

# Cape Fear Clippings



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

## General Meeting

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Devotional: Brenda Moore

Program: 10:00 am

Program Title: **Winter Gardening in the Cape Fear**

Presenter: Sarah Anderson, Owner, Joyscapes

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Stephanie Hendrickson

Horticulture Theme: Camellias, Bulbs for Spring & Flowering Branches

Day Clerks: Charlotte Dexter, Ann Hutteman

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.

## Wander in a Winter Garden

Saturday, January 28, 2017

11:00 - 3:00

In the gardens of Karen Root and Sarah Anderson

Directions to easily print included with Clippings this month.

## Ask a Gardener

Question: I keep hearing that our bees are dying. What can I do to help them? And just where do they go in the winter?

Answer: There are several ways to learn more about bees.

1. Find the New Hanover County Schools Morning Shows on YouTube Gardening and Nature segments presented by CFGC October 24 and November 17 (click this link for November's segment [Bee info](#)) to learn bee fact basics.
2. Visit the website [wonderopolis.org](http://wonderopolis.org) [Bees in winter](#) to learn winter bee facts (hint: This is also a good website if you have children around that ask you burning questions like "Why is the sky blue". Everything is beautifully and simply written).
3. Go to the National Garden Club website ([NGC website](#)) to learn how to participate in the million pollinator garden challenge. There is a wonderful guide to selecting plants for pollinators connected to the site ([Plants for Coastal Plain Pollinators](#)).
4. Thanks to the Birds & Butterfly and Nature Conservancy newsletter put out by Marilyn Wright and Betty Gore of the Garden Club of North Carolina for the information. Check out all of their newsletters by clicking here [GCNC newsletters](#).

## Save the Date

Azalea  
Garden Tour  
April 7-9

Arbor Day  
Celebration  
April 21

Lower Cape  
Fear Bird  
Islands Cruise  
May 21



# Committee Highlights & Announcements

- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet February 6 at 1:00 pm at the Elderhaus at Greenfield Lake. Linda, Lola and Alida will be the leaders of the craft. Hope to see everyone there especially those who haven't attended this year.
- **Transportation Committee** is happy to give a ride to anyone who needs it to any general meeting. Please call Brenda Garrison at 919-619-1633 or email [brendaken@ec.rr.com](mailto:brendaken@ec.rr.com).
- **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.
- The **Youth Garden Clubs** are always looking for interested members! During the 2016/17 school year we are working with 3 very unique gardens situations. The schools and grade levels are Edwin Anderson (K), Bradley Creek (3) and Mary C. Williams (4th and 5th). For the winter season we are developing lessons for each group level on birds in winter gardens. You'll definitely want to join us after hearing our March CFGC guest speaker, the delightful and fun, Darene Honeycutt, NCGC State Youth Gardens Chairperson. Contact Cathy Giannini (c) 262-4170 with your interests and suggestions.
- **Birds and Butterflies Committee** reminds everyone to keep in mind the *Wander in a Winter Garden Tour* on January 28, 2017. If you would like to attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 11, please let Rebecca Philpott know, as all are welcome. Also, let her know if you are interested in serving as a co-chair or chair of this committee next year. We do have one committee member who is interested in co-chairing. Next Committee Meeting will be Tuesday January 24, following the general meeting.
- **Reminder: Civic Improvements** will have the beautiful "Plant an Azalea" **note cards** available for purchase at each meeting. These cards are multi purpose: to honor or in memory of someone, or for any occasion. The cost is \$15 dollars to plant one azalea in a New Hanover County Park. Multiple plantings can be included on one card. Example: 3 azaleas equal \$45 dollars. The cards are a lovely expression and a beautiful gift to our county! See Nan Caison or Julie Fisher for purchase.



## Azalea Garden Tour News

- **Attention Belle Committee:** Belle Committee members will meet Monday, January 23rd at Karen Smith's home at 10:00 am. If you didn't sign up to be on the committee, but would like to be involved, please attend this meeting. Sign-ups take place at this meeting. The address is 1309 Honor Lane (The Forks at Barclay) behind Cameron Art Museum. Dress fittings will take place February 24, 25 & 26th.
- Belle applications will be given to members on Tuesday, January 24th at the general meeting. Members are allowed to sponsor up to three high school young women. For girls who do not have a garden club sponsor, come to Karen's home (see address above) at 4:00 pm on January 24, and the Belle chairs will sponsor them.
- It's also time to sign up for one shift of Garden Sitting the weekend of April 7, 8, and 9. Remember this is a requirement for all active and associate members. Garden sitting sign-up sheets will be available both prior to and after the January 24 meeting.
- Tour tickets will be available for purchase at the January meeting for \$25 each. Reminder that each garden club member is required to purchase two tickets.
- It is not too late to become a "Friend of the Azalea Garden Tour"! Your \$100 donation includes your two tour tickets and part of the contribution is tax deductible.
- **FYI:** The Garden Owners Wine & Cheese Soirée is February 26th, 4-6pm at the home of Goldie Stetten.

