

Cape Fear Clippings

November 2011

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

President's Message

With a sudden sharp drop in temperatures, it brings to mind that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We have many reasons to be thankful. As we remember all the recipients of grants from the Azalea Garden Tour, we are grateful for all the efforts of the Garden Tour Committee and all members of the club for making the tour so successful. We are grateful for our very hard working Civic Improvements Committee and their efforts in selecting homes and businesses worthy of displaying the beautiful signs. We are grateful for the continued efforts of the Battery Island Committee in clearing debris and replanting appropriate plant material on the island to enhance our continued enjoyment of this nesting site. We are thankful for our very creative Flower Arranging Committee already hard at work to bring us another beautifully decorated home for our annual Christmas Tea. We are thankful for our newly formed committee reviewing our yearbook and by-laws to bring us an even better yearbook next year. We are thankful for our Birds and Butterflies Committee already making plans for another bluebird trail. We are thankful for our Awards Committee striving hard to bring honor to the work done by all the various committees. We are thankful for our Youth Gardener Committee for instilling in young people at an early age the values of gardening. This list could go on and on, as our club is truly a club for which to be thankful.

Please review our new guidelines for Associate and Emeritus membership. If you would like to change your membership status, please forward a request to me. Have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

- Becky Phillips, president

General Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 Cameron Art Museum, corner of South 17th and Independence Blvd. Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops: 9:10 am Mary Kathryn Turner & Pam Darden Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am Program: 10:00 am Program Title: Fall into the Holidays Presenter: Roxanne Thompson, Chief Designer & Owner of Island Florals by Roxanne Devotional: Janet Farrior Refreshment Table Arrangement: Laura Lander Horticulture Theme: camellias, bulbs for spring & flowering branches Day Clerks: Ginger Hobbs, Linda Pyle 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.

**Please bring the horticulture rating sheet found on page 70 of your yearbook to the November meeting or mail it to Becky Phillips by December 1.

Upcoming Events

December 1 – Awards due

December 4 and 5 - Old Wilmington By Candlelight Tour Saturday 4:00 – 8:00 pm and Sunday 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the November General Meeting. The Lower Cape Historical Society is proud to have the homes of two of our Garden Club members Diane Lynch and Sidney Penny among the houses on the tour.

December 8 – Christmas Tea

April 12 -13, 2012 - Azalea Garden Tour

Awards Committee

We are making a list of award applicants and ask that those of you who are applying on your own make sure we have you on the list. Please include the award number, award nameand the project. This will ensure that we don't have applications for the same project which is prohibited by award guidelines and will provide a list of possible awards for next year's yearbook. There is still time to submit an award before the deadline of December 1. Please contact Elaine Henson 763-8056 or skipelainehenson@aol.com

<u>Christmas Tea</u>

Thursday, December 8, 2011 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock Home of Wanda and Ron Copley 2328 Lynnwood Drive (Glen Meade) *For members only.*

<u>By-laws of Cape Fear Garden Club</u>

Article VIII, Section 2 - Annual dues are payable in September for the ensuing fiscal year. If dues are not paid by the October general Meeting, the Treasurer shall send a written notice. If dues are not paid by November 15, a second notice shall.be sent. Membership will be canceled on Dec. 15, for those who have not paid their dues.

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> \$35.00 for Active \$45.00 for Associate

Yearbook Corrections & Changes

Wanda Copley correct phone number 910 352-6838 Resigned: Norma Knight Misspelled name: Eugina Griswold should be EUGENIA GRISWOLD

Club News

Thanks to Gayle Ward who was the program speaker for the Wilmington East Rotary Club on the evening of October 10, 2011. She spoke on our Cape Fear Garden Club.

