



Cape Fear Garden Club

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Presidents Message



April 24, 2020

Garden Club Member,

I hope that this message finds you and yours well. Never would we have imagined such a year with a pandemic and consequent shut down of the greater part of our state and country. It weighs heavily on us. Our health care providers, and leaders, are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Hopefully, you have been able to enjoy our beautiful spring. Bob and I have been busy working in our yard and discovered an army of weeds that invaded our space when not looking. Needless to say, at the end of the day, our backs and hands hurt, but we're thankful to be healthy enough to get the job done and know that soon the summer flowers will abound!

There is Garden Club business to discuss with you:

A vote will be emailed to you on our 2020/2021 Budget. This was to be presented at the March meeting, but due to the cancellation of that meeting, the April meeting, and most likely the May Luncheon we must communicate electronically.

Our Policies & Procedures state: *Upon Executive Committee approval the budget must be presented to the General Membership no later than the April General Meeting.*

Please be on the lookout for this email and please vote, your vote is important.

FYI...The proposed budget that you will receive was revised and voted on by the Executive Committee last week, to reflect income from our general checking account fund to balance the budget. Normally the Azalea Garden Tour provides \$5,000 to our annual general budget funding, however due to loss of revenue from the tour we voted to take this from carry over funds from our general account. Originally when the Executive Committee voted and approved the budget on March 9, 2020, for your review at the March General Meeting (which was cancelled) we had -included the funds from the Garden Tour, however due to cancellation of the tour we thought a revision was in order.

Thank you for your patience on details, but this gives you the background as well as historical documentation on why we proceeded in this manner.

It is doubtful that we will have our May Luncheon with the installation of new officers, however the new officers will automatically move into their positions on

June 1, 2020. We plan to have a ceremonial event at the September General Meeting for them.

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour our Tour Chair, Sandy Cyphers was not able to see the fruition of her yearlong-plus work on the Tour, thus the below changes have been made with the approval of the Executive Committee.

- Sandy Cyphers will remain as Tour Chair for this coming year 2021.
- Cheryl Nabell will remain as the Vice Tour Chair for this coming year 2021.

Cheryl Nabell was scheduled and voted on to be the 2021 Garden Tour Chair, but resigned so that Sandy Cyphers could be appointed to that position, and Suzanne Edwards and Jamie Lanzi whom were scheduled to serve as the Garden Tour Co-Vice Chairs resigned so that Cheryl could move into the Vice Chair position. We can't thank them enough for making the changes possible and for the willingness to serve in such important and demanding positions.

Normally our Corresponding Secretary Lannie Kirby does not share details on why cards have been sent to our members, but I think you would want to know about our members who have been affected by COVID19. It seems that we will not go untouched and our prayers are important.

Meredith Lewis's husband Lance is recovering, Marlene Eader's daughter is recovering (she lives in Cary and has 5-year-old twins). Mary Katherine Turner's husband, Ron, has been in the hospital with the virus and is now home, however Mary Katherine now has the virus. Becky Varner's daughter is on the front line as an ER doctor helping patients in Toronto. Our daughter, Shannon, is a nurse in a Boston area hospital and working in ICU. Shannon tells us that the news cannot depict the impact on people who are being affected and the suffering.

There are many more of you that are actively involved, or have family, or friends that are fighting this battle, please keep them in your prayers.

God's peace,
Rebecca

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Lovely Pearson Lewis, in a dress by Alma Fennell. Pearson is the daughter of Meredith and Lance Lewis, Meredith is our CFGC Secretary and will be our 2nd VP this coming year. The dress is made by dressmaker Alma Fennell, a member of CFGC since 1987. Alma is our Hospitality Chair and has served as President and as Azalea Garden Tour Chair.

Your Opinion Matters

Looking for your suggestions for 2020/21 General Meeting Program/Speakers

Please call or email Meredith, Linda or Sherry of your thoughts and suggestions for topics and/or speakers that you would like to include in the Cape Fear Garden Club's 2020/2021 general meeting program.

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Prayer

Dear God,

Bring solace to all who are suffering in any way during this time of pandemic. Heal the sick and comfort all who minister to them. Console those who have lost loved ones and all who are experiencing other losses from the situations they are placed in at this time. Be a help to all of us as we grieve the loss of all that has been given up as we shelter in place. Watch over all essential workers as they place themselves and their families at risk. Conversely, we give you thanks and praise for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Thank you for the beautiful blooming of nature in this season of springtime. For the sounds of birdsong and of new formed leaves on soft breezes. For the sunshine on our faces. For the sunrises and sunsets that thrill our imaginations at the beginning and the end of the days that we mark as we shelter to benefit all. Thank you God for your creation and help us to trust in you at this time to bring us safely through with a better understanding of ourselves and our purpose in your creation. Guide us to be of service to others and the knowledge to know what is best for all. Help us to grow better friendships and be a help for each other. Give us strength and courage and a sense of your presence in our lives.

