

# Cape Fear Clippings



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

## General Meeting

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

Cape Fear Country Club  
1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Devotional: Nancy Cameron

Program: 10:00 am

Program Title: **Holiday Arrangements with a Touch of Winter**

Presenter: Dana Cook, Owner, Julia's Florist

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Bonnie Faler

Horticulture Theme: Camellias, Bulbs for Spring & Flowering Branches

Day Clerks: Bonnie Young, Sheri Chisholm

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.

## Dues

**2016-2017 DUES are PAST DUE**

**\$40.00 for Active**

**\$50.00 for Associate**

**Bring to November Meeting**

or MAIL TO:

CAPE FEAR GARDEN CLUB

c/o Ann Lyon

6111 Leeward Lane

Wilmington, NC 28409

By-laws of Cape Fear Garden Club, Article VIII, Section 2 - Annual dues are payable in September for the ensuing fiscal year. If dues are not paid by the October General Meeting, the Treasurer shall send a written notice. If dues are not paid by November 15, a second notice shall be sent. Membership will be canceled on **December 15**, for those who have not paid their dues.

## Save the Date

**Christmas  
Tea**

**December 8,  
2016**

2:00 - 4:00

**Wander in a  
Winter Garden**

**January 28, 2017**

11:00 - 3:00

**Azalea  
Garden Tour**

**April 7 - 9th,**

**2017**

## Ask a Gardener

**Help! I have a large gathering of people coming to my house for the holidays and no time to decorate. What are some fun ideas I could do with things found in my yard right now?**

Two ideas:

1. There's nothing I enjoy more than gathering flowers, vegetables, bush branches and sticks, to create "Flowers for the Feast." The winter garden has so much to offer for your holiday floral accents or centerpieces. Whether its pinecones and boxwood or magnolia pods and cedar boughs, fun can be had when combining garden finds together with pretty wire, shiny balls, tint spray and your favorite container. On November 15th, at the monthly meeting, I will demonstrate how to transform garden objects quickly into the perfect holiday décor piece from your winter garden.

**Dana Cook, Owner Julia's Florist**

2. Go to Pinterest.com and type "holiday decorating with items found in the winter garden" in the search area. Hit return. You will have an endless scroll of ideas for holiday decorating. Beware some of the ideas will be complex and you can waste a whole lot of time just looking at interesting projects. Come to the November general meeting for real instruction on holiday decorating.

# Committee Highlights & Announcements

- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet December 5 at Elderhaus at 1:00 pm. The group project will be led by Johnnie and Pat. Everyone is asked to bring greens from their yards to use for arrangements. Hope to see everyone there.

- **Flower Arranging Committee** will meet on November 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Home of Karen Smith (1309 Honor Lane, behind Cameron Art Museum) to select locations in her home to decorate for the Tea. We will decorate Karen's house at 9:00 am on December 7. Hillary McNeir, Chair.

- **Transportation Committee** will meet briefly before the November 15 General Meeting to organize plans for the 2016 Christmas Tea deliveries. Any CFGC member not already on the committee that would like to help is invited to join us.

- **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.

- **Birds and Butterflies** will dedicate their newest Bluebird Trail at the River Bluffs on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 10:00 am. Attendees are then invited to share lunch at Porches Café (1030 Chair Rd., Castle Hayne), which is right across the street from the Bluebird Trail. Contact Rebecca Philpott if you want more information, directions or to let her know that you will be attending (rebeccaphilpott@aol.com or 452-9844).

- **New Member Relations Committee** reminds all the new members that Holly Grange and Beth Moore would love for you to join their table for lunch after the November general meeting. Don't forget to sign up, and then pay \$18 when you arrive at the meeting. Carolyn Jefferies and Holly will be greeting you as you arrive to the general meeting and assist you with check in procedures. We will plan to meet about 12:30 on Thursday, December 8 for a "dutch treat" lunch before heading over to the Christmas Tea at 2:00. Be on the lookout for an email with more details about this lunch and the Christmas tea.

- Ten members of the **Battery Island Committee** went to the island on October 24 with Lindsay Addison, AUDUBON NC's Coastal Biologist for their routine fall clean up. Since it was just after Hurricane Matthew this was no routine clean up. They collected 230 pounds of trash! Come to the November General Meeting to hear all about their adventures and what they found. See one of their photos on the right.

- **The 2016 - 2017 Yearbooks will be available at the November 15 meeting. Please plan to pick up your copy.**



## Azalea Garden Tour News

- The Azalea Garden Tour **JUMP AND RUN** is Friday, November 11th. Please meet at 9 am in the side parking lot of Steinmart. We can carpool/caravan and enjoy lunch along the way.

- **Needed:** One more person to help coordinate music in the gardens for the Azalea Garden Tour. Please contact Mary Kathryn Turner ([sisteraz@bellsouth.net](mailto:sisteraz@bellsouth.net)) or 231-2454).