- Want to be a Friend of the 2012 Azalea Garden Tour? You can sign up in January when you purchase your two garden tour tickets. The cost is \$100.00 that includes your two garden tour tickets. If you own a business or know of a business that would like to be a sponsor of our tour, please contact Karen Smith. The garden tour does not have a committee going out actively seeking sponsors. Each member of our club needs to help out in this area. Information about all the different levels of sponsorship is available from Karen Smith, 2012 Garden Tour Chair (392-0941 or smithdk1@earthlink.net).
- The Civic Improvements Committee of the Cape Fear Garden Club has announced three winners for the first ever "Beauty Spot Outstanding Landscape Award". Carrabba's Restaurant on Market Street was selected in the business category, The Village at Mott's Landing on Sanders Road was the Neighborhood Entrance winner, and Joseph Pawlik was the residential winner for his home property at 302 S Second Street. Winners were selected from a pool of nominations for significant and attractive landscaping along street fronts of greater Wilmington. Each winner will be officially recognized on Thursday, November 4th between 3-5 pm during a brief presentation at each site. Look for pictures of each winner on the CFGC Civic Improvements Facebook page!
- The Endowment Committee thanks you for your support. We are rapidly reaching our goal of \$5000 in matching funds to open your CFGC Civic Improvement Endowment. We need \$1450. Please make your pledge of support today. Contact Sandra Kittinger at skittinger@gmail.com or call her at 256-6675.
- Cookbooks will be for sale before the November general meeting. Cost \$20.00. Check your Christmas lists and we'll be happy to fill your order. We'll have some samples for tasting from the book.
- Carrabba's will be open for lunch after the November 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.
- Engagement Calendars containing beautiful scenery from around N.C. make wonderful Christmas and birthday presents. Purchase yours at the November board or general meetings for only \$8.00. Look for the calendar table or call Susan Hickman to purchase yours.
- Are you looking for stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, or hostess gifts? A pack of 10 note cards for \$10 is a great option!! We will be selling the note cards at the November meeting. Make your list and check it twice and support the Cape Fear Garden Club in the process!! If you are not able to attend the meeting, please call Beth Woodruff at 465-2959. We can work out a special delivery!!
- 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 November meeting or Christmas Tea (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).



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Committee Announcements

- Battery Island Committee made two trips to the island during October. Emily Beddoes took charge of the plantings of the Yaupon hollies on October 21. On October 31, Ann Lawhon, Cheryll Schramm, and Melinda Stewart, along with help from the Audubon crew got the hollies staked and wrapped with wire to protect them through the winter. One the second trip we were treated to dolphins along side the boat, and a darling little black furry rat called the hispid cotton rat that we almost stepped on. Many thanks to all who helped including Coastal Biologist, Lindsay Addison's parents who were along to give Emily a hand on the 21st.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on December 5 at 1:15 at Elderhaus. Linda Renzaglia, Lola Rivenbark, and Alida Gresham will present the craft. Hope to see everyone there.
- Flower Arranging Committee: This year's Christmas Tea is destined to be one of our very best! There will be at least 25 areas to decorate and for the entire club to enjoy. We need every member of our committee to help if possible. After our meeting on November 7th at Wanda Copley's home, please email me a brief description of the way you plan to decorate your 'spot'. (mosweeny@aol.com) I would like to have your email no later than Monday, November 14. Also, please submit your flower order for Christmas Tea decorations to me no later than November 18, by email or telephone (910) 617-7687. All flowers must be picked up from my home 311 Summer Rest Road on Monday, December 5th between Noon and 2:00 pm., or Tuesday AM between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. We will begin decorating on Wednesday, December 8th at 9:30 AM and need to be finished no later than 4:00 PM. Everyone is asked to bring some type of snack to share for the day so we can keep up our energy! Any items that you would like to get back may be picked up from Wanda's on Wednesday, December 28, 2011.
- Special Events Committee: We will again participate in the annual Wilmington Garden Show. The dates are Feb. 4-5, 2012. All of your suggestions to make our booth AMAZING will be a help. Just phone or email Irena Shea with your ideas (395-5731 or ishea@ec.rr.com).
- Birds and Butterflies Committee: CFGC Members previewed the location of the new bluebird trail at Laney High School on November 7. The site was preapproved for the 6 posts, and Deborah Gill, the Science teacher at Laney, toured the trail with us. This will be the third Bluebird Trail in New Hanover County sponsored by the B&B Committee. We are looking to install the trail in early January 2012. Nancy Fitzgerald and Ann Grose, Co-chairs.
- The Conservation Committee had a very successful "Save with Wave" bus ride and visit to the Latimer House with lunch in the tea room. 18 club members attended. We especially wish to thank Linda Snider for the Latimer House and lunch arrangements, Carole Ellis for the bus arrangements, and Janet Warren for bringing club greetings to the Latimer House for us. Becky Varner and Alma Moore
- **Garden Tour Committee**: The garden owners have now received their 10 complimentary azaleas from Encore Azaleas that were delivered to Airlie Gardens on October 20th. Everyone had a great time. Two television stations were present for the event thanks to Lori Harris and Millie Maready took other pictures. The next couple of months will be spent working on the Azalea Tour Ticket information and creating a map. Thanks to Marie Ashworth and Karen Root the garden descriptions are finished. In January, it will be time to sign up to sit in the gardens and recruit our lovely Azalea Belles!
- **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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