

Cape Fear Clippings

Newsletter of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.



Upcoming General Meeting Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Cape Fear Country Club
1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Program: Trees, "Let them Grow" Ways to Preserve and Enhance them in your Landscape

Presenter: Joshua Shields, ISA Certified Arborist, Wilmington Tree Commission, Alliance for Cape Fear Trees

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Meredith Lewis & Margaret Sifly
Horticulture Theme: *Camellias and Early Bulbs*

Judge: Jenene Smith

You are encouraged to bring horticulture specimens or arrangements to all monthly meetings. They should be labeled and in place by 9:15 am.

A Message from the President

Happy New Year to ALL !!!

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays over the past few weeks. Many thanks to PJ Middleton for opening her beautiful home for our Christmas Tea. We had a stellar day and the weather could not have been any better for a December afternoon.

Many thanks to the Flowers Arranging Committee and the Hospitality Committee. I was absolutely blown away by all the beautiful arrangements and décor that Hillary McNeir and her crew assembled to create a Christmas splendor in every room of the Middleton home. Many thanks to Alma Fennell and the Hospitality Committee who pulled out all the stops and delighted all who came with a wonderful array of goodies that meant going back for more than seconds and thirds for most like me. I want to thank all who worked on these committees and spent hours transforming the Middleton home and making so many treats to make the 2018 Christmas Tea one to remember.

Eric Kozen
President



Save the Date

South Atlantic Region Convention (SAR) March 29-31 Williamsburg, VA	Therapy Through Gardening February 27th 10:00 Cape Fear Country Club	Battery Island/Bird Cruise 2019 May 19th 12:00-4:30 pm Tickets available March 1
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Committee Highlights & Announcements

Christmas Tea

On behalf of Hillary McNeir, Goldie Stetten and Carey Reiser: We would like to thank PJ Middleton 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



Lunch Reservations

Please join us for the luncheon following our General Meeting, a great way to enjoy the company of members new and old. Cost is \$19. Pay at the meeting with exact change or check. RSVP by January 17, 2019 to the "Paperless Post" invitation you will receive via email soon after you receive this newsletter.

If you do not receive the invitation or do not have an email account you may make your reservation by calling Penelope Allison at 910-686-0888. If you are lunching with a committee you must make a luncheon reservation, just note your committee name on your RSVP.

Note that our contract with the Country Club requires that we have at least 40 luncheon attendees after each meeting... attending at least one luncheon will help us meet this commitment.



Membership Committee

Have questions about changing your membership status, sponsoring a friend for the Garden Club or how long the waiting list is? Talk to Anita Duran Lewis or Diane Smith, co-chairs for the Membership Committee

Cape Fear Garden Club Christmas Tea 2018



Battery Island

Bird Cruise to the Lower Cape Fear River Bird Islands is scheduled for

Sunday, May 19, 2019

(Please note the date was change after printing of the club yearbook by Winner Boats)

Boarding at 12:30 PM, departing at 1 PM and returning at approximately 5:30 PM Tickets will be available at the February General Meeting for \$40 each

Tickets will be available to the General public at the Wild Bird & Garden Store in Hanover Center (across of Independence Mall) and at their Southport store beginning on March 1st.



Fall Island Cleanup



Fall Cleanup was record setting after Hurricane Florence! 19 Battery Island Committee members collected 1120 lbs. of debris that washed up onto Battery Island including partial docks, tires and fishline which can entangle birds. Three biologists transported us to the island in two boats and helped us get the debris off the island in boats and took it to the landfill where it was weighed. We celebrated after the cleanup with a Christmas pizza party and some special Christmas shopping at the Wild Bird & Garden Southport store.

The date of the **Spring Cleanup** has not been determined but will likely be a Saturday in early March.



Garden Therapy



Nineteen ladies met at Elderhaus including 4 members of the Harbour Island Garden Club to make live greenery centerpieces in holiday coffee mugs. The ladies from Harbour Island were interested in forming their own Garden Therapy Committee and want to see how and what we did. All hands were on deck to help with this project as we had about 42 Elderhaus clients. A fun time was had by all.

Garden Club Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary Report

Sympathy Cards sent to the families of:

Martha Elrod Huffine, died November 30, 2018.
Emeritus Member and Past President CFGC 1996-1997

Evelyn Martin Smith, died December 2, 2018.
Emeritus Member CFGC

Frank O'Brien, Jr., died December 3, 2018.
Husband of Sarah O'Brien, Emeritus Member CFGC

Get Well Cards sent to:

Marjorie Way, Active Member CFGC
Bonnie Faler, Active Member CFGC



As chairman of the Transportation Committee, I was contacted by email from all Emeritus members. As a result of this communication, the Transportation Committee is happy to report that after the fantastic Tea at PJ's beautiful home, we delivered delicious cookies and the CFGC yearbook to ten of our members who were not able to attend the tea. We also drove two of our past presidents who needed rides to the tea. My committee enjoyed their visits with these special members. And I believe these members enjoyed the visit and the cookies and were thrilled they were not forgotten. What a fun committee. And so dependable.

