

Officers 2020-2021



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2021 Azalea Garden Tour



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The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.



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Yearbook 2020 - 2021

MEMBERSHIP

Active: 285 Associate: 74
Emeritus: 44 Honorary: 5
Total Membership: 408

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 11, 1925

Federated with The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. 1929
Federated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. 1930
Member of the South Atlantic Region (SAR) 1933
Member of District 11
Affiliated Member of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation 1999

MOTTO: "And the Lord God planted a Garden... and there He put Man"

Genesis 2:8. Adopted September 9, 1953

COLORS: Green, Yellow and Pink

Green and Yellow Adopted September 9, 1953
Pink Adopted May 22, 2018

FLOWER: Carolina Yellow Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)

Adopted September 9, 1953, and
Rhododendron x 'George Lindley Taber', Adopted May 22, 2018

CFGC SEAL was adopted March 25, 1997

Designed by Myrta W. Spence, CFGC, and updated 2016

Established North Carolina State Butterfly (SB236):

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail on June 18, 2012

Credits: Original cover drawing by Juliet Furst
Photography by Donna Thompson, Bernadette Baker, Katie Dowdy,
and other members of the Garden Club.



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Beyond the Garden Gates

I am greatly honored to begin my term as the Cape Fear Garden Club's president for fiscal year June 2020 – May 2021, our 95th year. I am fortunate to preside over a club that has such a broad range of talented, committed, and expert members that routinely feel called to contribute to our success. It is inspiring to see the impact that our club has had on our community and will continue to have in the foreseeable future.

The motto for this year, "Beyond the Garden Gates," is meant to inspire us to look beyond our own gardens. It is being conscious that what we do in our gardens spreads throughout the community. We are connected and by interconnecting we can create a glorious garden.

The Cape Fear Garden Club sows seeds metaphorically and literally throughout our community. We have committees that care for bird nesting sites; promote and sow plantings that benefit birds, pollinators and wildlife; care for public gardens, plant trees; work with our seniors, youth, and city & county officials; devise a garden tour; and disburse funds to our community. This year, we will have new means to share our love for gardening with our community with the following special committees: The "**Edible Gardening Committee**," whose objective is raising awareness of the many benefits of creating an edible garden, the "**Grants & Development Committees**," which will seek additional funding, the "**Diversity and Inclusion Committee**," which will expand our inclusion of our wonderful diverse community, and the **Blue Star Memorial Committee**.

The "Beyond the Garden Gates" motto was selected months before a world-wide pandemic crossed our borders and before our country began its journey to better understand and change our racial and cultural environment.

The pandemic has brought us back to our "roots" to plant gardens that are sustainable, organic, fragrantly fused with herbs, flowers and edibles plants. We are putting in community gardens, cautious of spraying chemicals, conscious of incorporating plants that benefit birds, pollinators and wildlife, and planting trees. We care and are aware of what is "Beyond our Garden Gates."

There will be many plan "B", meetings via ZOOM, chains of emails and communication mishaps. We must have patience and understanding as we won't agree on everything, but we can compromise and find a solution. It is teamwork, understanding, and helpful hands that have brought our success; not one of us stands alone in the Cape Fear Garden Club. Together we will persist and ultimately succeed.

Sherry O'Daniell
CFGC President 2020-2021



"Help us to be ever faithful gardeners of the spirit, who know that without darkness nothing comes to birth, and without light nothing flowers." – May Sarton (American poet, novelist and memoirist, 1912-1995)

Past President's Report

Our year started in August with a visit to Cindy Henry's farm to pick zinnias and sunflowers, filling our buckets with flowers, and admiring more butterflies than one could count. In September we enjoyed "Lemonade in the Country" hosted by Shirley Hardee at her beautiful country home, with Hillary McNeir presenting floral design ideas, Gayle Ward and Lannie Kirby serving lemonade at times faster than they could control, Shirley and her team preparing a delightful picnic lunch, everyone sharing plants and enjoying each other's fellowship. We can reflect on the accomplishments of our club through hard work and dedication and celebrate those achievements. To name a few: Battery Island Cleanup, Empie Park pollinator garden, tree plantings throughout our city in collaboration with the Cape Fear Tree Alliance and the City of Wilmington, the beginnings of a children's pollinator garden at J.C. Roe School, arts and crafts with Elderhaus attendees, members from different committees working together in the Parnell Garden to showcase their wonderful habitat for wildlife and encourage our visitors to be "Stewards of the Earth", not to mention members developing friendships, knowledge of local resources, getting some exercise and just having fun together. The fall Soirée was a tremendous success and raised a significant amount of funds for our Endowment. Then there are those working in the background on our website and electronic communications which has been crucial this year with many improvements and guidance to move us into the 21st Century. New members were treated to a coffee hour and time to get to know more about our club. The Christmas Tea was held at Beth Moore's beautiful home - exquisitely decorated by the Flower Arranging Committee with delicious food and punch prepared by the Hospitality Committee.

