



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

March 2015

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

President's Message

Let's try again in March to celebrate the 90th birthday of Cape Fear Garden Club. Wear something - a hat, coat, gloves, dress, jewelry - depicting the 1925's era to our March 24 General Meeting. Hope to see you all there.

Marjorie Way, President

General Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Program: 10:00 am

Devotional: Melinda Stewart

Program Title: **Container Gardening including "Fairy Gardens"**

Presenter: Dee Ivey, Manager of The Plant Place

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Marie Ashworth

Horticulture Theme: Tulips, Daffodils & flowering Shrubs

Day Clerks: Devonna Mathis, Betsy Wallace

Judge: Jenene Smith

Please join us as we welcome our 2015 new members at the March meeting.

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 18 - New Member Orientation.** Arboretum. 9:00 set up. 10:00 meeting begins with new members and sponsors.
- **March 19 - 22 Art in Bloom.** North Carolina Museum of Art. Raleigh. This is NCMA's inaugural festival of art and flowers. Floral designers from across North Carolina and beyond will bring springtime into West Building by interpreting masterworks from the permanent collection in 45 breathtaking flower displays. Many related events will take place throughout the 4 days. Go to ncartmuseum.org for times, costs and details.
- **March 21 - Ikebana International Annual Exhibition.** Arboretum auditorium. Friday 1:00 - 5:00 & Saturday 9:00 - 4:00. There will be beautiful Japanese flower arrangements along with an Ikebana demo at 11:00 on Saturday followed by a Furoshike demo Japanese style gift-wrapping.
- **March 22 - 24 - South Atlantic Region Convention.** Hilton Head, SC. Check SAR website for details and registration.
- **March 27 - Wreath Class.** 9:00 until Noon at Arboretum. 10 spaces still available. Email hillarymcneir@gmail.com if interested. Reservations taken in the order they are received. Bring grapevine wreath, ribbon, glue gun, clippers, glue sticks and any items to personalize your wreath.
- **March 29 - Mary Lou McEachern Azalea Belle Tea.** Arboretum 2:00 - 4:00 pm.
- **April 11 - 12 - Azalea Garden Tour.** "Coastal Gardens from River to Sea" Preview the gardens at the CFGC website members section. www.capefeargardenclub.org
- **April 13 - April 17 - Plant an Azalea Week.** Ceremony to be held April 15 at Ogden Park. See details below.
- **April 19 - 21 - Garden Club of NC, Inc. Convention.** New Bern, NC. Check GCNC website for more information.
- **April 30 - Spring Litter Sweep.** Meet at Dunkin' Donuts on 17th St. at 9:00 for safety meeting and then proceed to Medical Center Drive for clean-up.
- **June 7 - 2015 Bird Island Cruise** leaving from Carolina Beach Marina at 11:00 a.m. Tickets will be on sale at March meeting for \$40, to benefit Audubon of North Carolina. The cruise was a sell-out last year, so get those tickets now! Contact Diane Smith for more information/tickets.

Important NEW information about PARKING at the Cape Fear Country Club!

The club is now under construction and has lost approximately 40 parking spaces. **They ask that members try to carpool or meet at a nearby location and ride together.** At the March meeting, a prize will be given to the driver transporting the most members to the meeting. The Club staff also remind us that parking around the circle by the main entrance is not permitted. There is an additional parking lot on the right just after entering the main entrance to the country club. Overflow parking is on Country Club Drive. **Beginning at 8:30 am, the Cape Fear Country Club staff will provide two shuttle carts for those parking in the outer parking lots and on Country Club Drive. They will also provide shuttle carts back to cars after our meeting adjourns.** Please be patient---if everyone arrives at the same time, it will take a few minutes for the carts (which can carry six at a time) to transport everyone.

The **ceremony for Plant an Azalea Week** will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at 11:00AM at Ogden Park. Invitations have gone out to all County Commissioners and Chairman Barfield will be in attendance. Around 25 azaleas will be planted near the tennis courts on site. For those of you purchasing the Plant Azalea greeting cards between now and the ceremony, you will actually be able to witness and participate in the planting of your memorials! We encourage all members to attend. Local artist Barbara Jameson has generously donated an original piece of art, which will be the new image on our cards. Cards can be purchased at the March meeting.

