



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

March 2014

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

President's Message

We are fast approaching the Club's largest fundraiser of the year - the Garden Tour. I hope you have all signed up to sit a garden as 260 of us are needed to do that alone. Also be thinking about the cookies that we all make for this event.

The Bird Island Cruise is almost sold out already. It is such a fun event and the birds are spectacular.

I look forward to some warmer weather and to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Gloria Degnan, President

Upcoming Events

- **March 22 – 23 Annual Ikebana Exhibition of Art in Bloom.** 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Friday & 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturday. NH County Arboretum. Free admission.
- **March 23 - 25 South Atlantic Region Convention.** Roanoke, Virginia. Check SAR website for details and registration.
- **April 3 - 8 Arboretum Plant Sale.** Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm each day except Sunday when the hours will be 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.
- **April 5 - 11 Plant an Azalea Week.** See below for details.
- **April 6 Azalea Garden Tour Mary Lou McEachern Belle Tea.** 2:00 - 4:00 pm.
- **April 7 - Executive Board Meeting (date change).** 1:00 pm NE Library Oak Room.
- **April 11- 13 Azalea Garden Tour.**
- **April 13 - 15 Garden Club of NC, Inc. Convention.** Winston-Salem, NC. Check GCNC website for more information.
- **April 25 Coastal Garden Club Plant Sale.** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 6704 Beach Drive (NC Route 179, across from Jimmy's Marine) in Ocean Isle Beach. Come stock up on annuals, perennials, and vegetables. Proceeds go toward club civic activities and scholarships.
- **May 1 Spring Litter Sweep.** 9:00 am. More details coming. Mark your calendar now.
- **May 5 Club Picnic.** Airlie Gardens. Noon.
- **May 18 Bird Island Tour.** Tickets on sale for \$40 at the March meeting. Only a few tickets are left.
- **May 22 May Luncheon and Installation of New Officers.** CFCC 11:30 am. Reservations can be made at the March meeting.
- **June 7 – Southport in Bloom Garden Tour.** Tour features ten lovely gardens and Southport's new community garden. 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Tickets \$10.00 Sponsored by Southport Garden Club and Downtown Southport, Inc. For more information, please call 910-253-9703.

General Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Cape Fear Country Club
1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Penny Allison

Program: 10:00 am

Devotional: Joan Cunningham

Program Title: **What Is Happening Around The World In Our Gardens**

Presenter: Dr. C. Bruce Williams, certified professional horticulturalist & Gold Volunteer
President's Award winner

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.

The CFGC will partner with Castle Street Businesses for our **PLANT AN AZALEA WEEK** celebration. All merchants will be urged to participate in beautifying storefronts using azaleas and other spring flowers with help from 10% discounts being given by Transplanted Garden and Tinga. Plan now to attend **the Official Planting of Azaleas Ceremony on Castle & 6th on April 3rd from 10 am to noon**, coinciding with an open house being held by the area merchants with some of our beautiful Azalea Belles present to grace this event. We will introduce a beautiful Memorial/Celebration card with azalea artwork by Jenny Wright. All profits will be designated for **planting azaleas in a NH County Park**. Cards will be blank for purchaser to send in honor or memory of someone. Urban Revival, a new shop on Castle, will offer a **10% discount to CFGC members**. A milliner will be on site to sell custom made hats – just in time for the Azalea Garden Tour. Please come out to support the CFGC and the Castle Street businesses who are working to rebrand this part of downtown!

Club News

- **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, March 25. Also, specify a special committee meeting if you are meeting with one. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 19th.
- The Civic Improvements Committee will hold small-group Q&A sessions before and possibly after the General Meeting to answer the member's questions about the Endowment and the motion presented at the 2/25 meeting
- Note cards (\$10) and Belles and Blooms (\$25) will be on sale at the March meeting. If you are sponsoring a belle, this is a nice gift for the belle – and/or her mom!! If you will not be at the meeting and would like to schedule a pick-up, call Pat Ford (341-7920) for note cards and Elaine Henson (763-8056) for Belles and Blooms.
- The Civic Improvements Committee will host an end of the year party at the Arboretum on Friday, May 30th from 4:30 to 7:30. This is a casual, purely social event to celebrate all the hard work the club members do during the year and especially during the Azalea Garden Tour. The party is open to members and guests at no charge. If you would like to enjoy a wine tasting, the cost is just \$20 to cover the wine bill. More information at the March meeting.

Committee Announcements

- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet for the last time this year on April 7 at Elderhaus at 1:10. Melinda Stewart, Lisa King and Nancy Cameron will present the activity. We would like to welcome our new members at this time. As always, please bring your gardening tools for a little work in the courtyard after the meeting.
- **Conservation Committee** has supported and assisted financially several different groups throughout the Wilmington community. We have provided funds to help a Boy Scout with his Eagle project; provided funds to the NC Coastal Land Trust, dedicated to the Stanley Rehder Flytrap Fund; provided funds to help reestablish an Ability Garden at Winter Park Elementary School; and asked that funds be transferred to Birds and Butterfly Committee for the purchase of a sign in the garden they are creating at Davis Nursing Home. One more project is still in the works for this year.
- **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

- There are 23 sitter positions left to be filled on or before the March meeting. Please see Co-Chairs Marty Melton or Ann Lyon to sign up at the March meeting or you may email Ann at: lyonspaws@gmail.com.
- If you have not picked up your tour tickets, please see Betty Hill as members are required to purchase 2 tickets. The price increase of \$25/ticket became effective March 1.
- **COOKIES!** Cookies for Ribbon Cutting Tea need to be delivered to Elderhaus (1950 Amphitheater Dr.) between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on April 10th. Please bring 3 dozen sugar cookies.... decorated!!!!...in a disposable cardboard box with your name on the box. We will greet you at your car with curbside service and a big Thank You!! Remember NO NUTS and NO CHOCOLATE!
- We need cut azaleas or any flowers and any greenery from your garden to decorate the Greenfield Lake Amphitheater for the Ribbon Cutting. Buckets will be in front of the amphitheater for drop off. You can drop off at the same time you drop your cookies at Elderhaus, which is next door. Thursday, April 10th, 9AM until 1PM.
- Please thank the businesses that sell our tour tickets; most are small and locally owned. Also please thank any of our sponsors if you have the opportunity, and most importantly if you know or when you meet our garden owners please thank them, as we could not have our tour without their gracious gift of sharing.
- **Save the Date:** The **Social Functions Committee** asks that members at large attend the Garden Owners Thank You Luncheon on May 15th at Shell Island Resort at 11:30. Cost is \$21. A sign-up sheet and envelope will be passed around at the March 25th general meeting, please note which entrée you prefer: Chicken Caesar Salad or London broil. This is an opportunity for *everyone* in the club to thank our garden owners. Please participate to express our gratitude to the garden owners. Thank you.



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Refreshment Table at Garden Owners' Tea

Ribbon Cutting Cookie Recipe

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.

From Kathy Williams' mother-in-law's recipe (Rita Williams)

**CFGC cookbook also has great cookie recipes!



The Azalea Belles are getting ready.



We still need 23 people to sign up to sit in gardens!