



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

March 2013

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

President's Message

To the Members of the Cape Fear Garden Club,

Welcome Spring, but oh how busy the club calendar is getting! The Membership Committee has determined our new members; they have been notified and will attend the New Member Orientation on Wednesday, March 13, 2013. We welcome all of our new members and hope they will enjoy their membership within our garden club for many years.

The Garden Tour has begun selling tickets at our general meetings and to the general public. All Belles have selected their dresses and their magic transformation has begun. Please purchase your two required tickets, if you have not already, at the March 26th General Meeting. Checks payable to the CFGC for \$40.00 would be appreciated. The Garden Owners Wine & Cheese Party at Leslie Hales (CFGC) was delightful and all the garden owners are excited and looking forward to this year's tour. Please sign up for remaining garden sitter positions by email to Ann Lyon or at the upcoming General Meeting. It can be such a pleasant few hours.

The May Luncheon on May 23, 2013 at the Cape Fear Country Club will be announced at the March General Meeting. The Bird Island Cruise will be May 19, 2013. Tickets are now on sale. Please make an effort to attend if you have never enjoyed this informative afternoon cruise on the Cape Fear River before.

The Garden Club of North Carolina State Convention will be held in Wilmington on April 14-16, 2013. Please let's support this function with a large turn out from our club. It might be years before the convention returns to Wilmington. The Monday Luncheon will have a wonderful floral designer for the program and on Tuesday morning Jenene Smith will be installed as the new GCNC State President (2013-15).

Finally, I would encourage each of you to please stay for lunch (\$15pp) following the General Meetings and enjoy our members, great conversations and good food. The salmon served at the April luncheon was absolutely delicious.

Please extend the club's gracious hospitality to our 18 new members at the March General Meeting. The Executive Board looks forward to introducing them to you at this meeting.

We have a wonderful program scheduled for the March General Meeting. Hope to see all there!

Janet Warren, President

Upcoming Events

March 14 – 17 Art of the Table Design Show at the Bellamy Mansion. All three floors of the historic building will feature rooms and themed tabletops designed by the area's most talented artists, florists and designers. For more information, visit the website www.bellamymansion.org or call 251-3700.

March 16 – 17 Wilmington Women's Club "Navigating Life" Show. Schwartz Center at CFCC. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00. All proceeds from this show are given back to the community through scholarships and donations to organizations benefiting women and children.

March 22 - Arbor Day celebrated in North Carolina

March 25-27 - South Atlantic Region Convention Lexington, KY. Check SAR website to register.

March 31 – Oakdale Tour with Janet K. Seapker emphasizing the evolution of the rural cemetery and the establishment of Oakdale Cemetery. Come to learn and enjoy the spring flowers, too. Call the Oakdale Office, (910) 762-5682 to make a reservation. \$10.00 for non-members & free for members.

March 31 - April 3 Plant an Azalea Week Ceremonial plantings will be held during the plant sale at the arboretum and the azalea belle tea.

April 6 – Boiling Spring Lakes Garden Club "Garden Walk" 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Tour will include a butterfly garden, a bog garden, private gardens and a plant sale. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Center, 1 Leeds Road, Boiling Spring Lakes - - - 845-3893.

April 7 – Azalea Garden Tour Mary Lou McEachern Belle Tea 2:00 – 4:00 pm

April 12 -14 - Azalea Garden Tour

April 14 -16 - Garden Club of NC, Inc. Convention Wilmington Hilton Riverside. See more information below.

May 6 – Club Picnic Airlie Gardens noon

May 19 - Bird Island Tour Tickets on sale now at Wild Bird and Garden at Hanover Center. Cost \$40 adults, \$25 for children under 12. Tickets will also be available at the March meeting.

May 23 – May Luncheon & Installation of 2013 – 2014 Club Officers Cape Fear Country Club 11:30. You may make a reservation at the March meeting.

