

Cape Fear Clippings

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



Upcoming General Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Devotional : Donna Evans

Program: 10:00

Presentation of "Designs as Refreshing as Sweet Southern Tea"

Presenter: Chelsea Fritts, Fiore Fine Flowers

Horticulture Theme: Camellias, Bulbs for Spring & Flowering Branches

Day Clerks: Bonnie Young, Sheri Chisholm

Judge: Jenene Smith

You are encouraged to bring horticulture specimens or arrangements to all monthly meetings. They should be labeled

A Message from the President

Happy Holidays – Almost! As we enter into this holiday season, let us be thankful for our many blessings. Church, family, friends and garden club are just a few for which we are all grateful. "No interaction is neutral" so make each one count. Lift up your loved ones and fellow club members with sincere compliments, remember to say thank you for every small kindness. Share the beauty from inside out. We do this so well as a club and the October meeting was again a highlight of our year as we poured back into our community through Azalea Garden Tour Disbursement Grants! Thank you to Kimberly Exum and the hard-working Disbursements Committee.

Our Southern Soiree was quite the success – a fun evening for all on the Trask Farm and a grand way to raise money for the Cape Fear Garden Club Beautification Endowment. Thanks to all who came out to join in the fun or participated with a contribution or raffle ticket purchase. A special thanks to Beth Trice and her committee for their dedication and perseverance in providing this fund-raising and social event to our club and community. If you missed it, you can always contribute to the endowment – make it a gift or memorial to honor someone special and help to grow this perpetual giving back to our public spaces. Endowment brochures will be available at our meetings and are always online at capefeargardenclub.org.

I am looking forward to our last general meeting for 2017 on **November 14** - early this month! We will get holiday design ideas from our program: "Designs as Refreshing as Sweet Southern Tea" by Fiore Fine Flowers and on the very next day, Hillary McNeir, Cary Riser and her flower committee will give a workshop on holiday table décor at Life Point Church. Your home and holiday tables are sure to be stunning!

And don't miss the Christmas tea on December 14th at the home of Goldie Stetten. Read through *Clippings* and see your yearbook for all details of events and committee happenings or emails for added events. Let your Southern Beauty shine and God Bless you during the holiday season!

Southern Blessings, Cathy Poulos

Dues

2017-2018 Dues are PAST DUE

\$50.00 Active Members

\$60.00 for Associate Members

Bring your Dues to the November General Meeting

Or mail to

CAPE FEAR GARDEN CLUB

c/o Ann Lyon

6111 Leeward Lane

Wilmington, NC 28409

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 14th

2:00-4:00 pm

Goldie Stetten's Home

New Member Orientation

March 21st

10:00-12:00 pm

Arboretum Auditorium

Bow Making Class

November 20th

Winter Park Baptist Church

6:30-9:00 pm

Committee Highlights & Announcements

Southern Soiree

Our **Southern Soiree** on the Trask Farm was a huge success! We all had a great time and hope you did too! God blessed us with the most perfect weather and a full moon to enjoy the beautiful farm complete with a gorgeous pond and roosters crowing in the background. We honored Shirley Hardee with a delicious Shirley Sangria, a Southern Soiree 2017 hand-made sash, a beautifully hand painted chair, a gorgeous flower bouquet and a witty poem recognizing some of her many accolades. There was dancing and knee smacking music by L Shape Lot, finger licking good food from Middle of the Island, a few bidding wars at our awesome silent auction table, a sold out bourbon bar, and a few cigar smoking' men around the fire pit. From farm tables to whiskey barrels, all the floral arrangements were something out of Southern Living magazine and absolutely beautiful. Oh, and lots not forget about the entertaining port-a-potties with the singing bass! We had some great photo props too, so be on the lookout for pics. And we were thrilled that our member, Susan Hickman was the grand prize winner of \$3500 from the reverse raffle! So, thank you to everyone that purchased tickets, attended the event and helped in any way to create this wonderful fundraiser for our CFGC Beautification Endowment!!



