

Cape Fear Clippings

Newsletter of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.



Upcoming General Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Devotional : Jonnie B. Harris

Program: 10:00 am

Why the Beauty of North Carolina is Important to the Success of "Our State" Magazine

Presenter: Bernie Mann, Publisher, *Our State* magazine

Horticulture Theme: Camelias and Early Bulbs

Day Clerks: Carolyn Thomas, Ann Hutteman

Judge: Jenene Smith

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



Save the Date

Cookie Making Workshop

February 21st

9-12 and 5:30-8:30

New Members

New Member Orientation

March 21st

10:00-12:00 pm

Arboretum Auditorium

Battery Island/Bird Cruise 2018

May 13th

12:00-4:30 pm

Tickets available February 1

A Message from the President

Oh my heavens - Goodness gracious- Lord have mercy - Well I'll Swanee - Heavens to Betsy - What the Tarnation? – We had SNOW!!!! I hope you were able to stay warm and enjoy the beautiful and rare white blanket that ushered in the New Year. Despite this cold start to the second half of our year, we are reminded that spring is just around the corner and many important and fun events lie ahead. Azalea Belle applications will be available at the January general meeting, dress fittings in February, new members to usher in during March, and our signature Azalea Garden Tour to host in April. This is in addition to many ongoing projects and activities steered by CFGC's various committees. Plus we have some engaging programs lined up in the next 3 months that you do not want to miss! Some of our featured speakers include Bernie Mann, publisher of *Our State Magazine*, Amy Beatty, Director of Community Services for the City of Wilmington, and Jan Wutkowski, Millinery Artist for aMuse Artisanal Finery. These programs will carry on our "Celebrating Southern Beauty" theme across our state and town, then help us all prepare to look our Southern Best as we learn which hats flatter us the most. A special thanks to all who helped Hillary McNeir and Carey Reiser with floral designs and arrangements for the December Christmas Tea and to Goldie Stetten for hosting this annual event at her gorgeous home for our members. If you were not able to attend, you missed a stunning event, but don't worry, Donna Thompson has beautiful photos to show during the social time at the January meeting. So – hold onto your hats, stay warm, and get ready for another exciting CFGC spring!

Southern Blessings,
Cathy Poulos



Committee Highlights & Announcements

Christmas Tea

On behalf of Hillary McNeir and Carey Reiser: We would like to thank Goldie Stetten for opening her beautiful home to our committee for the Christmas Tea this Year. And as always, a heart felt thank you to all the decorators on the Flower Arranging Committee; we are in awe of your talents. Job well done ladies!



Hillary



January Lunch Reservations Message

Remember to make your lunch reservations for January following the general meeting by Thursday, January 18th.

Reservations can be made through:

- Paperless Post
 - ◆ Email Rebecca – raphilpott25@gmail.com
 - Text Rebecca – 910-352-3886, or Call 910-452-9844
 - Cost: \$19.00 cash or check made out to CFGC.
 - Reservations or cancellations needed by Thursday, January 18, 2018.
- We give our count to the Cape Fear Country Club afterwards.

Please know that we are financially responsible for the total reservations given to the Country Club.

Thank you for understanding and for your participation!

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!

Garden Therapy

11 Garden Therapy Committee members made apple turkeys a Elderhaus on November 6th



Nine committee members helped make live greens centerpieces with clients from Elderhaus. Next meeting is February 5, 2018 at 1:00. pm

New Member Relations

New Members Committee Stay a few minutes after the January meeting on January 23 to meet with Marty Melton for Azalea Garden Tour Garden Sitter information. Mark your calendar for the cookie making workshop/demonstration on February 21, 2018. Workshop times

are 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM. Details for sign up will be emailed to you.



Committee News and Notes

The **Civic Improvements Committee** will meet directly after the January general meeting during lunch. We will be discussing the upcoming Winter/Spring projects for our committee. Hope to see you there!

Nan Caison and Julie Fisher

In The News

Watch for two new episodes of CFGC's GARDENING & NATURE to air in January during THE MORNING SHOW on NHCS TLN TV on Ch. 5 for Spectrum and Ch. 191 for Charter.

-- Happy New Year, Barbara Downing

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!
Elizabeth

The **Garden Tour Committee** is very much in need of four hostesses for our 2018 Garden Tour. Please contact Marty Melton or Addie Arato if you can help. Call Marty at (910) 799-6105.

Beautification Endowment

Did you know.....the Cape Fear Garden Club Endowment funds have grown significantly during the first part of this club year? Thanks to all the support of our members at the soiree, gifts in honor or memory of loved ones, and a charitable trust donation, the balance now exceeds \$90,000!! This fund is perpetual – it will live forever!! The distributions given each year to beautify New Hanover County not only have a lasting effect, but the fund will continue to make an impact and fulfill the dreams of the Cape Fear Garden Club forever. Please keep this endowment in mind as you are looking for ways to honor or remember a loved one, and feel free to tell others in the community about this fund. We welcome any questions you may have, and we are always available to help you with your contributions. Call or email Karen Smith, Kay Warren, or Beth Woodruff for assistance any time!



