

Cape Fear Clippings



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

General Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Devotional: Ann Grose

Program: 10:00 am

Program Title: **CFGC Azalea Garden Tour 2017**

Presenter: Caroline Butler, Tour Chair & CFGC

Photography Committee

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Brenda Garrison

Horticulture Theme: Azaleas & Spring Bulbs

Day Clerks: Wanda Canada, Colleen Ginna

Judge: Jenene Smith

Come early on April 28 for a **special visit from Sean Ruttkay**, 2017 Azalea Festival artist. He will be signing prints! Bring your copy or purchase one at the 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.

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Social 11:30 a.m., Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Surf Club

1 Mallard Street, Wrightsville Beach

Buffet \$25

Sign up and pay at April Meeting.

Ask a Gardener

I would like to have a small vegetable garden in my yard but do not have a lot of space or time to prepare the ground for planting. Any ideas on how I can grow my own vegetables?

Two ideas for simple vegetable gardens:

1. Try planting in containers. You can use most any large pot and fill it with potting soil. Herbs and cherry tomatoes grow especially well in pots. Take a look at this [container gardening website](#) for ideas.
2. If you have a little more room try straw bale gardening. All you need is a straw bale, some nitrogen fertilizer and water to get started. It is a lot less work than a traditional garden. Weeds are not a problem. It does not matter about the quality of your soil. To learn more about straw bale gardening visit the website [preparednessmama](#).
3. And, finally, perhaps the best gardening advice of all, a reminder from our devotional presented by Brenda Moore back in January (a partial reprint of the poem she read that day).

Plant 3 rows of PEAS

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant 4 rows of SQUASH

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of LETTUCE

Let us be faithful
Let us be kind
Let us be obedient

Let us love one another

Plant some TURNIPS

Turn up for meetings
Turn up for service

Turn up to help one another

Water freely and cultivate with love. Happy gardening!

Save the

Arbor Day
Celebration
April 22

Lower
Cape Fear
Bird Islands
Cruise
May 21

National
Garden Week
June 4 - 10

A
Southern
Soiree
Nov. 4



Committee Highlights & Announcements

- The **Transportation Committee** had a successful Ribbon Cutting cookie delivery. 11 boxes of cookies were delivered to our shut-in members on Friday, April 7. Thanks to all who helped make extra cookies and deliver them.
- The final meeting of the **Garden Therapy Committee** will be at Elderhaus at 1:00 p.m. on May 1. The leaders for the day are Kay Fare and Julia McEachern. Please bring your garden tools and gloves. We may be working on the raised flowerbeds. Martha Blacher will be taking over next year. Thanks to all for your creativity and loyal participation during these last six or seven years. It has been fun! Pat McConahey, Chair.
- **Birds and Butterflies** dedicated a Bluebird Trail in memory of Doris Ayers, who was a member of the CFGC, at the Seaspray Community on March 16, 2017. Approximately 20 people attended including Doris's daughter, Doane Bridges with Doris's beloved dog, Tessa. We are pleased to announce that bluebirds have already taken up residence in their new homes. The residents of Seaspray are committed to the upkeep of the trail and the public is invited to visit. Our committee is also collaborating with the NHC Arboretum Ability Garden Program to establish a pollinator garden at Lake Forest Academy, a public school for at risk students.
- **Hospitality Committee:** Please bring refreshments by 9:15 a.m. 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.
- **Flower Arranging Committee** would like to thank all volunteers that responded to the urgent call for help in setting up, tearing down, carting around and moral support throughout the ribbon cutting. Your response was so great that all tasks were completed in record time. Hillary McNeir, Chair.

Azalea Garden Tour News

- A HEARTFELT THANK YOU! The Azalea Tour Committee thanks each and every member of our Club for your support of the 2017 Azalea Garden Tour. Your efforts make this tour a terrific success every year. Our gardens were enjoyed by thousands of guests, the speakers answered lots of questions, and all who strolled in the gardens appreciated the music. All this means many grants to give back to the community this year. I can't wait to show you the slide show of the Tour at our general meeting on April 25th. We outdid ourselves! Thank you, Caroline Butler.
- Come early to the April 28 General Meeting and **meet the 2017 Azalea Festival artist, Sean Ruttkay**. He will be signing prints before the meeting. Bring the one you already have or purchase one at the meeting.
- Grab a friend, meet new friends, show our garden owners how much we appreciate them! Please attend the **GARDEN OWNERS THANK YOU LUNCHEON**, on THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, at 11:30 a.m., at The Surf Club. Please **RSVP no later than Thursday, April 13th** with your Entree Choice and \$23.00 check made payable to Cape Fear Garden Club. Entree Choices include (please pick one): Pecan Chicken Salad served on a croissant, Shrimp and Grits or Vegetable Quiche with a green salad. Contact Rhonda Sweeney if you have not already registered.
- **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 and cookies for the Mary Lou McEachern Belle Tea April 2nd. Thanks to the 10 daughters and granddaughters participating as CFGC Azalea Belles for 2017. Karen Smith, Belle Chair, Linda McCall, Rahel Haley, Beth Trice and Heda Waldrep, Co-Chairs.