## Committee of the Month: Yearbook

**Mission statement:** To produce a beautiful and comprehensive reference book that will serve to keep every CFGC member informed and educated in their responsibilities as a club member, as well as how to access and be involved all aspects of belonging to a vibrant organization.

**Number of times you have meetings and how long they last:** We meet at least once per month for 1 to 1 ½ hours, starting in November, with a goal to complete a draft of all data input for preliminary printing by the end of May. Final printing must be done by August 15 to have yearbooks ready for distribution at the first Executive Committee meeting in September.

**Main projects/activities & length:** Ongoing collection of data and membership information to be arranged into the printed yearbook for the following year. Members work independently on their sections and then present it to the committee during monthly meetings. The time involved varies, depending on length of section or amount of information collected.

**Do you need members with particular skills or contacts to join your committee?** Writing, editing, computer and layout skills, previous yearbook experience, good organizational skills and an eye for beautiful, user-friendly publications are always needed.

## District, State & Club News

- **Great News!** The People have spoken! Congratulations to Peggy, Hillary, Helene, Meredith, Mary and Janet! We won 2nd Place Peoples Choice Award for Peggy' Vineyards team and 4th Place Peoples Choice Award for Janet Warren. Both entries had 90+ scores from the Judges. That's a fantastic showing for our Garden Club. Again thank you all for your time, effort and creativity on behalf of the Cape Fear Garden Club. We're all so proud of you!
- A **special thank you** to all the CFGC Decorating Committee that decorated our home for the GC Tea December 8th. Doug and I were honored to have our home decorated by the many talented women in our club. Many people from the community had the opportunity to see the many beautiful flowers, greens and fruit that made up the Williamsburg theme during the Christmas Holidays. Karen Smith
- Congratulations to the Emerald Isle Garden Club for celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2016 and the Holden Beach Beautification Club for celebrating 25 years. Want to learn more about activities going on in **District 11** (our district of Garden Club of North Carolina)? Want to learn more about garden events going on in other parts of North Carolina? Use this link [District news](#) to go directly to the website.
- A huge **THANKS** goes to the transportation committee for delivering goodies to 15 shut-in members of CFGC after the Christmas Tea. That is a 25% increase from 2015. Thanks to all club members for helping to identify members who would appreciate a visit.
- The **Bluebird Trail Dedication** held on December 1, 2016 at River Bluffs Development went well with 20 attendees including Eileen Haley, CFGC President. Burrows Smith, Developer of River Bluffs and Pamela's husband gave a short welcome at the dedication with details on awards that have been presented to the developers, one of which for being a LID (Low Impact Development). You may recall a presentation to the general membership last year from Tracy Skrabal with NC Coastal Federation on Smart Yards and LID's by providing a wetland area to temporarily store, filter and clean runoff water rather than using retention ponds. They provide habitat for many creatures from birds, butterflies, bees, to salamanders, toads and frogs. We think the bluebirds will enjoy their new homes with hopes of many offspring in the future. Lunch afterwards at Porches Café was delightful. The food was delicious and a nice time was spent together. Shirena O'Donnell and Pamela Smith gave everyone adorable handmade little paper bluebird houses with a lovely bluebird by the door filled with Kisses chocolates. See a photo of the handcrafted paper bluebird house on page 1. A photo of attendees is on page 5 except for Janet Warren who was behind the camera again.
- **Update of Long Range Planning Survey Results:** Last year our membership participated in a long range planning survey. The results were presented in April 2016. As a reminder of the recommendations that were suggested, the survey results have been added to the CFGC website. You can access it by clicking on this link [survey results](#). Some of these may apply to your committee's work. Several of these recommendations have already been implemented. Please note: If you receive *The Clippings* in the mail, you received a copy of the survey results with your January *Clippings*.

## Upcoming Events

**RIGHT NOW!!** We still have North Carolina Garden Club Calendars and will be selling them at the January meeting. They are \$8.00 and make a great gift with the beautiful pictures included. This year it also has larger space for each calendar day for posting events. Please correct change or check!