April 14 - 16

Fun in the Sun in Wilmington Garden Club of North Carolina State Convention Wilmington Hilton Riverside

The Annual State Convention for the Garden Club of North Carolina will be held April 14 – 16 at the Wilmington Hilton Riverside. The flower show begins Sunday, April 14; Have lunch with Ralph Null on Monday, April 15; our own Jenene Smith will be installed for her 2-year term as State President on Tuesday, April 16. Cape Fear Garden Club is hosting this meeting and we hope many of our members will attend to support Jenene and our Club. Registration forms can be obtained from Shirley Hardee or Jenene Smith or check the GCNC website (www.gardenclubofnc.org). Cost is \$25.

Club News

- **RAFFLE:** See Martha Blacher to view the beautiful diamond and sapphire ring valued at \$2,995 and purchase your raffle ticket. This ring was donated by Alan Perry of Perry's Emporium to help raise money to offset the cost of the GCNC State Convention. Tickets will be on sale before and after the March meeting for \$20 each. Limited number of tickets being sold. Drawing for the ring will take place during the convention in April.
- Contact Dorothy Gaither for transportation to the March meeting (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).
- Please direct any changes or corrections to your name, address, phone, and email during the year to Eileen Haley at 368-1577 or eileenhaleync@gmail.com. Thanks!
- **Promotions:** We will have a table set up at the March meeting to sell Belles & Blooms, note cards, and cookbooks. These are great gifts for belles you are sponsoring or guests you are entertaining for the Azalea Garden Tour. If you will not be at the March meeting and would like to arrange a purchase, please call Elaine Henson (763-8056) for Belles & Blooms, Pat Ford (341-7920) for note cards and prints, or Bonnie Faler (763-7592) for cookbooks.
- **LUNCH!** Please remember to make your reservations for lunch after the March meeting before March 20. This month's menu will be a buffet. Contact Marge Way (256-2814 or way7627@bellsouth.net). Reminder: CFGC is responsible for 40 lunch reservations. Sign up today!
- **COOKIES:** Every member needs to make 3 dozen sugar or butter cookies for the ribbon cutting. Drop-off will be at 708 Forest Hills Dr. on Thursday, April 11 from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. It is best to turn onto Forest Hills Dr. off of Wrightsville Ave. to avoid the school traffic. Call Carolyn Jefferies (910-251-9203) if you have questions. Remember **NO NUTS** and **NO CHOCOLATE!!**
- The forms found in the back of the Yearbook used for selecting a committee or removing yourself from a committee for the year 2013 - 2014 are due. A basket will be available at the March and April meetings for placing these completed forms or you may mail them to Marjorie Way.

Committee Announcements

- **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.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet Monday, March 4 at 1:15 p. m. at Elderhaus. Melinda Stewart, Eugenia Griswold and Lisa King will present the craft. Hope to see you all there!
- **Battery Island Committee** announces that the following ladies will be conducting a clean up of Battery Island on Thursday, March 21st: Charlotte Davis, Harriet Kimbro, Carol Corbett, Sherry O'Daniell, Linda Snider, Denise Miller, Rebecca Philpott, and Melinda Stewart.
- **Garden Tour:** 27 garden sitters are still needed! Please sign up at the March meeting or call Ann Lyon (350-0059) to sign up. **Please remember to wear a hat when you sit in the garden.**

General Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Cape Fear Country Club 1518 Country Club Road

Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops: 9:10 am
Marie Ashworth, Diane Lynch "You Made an Arrangement in What?!"
Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am
Program: 10:00 am
Program Title: **Greenway Plan**
Presenter: Mike Kozlosky, NH Co. Greenway Project Director
Devotional: Gayle Ward, 2004-05 Past President
Refreshment Table Arrangement: Goldie Stetten
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.



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Azalea Belles downtown on “Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown” day - March 3, 2013

***Just one idea of a recipe to use for ribbon cutting cookies. You can also consult our Christmas Tea cookbook for more ideas. Remember no nuts and no chocolate!

Rita’s 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.

This recipe is great to use with a cookie press.