Club News

- **Great news!** Dr. James Parnell's beautiful photograph of the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterfly, our state butterfly, is featured in the March issue of *Our State* magazine. You will enjoy reading the short article (Page 208) and how the Cape Fear Garden Club was successful in getting the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail as our state butterfly.
- The **Moonlight in the Garden Gala** will be held on October 24, 2015 at the Arboretum. You can make your reservations at the General Meeting or by contacting Beth Woodruff. Seating is limited so make your plans early for this fun evening under the moon and stars.
- **Please remember:** In preparation for the March 24 meeting, all officers and committee chairs please send any equipment needs, additional tables, or other facility needs to Cindy Henry by March 18.
- The Transportation Committee will provide **transportation** to the March general meeting for any member who needs assistance. Call or email Alma Moore (amoore6@ec.rr.com), 910-399-7515 by March 20.
- Please forward any news of members who should receive a get well, sympathy or thinking of you card to Cheryl Hunter, Corresponding Secretary, at chunter@cape-fear.net or call 392-1803.
- **LUNCH!!** Please contact Karen Smith at smithdk1@earthlink.net or phone 910-392-0941 if you are planning to stay for lunch after the general meeting on Tues., March 24th. Reservation deadline is Wed., March 18th.
- **New member applications** are available from membership committee. Contact LeNeve Duncan, lenevept@aol.com, (910) 262 - 3019.
- Please bring any newspaper or magazine articles and photographs of any club events to General meetings and put them in the green basket near sign in or give them to Mary Alice Aluise, Historian.
- **Reminder:** The most current membership information is always found on the CFGC website in the members only section. Contact Cindy Godwin with any changes cingodwin@aol.com or 910-619-9444.
- **Elizabethan Gardens** raffle tickets will be on sale for the last time at the March meeting. Drawing is March 31. See Linda Snider.

Committee Announcements

- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on April 6th at Elderhaus at 1:00. Melinda Stewart, Nancy Cameron and Lisa King will be in charge of the activity. The attendees at Elderhouse have increased in numbers, so we could use more committee members to help. Please try to come and help!
- **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.
- **Battery Island Committee** will be having a lunch meeting after the March general meeting to discuss the cruise and island spring clean-up. Please make your lunch reservations by March 18.
- The **Oral History Committee** is continuing to interview past presidents and emeritus members as well as update prior profiles. The "Profiles in the Garden" segment during the March club meeting will feature Mrs. Jane Mitchell, deceased emeritus member. You can also read about Mrs. Mitchell on our website in the members section.
- The **New Member Relations Committee** sincerely thanks all who contributed their time, talents and resources to make our cookie baking and decorating workshop for 2014 new members such a success. Our demonstrators for the workshop truly outdid themselves. Alma Fennell, Candus Clarke, Pam McNeill, and Fran Summerlin researched, experimented, prepared recipes, and shared their special baking tips and recipes with our attendees. We know there are other members who want the "secret" for preparing beautiful cookies for the Azalea Festival ribbon cutting. Go to the members section on the CFGC website, click on Azalea Garden Tour and there you will find our "Tips and Recipes for Baking the Best Ever Ribbon Cutting Cookies". Happy baking!

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Tracy Brown passed away 2/10/2015

Garden Tour News

- **COOKIES:** Plan to deliver your **2 dozen cookies** for the Ribbon Cutting Party to Elderhaus on Thursday, April 9, anytime between 9:00 am & 1:00 pm. Remember **NO NUTS** and **NO CHOCOLATE!**
- **Azalea Belle Committee** is reminded to bring either a sweet or savory treat to the Belle Tea on March 29.
- We need 2-3 more **Garden sitters** for the tour. Please see Co-Chairs: Marty Melton & Addie Arato. It takes 260 people to fill the positions of Hostesses/Sitters and Support.
- **Tickets:** If you have not picked up your tour tickets please see Betty Hill as members we are required to purchase 2 tickets.
- The **Garden Owners Appreciation Luncheon** is April 23, 2015 at The Surf Club at 11:30. A sign-up sheet and envelope will be passed around at the March General Meeting. Kimberly Exum is the organizer and your contact for reservations. Please note the entire membership is invited to join the Tour Committee in thanking our 2015 Garden Owners. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship with our Club members and our Garden Owners on April 23, 2015.



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DATED MATERIAL: Please deliver by 3-14-2015.



Just last week...Friends School of Wilmington students work on filling the new raised bed gardens that they were able to build thanks to their 2014 CFGC Azalea Garden Tour Grant!

Thanks to all CFGC Members who are working so hard to make the 2015 Azalea Garden Tour a wonderful event so that our entire Wilmington community can continue to benefit from grants like the one that the Friends School received last year.