In the Christ's name we pray for these things and for that which we can't even recognize we need.

God bless us all and keep us safe.

Love, Charlotte Davis

Blue Star Marker Update

It is regretful for me to say that funds have not come in as anticipated for the installation of the Blue Star Memorial Marker. I had so hoped to have at least \$1500 by May to have the marker installed in the fall. I am going to table the idea of raising these funds until the fall. \

Perhaps after our community recovers from the COVID-19 and we all get back on our feet, we can make additional plans and our committee can secure the needed funds. Many of you have been very encouraging about this project, for which we are appreciative. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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Conservation Committee



Conservation Committee met on March 4th at the Arboretum. BC - before-Covid-19

\$125.00 was donated towards the plantings in the Carnivorous Garden and we assisted in the planting of these plants in the large containers at the entrance of the garden.

L to R. Marsha Seaton, Virginia Teachey, Kristen Lewis, Darlene Tyndall, Katherine Sartarelli Front Cheryl Hunter Back Kevin Tyndall. Bottom Left: Cheryl Hunter, Kevin Tyndall, Kristen Lewis Bottom Right:: Virginia Teachey and Marsha Seaton





Belle Committee

Thanks to all our committee members for helping with the dressmaker fittings in February and a few of you were able to assist with some early events before Corvid19 took over. We were so disappointed for our 131 Azalea Belles. At least, the girls had their dresses and were able to have many pictures taken with family and friends in many of our beautiful parks. Airlie Gardens, was so generous in letting the girls come out in small groups to take pictures with all their beautiful Azaleas, which were at the peak.

Hopefully, next April our Garden Tour will shine once again with beautiful gardens and Azalea Belles.

Karen Smith, Chair Co-Chairs, Beth Trice, Linda McCall, Heda Waldrep, Debbie Hopper and Stephanie Harris

**Garden Therapy Committee will NOT meet in May.
They will reassemble in October**

Battery Island Bird Cruise Rescheduled

The bird cruise to the lower Cape Fear River is postponed to Sunday, August 16, 2020. The Henrietta Captain has suggested this date based on the tide chart for the Cape Fear River. Details are still being finalized. The Audubon Coastal Biologist, Lindsay Addison, has been confirmed as a narrator. Boarding is expected to begin at 10:30am with an 11:00 am departure from downtown Wilmington.



Ticket sales were swift the first week of March and only 24 tickets remain for sale. Contact Marlene Eader 614-296-6007 or Jamie Lanzi 910-297-2772 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the Wild Bird & Garden store once they reopen.

2020/2021 Cape Fear Garden Club Yearbook

Help us produce an accurate Yearbook....Please inform the Registrar and Yearbook Committee of any changes to your contact information for the 2020-21 Yearbook.

In addition please let us know if your garden has received Wildlife Certification or you have a new Life Membership that should be added to the list of Life Memberships.

WANTED - The Yearbook Committee is looking for a few good photos featuring Committee Projects...Garden Club members in action... Please submit photos suitable for publication to Penny Allison at pjandmark@bellsouth.net

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Thanks to the CFGC Grant and the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees North 3rd Street has new trees



Thanks to the grant from the Cape Fear Garden Club to the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees. You will be pleased to see the difference on North 3rd Street with the replacement planting last week of the 6 large live oak trees in the medians next to the Wilson Center.

I think they look wonderful! They match the trees pretty well that were left on other parts of the street, and the Garden Club sign is there so everyone will know where the funds came from for this great restoration!

Thanks so much for the support to the ACFT and the City of Wilmington. I am so sorry that this year is a really bad one for the Tour and the much-anticipated grants.

With gratitude for our grant and wishes for your good health,

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March-April 2020

Sympathy:

Kay Warren, active member, whose Mother passed away

Get well:

Carolyn Augustine, Emeritus Member

Joan Pence, Emeritus Member

Marlene Eader, Active Member, concerning her daughter's illness

Meredith Lewis, Active Member, concerning her husband's illness

Mary Katherine Turner, Active Member, concerning her husband's and now her

illness

Please send sympathy and get well information to Lannie Kirby, Corresponding Secretary at Lnnkirb@aol.com



10% Member Discount at Johnson Nursery

Individually members will receive a 10% discount on every purchase from Johnson's nursery after they register with Johnson's Nursery to be included on their email list in which the member will receive multiple emails from Johnson Nursery each week during the busy season.

The Garden Center at Johnson Nursery | 910-285-1944 | [Johnson Nursery](#)



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Deadline for submissions for April Newsletter is April 8
Send all submissions to clippingscfgc@gmail.com