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Beth



Soiree Silent Auction

A huge thank you to all garden club members who contributed items or acquired items for the silent auction. A very special thanks to the girls on the silent auction committee for all your help, it wouldn't have happened without you!

Schaum

November Lunch Reservations Message

Remember to make your lunch reservations for November following the general meeting which is Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

Reservations can be made through:

- Paperless Post
- Email Rebecca – raphilpott25@gmail.com
- Text Rebecca – 910-352-3886, or Call 910-452-9844
- Reservations needed by the Wednesday prior to our meeting, **November 8, 2017.**

We give our count to the Cape Fear Country Club afterwards.

- Cost: **\$19.00** cash or check

Please know that we are financially responsible for the total reservations given to the Country Club. Thank you for understanding and for your participation!

If you must cancel your reservation, please do so by the previous Wednesday.

Join us for lunch! It is a good way to get to know fellow garden club members, or have lunch with new and old friends.

Thank you again,



Transportation Committee - We're making a list and checking it twice of our members who are shut-ins or home bound because we would like to deliver refreshments to them from the Christmas Tea. However, we want to make our list longer and we need your help to make it happen. If you know of a member who would appreciate being remembered, please let us know by emailing their names to: brendaken@ec.rr.com or

New Member Relations

Look for information on the upcoming Flower Arranging Committee holiday workshops on November 15 and 20 and sign up early if interested in attending.

The Christmas Tea will be December 14 from 2-4PM at the Landfall home of Goldie Stetten. Please let Pat or Schaum know if you can join us at 12:30 for light lunch at Osteria Cicchetti (OC) restaurant at the Forum before the tea and carpool or caravan together due to parking limitations.

Be sure and respond to the lunch invitation for lunch after the general meeting November 14 and bring your \$19 and join us at a New Member table or with other friends.



Garden Therapy



The Garden Therapy's project for December is filling holiday coffee mugs/cups with live greenery. We are in need of any cup or mug donations the Garden Club members could make. Please bring your mugs to the November meeting. We are collecting and will be stationed by the restroom entrance.

Thank you in advance!

Lola Rivenbark, Linda Renzaglia and Alida Gresham

Beautification Endowment

Did you know....All gifts to the Cape Fear Garden Club Beautification Endowment qualify for maximum tax deductibility? Consider making a gift in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Whether it is for a birthday, holiday, anniversary, etc.,

North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) will let the individual know of your thoughtfulness!! Find the Endowment Committee table at the November general meeting to arrange a wonderful holiday gift.

The Endowment Committee sends a special "Thank You" to Beth Trice and all the members of the committee for all the time and effort spent planning and preparing the soiree. We also want to thank everyone who attended and supported this event.



Reminders

- **LUNCH!** Please join us for the luncheon following the General Meeting. To make your reservation RSVP to the "Paperless Post" invitation which was sent out on Monday, November 6th **If you do not have an email** account make your reservation by emailing Rebecca Philpott (raphilpott25@gmail.com or 452-9844) . Cut off for reservations is November 8th. 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.
- **Website News:** Please refer to page 88 in your new 2017-2018 yearbook for directions and information about the CFGC website. It gives you step-by-step instructions for getting your user name and password. **REMEMBER!** Your complete email address is your User ID.
- **New member applications** are available from the membership committee and on the website in the new member section . Please contact Anita Duren Lewis, prayerfultoo@aol.com, (910)547-0765 or Diane Smith, aliasmith@bellsouth.net, (910) 470 - 6238.
- **For changes in member contact information:** Email Penny Alison (PJandMark@bellsouth.net) or call 910-686-0888.
- **For changes in membership status** We would like to remind Active members that they can always change their status to Associate if they find it difficult to attend meetings or participate as actively as they once did. As long as you have been an Active member of the club for at least five years you can apply in writing to the president for a change in your membership status. Questions?? See Diane Smith or Anita Lewis, Committee Chairs
- To submit information for the next **Clippings** email clippingscfgc@gmail.com. call (910) 200-2201. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.
- All photos in Clippings were taken by members of the photography committee.

