

Cape Fear Clippings



Member of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. & National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Upcoming General Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Cape Fear Country Club
1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and horticulture judging: 9:30 am

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Mary Kathryn Turner

Program: 10:00 am

Devotional: Patsy West

Program Title: **Centripetal Farm Mission in New Hanover County & How to Grow Vegetables in Winter**

Presenter: Matt Collogan, Co-owner Centripetal Farms

Horticulture Theme: Late Summer Flowers, Vegetables & Herbs

Day Clerks: Jean Campbell, Patti Sheehan

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.

From the President's Desk

A Winter Garden: New Perspectives

Welcome back Cape Fear Garden Club! Let's hope the high heat and humidity are behind us and we have warm days and cool nights to look forward to for the next few months. A change of season can often bring a new perspective for our gardens. This year we'll look at wintertime in the garden and hopefully learn new ways to enjoy and appreciate the quiet season. We have programs through the year to give us ideas about growing vegetables in winter, holiday decorations with a touch of winter, how to prepare our gardens for winter and plants, trees and shrubs that will bring wildlife and beauty to your garden in the winter months. Be sure to check your yearbook for some more winter gardening ideas.

There are three garden visits on our calendar this year. First, I hope you got to see the always beautiful show of zinnias and butterflies in the garden of Cindy Henry on September 7th. Shirley Hardee has again invited us up to her farm in Riegelwood on October 11th. And, a new treat for us on January 28th will be a Wander in a Winter Garden, specifically the gardens of Sarah Anderson and Karen Root, whose gardens include many winter interest and habitat ideas.

I hope you had a relaxing, restful and fun summer and are ready to rejoin your friends and committees for a year of new perspectives. Please be sure to check in with your committee Chair to see how you can be active in committee work and projects for this year. Your committee Chair is depending on your help to make a difference in our community. All of our committee work would be so easily accomplished with your active participation. Volunteering your time and talents is how we do so much good in our community. Thank you for all you do. Have a fun, informative, productive year with your friends in the Cape Fear Garden Club.

Eileen Haley, President

Dues

Bill for 2016-2017 DUES

\$40.00 for Active

\$50.00 for Associate

no dues for Emeritus

DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Bring to September Meeting

or MAIL TO:

CAPE FEAR GARDEN CLUB

c/o Ann Lyon

6111 Leeward Lane

Wilmington, NC 28409

Save the Date

**Lemonade in
the Country**

**October 11,
2016
10:00 - 2:00**

**Wander in a
Winter Garden**

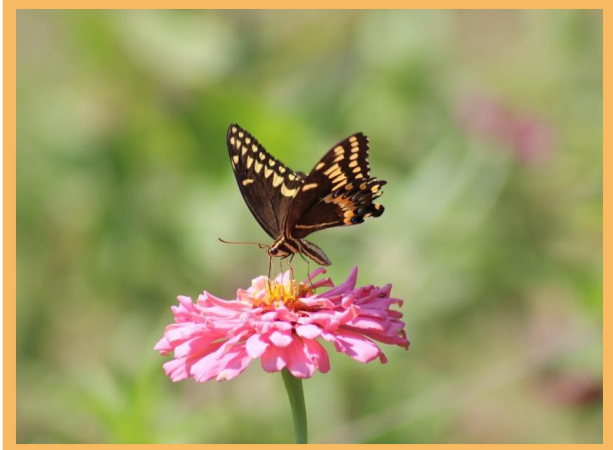
**January 28, 2017
11:00 - 3:00**

**Azalea
Garden Tour**

**April 7 - 9th,
2017**

Committee Highlights and Announcements

- Each issue of the Clippings will include highlights of our committee's monthly activities and projects. You will find announcements of upcoming committee meetings and events here too. In addition, we are preparing committee information that we will highlight in the committee of the month section and then post to our website in the members' area. We hope you will use this information to make a choice to join a committee you are interested in and that you have the time to support.
- **The Youth Garden Committee** continues to look for members who are interested in starting or helping work with different age children once a month, for an hour, to share their knowledge and love of gardening. Please call chairperson, Cathy Giannini, 910-799-6088.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will have a lunch meeting at CFCC after our first general meeting on September 27. Please let Pat know who can attend and remember to RSVP for lunch. The first Garden Therapy meeting will be October 3 at Elderhaus at 1:00. Pat and Johnnie will lead the craft. Hope to see everyone there.
- **Birds and Butterflies Committee** will have a lunch meeting after the first general meeting on September 27 at CFCC. Please remember to rsvp for lunch. We will define our committee plans for the coming year and need input from all committee members to make decisions.
- The **Civic Improvements Committee** will have a brief meeting following the September general meeting. We will be discussing plans for our first project and getting ideas for future projects. Thank you and hope to see you there, Nan Caison and Julie Fisher, chairs.
- **All CFGC committees** are reminded to keep their Facebook pages active with timely posts. It is also important for all members who use Facebook to view, like, and share CFGC pages. Activity is the driving force behind the use of Facebook for communication and publicity.
- The **Flower Arranging Committee** will have a meeting on October 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the NH County Arboretum. The discussion will be about our yearly activities and how everyone can participate. Hillay McNeir, Chair.



