens during the tour.

Tickets are on sale now for the Bird Island Tour and if you have not been lately, it certainly provides an afternoon of pleasure in viewing all the beautiful birds that have selected our coastal area to nest.

Cape Fear Garden Club has been named recipient of the Pretty in Pink Foundation award for 2012. This award will be presented at the March meeting.

- **Becky Phillips, president**

### General Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

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

Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops:

9:10 am Chris Dybvik

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Program: 10:00 am

Program Title: **Water Features & the Rainxchange System**

Presenters: Drew Thorndyke, Owner of Cape Fear Water Gardens

Devotional: Ginger Fennell

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Pat McConahey

Horticulture Theme: tulips, daffodils & flowering shrubs

Day Clerks: DeVonna Mathis, 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.

## Upcoming Events

- March 16 & 17 - Annual Ikebana Exhibition Arboretum Auditorium Hours: Friday 1:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 10:00 to 4:00. Guest exhibitor is the Cape Fear Bonsai Society Free admission. For more information, call Pam Benke 798-2817.
- 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)).
- March 29 - April 2 Master Gardener Plant Sale New Hanover County Arboretum Huge inventory of plants and a variety of crafts available each day. Check the website ([www.nhcgov.com/Arboretum](http://www.nhcgov.com/Arboretum)) or call 798-7660 for hours and more information.
- March 31 - Bird Watching Tour Oakdale Cemetery with ornithologist, Dr. James Parnell (retired UNC-W professor and honorary member of CFGC). \$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
- April 13 -15 - Azalea Garden Tour
- April 15 -21 Plant an Azalea Week. Details of this event are found with committee reports.
- 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. The first meetings of the club, which became CFGC met at St James Episcopal Church nearby. 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](http://www.gardenclubofnc.org)).
- May 2 - Club Picnic Meet at Airlie Gardens at noon.
- May 6 - Bird Islands Cruise of the Lower Cape Fear Tickets are selling rapidly. At last check only 28 remained. Call Melinda (452-1616) if you want to go.
- May 22 - May Luncheon Cape Fear Country Club 11:30 a.m. Cost \$18.00. Please sign up and pay at March and April General Meetings (envelope will be passed during the meeting). Checks should be payable to CFGC. Entree options will be chicken or vegetarian/pasta.

### COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES

Cookies for the ribbon cutting will need to be dropped off at the McNeill's house (102 Magnolia Drive) on Thursday, April 12 from 9:00-11:30am and 1:30-3:30pm. Remember no nuts and no chocolate.

#### Queen Martha's Garden Party Cookies

- 1 box lemon cake mix (Duncan Hines)
- 2 cups cool whip
- 1 med. egg
- 2 tbs. lemon juice (bottled fine)

Mix all ingredients together. Put confectioners sugar on fingertips and make balls. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

## Club News

- 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 March 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 March 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 March 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 March meeting (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).

### Yearbook Corrections and Changes

**Actives to Associate:** Libby Holladay, Barbara Johnson, Shannon Maus, Connie Parker, Helene Pasin, Lola Rivenbark, Freda Wilkins, Diana Overton, Dana Fisher, Chris Dybvik, Mary Lou McEachern, Sylvia Brown

**Actives to Emeritus:** Emma Dineen, Gladys McIver, Sarah O'Brien, Angeline Saffo, Lydia Stokes, Betty Warren, Kitty Lee

**Associates to Emeritus:** Louise Thompson, Wanda Moore, Babs Shaw, Roberta Zimmer, Nancy Symmes, Betty Matthews

### ATTENTION: Special Called Meetings

In case you missed the other meetings, there is one more opportunity to attend a special review session to respond and provide insight into the new by-law and policies & procedures documents. This session will be held on March 20, 2012, 2:00-4:00pm @ First Baptist Church Activity Center on Independence Blvd.



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## Committee Announcements

- **Battery Island Committee** - The following ladies will be headed out to Battery Island on Friday March 16 for a clean-up and to unwrap the newly planted Yaupons: Bettie Anne West, Melinda Stewart, Denise Miller, Cheryl Schramm, Linden Boone, Eugenia Griswold, Diane Smith, Eunice Andrews, Carol Corbett, and Harriet Kimbro. We are hoping for cooperative weather. A rain date is scheduled for March 23rd.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on Monday, April 2 at 1:15 at Elderhaus. Melinda Stewart will present the craft. Remember to bring your gardening equipment for our ongoing clean up of the courtyard at Elderhaus.
- **Birds and Butterflies Committee** has been busy selling the waterproof bluebird plaques to help fund the Welcome Garden at the Arboretum. Please call Johnnie Howard at 791-0668 or 612-0447 (cell), or see the plaques for sale at our table before the March general meeting.
- **Garden Tour Committee** will meet on March 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Karen Smith's house (4338 Appleton Way). The logistics for the ribbon cutting are all being worked out. Please remember to purchase your tour tickets and sign up to sit in a garden at the March meeting.
- **Gardening for Wildlife Committee** would like to offer a thank you to everyone who has recently applied for a wildlife habitat certification. Please let Kathy Williams know when you receive your certification from the National Wildlife Federation and your name will be added to the CFGC list. A press release will go out announcing all CFGC members who have certified wildlife habitats. If you do not want your name included please contact Kathy at jkmdwilliams@ec.rr.com
- **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.
- **Civic Improvements Committee** will host an opening ceremony for "Plant an Azalea Week" at 10:00 a.m. at Sunset Park Elementary School. Plan now to attend this ceremony where 6 Encore Azaleas will be presented by 6 lovely Azalea Belles for the official planting of azaleas to kick off this week (April 15-21, 2012). City officials are expected to attend and the children will present songs as part of the program. Make plans to purchase an azalea to plant in your own yard during this week.
- **Belle Committee** members are asked to bring their salty or sweet treat (A - M sweets, cookies, cookie bars, fruits or N - Z salty or munchie items or tea sandwiches). NO peanuts or peanut butter or foods that can cause allergies. NO chocolate bits or food items that melt easily in the sun (things that can stain gloves or dresses). Make an entire serving or batch (36-48 cookies or servings for the same). All food items should be attractive and ready to place on serving trays. Pack them in disposable containers for the Belle tea on April 1. Be there by 1:30 at 2 Cedar Lane, home of Mary Lou McEachern to help with set up.