Committee of the Month: Civic Improvements

Mission statement: Activities of this committee encourage beautification projects within the community by working with local businesses, clubs, local and state agencies and developers.

Number of times you have meetings and how long they last: Meetings are held September, October, February, March and May and usually last 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Main projects/activities & length: We have a fall project, spring project, Plant an Azalea and Beauty Spots Awards in June.

Do you need members with particular skills or contacts to join your committee? Anybody with county, city and civic contacts or handy with planting or design and maintenance is always helpful.



Arbor Day/Earth Day April 22

Just when you thought it was time to rest from all garden club activities. CFGC is going to be busy on April 22. The Club is involved in numerous activities on Earth Day/Arbor Day. All club members are encouraged to find an event that fits your schedule and join the fun.

1. Civic Improvement Committee will be doing a Spring planting at the corner of Wrightsville Ave/Independence at 9:00 a.m. Contact Nan Caison if you need details.
2. At the same time Civic Improvements is planting. CFGC will also be participating in the **Wilmington Trash Mob**. CFGC members are invited to meet up at the corner of Wrightsville and Independence at 9:00 a.m. to pick up trash and clean up the area around this intersection.
3. The CFGC **Arbor Day tree planting** will also be on **Saturday, April 22nd** at the front of the Habitat for Humanity neighborhood, Cottages at Cornerstone, located at 3809 Prices Lane, Wilmington (it is very close to Maides Park). Parking will be on Mosley Street. The ceremony will be at 11 a.m. Girl Scout Cadet Troop 1549 will be helping with the ceremony as part of earning a Tree Badge (it is a very small troop of only 5 young ladies, 11-12 years old). We need as many ladies from the CFGC to attend as possible!
4. If you cannot make any of these events then do your part by picking up trash in your neighborhood. Together we can help make Wilmington a prettier and cleaner city!
5. Celebrate the day by taking a look at the Gardening and Nature segment on NHCS TLN TV under "The Morning Show" on YouTube. The segment is at the 23:57 mark of the show. The TREES episode is also posted on the Gardening for Wildlife Facebook page.

District, State & Club News

- Thank-you to the over 100 members who have already submitted their Department/Committee selection! If you have not already done so now is time to **select the Department or Committee** you plan to serve for the next garden club year. Remember your current year committee selections will not be retained! Forms are available in the members area of the website and will also be available at the April meeting for those who do not have access to the website. You can also send your department/committee choice via email to Penelope Allison at pjandmark@bellsouth.net, please be sure to include any address, telephone or spouse changes so that we have an accurate yearbook.
- **Beauty Spot Nominations:** 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 23rd. 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. Contact Suzanne Edwards for more information (suzanneponyclub@gmail.com or 910-262-7728).
- **Reminder from Ann Lyon, treasurer:** All requests for reimbursement of expenditures must be received prior to May 31, 2017, the end of the club's fiscal year. No receipts will be accepted after this date.
- **Congratulations** to CFGC and NH Garden Club District #11 for winning first place for their Fairy Garden at the Garden Club of NC convention. Pat Plaskett, Jan Halderson and Hillary McNeir along with members of the NH County Garden Club worked together to create the garden. Thanks to Karen Root for donating much needed supplies.
- **LAST CALL!** Be sure to stop by the promotions table at the April general meeting. All remaining CFGC logo items will be for sale. We also have 4 *Belles and Blooms* left with a belle list. We are cleaning out the closet!