- ***This is an invitation to all new members who would like to become involved with the Azalea Belles, and to all current members of the Belle Committee:*** There will be a meeting after the November General Meeting for current and prospective members to learn about how to become a more effective member of the committee, as well as the dates of events requiring belle and committee participation this year. Please let Karen Smith ([karen.smith1309@gmail.com](mailto:karen.smith1309@gmail.com) or 620-6958) know if you will attend.

- Bring your calendar and sign up for Azalea Garden Tour **garden sitting** at the November meeting. **Garden Hostesses** are also still needed for several gardens. This is a great way to meet club members and enjoy the gardens. Please contact Addie Arato, Marty Melton or Nancy Cameron if you can help.

## Committee of the Month: Flower Arranging

**Mission statement:** To beautify all club activities by sharing techniques and knowledge of flower arranging with others.

**Number of times you have meetings and how long they last:**  
Yearly meeting at the Arboretum Auditorium for 1 – 2 hours.

**Main projects/activities & length:** We decorate venues for the Christmas Tea, Azalea Garden Tour events and May Luncheon plus provide an arrangement for the refreshment table each month. We provide flower arranging classes twice a year. We work on projects until completion.

**Do you need members with particular skills or contacts to join your committee?** People good with clippers and an interest to learn or instruct members of techniques you might know. Need homes with large areas to create items for the Christmas Tea when necessary.

## District, State & Club News

- The Fall 2016 “**Keynotes**” newsletter of **SAR** is now available on their website. Our own Carolyn Augustine has a wonderful article about air and water quality. You will also find information about recycling, some gardening tips and an update about the SAR Convention to be held March 26 – 28, 2017, in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Click here to enjoy this newsletter [www.southatlanticregiongardencubs.org](http://www.southatlanticregiongardencubs.org).
- **On February 11, 2025 the Cape Fear Garden Club will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** A survey to solicit member input may be found by clicking on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZ8ZM2Y>. If asked, your login is your email and the password is azalea belle. Also, the survey has been emailed to all members receiving email. Paper copies of the survey will also be available at the November meeting. Please complete and return your survey by December 31. Results will be tabulated this spring.
- The **Transportation Committee needs the help** of all CFGC to obtain the names of members who cannot come to the Tea (the homebound, those in retirement facilities, and those who are having a short term illness), so that we can deliver treats to them at the end of the Tea on December 8. Please turn in all names to any person on the Transportation Committee by December 1. Brenda Garrison, Chair.
- The CFGC **Beautification Endowment Committee** is pleased to announce that we will be awarding \$1112.50 to the Parks Conservancy of New Hanover County. The endowment has grown to over \$50,000 thanks to an initial donation from our club, our to Moonlight in the Garden Galas and contributions from individuals. Each year the amount our club is able to grant to New Hanover County 501(c)(3)'s and local government agencies grows. The amount of funds available for grants is based on the average yearly interest earned. The principal is never touched and will continue to provide the CFGC club with an enduring legacy. Contributions are tax deductible. Please visit our website for more details.
- **SHOPPING AVAILABLE BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 GENERAL MEETING** - Plant an Azalea note cards, 2017 GCNC calendars, CFGC *A Christmas Tea* cookbooks, NC State Butterfly tote bags will all be available for purchase at November meeting. Come early!

*State Butterfly Symbol of North Carolina*



*Eastern Tiger Swallowtail*

## Upcoming Events

- **Now until November 21 - 4H Wreath Sale.** Reserve your wreath today for \$20. All money raised will benefit 4H Programs in NH County. Go to website [arboretum.nhcgov.com](http://arboretum.nhcgov.com) to get order form and details.
- **November 14 - 21 - CFGC on TV.** Watch beekeeper, Laura McCabe, explain the importance of bees on NHCS TLN TV. Find the CFGC's GARDENING AND NATURE segment on The Morning Show at 6:00 am or 7:00 am on either TWC Ch 5 or Charter Ch 191.
- **November 19 – Tidewater Camellia Club Show & Sale.** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NH County Arboretum. For details [tidewatercamelliaclub.org](http://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 visit [elizabethangardens.org](http://elizabethangardens.org).
- **December 1 - Awards due.** Contact Marjorie Way or GCNC website ([gardenclubofnc.org](http://gardenclubofnc.org)) if you need more information.
- **December 2 – Bow Making Class.** Winter Park Presbyterian Church at the corner of Wrightsville Avenue and Kerr Avenue. 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Sponsored by Flower Arranging and Special Events Committees Please contact Hillary McNeir ([hillarymcneir@gmail.com](mailto:hillarymcneir@gmail.com)) if you wish to attend or if you can assist with hands on instruction. Free. Participants should bring wired ribbon, spool of wire and scissors.
- **December 3 & 4 - 42nd Old Wilmington By Candlelight Tour.** Ticket price is \$30 but if purchased at the CFGC meeting on Nov. 15 from Marjorie Way the price is \$25.00. Please call Linda Snider at 620-3756 if you want to pre-order. Marjorie will also be selling raffle tickets for the Elizabethan Gardens. Look for sale table in lobby.
- **December 3 - Ability Garden Holiday Plant Sale and Open House.** Arboretum. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. All proceeds benefit the Ability Garden: “Empowering the underserved through gardening education, inclusion and community engagement”.
- **December 8 - Christmas Tea.** For CFGC members only. Details below and map and directions attached.
- **January 5 - 8 - Art of the Bloom.** Exhibition, speakers and hands on demonstrations with experts in floral design, the arts and party planning. Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach. For more information visit: [CameronArtMuseum.org/artofthebloom](http://CameronArtMuseum.org/artofthebloom).

## Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 8, 2016

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Home of Karen Smith

1309 Honor Lane, Wilmington, NC

Holiday arrangements by the CFGC Flower Arranging Committee.

Directions to easily print included with Clippings this month.

## Reminders

- **LUNCH!** Please join us for the luncheon following the General Meeting. To make your reservation RSVP to the "Paperless Post" invitation you will receive via email soon after you receive this newsletter. **If you do not have an email account** make your reservation by calling Cathy Poulos at 910-538-5550. **Cut off for reservations is this Thursday, November 10.** If you are lunching with your committee you must make a reservation, just note your committee name on your RSVP. Cost is \$18. Pay at the meeting with exact change or check.
- **FYI Update:** If you need something from the CFGC storage area, please, call before going over to get it. Someone will meet you at the back door so you do not have to go through the warehouse. S & R Packing and Crating 343-8444 Thanks! Donna and Steve Thompson
- **Website News:** Please refer to page 84 in 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. Email LeNeve Duncan, [lenevept@aol.com](mailto:lenevept@aol.com) or call (910)\_262 - 3019.
- **For changes in member contact information:** Email Penny Allison ([PJandMark@bellsouth.net](mailto:PJandMark@bellsouth.net)) or call 910-686-0888.
- **For changes in membership status** (active to associate, etc.): Email Cindy Godwin ([cingodwin@aol.com](mailto: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 [cfcgclippings@gmail.com](mailto:cfcgclippings@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 or Audubon NC.

## I am a CFGC Member: Cheryl Meitrodt

- **I joined the CFGC** In 2009 and have been active in the Birds and Butterflies Committee helping write for awards for our many Bluebird Trails and Butterfly Gardens. I also assist with The Azalea Garden Tour Committee as one of the Ribbon Cutting Nurses.
- **In my garden** I have many Azaleas, Knock Out Roses, Forsythia, and Hydrangeas throughout my yard. I also have several Rose of Sharon, a Yoshino Cherry Tree and a Dogwood Tree. In the spring the yard comes alive with all the colors from my numerous bulbs and plants.
- **In my spare time,** I enjoy reading, working in the yard ( the weeds will take over if I don't), doing crafts and knitting.
- **On my bucket list...**I would love to go Germany and the Swiss Alps.
- **I'd tell new CFGC members,** to get involved. The committees of this club are hard working women and men who make a difference in the beautification of this great city.



## Program Notes

At October's General Meeting the 2016 Garden Tour Grant Awards were presented by Sandra Kittinger. Grants totaling \$73,680.00 were awarded to 5 museums: Battleship, CAM, Bellamy Mansion, Burgwin Wright, Latimer House, 9 schools: Mary C William, Codington, Cape Fear Community College, New Horizons, Hoggard Baseball, Pine Valley Elementary, Coastal Federation's rainwater project at: Bradley Creek and Alderman Elementary Schools, UNCW, 2 churches: St Paul's Episcopal, St. Jude MCC, 3 serving the Youth Enrichment Zone: Blue Ribbon Commission, Ability Garden's Outreach program, Feast Down East, 1 Community Center: Martin Luther King, 2 Healing Gardens: Wilmington Green's SECU Family House Garden & Lower Cape Fear Hospice, and 3 New Hanover County Agencies: Public Library's new Story Park, Airlie Gardens Butterfly Pollinator Phase II and Arboretum Native Plants garden. If you would like to see the NHCS TLN TV segment about the grant disbursement click the following link: <https://youtu.be/xX1y1R46TfU?t=4m19s>. Please come to the November General Meeting to learn about holiday decorating with items found in the winter garden.

## Correspondence

The following cards have been sent to the following members and/or members' families during October:

Sympathy notes were sent to Mary Ann Beltracchi, Brenda Moore, Julia Davis, Janet Farior.

Get well wishes were sent to Gloria Willis.

## Membership/Yearbook

### Active

Gaye Anderson, Mary Mobley Baggett - Resigned  
Kelly Godfrey - New email address [Kellico123@gmail.com](mailto:Kellico123@gmail.com)  
Harriet Kimbro - New email address [hhkimbro@gmail.com](mailto:hhkimbro@gmail.com)

### Associate

Dot Bishop - Move to Emeritus

### Emeritus

Eleanor Hunt - New telephone: 540-445-5960  
New address: 846 Kingsbrook Road, Culpeper, VA 22701  
Wanda Moore - Passed away 10/11/2016  
Mary Schumacher - New telephone: 910-256-0811