- **Hospitality Committee:** Please bring refreshments by 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.
- **New Member Relations Committee** hopes to see all new members at the coffee on Tuesday, September 20. Thank you to Beth Moore for hosting this gathering in her home. At the general meeting, all new members look for your special table set aside for nametags. Committee members will be there to greet you and show you the way. We encourage you to sign up and stay for lunch after the general meeting – it's a great way to meet new people and learn more about CFGC!

Committee of the Month

Azalea Belle Co-Chairs: Karen Smith, Chair Linda McCall & Heda Waldrep, Co-Chairs **Mission statement:** To provide Garden Tour with Azalea Belles **Number of times you have meetings and how long they last:** We only meet once during the year and that is the 4th Monday of January for 1½ - 2 hours. **Main projects/activities & length:** We prepare Azalea Belles for CFGC Azalea Garden Tour in early April. We also work closely with the Azalea Festival Office and prepare for their activities that they ask the Belles to participate in. Volunteers that help with dress fittings in February work a three-hour shift. Other activities could vary, but nothing over four hours. Chairs will work longer hours. **Do you need members with particular skills or contacts to join your committee?** We need volunteers that enjoy working with 17 & 18 year old women. We can always use someone with computer skills.

Ask a Gardener

Is it possible to grow peonies here? I've heard that it is difficult if not impossible.

Karen Root has had success growing peonies in Wilmington. Here are her tips: Growing peonies in the south requires a few rules for success

- Provide shade in the afternoon (ltoh peonies can take more sun)
- 5-6 hours of morning sun
- Do not plant near walls that will hold heat
- When planting, the eye of the peony needs to be slightly to ½" maximum below the soil at planting. Do not heap mulch on top as that will put the eye too deep and will not allow enough winter chill for good flowering
- Pick cultivars that are early flowering, mid to late blooming cultivars need more chill time than we usually get in Zone 8
- Good herbaceous cultivars are: Festiva Maxima, Sarah Bernhardt, Karl Rosenfeld, Felix Crouse, Bowl of Beauty, Red Charm, Kansas, Shirley Temple, Paula Fay, Mons. Jules Elie, America, Blaze, Coral Charm, Miss America, Bride's Dream, Krinkled White
- Good tree peony cultivars (check bloom time and zone recommendations)
- Hillary McNeir adds a tip she received from the staff at Airlie: Fertilize with a 13-24-6 mix.

To see peonie photos and read more tips, visit the Ask a gardener section on the CFGC website members' only section.

Upcoming Events

- **September 11-12 GCNC Fall Board Meeting** Rocky Mount.
- **September 24 – 25 Secret Garden Tour.** 15 gardens on tour sponsored by the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society. Tickets \$25.00 on sale at Latimer House website (lcfhs.org). Discounted tickets on sale at Harris-Teeter.
- **September 30 - October 2 – Art in the Arboretum** New Hanover Arboretum. This event will be one of the largest gatherings of art and music in an outdoor setting in the area. Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Admission \$5.00.
- **October 11- Lemonade in the Country.** Plan to journey out to Shirley Hardee's farm for sandwiches and cookies on the porch and adventures all around. 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM. Rain or shine. Last year it was raining in Willmington but sunny on the farm. Address and directions: 5352 General Howe Road, HWY 11. Take HWY 74/76 out of Wilmington and turn right onto HWY 87 in Riegelwood. Shirley's cell is 910-617-4231.
- **October 12- District 11 Meeting** Wrightsville Beach.
- **October 15– Back Door Kitchen Tour** sponsored by Residents of Old Wilmington. Nine (9) kitchens will be featured in the homes of Wilmington's famed Historic District. Hours 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Tickets and more information can found at www.ROWilmington.org.
- **November 19 – Tidewater Camellia Club Show & Sale.** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NH County Arboretum. For details tidewatercamelliaclub.org.
- **November 26 – January 21 - WinterLights @ the Elizabethan Gardens.** Plan a road trip to Manteo to see holiday lights and sights. Find holiday warmth and charm inside and out with festive food and drink in the "Embellished" Hall, and cozy fire pits on the Great Lawn as well as seasonal gift shop and plant sales. For info or details, call 252-473-3234 or visit www.elizabethangardens.org.
- **December 1 - Awards due.**

