

Cape Fear Clippings



Newsletter of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

Upcoming General Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2018

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Devotional: Annamarie Eakins

Program: 10:00 am

Southern Beauties in Hats— Face Flattering Tips

Presenter: Jan Wutkowski—Millinery Artist, aMuse Artisanal Finery

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Elizabeth Haley

Horticulture Theme: Tulips, Daffodils & Flowering Shrubs

Day Clerks: Bettye Broadwater, C.C. Hensley

Judge: Jenene Smith

“It’s spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you’ve got it, you want — oh, you don’t quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!”

Our energies turn to our annual Azalea Garden Tour as each of us prepare to help in big and small ways.... The Belles have been fitted and are already making appearances in their colorful big dresses at Azalea Festival activities. The Tour Committee is making plans for a spectacular Ribbon Cutting, garden owners are putting finishing touches to get their gardens to show state, hostesses are sending out reminders to garden sitters, the news media is swarming to gain the best coverage of this annual spring celebration, and each of us is preparing to bake a delectable batch of homemade cookies to welcome our guests to this grand tour.

A visit to the Garden Therapy Committee’s March activity at Elderhaus, gave me new appreciation for the important work our club does with the elderly and handicapped individuals there. A group of our club members faithfully showed up to assist each one in a handcrafted project and the joy on the faces was undeniable. It was truly a privilege to partake in their work and I urge all of you to check it out one month!

Hat season is upon us and we look forward to our March program where we will learn new tips in our March program from Jan Wutkowski, Millinery Artist of aMuse Artistsal Finery on how to pick the right hat to accent an outfit and complement our faces. Some of our members will be showing off their creativity by wearing hats recently crafted in the hat making workshop held on March 7 at the Arboretum. It was an inspiring time to see all the different themes and fun adornments the ladies used in creating their hats. Each of you are invited to wear a spring hat to celebrate at our general meeting. You are invited to join them in wearing a spring hat to the March general meeting!

We are now in our “busiest season” of our club year, so “hang on to your hats” as we finish this year strong as we continue to “Celebrate Southern Beauty”!

Cathy Poulos, President 2017-18



Save the Date

New Member Orientation

March 21st

10:00-12:00 pm

Arboretum Auditorium

Garden Owners Appreciation Lunch

May 8th 11:30 am

Surf Club, Wrightsville Beach

Battery Island/Bird Cruise 2018

May 13th

12:00-4:30 pm

Tickets available

March President’s Message

March is certainly living up to its name: “In like a lion.... out like a lamb” – and the key for that phrase is hope: hope for the return of warm weather, beauty in blooms and renewal of life in the fauna and flora. Spring in Wilmington seems to have definitely sprung: daffodils, flowering quince, Bradley pears, forsythia, jasmine, and Camellias lingering on – each day brings new color, smells, and pollen of course. A little research on March reveals that it is named after Mars, the Roman god of war. March traditionally was the beginning of the calendar year, and was changed after the Gregorian calendar in 1752 when January officially became the start of the year. *Hlyd monath* is the Anglo-Saxon term, meaning “Stormy month”. We are also official in the season of Lent which leads us to contemplate our own brokenness and need for renewal and rebirth. As winter awakens into spring, we are filled with wonder at the colorful blooms and bursts of green, filling us with energy and zeal to get outside, plant and spruce up our yards, and linger with friends as the days begin to warm and extend their light. Mark Twain may say it best in Tom Sawyer:

Be In the Know

Heritage Tree Selection

The City's Urban Arborist and members of the Wilmington Tree Commission are responsible for setting specific criteria for designation, receiving nominations, maintaining the program's database and providing appropriate recognition to heritage tree owners. Nominations and selections are reported at regular monthly meetings of The Tree Commission.

To be considered for Heritage Tree status, a [nomination for the tree](#) must be submitted to the Wilmington Tree Commission with approval of the owner.

Nominations Deadline: Early fall of each year

Signed Forms may be emailed or mailed to:

Aaron Reese, City Arborist

aaron.reese@wilmingtonnc.gov

1702 Burnett Blvd

Wilmington, NC 28401

2018-2019 Cape Fear Garden Club

Nominee Slate

Eric Kozen for President

Rebecca Philpott for First Vice President

Sherry O'Daniell for Second Vice President

Kimberly Exum for Recording Secretary

Julia Davis for Corresponding Secretary

Ann Lyon for Treasurer

Penelope Allison for Assistant Treasurer

Sandy Cyphers for Azalea Garden Tour Vice 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 March following the general meeting by Thursday, March 22nd

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, March 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!