Will You Say Yes?

The Garden Tour Committee is looking for a few volunteers to create and work on the Fairy Garden display that will be a stop on this year's Tour. Are you willing to lend a hand, your imagination, or some treasures? Please let Signa know as soon as possible. Let's create something magical!



Oral History Committee

Awards

The Membership App Committee



The Oral History hopes you will view the slideshow prior to the General Meeting today. We are honoring June Knox - President 1994-1995

Just a reminder that a new awards year has started; January 1 – December 31 2019; deadline is December 1, 2019 for all award applications to reach the appropriate State Awards Category Chairman. Think of the award application as a term paper, "Don't wait until the night before the deadline"

The membership app has been expanded to be of interest to the entire community. Please stop by the Technology table to see the new design and give your input! If you would like me to include information from your committee, I'm happy to hear it. We are looking forward to deploying the app for general availability soon! Thank you for your support

January Member Updates

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.

DEATHS

Martha Huffine - Past President (1996-1997) and Past Member

Evelyn M. Smith – Emeritus Member

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Active

Pamela Lane – New Address: 4209 Chapra Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412

Associate

Dana Fisher – New Email address: danafisher1020@gmail.com

Ronna Zimmer – Add Email address: ronnazimmer@aol.com

RESIGNATION

Active Member - Barbara James

STATUS CHANGES

The below listed members have moved from Active to Associate Status

Jane Harshburger

Susanne Herr

Bette Parrett

If you have not received your 2018-19 Yearbook copies will be available at the January meeting.

Reminder: Yearbook membership information is not to be used for solicitation or advertising. Please dispose of old yearbooks in a secure manner.

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Azalea Belle Committee Announcements



Monday, January 21st 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 15, 16, 17**

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.

Karen Smith, Azalea Belle Chair

2018 Azalea Garden Tour Funds Distributed

On Wednesday, November 14, 2018, the Cape Fear Garden Club disbursed the 2018 Azalea Garden Tour funds to 26 grant applicants. Teresa Hill, 2018 Grant Disbursement Chair, handed out \$72,326.58 to 26 non-profits in New Hanover County which included six youth groups, two civic groups, four community service organizations, three parks, five museums, four public schools, and two churches. The largest grant for 2018 was for \$7,320.00 and it went to Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity.

Listed below are the 26 grant recipients:

The Greater Wilmington Youth Initiative, Inc. (The First Tee of Greater Wilmington)	\$2,962.50
Community Enrichment Initiative, Inc.	\$4,411.92
Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity	\$7,320.00
YMCA of Southeastern North Carolina	\$6,000.00
DREAMS of Wilmington, Inc.	\$2,652.98
Airlie Butterfly House	\$843.00
NHC Parks & Gardens---Veterans Park	\$937.50
Children's Museum of Wilmington	\$1,450.00
Friends of the New Hanover County Arboretum	\$3,355.00
Coastal Preparatory Academy	\$1,650.00
St.Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church	\$2,520.00
Lake Forest Academy	\$656.52
Codington Elementary School	\$886.00
Ability Garden	\$5,000.00
First Christian Church	\$2,000.00
Alliance for Cape Fear Trees	\$1,300.00
Cape Fear Clinic, Inc.	\$3,307.82
New Hanover High School	\$1,555.44
Lower Cape Fear Historical Society	\$4,000.00
Friends of Oakdale Cemetery	\$1,750.00
Bellamy Mansion Museum	\$2,000.00
North Carolina Coastal Federation	\$1,200.00
Brigade Boys & Girls Club	\$4,760.00
Lower Cape Fear Hospice	\$5,000.00
Wrightsville Beach Museum of History	\$1,849.90
Cameron Art Museum	\$2,959.00



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



2019 Azalea Garden Tour News

April 5—7, 2019

Ribbon Cutting
at
the home of
Linda and Steve Smits
1925 S. Live Oak Parkway
11 gardens

Garden tour tickets will be on sale at the January 23rd general meeting. You are required to purchase only one ticket and the price is \$35. Gift certificates will also be available for purchase.

PLEASE remember to sign up to sit in a garden. We also need a few more garden hostesses. FYI - garden hostesses are invited to attend the Garden Owners Wine and Cheese Party and to the Garden Owners Thank You Luncheon.

I strongly encourage sponsors to invite their "2019 New Member" to sit with them in a garden. Let's all remember how intimidating and overwhelmed we felt on Orientation Day.

Belle Committee will meet at the home of Karen Smith on January 21, 2019 at 10:00.

Belle applications will be available at the January 23rd, 2019 general meeting. Each member will be allowed three applications.

Thank you for your continued support.



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 Signa prior to the meeting!