



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

February 2014 member of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

President's Message

Presidents' Day, Valentine's hearts, and our gardens will soon be waking up. I will be very happy when the crazy weather is gone and we can settle into good old heat and humidity. I never thought I would say that!

We have so much to look forward to with the Garden Tour's days of cutting ribbons, visiting gardens, sitting in gardens, praying for no rain and then the Bird Island Cruise where we can sit back and relax as we cruise the river, have a soda, and snap pictures. Arbor Day falls in there as well as those of us verifying that we have Certified Wildlife yards. We work on our garden at Airlie, make flower arrangements for others, make cookies, and we serve food at meetings and teas. We are a busy club. Did you know that it is a fact that the busiest people are asked to do the most AND they get it done?

Hats off to you.

Gloria Degnan, President

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Becky Phillips

Program: 10:00 am

Devotional: Jo Chadwick, Emeritus

Program Title: **Amazing Birds of the Carolinas**

Presenter: Dr. James Parnell, ornithologist, professor emeritus UNCW, & co-author of Birds of the Carolinas

Horticulture Theme: Camellias, Spring bulbs, flowering branches

Day Clerks: Bettye Broadwater, Linda Pyle

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 22 – 64th Annual Tidewater Camellia Club Show.** Parsley Elementary School, 3518 Masonboro Loop Rd., Wilmington. 1:00 to 5:00 pm. free admission. Check website www.tidewatercamellioclub.org for more information. *CFGC members are invited to enter to participate in floral displays. Each arrangement must be created by a club member and contain at least one camellia bloom. These arrangements will be displayed in the exhibit hall. Contact Carla Strickland for more information on floral displays (910-686-9588).
- **February 26 - Festival of Flowers.** 4:30 pm at Union Station. Tara Guerard of Charleston, SC, will share ideas on creating spectacular settings and arrangements. Guests will create their own arrangements to take home. Tickets \$50 or tables are \$400.00. Go to www.hospicefestivalofflowers.org or call 910-796-8099 ext. 6 to purchase tickets and for more information.
- **March 6 - New Member Orientation.** Northeast library. Set up begins at 9:00 am. New members should arrive at 10:00. If you sponsored a new member, please plan to attend with them. If you have additional questions about the orientation contact Janet Warren (251-9821).
- **March 23 - 25 South Atlantic Region Convention.** Roanoke, Virginia. Check SAR website for details and registration.
- **April 5 - 11 Plant an Azalea Week.** Watch for upcoming information about activities planned to celebrate this important event.
- **April 11- 13 Azalea Garden Tour.**
- **April 13 - 15 Garden Club of NC, Inc. Convention.** Winston-Salem, NC. Check GCNC website for more information.
- **May 5 - Club Picnic.** Airlie Gardens. Noon.

Club News

- Contact Dorothy Gaither for transportation to the February meeting 791-0505.
- Please forward any news of members who should receive a get well, sympathy or thinking of you card to Brenda Moore, Corresponding Secretary, at eroomkb@aol.com.
- **LUNCH!!** Please email Irene Shea at ishea@ec.rr.com or phone 910-395-5731 if you are planning to stay for lunch after the general meeting on Tuesday, Feb 25. Also, specify a special committee meeting if you are meeting with one. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 19th.
- We still have a few 2014 calendars left. Call Beth Woodruff (465-2959) to reserve a calendar or find her at the general meeting to make your purchase. Contact Pat Ford (341-7920) for all three note card styles (10 cards for \$10), Bonnie Faler (763-7592) for cookbooks (\$20 each), and Elaine Henson (763-8056) for Belles and Blooms (\$25 each).

Committee Announcements

- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on March 3rd at Elderhaus at 1:10. Martha Blacher and Gail Spruill will provide the craft. A big thank you to Linda, Lola and Alida for all of their work for the February meeting. Hope to see all of our members in March.
- **Conservation Committee** will be having a **short** meeting in the back of the large meeting room right after the General Meeting on February 25.
- **Battery Island Committee** will meet briefly in the refreshment area after the general meeting to pass out posters for the May Cruise. Melinda Stewart will have cruise tickets available for \$40.00.
- **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 set on the table. Contact Alma Fennell 350-0130 with questions.

Garden Tour News

- It is time to **sign up to sit in a garden** during the tour. Dates are April 11, 12, & 13. Please see Co-Chairs Marty Melton or Ann Lyon for sign up at the February meeting or you may email Ann at: lyonspaws@gmail.com. It takes 260 people to manage the gardens over the tour weekend and you are needed. Thank you!
- Betty Hill will have **tour tickets available** at the February 28 meeting. Club members are required to purchase two, however you may purchase more if you like.
- **COOKIES!** Remember we all need to bake three dozen cookies for the ribbon cutting. Drop-off details next month.
- The Belle Committee is pleased to announce that we have **137 Belles** including 8 daughters and granddaughters to represent Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour for 2014. Girls will have their dress fittings February 21, 22 & 23rd. The Belle Tea will be held April 6th from 2-4 at the home of Ronnie & Cyndi McNeill. Thanks to the Belle committee members for signing up to help with all the Belle activities. If you thought you had signed up for the Belle committee and did not get called, please call Karen Smith at 392-0941 or smithdk1@earthlink.net.



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Happy Valentine's Day