Flower Arranging Committee is offering the following programs:

Nov. 15, 2017, 10 am, Pottery Barn, The ABC's of Tablescaping, and Heda the Table, Serving the Perfect Tea. Location is Lifepoint Church, S. College and 17th Street Extension Food Lion Shopping Center, north end of parking lot. Open to Club Members and Friends.

Nov. 20, 2017, 6:30 to 9 pm. Bow Making Class at Winter Park Baptist Church, College Road and Wrightsville Avenue. Bring wired ribbon, scissors, and spool wire. Make as many bows as you'd like.

Please RSVP to hillarymcneir@gmail.com if interested in class.



Membership/Yearbook Updates

Active Member, **Beverly Smith** passed away October 15, 2017. She had been a member of Cape Fear Garden Club since 2013. Here is a link to her obituary:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/starnewsonline/obituary.aspx?pid=186992094>

MEMBER UPDATES

Active Member

Vivian Carter – Corrected email address:
musicmoment383@gmail.com

Associate Member

June Sweeny – New address: Beech Street, Wilmington, 28405

Garden Tour Grants Awards

At the October General Meeting, the 2017 Azalea Garden Tour Grant awards were presented by Kimberly Exum. Grants totaling \$72,423.42 were awarded to 23 local non-profit groups and covered a wide range of projects including community gardens, bald cypress tree plantings, teaching gardens, landscape beautification, as well as continued support of our scholarships at UNCW and CFCC and to the budget of Audubon NC for the conservation and management of islands in the lower Cape Fear River that provide nesting sites for thousands of migrating water birds annually. The other groups receiving grants include Airlie Gardens Foundation, Alliance for Cape Fear Trees, Bellamy Mansion Museum, Brigade Boys and Girls Club, Cape Fear Community College Foundation, Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity, Dreams, Forest Hills Global Elementary, Lower Cape Fear Historical Society, Lower Cape Fear Hospice, NC Coastal Federation, NC Sorosis, New Hanover County Arboretum, New Hanover County Arboretum Ability Garden, New Hanover Regional Medical Center, New Horizons Elementary School, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Mary School and the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary, The International School at Gregory, and Wrightsboro

A Moment To Remember

The Southern Soiree In Pictures



Enchanted Airlie

Airlie Showcase Garden has recently installed 5 spotlights that are on a timer and will illuminate the garden not just for Enchanted Airlie but year long. Also the spiral trees are in place and the net lights are on the arbor!! Please come out and visit Enchanted Airlie and see our beautiful southern garden that is so welcoming! Thank you.

Marie Douglas

Eugenia Griswold



Profiles in the Garden I

is very honored to feature Mrs. Joan Andrew's Interview prior to the November meeting. Don't miss reading about this interesting lady.



The following book has been purchased and placed in the New Hanover County Library in memory of **Beverly Ann Smith**: "National Geographic Birds, Bees, and Butterflies: bringing nature into your yard and garden"

Civic Improvement Committee

Civic Improvement committee will meet after the NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING. We will schedule a fall "spruce up" on a couple of our past projections.. date will be in November . Also we will discuss new projections !

The Membership app committee is again taking photos prior to the General Meeting from 9am to 9:50am, with a door prize to be given to all who participate.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you and your Southern Beauty!

Gifts from the Little Family

At our September meeting, our guest Robby Little gave us some items from his mother, Billie Sidbury Little, and his grandmother, Wille Sidbury.

One was an original copy of the Garden Club of North Carolina's incorporation papers dated August 1, 1940. The first signature was Willie Sidbury's followed by that of Edna Maslin, who was the first president of GCNC and for whom the Maslin award is named. Incidentally, CFGC became incorporated October 12, 1987.