Rebecca

I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden. ~Ruth Stout

New Member Committee

A huge thank you to Fran Summerlin, baker/teacher extraordinaire and Barbara Whitesides for their help with the cookie workshop. They went above and beyond with their preparations and excellent demonstrations helping us to make cookies for the garden tour!



The 2017 new members are now full active members and we look forward to welcoming the newest 2018 members and to their orientation on March 21. All members please help welcome these newest members when you see a flower on their name tags. We are a very large club with many activities and they appreciate any kind word and help integrating into our club.



Wildlife Committee

The next episode of Gardening & Nature on THE MORNING SHOW. Next week, starting on Monday, March 19, 2018, the episode about Native Plants which was filmed at the Cape Fear Museum will air at 6:00 am and 7:00 am on Channel 5 for Spectrum and 191 for Charter. The episode features Andy Wood in the area being designated as a Certified Wildlife Habitat by CFGC's Gardening for Wildlife Committee.



Garden Therapy

Garden Therapy met at 1:00 March 5, 2018 at Elderhaus to pot bulbs and decorate the pots. 13 ladies including our President Cathy Poulos helped about 22 clients with this project. The project was headed up by Nancy Cameron and Lisa King



It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

~Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

Garden Club Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary Report

Sympathy cards were sent to:

DANA COOK
JUNE KNOX
DEANE HEENAN



Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors, there would be an unbelievable shrieking into the heart of the night. ~Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters of Rainer*

Maria Rilke

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



March Member Updates

Active Members

Elizabeth Haley – Additional Telephone - 910-200-6409

Hillary McNeir – New Address: 2126 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28401

Regina Penna - Resigned

Linda Hanykova – New Email address - lhanykova@gmail.com



Emeritus Member

Elma Bowden – Delete Email address

Do you have a new address, telephone number or email address?

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.



It's Poppy Time!!

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will have Poppies at our general meeting on May 1, 2018. Please give generously. Proceeds are used to support veterans, active military and military families.

Beautification Endowment

Did you know..... The Cape Fear Garden Club Beautification Endowment will be distributing \$2360 to a public place in the City of Wilmington or New Hanover County this year. The annual distribution is calculated by taking the average of the previous 12 quarter-ending balances and multiplying by 5%. The fund has grown almost 50% in the past 6 months. With a steady growth of this fund, these distributions will make a significant impact forever. This is the legacy of the Cape Fear Garden Club, and is a reflection forever of your dedication and hard work in our community.



On the Horizon

Committee Selection for 2018-2019

It's time to make your committee selection(s) for next garden club year. Remember Active members are required to participate on at least one committee every year. All members will receive the sign-up form along with a description of the committees by email. The form can be turned in at the March or April meeting or you can email your selections to Penny Allison at piandmark@bellsouth.net

Please Note: Even if you are remaining on the same committee you must submit a completed selection form.

Azalea Garden Tour

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

Coming Soon to the
Arboretum



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Azalea Festival Ribbon Cutting

Spring in the air, it is COOKIE Time Again. We need 2 dozen cookies (in disposable containers) from each member for the Ribbon Cutting. As always the cookies should have NO chocolate, nuts, coconut or peanut butter, also these need to be homemade cookies not commercially prepackaged.

Plan to deliver your two dozen cookies on Thursday, April 12, to Elderhaus (Greenfield Gardens) between 9AM & 1PM. We will try to have cookie drop off signs out.

Remember NO Nuts, Chocolate, Coconut or Peanut Butter !!!

Thank you in advance for your help in making this a success.

Mimi Whitford, Chair
Susan Hickman, Co-chair



Azalea Garden Tour News

On Sunday, March 11, the Garden Tour committee held our annual Garden Owners Wine and Cheese Soirée at the home of Goldie Stetten. Sandra Kittinger chaired the event to introduce our garden owners to the hostesses who will attend their gardens during the tour. All enjoyed the magnificent cheese board and dessert table designed by Heda Waldrep's team and delightful arrangements by Hillary McNeir and her committee. Some members of the press were in attendance along with Justin Wolfe, Azalea Festival president. Paint Out organizer, Star Sosa, was also in attendance with artist Todd Carignan whose work is featured in our tour ticket.

Our garden owners were recognized to all assembled and presented with commemorative garden stones. The Azalea Garden Tour Committee is greatly indebted to each and every person who contributed to creating such a delightful experience to kick off our Azalea Garden Tour!



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:

• **Please sign up to sit in a garden** at the **March General Meeting**.

• **Tickets will be available for purchase at the March 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 the Surf Club.

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

