



Cape Fear Garden Club

CLIPPINGS news & updates

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The March 25, 2020 Cape Fear Garden Club General Meeting is cancelled. The 2020 Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour has been cancelled and there are no plans to reschedule. The Belle Tea has been cancelled, and all meetings and other Garden Club events and activities cancelled until further notice due to concerns of the Coronavirus. The health and safety of our members and community is of utmost importance. Social distancing is encouraged during these uncertain times and hopefully this virus will not come to our community. While there are no confirmed in New Hanover at this time, health officials are asking the public to be cautious. Thank you all for understanding.

Presidents Message

Garden Club Member,

Recommendations from the Garden Tour Committee were presented to the Executive Committee and were voted on to make these decisions. There are many more questions that will be addressed in the next few days and weeks and we will do our best to keep you informed. You can imagine how cumbersome it has been to communicate and vote by email, but we are doing our best. We also recognize there are more efficient ways that should be implemented in the future on these procedures.

With the Coronavirus, COVID-19 recognized as a National Emergency we could not delay decisions any longer. Normally these decisions would have gone before the general membership for a vote after being voted on by the Executive Committee, however due to the extenuating circumstances we moved forward with decisions. We are in uncharted territory and doing our best to follow our guidelines, as well as the guidelines set by our Governor and President. These are troubling times and decisions are not always easy, but our first concern must be the safety of our members and our community.

Now that some of the most pressing decisions have been made, we can publicly announce our decisions. The Tour Committee is at work with its many facets as you can imagine, and the Media and Communications team is ready for their press release once you have been informed. I would ask that until the many decisions are announced through me or Sandy Cyphers that you not announce or communicate through the online resources. This will maintain the integrity of the many, many decisions we are working through and announcing to the Club and community.

There are many creative ideas being shared (nothing in stone yet), one is to possibly have a virtual tour, to photograph the Belles in the gardens, members sharing photos of flowers in their gardens, and knowledge of flower judging, flower

arranging, etc. There are many possibilities and we will stay in touch.

At the end of the day we need to stick together and support each other and may we all stay healthy as well as our families.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Rebecca

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Your Opinion Matters

Looking for your ideas 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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Wine & Cheese Party was held Sunday, March 8th. A fun time of fellowship was had by all at the lovely home of Goldie & Michael Stetten. Garden owners along with Will Massengill owner of Five Oaks Nursery attended as did Chason Johnson, son of David Johnson owner of The Nursery at Johnson Farms. Heda Waldrep provided the wonderful refreshments with other members assisting and thanks to Sandra Kittinger for organizing the party.

Civic Improvements Plant an Azalea Ceremony March 31

The annual Plant an Azalea Week is recognized during the first week of April. This year, our planting ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 10:00 am at Ogden Park. Cape Fear Garden Club members and officers are invited and encouraged to attend

to help with the planting of azaleas at the park with the help of New Hanover County Parks staff. Area dignitaries including New Hanover County Commissioners and Azalea Festival Officers are expected to attend as well. Come out and enjoy a spring planting project with the Civic Improvement Committee members! This project has been coordinated by Janine Powell and funding for azaleas has been helped through the sale of the beautiful note-cards over the past year.

A planting project was also started at Empie City Park on March 10 (see pictures below). Committee members worked with City Parks staff to plant a beautiful pollinator garden near the newer tennis courts at Empie. Plants were purchased from our budgeted funds and include a variety of colorful perennials along with a large red bud tree (donated by the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees) and 2 fringe trees flanking it. Additional plant material will be added later this spring in a timely manner, all to attract butterflies and bees to help with area pollination.

We are accepting nominations for our annual Beauty Spot awards until May 15 - please send names and addresses, along with a picture if possible to [Jami Lanzi](mailto:Jdblanski@gmail.com) at Jdblanski@gmail.com. Nominees can be for a business, neighborhood entrance, or private residence with good street appeal.

Thanks so much! Cathy Poulos
Civic Improvements



Garden Therapy

Fifteen garden club members met March 2 at Elderhaus to garden pots of leprechaun gold with 38 clients.





The Membership committee would like to welcome the 2020 new members of the Cape Fear Garden Club:

Donna Bailey
Meg Davenport
Marcia Doering
Kiplyn Duffy
Elizabeth Dunn
Connie Edwards
Theresa Everett
Barbara Hoenig
Suzanne Huggins
Karen Kistler
Rachel Pickett Pace
Loulie Scharf
Suzanne Schoeppe



February, 2020

Sympathy:

Sharon Hiles, active member, whose husband Tom passed away after an extended illness

Rachel McKnight, Associate Member, on the passing of her mother, who was a former member of Cape Fear Garden Club

Percy Glaspie, Honorary member, whose son Stephen passed away in December 2019

Family of Muriel Pearson, Associate Member, who passed on February 24, 2020

Get well:

Gloria Ezzell, Active Member

Cindy Godwin, Associate Member, concerning her Mother's illness

Sandra Siemering
Janet Wessling
Cathy Williams
Kathie Wheeler
Cecelia Williams

Susan Nettleman, Active Member
Bonnie Young, Active Member
Janet Warren, Active Member

Please send sympathy and get well information to Lannie Kirby,
Corresponding Secretary at
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New Members Relations

A Cookie Workshop for new members was held at the NHC Arboretum on March 11.

Participating new members received great decorating tips from our instructor, Kristi Turlington, in preparation for their cookie making for the Garden Tour Ribbon Cutting.



Centennial Committee MISSING SCRAP BOOKS

Attention: We are missing SCRAPBOOKS from the following years: 1983, 1987, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011 & 2012 from our past Historians and **MINUTES** from past Recording Secretaries.

If you have a scrapbook or board and general meeting minutes, please contact Elaine Henson.

Scholarship

We were honored to represent the Cape Fear Garden Club at the donor appreciation dinners at Cape Fear Community College and UNC-W in February.

We had the opportunity to visit with other donors and scholarship recipients. It was heart-warming to attend these dinners and see how much impact people and organizations have on so many students.

Many of you had the opportunity to meet Sarah Barr, our scholarship recipient at UNC-W, at the October general meeting. The scholarship recipient from Cape Fear Community College, Sherry Brink, has a class schedule conflict with our general meetings so she attended the February executive board meeting to express her appreciation for the scholarship. She is looking forward to graduation in May.

On behalf of both scholarship students, thank you all for your support.

Kay Warren and Beth Woodruff



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

