

Cape Fear Clippings

Apríl/May 2016

Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

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

President's Message

Our 63rd Azalea Garden Tour was a tremendous achievement by any measure. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the 2016 Azalea Garden Tour Committee and the entire membership for your role in making the tour a huge success! Tour Chair Kimberly Exum pulled it all together and kept all of us moving in the right direction.

Thanks to input from committee chairs, our "CFGC Accomplishments" list totals eight pages.

I am designating our **April 26 meeting** as "**Celebrating our 2016 Azalea Garden Tour**" and invite you to wear anything festive/tour related to help us commemorate the success of our tour. Our program is a slide show featuring highlights of the garden tour. Also at our April meeting, the Long Range Planning Committee will report on the membership survey results.

I hope you will participate in all the other events to come---including Bluebird Trail Dedication, Garden Owners' Luncheon, Arbor Day Celebrations, Spring Litter Sweep, Airlie Showcase Garden Opening, Bird Islands Cruise, and May Luncheon. Dates and times are listed in this publication.

Cindy Henry President

General Meeting Celebrating our 2016 Azalea Garden Tour Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Cape Fear Country Club 1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am
Refreshment Table Arrangement: Shirley Hardee

Program: 10:00 am Devotional: Melissa Talley

Program Title: CFGC Azalea Garden Tour 2016

Presenter: Kimberly Exum, Tour Chair, CFGC Photography Committee

Horticulture Theme: Azaleas & Spring Bulbs Day Clerks: Wanda Canada, Pamela Kingston

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.

Yearbook Corrections and Membership News

Active

Anthony, Annie - correct email a.anthony944@gmail.com Hinds, Alexis -correct email - Alexis.hinds@yahoo.com

Plaskett, Pat - correct zip code - 28404; add home phone - 916-408-8697

Pollak, Meredith - correct email meredithp331@gmail.com

Schramm, Cheryl - cell phone 404-583-3282

Associate

Humphries, Andie - new address 404 Venus Court, 28405; new home phone 910-769-8894, delete 910-509-9672

Pasin, Tamara - delete 910-392-1348

Pearson, Muriel - add cell phone 910-200-1694

Warren, Kathy - delete home phone, add cell 910-617-3507

Membership reminder: Please forward any news of members who should receive a get well, thinking of you or sympathy card to Carolyn Jefferies at jessejefferies@gmail.com or call 251-9203.

Upcoming Events

- April 14 17 Master Gardener Plant Sale at NH County Arboretum.
 Thursday–Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
- April 17 19 Garden Club of NC, Inc. Convention. Durham, NC. Check GCNC website for more information.
- April 21 Azalea Garden Tour Garden Owners Luncheon. Open to all CFGC members. Surf Club Wrightsville Beach. 11:30 a.m. Details on other side
- April 22 Arbor Day. CFGC will be celebrating Arbor Day with tree plantings at Anderson Elementary at 9:30 a.m. & at Mary C. Williams Elementary at 11:00 a.m. All members invitied come out and support these events and CFGC!
- April 27 Spring 2016 Litter Sweep sponsored by the Conservation Committee. All CFGC members are invited to meet at the Dunkin' Donuts on 17th Street at 9:00 am for a cup of coffee and Safety Meeting. Then go to Medical Center Drive for litter sweep. Rain date will be April 28 (Thursday).
- April 30 & May 1 Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour. Tickets on sale now. Visit chapelhillgardentour.net for details.
- May 2 Bellamy Mansion Spring Garden Tea. Seatings at 11:00 & 2:00. Visit www.bellamymansion.org or call 910-251-3700 for details.
- May 3 Airlie Showcase Garden Floating Garden Party. All CFGC members are invited to come to Airlie Gardens between 1:00-2:30.
 The Showcase Garden is located just across the walkway from the butter fly house. Scott Childs with Airlie Gardens has approved this event. It is not necessary to stop at the office.
- May 5 Plein Air Paint Out Artists' Reception. Spectrum Gallery at
 The Forum, 1125-J Military Cutoff Road. 6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. This is
 a reception celebrating the paintings created "en plein air" during the
 2016 garden tour. A portion of proceeds from the sale of the "Paint
 Out" artworks will benefit CFGC Grant Program.
- May 14 Bird Islands Cruise of the Lower Cape Fear sponsored by Battery Island Committee to support Audubon North Carolina. Tickets sold out! Looking forward to seeing all ticket holders there.

All members are cordially invited to the May luncheon & Installation of Officers

"Celebrating Our Successes, Honoring Our Members"

Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 11:30 a.m. Surf Club 1 Mallard St., Wrightsville Beach

To sign up an envelope will be passed at the April meeting. Lunch choice is Chicken Milanese or Spicy Seared Mahi Mahi.

Cost \$22.00.

