

Cape Fear Clippings

Newsletter of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.



Upcoming General Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Devotional: Carol C. Earey

Program: 10:00 am

Beautification of our Southern Town—Wilmington Parks

Presenter: Amy Beatty, Director of Community Services,

City of Wilmington

Horticulture Theme: Camelias, Spring Bulbs, and Flowering Branches

Day Clerks: DeVonna Mathias, Linda Pyle

Judge: Jenene Smith



A Message from the President

It is tempting to wish away winter and long for warmth, color and renewal. But I am reminded that there is purpose to each season. The cool winter forces us to spend more time inside and gives us a chance to pause - to cozy up by the fire, rest and reflect, organize, and plan ahead for renewal and blooms to come.

February is a special month to me – a mixture of some of the most wonderful along with the most poignant memories come to my mind. This month is the birthday month for my mother and grandmother (both in heaven), along with my daughter and grandson! It was this time last year when I got a call early on the morning of our February general meeting that my first grandson was going to come into this world. Wild horses couldn't have kept me from missing that meeting to make the trip to Atlanta and witness the birth of little Watson. But this was just after an earlier trip we made that month to Dallas to be with our son and daughter in law as they delivered a little Sadie, who died before she entered this world.

It reminds me that each month brings both joy and heartache to our lives. Not one of us knows from one day to the next what the new day may bring. I try to remember that "there are no neutral interactions" and that we never know who is in pain around us. We must do our best to make each one count. Each and every one of us have so much to offer and together as a club, we offer so much. The generosity of our members is beyond giving back to the community, although our reputation is undisputable in that. We truly care about each other as demonstrated by the generous contributions to honor Sandy de Holl in her season of fighting cancer. As President, I have had an opportunity to get to know many of you in a deeper way and it has only reinforced my love for this club.

As the first daffodils begin to bloom, count your blessings. One of your richest blessings is being a member of this strong and caring group of gardeners. Enjoy this season of rest and make your interactions count!

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

Southern Blessings,
Cathy Poulos



Committee Highlights & Announcements

Flower Arranging Committee

The Flower Arranging Committee is happy to offer a HAT DECORATING CLASS at the ARBORETUM on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH, FROM 9:30 TO 11:30 AM.

Hat decorator, KARIN ATKINS, along with two of our very talented garden club members, PAT PLASKETT AND DIANE LYNCH, and my co-chair, CAREY REISER will be conducting and assisting with your creations. This class is specifically designed for creating "THEMED HATS" for those of you sitting in the gardens welcoming our guests during the 2018 GARDEN TOUR. Only 15 ladies may sign up to create hats, however, we have space for 35 others to watch and then go home and create your own.

To participate, you will need to bring the following:

Large brimmed hat, preferably, or one that most compliments your style

Glue gun

Scissors and wire cutters

Choose your design color, pink, purple, green, etc. and purchase silk flowers in shades, different sizes of that hue, which will create depth in your design.

Remember to include leaves

Coordinating ribbon, netting, lace, tulle, organza, etc.

Now the fun part. Choose a theme for your hat, butterflies, birds, garden tools, bird houses, bird cages, frogs, flower pots, items that float from wires, use your imagination!

Dried flowers can also be used as well as feathers

Larger size sewing needle and thread may be used in some instances instead of hot glue

Karin will also purchase some items to use as fillers and create more depth for your design if needed. These can be purchased if you should so decide to use them.

As promised, we are trying to offer classes throughout the year and hope you enjoy participating and at the same time make new friends within our club. This activity is only open to Garden Club Members. I will not be able to attend this activity and leave it in the capable hands of Pat, Dianne and Carey. Please take photographs as you assembling and a group photo of the 15 hats to share at our March General Meeting since Donna Thompson will also not be able to attend. Have lots of fun and laughs; I look forward to you comments.

IMPORTANT

TO SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS, EMAIL ME AT hillarymcneir@gmail.com FIRST 15 CREATE, NEXT 35 RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FOR HOME ASSEMBLY. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHICH CATEGORY YOU ARE SIGNED UP FOR IN TIME TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES. IF THE CLASS IS NOT FILLED, WE WILL HAVE SIGN UP AT THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING.

Hillary McNeir

Flower Arranging Committee Chair



Lunch Reservations

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.

Remember to make your lunch reservations for February following the general meeting by Thursday, February 22.

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. If meeting with a committee for lunch, please make note of that committee when making your reservation.

Reservations or cancellations needed by Thursday, February 22, 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!



New Member Committee

Cookie Workshop for

New Members and CFGC members that have signed up in advance:

February 21, 2018

Arboretum kitchen

Morning session 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Evening session 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Arrive 15 minutes early so we may start promptly.

Nothing to bring.

New members remember that your nametags will no longer have flowers on them and will be included on the table with general members. Be sure to sign in when you get your nametag.



Committee News and Notes

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.

The **Battery Island Committee** has scheduled the SPRING CLEAN UP of Battery Island with Audubon NC for Saturday, March 10.