Upcoming Events

- **April 18 - Spring Litter Sweep.** All CFGC members invited to join Conservation Committee in the spring litter sweep of Medical Center Drive. Meet at Dunkin' Donuts on 17th Street at 9:00 a.m. if you can help.
- **April 20 - 23 - Master Gardener Plant Sale.** NH County Arboretum. Visit the master gardener website for details and a plants for sale list.
- **April 20 - Azalea Garden Tour Garden Owners Appreciation Luncheon.** 11:30 am. Surf Club, Wrightsville Beach. Open to all CFGC members. Look under Azalea Garden Tour news for details.
- **April 22 - Arbor/Earth Day Celebrations.**
- **April 28 & 29 - Plant Sale.** Sabbath Home Rd., Holden Beach. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Holden Beach Beautification Club.
- **May 6 - Bonsai Show.** NH County Arboretum. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Check out Cape Fear Bonsai Society for more information.
- **May 13 - Free Rose Garden Tour.** 9 rose gardens open to our 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visit Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society for a list of gardens.
- **May 16 - CFGC May Luncheon & Installation of 2017-2018 Club Officers.** 11:30 a.m. Surf Club, Wrightsville Beach. \$25. Buffet. Sign up at April meeting.
- **May 16 - 21 - National Garden Clubs Annual Convention.** Richmond, VA. For more information check the website National Garden Clubs.
- **May 21 - Lower Cape Fear Bird Islands Cruise.** SOLD OUT!!
- **June 4 - CFGC @ Cape Fear Museum "Free First Sunday"**. CFGC will be sharing information throughout the day at the Smithsonian Institution's PATIOS, POOLS, & the INVENTION of the AMERICAN BACKYARD exhibit. This will also begin our celebration of National Garden Club Week.
- **June 4 - 10 - National Garden Club Week.** Watch for upcoming news about Beauty Spot Awards to be presented this week.
- **November 4 - Save the Date for "A Southern Soiree: Celebrating our Southern Beauty"**, CFGC's endowment fundraiser held in the late afternoon at the Trask Farm.
- **February 11, 2025 - CFGC Centennial.**

Reminders

- **LUNCH!** Please join us for the luncheon following the April 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, April 20.** If you are lunching with your committee you must make a reservation, just note your committee name on your RSVP. Cost is \$19. Pay at the meeting with exact change or check.
- **Storage Update:** If you need to return or get something from the CFGC storage area, please, call a day ahead before going over. Someone will meet you at the back door. Hours available are Monday - Friday 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. S & R Packing and Crating 343-8444 Thanks! Donna and Steve Thompson
- **Website News:** Please refer to page 84 in your current 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 or (910) 262 - 3019.
- **For changes in member contact information:** Email Penny Allison (PJandMark@bellsouth.net) or 910-686-0888.
- **For changes in membership status** (active to associate, etc.): Email Cindy Godwin (cingodwin@aol.com) or 910-679-4379.
- This is the last *Clippings* for the 2017 -2018 club year. 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. 2017 new members are now included on the website.

I am a CFGC Member: Frances Parnell

- **I joined the CFGC** after sponsoring high school garden groups for Pine Valley and Crape Myrtle Garden Clubs when I was teaching. Enjoying the activities together, I thought I would like to continue with an adult group as a retiree. I mentioned it in the presence of a neighbor, Jenene Smith, who gave me an application that same autumn day in 1994.
- **In my garden,** I feel a mix of frustration and joy. I feel frustration because I have to limit my plantings and joy when they produce beautiful foliage and blooms. I am mostly a container gardener to avoid root competition.
- **In my spare time,** —spare time? What's that? Even friends come over to help with projects that range from gardening to decorating, entertaining and traveling. I aim for spiritual growth as well.
- **On my bucket list:** Actually, I like being "fluid" so I can tap into unexpected opportunities that avail. I hope to continue the things I now do and also write more in the future.
- **I'd tell new CFGC members,** to view the many options as a smorgasbord and "taste" the wide variety. It is a good way to expand interests, meet new and interesting people and learn more about yourself.



Program Notes

Did you know that North Carolina is a leader in Youth Garden Clubs? Darene Honeycutt, Youth Gardeners chairperson of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., was our March general meeting speaker. She gave insight into how youth garden clubs work and how anyone can be easily involved in helping nurture a love of gardening in our youth. Most of her information can be found on the Garden Club of NC website under Youth. She also reminded us "Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless but because they are priceless." Consider signing up to assist with CFGC's youth gardeners program when you choose your committees for the 17-18 club year. Coming in April the general meeting will be a celebration of the 2017 Azalea Garden tour. Come take one last look at this year's gardens and all the events surrounding the tour.



Memorials

The following books have been donated to the New Hanover County Library by CFGC.
In memory of **Elizabeth H. Robinson** *Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden: Grow, Harvest and Arrange Stunning Seasonal Blooms* by Erin Benzakein
In memory of **Lilmar Gatlin Taylor-Williams** *Beardless Irises: A Plant for Every Garden Situation* by Kevin C. Vaughn
In memory of **Betsy Currin Wallace** *Plant: Exploring the Botanical World* by the Editors at Phaidon Press

Correspondence

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

THINKING OF YOU: Betty Rose
WISHES FOR A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY: Marty Melson, Alma Moore