Another gift was a Cape Fear Garden Club yearbook from 1950.

The cover was done by artist Claude Howell whose mother was a member.

Her address was Carolina Apartments where Claude was born in 1915 and lived until his death in 1997. (The family lived on Oleander Drive from 1929-36). The dues in 1950 were \$2.00 and meetings were held in the Great Hall of St. James Church, where the first meeting of CFGC was held on February 11, 1925. On page 16 is an In Remembrance page for Mrs. J. Buren Sidbury (Willie) who also served a president of GCNC. 1950 marked the 25th Anniversary of CFGC and the yearbook contains many milestones of our club's first twenty-five years.

CFGC Awards Committee Report

This is a final reminder to all members who are submitting GNC awards applications.

The application should be for projects completed January 1 through December 31, 2017.

There is a three-page limit. Send the original and one copy to the Category Chairman, keep a copy for yourself, and send one copy to Awards Committee Chair Cindy Henry.

All applications should be mailed; and the Category Chairman must receive it by December 1, 2017. If you have questions or need help, contact Cindy Henry.

Azalea Belle Mission Statement:

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Azalea Belles © serve as ambassadors for The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. the North Carolina Azalea Festival, and the City of Wilmington. This is a diverse group of young women who, dressed in colorful gowns that complement the blooms and surrounding landscapes of Wilmington, greet visitors to the Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour © and participate in other events related to the North Carolina Azalea Festival.

Talking Points:

- ◆ Each year a diverse group of young women who are juniors and seniors in New Hanover County high schools apply for and are accepted as Azalea Belles.
- ◆ By gracing the gardens of local homes and attractions during the Azalea Festival, Azalea Belles continue a tradition that began over 50 years ago.
- ◆ As hostesses for the Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour ©, Azalea Belles add a delightful touch to each garden as they wear billowing gowns in an array of colors and prints and pose for numerous pictures with visitors.
- ◆ Their graceful, charming presence enriches the Garden Tour experience and helps raise funds for the Cape Fear Garden Club grant program that supports community beautification projects
- ◆ Azalea Belles participate in a variety of activities, including welcoming the Azalea Queen and visiting schools, a children's ward in the hospital, and a Boys & Girls Club, etc.
- ◆ Azalea Belles travel to the Governor's mansion in Raleigh for the official kick-off of Azalea Festival events and participate in the Azalea Festival Parade.
- ◆ Azalea Belles and their families dedicate many hours during more than two weeks of pageantry and share a tradition that has been passed from generation to generation



2018 Azalea Garden Tour News

April 13-15 2018

Ribbon Cutting
at Hugh Morton Amphitheater
at Greenfield Lake Park

11 gardens

For Azalea Garden Tour Committee Members:

- **Mary Lou McEachern Belle Tea** will be held April 8th at New Hanover County Arboretum.

CFGC Members:

- **Tour ticket gift certificates will be available** at the November General Meeting for your stocking stuffers.
- **Please sign up to sit in a garden** at the November General Meeting.
- **Tickets will be available for purchase at the February General Meeting**, all Active and Associate members are required to purchase 2 Garden Tour tickets.
- **Garden Owners Appreciation Lunch** will be held May 8th at St. Thomas Preservation Hall, 208 Dock Street. Lunch cost to be announced closer to the date.

For Sale This Month

NC State Butterfly Tote Bags \$15 each

This is the perfect gift for your environmentally conscious friends, or the perfect tote for all your own errands! Screen printed with our beautiful Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterfly.

While supplies last – don't miss out!

Proceeds support Conservation Committee

projects.



Azalea Festival Garden Tour is pleased to announce that they will have Garden Tour Gift Certificates for sale at the November meeting! This would make great stocking stuffers for anyone! Stop by and see Sydney prior to the meeting!