- **January 17 - Camellia Grafting program.** Presented by Tidewater Camellia Club and Matt Hunter, camellia expert and judge. Arboretum. 7:00 pm. Please arrive on time to hear the entire program.
- **February 25 – 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Tidewater Camellia Club Show.** Arboretum. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. free admission. Check website [Tidewater camellia](#) for more details.
- **March 1 - Youth Gardener Award Deadline.**
- **March 22 - New Member Orientation.** Arboretum Auditorium. 10:00 am. More details next month.
- **March 26 - 28 South Atlantic Regional Meeting (SAR)** Greenbrier Resort, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
- **April 7 - 9 Azalea Garden Tour**
- **April 9 - 11 Garden Club of NC, Inc. Convention.** Greensboro, NC. Check GCNC website for more information.
- **April 21 - CFGC Arbor Day Celebration.** Details to be announced.
- **May 21 - Lower Cape Fear Bird Islands Cruise.** Boarding 1:30 pm. Departing at 2:00 pm. Returning at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be on sale to CFGC members at the February meeting and also at Wild Bird and Garden Store. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults, \$25 for children 12 & younger.

## Correspondence

The following cards have been sent to members and/or members' families since our last general meeting.

SYMPATHY: Family of Ava Trout, Barbara Howard, Patsy West

THINKING OF YOU: Beth Woodruff, June Sweeny

WISHES FOR A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY: Martha Coon, Lale Lewis, Anne O'Malley

## Memorial

The following book has been donated to the New Hanover County Public Library .

Given in memory of Annabelle Wanda Lamm Moore

The Flower Recipe Book

by Alethea Harampolis & Jill Rizzo

## Reminders

- **Help Wanted!** Anybody with computer skills that may be willing to assist with creating the yearbook and/or newsletter would be greatly appreciated. Contact Cathy Poulos if you can help ([cpoulos56@gmail.com](mailto:cpoulos56@gmail.com)).
- **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 Eric Kozen at 910-612-2863. **Cut off for reservations is Thursday, January 19.** 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.
- **Storage 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 and are also available on the CFGC website. Questions email LeNeve Duncan, [lenevept@aol.com](mailto:lenevept@aol.com) or (910) 262 - 3019.
- **For changes in member contact information:** Email Penny Allison ([PJandMark@bellsouth.net](mailto:PJandMark@bellsouth.net)) or 910-686-0888.
- **For changes in membership status** (active to associate, etc.): Email Cindy Godwin ([cingodwin@aol.com](mailto:cingodwin@aol.com)) or 910-679-4379.
- To submit information for the next **Clippings** or to submit a question to "Ask a Gardener" email [cfgcclippings@gmail.com](mailto:cfgcclippings@gmail.com) or call (910) 392-1455. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.
- All photos in Clippings were taken by members of CFGC and/or the Photography Committee.
- **Reminder:** The most current membership information is always found on the CFGC website in the members only section.

## I am a CFGC Member: Kara Johnson

- I joined the CFGC in 2013.
- **In my garden** I inherited established boxwoods and azaleas from the previous homeowners. I have added a gardenia and several hydrangeas rooted from cuttings from my grandmother's garden and from my husband's grandmother's garden. We also have an in ground vegetable garden that my children and I plant and tend each year.
- **In my spare time...**My children are 13, 10 and 7 so I don't have a lot of spare time once I'm finished managing all their activities, but I try to exercise and I like to travel, read, craft/sew and cook.
- **On my bucket list** is watching the Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade and Rose Bowl Parade in person with my family. I would also like to take my oldest daughter back to Sardinia, which is where she was born.
- **I'd tell new CFGC members,** to try to meet at least one new person at each meeting. There are so many talented and wonderful people in the organization!



## Program Notes

Sarah Anderson, owner of Joyscapes Garden Design will discuss items about plants to observe and enjoy within our winter gardens. She will also show us how to use the "bareness" to evaluate your garden design (or lack of) and to plan for change. And, finally, she will discuss work projects for the winter including plants that need to be pruned before spring.

Also, notice the photo with the results of Dana Cook's program back in November. Dana reports that the "no water" succulent monogram door piece was still holding up perfectly 17 days after it was made. Love, love, love, succulents!



## Membership/Yearbook Updates

The following changes & corrections have occurred since the November/December newsletter:

### ACTIVE

Stephanie Hendrickson - Change email address to: [sbhlocksley@gmail.com](mailto:sbhlocksley@gmail.com)

Sue C. Kraus – Resigned

Lynn McDowell - New Address: 8617 Plantation Landing Drive, 28411

Alison McNeir - Change address to: 2126 Carolina Beach Rd., 28401 & Cell to: 910-431-5811

Michelle Powell – Change email address to:

[MichellePowell@SeaCoastRealty.com](mailto:MichellePowell@SeaCoastRealty.com)

Elizabeth Singletary - Change address to: 1809 Trey Court, 28403

### ASSOCIATE

Marjorie Cartier - Move to Emeritus

Rena Curia - Change street address to: 426 Foxcroft Lane, 28409

Terry Lensch, Carol Price, Brenda Faye Stophel – Resigned

### EMERITUS

Jo Chadwick - Change only mail address to: 1817 S. Live Oak Pkwy., 28403