Raindate is Sunday, March 11.

Committee members who are willing to go by boat to Battery Island with the Audubon biologist are asked to contact

Peggy Smith, peggybysea@ec.rr.com.

Details about the clean up and the Bird Cruise will be provided at our committee meeting scheduled immediately

after the February general meeting. We hope you will join us for lunch! Contact Peggy so that we have a number to report to reserve a table, and please mention when you RSVP for the luncheon that you are attending the Battery Island Committee meeting.

Contact Peggy at peggybysea@ec.rr.com

Garden Therapy

Eleven Garden club ladies met with 21 clients at

Elderhaus to make Valentines and play a hot game of valentine bingo.

The project was headed by Julia McEachern and Kay Fare.

Our next meeting of Garden Therapy is March 5, 2018 and will be lead by

Lisa King and Nancy Cameron



Garden Club Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary Report

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Babs Sutton on the loss of her husband

Hillary McNeir on the loss of her mother



Membership By the Numbers

Cape Fear Garden Club Membership 394

Active Members 284

Associate Members 62

Emeritus Members 43

Honorary Members 6

New Members 17

(As of 2/10/2018)

On the Go!

WILMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS



Coastal Living Show 2018

All about Life on the Coast

Saturday, March 24 (10 AM - 4 PM) Wilmington Convention Center

FREE ADMISSION

All proceeds go to area non-profits to improve the lives of women and children.

Civic Improvements Committee: Please remember to purchase a Plant an Azalea note card. The sale of each 15 dollar card plants an azalea in a New Hanover county park. This year we will continue the project at Hugh McCrae. Planting date will be the first week in April. These cards are multipurpose and can be a gift or "In honor of" or "In Memory of" or just to say Thinking of you.

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



February Member Updates

Active Members

Connie Lancaster – New address: 5105 Somerset Lane 28409

Pamela Lane – New address: 1317 Searay Lane, Carolina Beach NC 28428

Shelly Whitehurst – New telephone: 910-619- 7590



Associate Members

Nancy Mees - Resigned

June Sweeny – New Email address: beautifulflowersbyJune@gmail.com

Emeritus Member

June Byrnes – All correspondence should be directed to her daughter Barbara Hoenig. Barbara shares them in person with June, who recently turned 90. She says that June is in a wonderful small nursing facility out of town and is suffering from dementia/Alzheimers.

Barbara's address is: 1939 So. Churchill Drive 28403

Telephone: (910) 612-3000

Email: bjbhoenig@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.



Awards Committee

Our club has an opportunity to recommend and fund new Garden Club of North Carolina awards. According to the State Awards Chair, our club (or an individual who wants to fund an award) must do the following:

- ◆ Write the award description with name of award (refer to examples in The Gardener or on the website under AWARDS).
- ◆ Submit the new award proposal to State Awards Chair with a commitment to fund the award for at least 3 years. She will submit the proposal at the annual meeting (in April) for consideration and vote.

◆ Funding: The sponsor determines the funding. Most awards are \$25 per year, but some are \$50 or \$100.

Please send any recommendations for new awards to Cindy Henry, CFGC Awards Chair, chenry@atmc.net by March 1, 2018. Include

- ◆ Name of Award
- ◆ Description of Award
- ◆ Rationale for proposal (this might help to convince the state board that there is a good reason for the award)

Submitted by Cindy Henry, Awards Chair

Azalea Belle Committee Announcements

We have 140 Azalea Belles!

6 daughters/granddaughters of Cape Fear Garden Club Members

8 Juniors

Quick reminder for the belle committee members who signed up to help with dress fitting dates are February 23, 24, & 25! Have fun!



The **Azalea Garden Tour** is less than 2 months away! We are planning a very exciting, entertainment-filled Ribbon Cutting at Greenfield Amphitheater with the Parade of Belles, followed by our traditional Queen's Garden Party at the Rotary Wheel.

This is an event all our members — especially our new members — won't want to miss.

We are still in need of ONE HOSTESS to share duties at Garden One on 5th Avenue.

It's a lovely garden and parking nearby is plentiful. Please let Marty Melton or Addie Arato know if you are willing to be one of our hostess heroes or heroines!

Tickets are on sale at local venues and the Azalea Festival office, but you can buy your two tickets at the next general meeting from our own Betty Hill. So don't forget your checkbook! You can also become a Friend of the Tour for \$100.

Group Sales are also available, if you know of a civic organization or company that would like to take part. Contact Penny Allison to purchase.

Thank you for your support. Our 2018 Azalea Garden Tour is going to be Bloomin' Beautiful!

Sydney Penny

2018 Garden Tour Chairman



Coming Soon to the
Arboretum



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Azalea Festival Children's Tea 2018

Under The Sea

March 18
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Daniel's Hall
502 N Front Street

Tickets: WWW.Capefearevolunteercenter.org

There are still tickets available for the 2018 Azalea Festival Children's Tea. Get your tickets **TODAY!**

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 February General Meeting.
- **Please sign up to sit in a garden** at the February 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 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.