Club News

- Reminder from Ann Lyon, treasurer: All requests for reimbursement of expenditures must be received prior to May 31, 2016, the end of the club's fiscal year.
- Each club member is asked to turn in their Committee Selection Sheet to the Yearbook Committee at the April General meeting whether you're changing committees or not. Thank you!
- Need a ride? The Transportation Committee will provide transportation to the April general meeting or May luncheon for any member who needs assistance. Call or email Brenda Garrison (<u>brendaken@ec.rr.com</u> or 919-619-1633).
- Beauty Spot Awards: Spring is truly here and it's time to show special appreciation for the beautifully planted areas along our roadways. Please note gardens in your area for private residences, businesses and neighborhood entrances that reflect the commitment to beautification of Wilmington for all to enjoy. Please take a photo and forward your nominations to cfgcbeautyspots@gmail.com by May 20th. Include the category of the nomination, the address and your name as nominating club member. The awards will be presented during National Garden Week in early June currently planned for the morning of the 7th. Contact Stephanie Harris (619-395-2531) or Pat Ford (508-4599) with questions.
- LUNCH! Reservations are due to Cathy Poulos (rsvp to your evite or call 910-538-5550) by April 21 for lunch after the April 26 meeting. Cost \$18.
 Payable by cash (correct change) or check made out to CFGC.
- Our scrapbook basket will be in the lobby for all general meetings; please share your pictures, articles and news items. Thanks!
- From Promotions: April meeting is last chance to pickup your embroidered clothing and items that have been ordered.

Memorial

The following book has been donated to the New Hanover
County Public Library
in memory of Willene Brinkley Fraley

Committee Announcements

- Garden Therapy Committee will meet on May 2 at Elderhaus at Greenfield Lake at 1:00. Martha Blacher, Lola Rivenbark, & Linda Renzaglia will lead us in the craft. Hope to see all committee members there.
- Birds and Butterflies Committee invite you to the dedication of the bluebird trail at the Friends School Wednesday, April 20th at 1:00 pm. Address: 350 Peiffer Avenue (off Oleander) Directions: Peiffer Avenue is between US Fitness and Interior Draperies on Oleander. Near the Dairy Queen. Driving from Wrightsville Beach, Peiffer will be on your left between US Fitness and Interior Draperies. Driving from downtown, Peiffer will be on your right between Interior Draperies and US Fitness. When you get on Peiffer, go all the way down and you will see a sign with Friends School on your right. Parking is limited, please carpool. Additional parking behind school on grass area. Please check in at office!!!
- 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.
- From Media & Communication: If your committee has a Facebook page, please have your committee's Facebook administrator/editor regularly update your committee's page during June, July, and August. Keep your committee's Facebook page fresh and active for all to "Like" and "Share!"

Are you interested in learning more about plant identification? Learn to identify and appreciate commonly used plants on your own schedule. North Carolina State University is partnering with Longwood Gardens to provide a unique fully online survey of plants. These courses will expose you to plants that can be grown throughout the nation. The use and key identifying characteristics of these plants is conveyed through photo stories, presentations, online fact pages, and beautiful images. Take a look here: https://youtu.be/WLMXnOHh9Wc. These courses will include some favorites and also a few introductions from the research and breeding programs at Longwood Gardens and North Carolina State University. These

Garden Tour News

- A Heartfelt Thank You! On behalf of the Tour Committee, thank you to each and every member of the Club for your support of the 2016 Azalea Garden Tour. The efforts of everyone make this tour such a success year in and year out. Our gardens were enjoyed by thousands of guests, which will translate to many grants to give back to our community this year. I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting to share our slide show of the Tour. Again, thank you. Kimberly Exum, 2016 Tour Chair
- The Garden Owners Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 21 at The Surf Club at 11:30 am. Please rsvp no later than Thursday, April 14th with your Entree Choice and \$23.00 check made payable to Cape Fear Garden Club. Entree Choices (please choose one): Pecan Chicken Salad served on croissant, Cold Poached Salmon served on green salad or Shrimp & Grits. Mail To: Porter Young, 1052 Ocean Ridge Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405. Please note the entire membership is invited to join the Tour Committee in thanking our 2016 Garden Owners.
- Thank you to the Belle committee members who helped with the many Belle events over the past two weeks, and a special thank you to the Belle committee members that prepared and brought food for the Mary Lou McEachern Belle Tea April 3rd. Karen Smith, Belle Chair, Linda McCall and Heda Waldrep, Co-Chairs.





Ribbon Cutting Cookie Ladies April 7, 2016

Come to April 26 Meeting to see many more photographs and highlights from the 2016 Azalea Garden Tour.



Check out our "spiffed up" logo.
Only difference is the butterfly. It is now the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail to commemorate CFGC's leadership in the state legislature's designation of the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail as our State Butterfly.