

Cape Fear Clippings

Newsletter of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.



Upcoming General Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Cape Fear Country Club

1518 Country Club Road

Coffee and Horticulture Judging: 9:30 am

Program: 10:00 am

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General Meeting

Program: **Nesting Birds of the Cape Fear River**

Presenters: Lindsay Addison, Coastal Biologist,
Audubon NC

& Executive Director of Audubon North Carolina
and Vice President of National Audubon Society,
Andrew Hutson

Refreshment Table Arrangement:
Stephanie Hendrickson

Horticulture Theme: Tulips, Daffodils & Flowering
Shrubs

Judge: Jenene Smith

March President's Message

Spring is in the air now. Blooms are beginning to pop and the Azalea Garden Tour is right around the corner. I love this time of year as the plants begin to awake from their winter slumber. The temperatures begin to rise, leaves begin to appear, blooms begin to swell and burst open at the right time. The scent of Spring also takes shape as all those blooms begin to fill the air with their glorious pollen. Wilmington is truly one of the most beautiful cities in the Spring, at every twist and turn there is a colorful picture to dazzle the eye. Enjoy this time of year and the splendor it has to offer, I look forward to seeing you in the garden.

Eric Kozen
President



**President Eric Kozen (L) with
2019 Azalea Garden Tour Chair Signa Stalvey (R)**

Save the Date

**New Member
Orientation**

March 20th
10:00-12:00 pm

Arboretum
Auditorium

**Garden Owners
Appreciation
Lunch**

April 25th 11:30 am

Surf Club,
Wrightsville Beach

**Southern Soiree
2019**

November 1st
6:30-10:30 pm

The Barn at Rock
Creek
Leland



Be In the Know

The Oral History Committee



"The Oral History Committee is proud to honor Mrs. Connie Parker during the Profiles in the Garden slideshow just prior to the start of the March meeting. Don't miss reading the interesting history of Mrs. Parker and her encouraging words for members of the CFGC."

2019-2020 Cape Fear Garden Club

Nominee Slate

The Nominating Committee has selected a slate of officers to be presented to the Cape Fear Garden Club Executive Board and will make a motion that the Board approve the following for the

President – Rebecca Philpott

1st VP – Sherry O'Daniell

2nd VP – Linda Snyder

Recording Secretary - Meredith Lewis

Corresponding Secretary- Lannie Kirby

Treasurer – Ann Lyon

Assistant Treasurer – Penelope Allison

Azalea Tour Chair – Sandy Cyphers

Assistant Tour Chair – Cheryl Nabell

4 Members at Large – Martin Meyerson, Mary Katherine Turner, Kay Warren, Elaine Henson



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 21st

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 21, 2019. 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!

“With the turquoise winds

Memories of mist and snow

Melt into warm mud”

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New Member Committee

We held our Cookie Workshop for new members on March 13th. Fun tips and techniques were taught by club member Fran Summerlin and cookie maker Barbara Whitesides who has the cookie business Beekind Cookies. They make it fun and we all always learn something to help us make cookies for the Azalea Garden Ribbon Cutting party. An extra special thank you to Fran who has done this workshop for us for five years and also to Barbara Whitesides who has given us her time and helped us for 2 years. We think all participants and committee members learned new tips!



Garden Therapy

This month 15 Garden Club members met at Elderhaus to make Pots of Gold.



Birds and Butterflies Committee

The Birds and Butterflies Committee will have a meeting following the General Meeting. Please attend as this is our last meeting this year. Our committee is in charge of one of the 'fairy gardens' that will be on display at the Arboretum during the CFGC Azalea



Garden Tour. We will need help on that Wednesday, April 3rd to set up. We have supplied six houses and posts for a Bluebird Trail at Air-lie and will also have supplied three for the Arboretum. It has been a year of visiting all the bluebird trails and evaluating how many need repairs or replacement.

A Prayer In Spring by Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

Garden Club Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary Report Julia H. Davis

Sympathy Cards sent to: **The Family of Eleanor Hunt**, Emeritus Member and Past President of CFGC, 1975-1977. Mrs. Hunt died on January 29, 2019.

Mary Ann Bridger, Associate Member CFGC, in the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Audrey Bridger, February 2, 2019.

Sherry O'Daniell, Active Member CFGC, in the death of her brother-in-law, Keven Flowers, February 2, 2019.

Donna Thompson, Active Member CFGC, in the death of her uncle,

Jimmy Fulford, February 8, 2019.

Get Well Cards sent to:

Joan Peters-Dolezal, Associate Member CFGC

Heda Waldrep, Active Member CFGC

Marjorie Way, Active Member CFGC



On the Go!