With thirty committees we can be proud of our many accomplishments. Thank you for everything you do for the Cape Fear Garden Club and for our community. Members were asked for their input into the workings of our club in an effort to be more inclusive. We were graced with interesting speakers, from growing resilient landscapes and tree canopies, beekeeping, saving our oceans and ourselves, to an entertaining presentation of holiday floral designs.

In February we were faced with a global pandemic that shut our country down. This caused the cancellation of the Azalea Garden Tour and postponement of the Bird Island Cruise, and forced us to make tough decisions in a timely manner: safety of members and the public, impact of lack of funding for community, insurance coverage or lack of due to the pandemic, years of planning cancelled, needless to say a stressful and emotional time. It ended our year for meetings and the May Luncheon and pushed us into the world of online meetings, but we adapted.

When asked early on, "What is your vision, Rebecca?" That we take care of our environment as seriously as we take care of our families and recognize that it begins with you and me; the flora and fauna of our earth, our ocean, the air that we breathe and the rivers that join to form the beautiful Cape Fear. "It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save our environment." (Ansel Adams) Our region is blessed with such beauty; may we leave it better than we found it. But it cannot be the vision of a president only. I am simply one person in an organization.

It was a privilege to serve as the President of Cape Fear Garden Club this past year and your support, guidance and encouragement throughout the year is appreciated. And a big thank you to Bob, my husband, and dogs, Finn and Misty, for being there during those alone moments.

God's peace,
Rebecca Philpott
Cape Fear Garden Club President
2019-2020



2020-2021 *General Information*

General Meetings – (September through May, except December)

Location: Cape Fear Country Club, 1518 Country Club Road

Dates: See *Programs and Events* section or *Calendar*

Times:

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Horticulture items and arrangements set up

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Hospitality & Social Period

10:00 a.m. Meeting called to order

Resident Guests: Accompanied by a member, may attend a maximum of three (3) meetings. Guests must register with the Registrar prior to meeting.

CFGF Waiting List Members: Welcome at all General Meetings. Must register with Registrar prior to each meeting.

Executive Committee Meetings – (September through May, except December)

Dates and Locations: See *Programs and Events* section or *Calendar*

Annual Dues – Payable at the September General Meeting, past due on December 15th.

Active Member Dues - \$50.00

Associate Member Dues - \$60.00

Emeritus Members - Dues are waived; optional dues to GCNC, SAR and National Garden Club are payable to the CFGF Treasurer in September.

Christmas Tea & May Installation Luncheon – For members only

The May Luncheon is counted as a general meeting.

Garden Tour Tickets – Active & Associate Members are required to purchase one (1) ticket annually. They are available for sale beginning in January.

Membership Directory Information – Please contact Elizabeth White Baker, Computer Registrar, with all changes to member contact information. Changes will be communicated to all necessary committees. For the most up-to-date member information go to the directory in the members area at capefeargardenclub.org

The Cape Fear Garden Club Website – www.capefeargardenclub.org

Please see page 85 for instructions on gaining access to the Members Only section of the website.

Contact Rahel Haley, Webmaster, for password and login questions.

The Cape Fear Clippings – The Cape Fear Garden Club's newsletter is published monthly. Please contact Laurie Taylor, *Clippings* editor, with any club-related items for inclusion or send to ClippingsCFGF@gmail.com

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit (May 23, 2016).

Officers, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs are required to sign a Conflict of Interest Policy statement each September. A copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy can be found on The Cape Fear Garden Club website.

National, Regional, State, and District **2020-2021 Calendar**

AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 1, 2020	District Yearbook Submission Deadline
December 1, 2020	The Garden Club of North Carolina Award Application Deadline
January 25, 2021	South Atlantic Region Award Application Deadline
March 1, 2021	Youth Gardener Award Deadline

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CANCELED	The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Fall Board Meeting
CANCELED	National Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting Fargo, North Dakota
October 27, 2020	District 11 Annual Meeting TBD
January 7-10, 2021	Art & The Bloom Blockade Runner Resort Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
March 19, 2021	North Carolina Arbor Day
CANCELED	South Atlantic Region Annual Meeting
April 17, 2021	The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Annual Meeting TBD
April 22, 2021	Earth Day
May 17-20, 2021	National Garden Club Annual Convention Rutherford, NJ
June 2-8, 2021	National Garden Week

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

2020-2021 Programs and Events

General Meetings

Cape Fear Country Club, 1518 Country Club Road

9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Horticulture Judging
9:30 a.m.	Hospitality & Social Period
10:00 a.m.	Meeting Called to Order
12:00 p.m.	Lunch

Members are encouraged to bring arrangements or horticulture specimens to all general meetings.