Garden Club Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary Report

Sympathy cards were sent to:

The family of LALE LEWIS on her death

BETTY HILL on the death of her mother

Get Well / Notes of encouragement were sent to:

BABS SUTTON

ANDREA HUMPHRIES

CAROLYN JEFFERIES



On the Go!

TreeFest 2018

January 19 and 20, 2018 @ 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

WHERE: Independence Mall 3500 Oleander Dr Wilmington, NC 28403

COST: Free

CONTACT: Soil and Water Conservation District 910-540-4028

Increase tree canopy and biodiversity in your yard by visiting TreeFest, located inside Independence Mall in the JC Penney court. Choose any combination of trees or native grasses from the extensive list, many of which are native to the area. Limit of 5 trees per household. Plants are free with a suggested donation of \$3.

Battery Island Cruise and More

We know that the cruise is scheduled for Sunday, May 13, 2018 (Mother's Day) from the Carolina Beach Marina with Winner Cruise Boats. Boarding at 11:30, leaving at noon, returning at 4:30. Tickets are again \$40

Tickets go on sale at Wild Bird & Garden ...February 1st...The Battery Island Committee will have them on sale at our February Garden Club meeting

A special slide presentation that the Audubon NC Coastal Biologist, Lindsay Addison, has offered to do regarding the birds that nest on the Cape Fear River Islands for the Battery Island Committee on Saturday, February 3 from 10-12 am at the North East Branch of the New Hanover Library, this event is open to all members.

Marlene and Peggy

Member Updates

Active Member, Lale Lewis passed away November 27, 2017. She had been a member of Cape Fear Garden Club since 2016. Lale's beautiful garden was on the tour in 2016.

Here is a link to her obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/starnewsonline/obituary.aspx?pid=187409224>

Active Members

Pamela Brown – New email address: pbrownilm@gmail.com

Candus Clarke – New email address: candusclarke@att.net

Joyce Galloway – New address: 102 Stetten Court, Wilmington 28412

Joyce Galloway – New email address: JoyceCGalloway@gmail.com

Kelly Godfrey - Resigned

Wanda Musselwhite – New address: 4518 Old Towne Street, Wilmington 28412

Michelle Powell – Resigned

Karen Root – Delete Landline: 910-509-2055/ Use 910-233-0341

Associate Members

Rena Curia – New email address: rcuria.nc@gmail.com

Margaret Diab – Resigned

Dana Fisher – Delete landline: 910-343-0987

Brenda Moore – New address: 4422 Old Towne Street, Wilmington 28412

Helene Pasin – Delete both #'s in Yearbook...Correct telephone: 954-829-5391

June Sweeny – New address: 221 Beech Street, Wilmington, 28405

Emeritus Members

Reginia Coscarelli – Moved out of state, new address is not available at this time

Nancy Fauser – New address: Stonebridge Assisted Living, 2778 Country Club Dr., Hampstead, NC 28443

Mae Omie Mosely – New email address: mgmosely1437@gmail.com

For changes in member contact information: Email Computer Registrar, Penelope Allison at PJandMark@bellsouth.net or call 910-686-0888. **Reminder:** The most up-to-date membership directory is always found on the CFGC website in the 'Members Only' section.

capefeargardenclub.org

Please refer to page 88 in the 2017-18 Yearbook for directions and information about the CFGC website. There you will find step-by-step instructions for resetting your password.

Art & The Bloom presented by the New Hanover Garden Club is this week, January 11th - 14th.

In addition to the Floral Exhibits there are special sessions throughout the weekend. Several members of CFGC are participating floral designers in the competition.

Art & The Bloom is a premier event challenging floral designers to create artistic arrangements inspired by fine art. The artwork is a collection of pieces from artists in the Wilmington Art Association as well as works from private collectors. The floral designers receive the art assignment from a blind draw 10 weeks prior to the event. Then the creating begins. The exhibit will be judged by two National Garden Club Flower Show School Instructors and Master Judges. The exhibit can be viewed Thursday through Sunday.

Here is a link to learn more about the special sessions and purchase tickets to the events:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-the-bloom-tickets-36802041898>

Azalea Belle Committee Announcements

Monday, January 22nd is the one and only meeting for Belle Committee members at 10am at my house **1309 Honor Lane**. Anyone who didn't make the yearbook list of belle committee members, but interested may join us for the meeting. Belle applications will be given out to all garden club members at the general meeting on January 23rd. Three applications to members that want to sponsor a belle. All seniors that do not have a sponsor will come to my house at 4pm on the January 23rd to be sponsored by the Belle committee.

Dress fittings will take place on **February 23, 24 & 25**

If you know of a young woman who could use some financial help with paying for their Belle dress, please contact us with her name and contact and contact information. We have scholarship money from our Pandora charm account that can be used to help out more than one 2018 Belle.

Thanks,

Karen Smith

Azalea Belle Chair,



Azalea Festival Children's Tea 2018



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 January General Meeting.
- **Please sign up to sit in a garden** at the January 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 January meeting! This would make great gift for anyone! Stop by and see Sydney prior to the meeting! It's not too late to be a "Friend of the Tour" for \$100.