Plant an Azalea Week will be March 31 - April 6, 2019. A planting ceremony will be held at Airlie Gardens on Tuesday, April 2 at 10 am, coordinated by Janine Powell. This is an official activity of the CFGC Civic Improvements Committee but ALL CFGC members are invited to attend and participate in the ceremony. We will have Azalea Belles present along with NH County Commissioners and officials. Bring your garden gloves and a spade to help plant! And don't forget to plant an azalea in your own yard and to encourage you friends and neighbors to do the same.

The blank greeting cards with artwork by Barbara Jamison on the front are available in the Airlie Gift Shop as well as at every CFGC general meeting. The purchase of each card for \$15 will plant one azalea and this year, due to the damage sustained by Hurricane Florence, all azaleas will be planted at Airlie Gardens. These cards are great for multiple occasions including sympathy, thinking of you, birthday, etc. Have a supply on hand so you will always have a beautiful card to send

Airlie Gardens received a Natural Disaster Grant award of \$1000 from the National Garden Club. Cathy Poulos wrote for the grant, working with Janine Powell, who supplied the details. In addition, the Williamsburg Garden Club wrote a check for \$145 to add to this amount. Civic Improvements plans to assist with planting trees and shrubs purchased by the grants. We will keep you posted in case you want to join in!

Civic Improvements

Save the date for Arbor Day 2019!

Friday, April 26!! Details to be announced at a later date. Contact Cheryl Hunter at 910-512-4497 or chunter@cape-fear.net.

Battery Island Cruise and More

BATTERY ISLAND BIRD CRUISE

Join us as we cruise to the Lower Cape Fear River Islands to the water bird nesting areas of Brown Pelicans, White Ibis, Egrets and American Oystercatchers on Sunday, May 19th leaving on the new Henrietta soon to be docked at the river walk in downtown Wilmington at the Dock Street location. The new Henrietta riverboat features an air conditioned lower level with tables and chairs and a canopy covered upper deck. The Henrietta holds 118 passengers and will depart at noon and return to downtown by 6:30 PM.

Tickets sell out quickly so buy yours as soon as possible! Tickets are \$50 each and will be available at the March meeting and at the Wild Bird & Garden Store located in Hanover Center. Additional details are provided with your ticket.





Azalea Garden Tour News and Dates

AZALEA GARDEN TOUR APRIL 5-7TH

TICKETS – PLEASE REMEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR GARDEN TOUR TICKET

COOKIE DELIVERY – THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH 9:00AM-1:00PM, 1925 S. LIVE OAK PARKWAY. NO CHOCOLATE, NO NUTS, DISPOSABLE CONTAINER.

RIBBON CUTTING – FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH 10:00AM, 1925 S. LIVE OAK PARKWAY. NO PARKING – SHUTTLE SERVICE PINE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 3940 SHIPYARD BOULEVARD.

TOUR COMMITTEE WRAP UP LUNCHEON – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH, 11:30AM PORT CITY CHOP HOUSE

GARDEN OWNERS THANK YOU LUNCHEON – THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH 11:30AM THE SURF CLUB, 1 MALLARD STREET, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH. BUFFET LUNCH IS \$27.00. ENVELOPE WILL BE CIRCULATED AT MARCH 27TH GENERAL MEETING. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CFGC. NOTE: **THIS IS THE ONLY GENERAL MEETING BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.**





March Member Updates

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Emeritus Member June Byrnes passed on March 4, 2019. June had been a member of CFGC since 1974.

Emeritus Member Eleanor Hunt passed on January 29, 2019. Eleanor had been a member of CFGC since 1970 and served as President 1975 – 1977.

RESIGNATION

Associate Member – Rita Howle

STATUS CHANGES

Eileen Haley has moved from Active to Associate

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

Corrections or changes in member contact information: Email Computer Registrar, Penelope Allison at PJandMark@bellsouth.net or call 910-686-0888.

Reminder: The most current membership information is always found on the CFGC website in the 'Members Only' section.

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Please refer to page ** 2018-2019 Yearbook for directions and information about the CFGC website. There you will find step-by-step instructions for re-setting your password.



Membership Committee

We will be introducing the new CFGC members for this year at the March General meeting.

Please join us in welcoming our new Garden Club members for 2019:

Laura Elliott Marion Kreh Emma Saunders Julie Duclos-Greenwood Potter Sewell Barbara Jean Wilson Dianne Glasgow Martha Smith Ward Nancy Batounis Becky Mckeel Michelle Davis Caviness Courtney Burrell Leona Stephens Sloan Joane Furness Susan Biggs Karen Lynn Harding Betty Lou Henderson Jennie Dalton Rebecca S. Hardy Lolita Bryant Patsy Mackmull

The Annual Extension Master Gardner Plant Sale

The annual Extension Master Gardener Association plant sale, which takes place during the prime Wilmington planting season, will be held April 11-14. Here, plant shoppers can purchase a number of locally grown herbs, vegetables, flowers (including annuals and perennials), shrubs, trees, and even rose bushes, as they chat with master gardener volunteers for advice on planting and long-term care.