SAR & National Garden Club News

CFGC is a part of a larger affiliation of Garden Clubs. First, we are a member of the Garden Club of North Carolina (www.gardenclubofnc.org). Visit their website to learn about all of the activities going on in North Carolina. The Fall Board meeting will be held in Rocky Mount September 11 and 12. You can see photos and read about the meeting on the website. CFGC is also a part of the larger districts of the South Atlantic region (SAR). This encompasses the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia. Their newsletter is called Key Notes and it is published 4 times a year in early July, October, January and April. You can read each issue by clicking here and going to www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org. The 2017 SAR Convention will be held at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulfur Springs on March 26-28, 2017. North Carolina will send delegates. Thirdly, we are part of the National Garden Club (www.gardenclub.org). This is our national organization. The website includes garden club information on all 50 states. The National Garden Club will hold their annual convention May 16 – 21, 2017, in Richmond, Virginia. We will monitor the newsletters and sites of all of these organizations and bring CFGC members highlights throughout the year. Go exploring yourself and learn about the wonders of all things garden club.

Reminders

- **LUNCH!** Please join us for the luncheon following the general meeting. RSVP to the Evite you will receive via email this week by Thursday, Sept. 22, if you do not have email make your reservation by calling Cathy Poulos at 910-538-5550. Cost is still \$18. Pay at the meeting with exact change or check. Remember CFGC is required to have 40 lunch reservations each month. Also note that if your committee is having a lunch meeting each individual must make his or her own lunch reservation.
- **The 2016 - 2017 Yearbooks will be available at the Sept. 27 meeting. Please plan to pick up your copy.**
- **Website News:** Please refer to your new yearbook for directions and information about the CFGC website. It gives you step-by-step instructions for getting your user name and password.
- **New member applications** are available from membership committee. Contact LeNeve Duncan, lenevept@aol.com, (910) 262 - 3019.
- **For changes in member contact information:** Email Penny Alison (PJandMark@bellsouth.net) or call 910-686-0888.
- **For changes in membership status** (active to associate, etc.): Email Cindy Godwin (cingodwin@aol.com) or call 910-679-4379.
- To submit information for the next **Clippings** or to submit a question to "Ask a Gardener" email cfgcclippings@gmail.com or call (910) 392-1455. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.
- All photos in Clippings were taken by members of the photography committee. The butterfly and flower photos are from the zinnia day at Cindy Henry's farm.

I am a CFGC Member: *Barbara Howard*

- **I joined the CFGC** in 2007 and currently I am on the photography committee.
- **In my garden** daffodils are planted every year and I look forward to their sweet faces being the harbinger of Spring. I have a rather "cluttered" kitchen garden where black-eyed Susans reign and mix in with lots of mint, plumbago, sage and a new addition of a Limelight Hydrangea that blooms beautifully all of the summer.
- **In my spare time** I like to weave a Nantucket basket or make a quilt for a new baby in our family (not my girls yet). Also my cairn terrier Charlie and I have recently become a Therapy Team with Canines for Service. We read with kids at the NE Library and greet travelers at the airport.
- **On my bucket list** is to see whales in Hawaii & visit more national and state parks.
- **I'd tell new CFGC members**, you will meet many wonderful, talented, kind and friendly women at meetings, on committees and at events. Many good things come from what we do for the local community and it is very rewarding to be part of it.



Program Notes

September's general meeting speaker will be Matt Collogan, honorary CFGC member. Matt is co owner of Centripetal Farms, which is a professional small-farm management and education organization focused on developing underserved communities in New Hanover County by bringing underutilized lands into working fruition. Matt will also talk about how to prepare veggie gardens for a winter crop. Coming in October will be the annual presentation of the Garden Tour Grant Awards.

Yearbook Updates

We are sad to report that several of our members passed away this summer. Books will be placed in the New Hanover County library in their memory.

Active: Jane Brown, 6/2/2016, Kaye Templeton, 6/12/2016

Associate: Doris Ayers, 8/16/2016

Emeritus: Bettie Burney, 8/6/2016 (Bettie joined in 1953 & was our longest serving member.), Babs Shaw, 8/19/2016

Correspondence

The following cards have been sent to the following members and/or members families during the summer.

Thinking of you: Janet Evans Farrior, Sarah O'Brien, Ann Lyon

Get well wishes: Ann Lyon, Fran Summerlin, Joyce Maquire, Mimi Whitford, DaVonna Mathis, Betty Norris

Sympathy: Johnnie Howard, Carolyn Augustine, Lorraine Carter, Susan Nettleman, Doane Bridges, the families of Jane Brown, Betty Burney, Babs Shaw, Doris Ayers