Open to the public, with several acres of plants available to purchase, this annual plant sale has become a must-see for local and regional gardeners everywhere.

Hours are Thursday-Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 12pm-4pm





Committee Selection for 2019-2020

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 pjandmark@bellsouth.net



The Scholarship Committee

Our President Eric Kozen and Kay Warren attended the Donor Appreciation event in February at Cape Fear Community College. Cape Fear Garden Club (CFGC) was inducted into the prestigious McKeithan Society, which honors donors who have given \$50,000 or more to the college. This accomplishment is a reflection of the hard work of all our members. Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding contributions to our community.

The Scholarship Committee is also pleased to share a letter from our UNCW scholarship recipient, Lindsey Bockover. She received our CFGC Endowed Scholarship for fall semester 2018. Our committee was hoping to introduce you to Lindsey at one of our meetings, but as you will read below, she has already entered the workforce. It is wonderful to know that our work continues to provide brighter futures for students.

"Greetings to the Cape Fear Garden Club!

I apologize for not being able to meet you fine folks in person, but I have started my career and it keeps me busy on Wednesday mornings.

My name is Lindsey Bockover and I received your scholarship this past semester. I wanted to thank you all so much for your willingness to invest in students like me. Because of your scholarship, I was able to attend my final semester at UNCW without the use of student loans. This is a big deal to me because my future career does not offer much of a financial benefit.

I earned an undergraduate degree, bachelors of science in biology, and completed an honors thesis in the ecology field of study this December. I am currently enrolled in an MAT program with UNCW's Watson College in their secondary education department meaning that I hope to teach high school science some day very soon. In the North Carolina public school systems, I see a need for dedicated teachers who are passionate about the student's learning. Along with that, I want the opportunity to drive students to go beyond what they thought possible and achieve their goals. To sum it up, I want to be the teacher that makes a difference in the life of the students by motivating them and to start a passion in them for learning. While teaching may offer numerous emotional benefits, it often lacks in the financial department. Which is, again, why I feel so grateful to have received your scholarship.

I have started my journey to becoming a teacher a little sooner than my education path would suggest. On the days that I am not at UNCW learning, I am a substitute teacher for the Bladen County School District. I am set to start a full time substitute teaching position in middle school science. By the time you all read this, I will most likely have been working with those students for a couple of weeks. That being said, at the time of this letters composition I am preparing for tomorrow which is my first day with them.

Thank you again for investing in my future and by extension the future of countless other individuals. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,
A very grateful Lindsey Bockover"

From your Scholarship Committee Chairs, Beth Woodruff and Kay Warren



Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee will be making cookies and delivering to Jonnie Harris' home on April 2 where they will be preparing boxes of cookies to deliver to the members of CFGC who are not able to attend the ribbon cutting or gardens on the Azalea Garden tour. We have approximately 10 members to visit and gift with cookies. Each member of the committee will be preparing the required 3 dozen cookies and those not packaged for gifts will be dropped off on Thursday as requested.

An Amendment

At the meeting a motion will be made to amend By-Law ARTICLE V – Meetings and voted on at the March meeting. Please review the below and thank you.

Cape Fear Country Club will not be available for Tuesday meetings this coming year

2019/2020, however; we can meet on Wednesdays.

In lieu of this I propose that we amend By-Law, **ARTICLE V – Meetings** (page 64)

Unless otherwise provided by the Executive Committee, the General meetings of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September through April.

Change to read:

Unless otherwise provided by the Executive Committee, the General meetings of the Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be held monthly from September through April.

Reasoning: With changes of days at the country club, we are having to be more fluid with meeting dates. Firm days will be addressed in Policies and Procedures.

Any Discussion?

Belle Committee

A special thank you to Belle Committee Members that helped with Belle dress fittings February 14, 15, and 16th.

Upcoming Key Belle Dates to Remember

The Governors trip to Raleigh is March 28

The Belle rehearsal is March 30

Belle Tea is March 31 at the Kenan House and the beautiful grounds.



Member Orientation:



Orientation of New Members is fast approaching. All department or committees needing new member volunteers should participate in orientation. If the department or committee does not need to recruit new member volunteers, it is not necessary to attend. All Officers are invited to attend.

Sponsors of incoming new members need to attend with your new member.

Please remember also, that each committee is to **bring the following:**

1. One door prize to be given to a new member
2. Table cloth for your table with a display of what your committee does
3. Flower arranging committee will bring an arrangement for the refreshment table to be given as a door prize and a table cloth for the refreshment table.
4. New Member Relations committee will provide refreshments

Each committee representative will have 1 minute to speak a brief word about their committee.



2019 Azalea Garden Tour