Lunches at Cape Fear Country Club following the meeting are \$20.00

Reservations are required

September 23, 2020 – General Meeting

Devotional: Peggy Ann Smith

Program: ***“2020-2021 CFGC Officers Installation” and
“Blue Star Memorial”***

Presenter: Paula Hartman

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Jan Halderson

Horticulture Theme: *Late Summer Flowers, Vegetables and Herbs*

Day Clerks: Jina Shea Norwood, Laurie Taylor Judge: Jenene Smith

- *Dues are to be paid at this meeting. Active - \$50, Associate - \$60*

October 28, 2020 – General Meeting

Devotional: Peggy Ann Smith

Program: ***“Edible Gardening: The Benefits of Edible Gardens”***

Presenter: Jordyn Appel-Hughes, Program Director
for Feast Down East

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Shirley Luttmor

Horticulture Theme: *Roses and Chrysanthemums*

Day Clerks: Sheri Chisolm, Martin Meyerson Judge: Jenene Smith

November 18, 2020 – General Meeting

Devotional: Peggy Ann Smith

Program: ***“Flower Arranging for Thanksgiving and Christmas”***

Presenter: Chelsea Fritts of Fiore Fine Flowers

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Sharon Escales

Horticulture Theme: *Camellias, Bulbs for Spring & Flowering Branches*

Day Clerks: Patricia Sheehan, Roberta Berg-Smith Judge: Jenene Smith

- *Unpaid Annual Dues will result in CFGC membership cancellation on 12/15/2020*
- *Awards: GCNC Awards Books of Evidence are due by December 1, 2020*

Thursday, December 3, 2020 – Christmas Tea

For members only

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

At the home of Michelle Caviness

405 Bradley Creek Point, Wilmington

Holiday decorations by the Flower Arranging Committee

Refreshments by the Hospitality Committee

January 27, 2021 – General Meeting

Devotional: Peggy Ann Smith

Program: ***“Blending Landscaping with Natural Habitat Management to Protect our Local Ecosystem”***

Presenter: Sandy and Andy Wood, owners of Habitats Gardens

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Susan Nettleman and Kristi Turlington

Horticulture Theme: *Camellias and Early Bulbs*

Day Clerks: Ann Hutteman, Katherine Ann Sartarelli Judge: Jenene Smith

- *Azalea Garden Tour Tickets for sale*
- *Garden Sitters Sign-up begins*
- *2021-22 Committee Selection begins*

February 24, 2021 – General Meeting

Devotional: Peggy Ann Smith

Program: ***“Effortless Entertaining: Warmly and Graciously Welcoming Others into Our Homes”***

Presenter: Dee Dalrymple, from Charlotte, NC, author of “Effortless Entertaining”, which will be for sale at the meeting

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Hillary McNeir

Horticulture Theme: *Camellias, Spring Bulbs and Flowering Branches*

Day Clerks: Marcia Doering, Bonnie Young Judge: Jenene Smith

- *Battery Island/Bird Island Cruise Tickets will be available to membership at the February General Meeting and at Wild Bird and Garden beginning March 1.*

March 17, 2021 – New Member Orientation

All Committees participate

New Hanover County Arboretum

Setup: 9:00 a.m.

Program: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

March 24, 2021 – General Meeting

Devotional: Peggy Ann Smith

Program: ***“Small Container Gardening”***

Presenter: Sarah Anderson, owner of Joyscapes Garden Design and a Cape Fear Garden Club Member

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Becky McKeel

Horticulture Theme: *Tulips, Daffodils & Flowering Shrubs*

Day Clerks: Bettye Broadwater, Linda Pyle Judge: Jenene Smith

April 9-11, 2021 – Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour®

Annual Fundraiser: All members required to participate

(North Carolina Azalea Festival April 7-11, 2021)

April 28, 2021 - General Meeting

Devotional: Peggy Ann Smith

Program: ***“Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour® 2021”***

Presenters: Sandy Cyphers, Tour Chair; Photography Committee

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Shirley Hardee

Horticulture Theme: *Azaleas and Spring Bulbs*

Day Clerks: Wanda Canada, Colleen Ginna Judge: Jenene Smith

May 2021 – Battery Island/Birds of the Lower Cape Fear Cruise

The exact date and time to be announced

Special Ticketed Event – Open to the public

Tickets may be purchased beginning February 24, 2021

May 6, 2021 – Garden Owners Appreciation Luncheon

Special Event: Open to members with reservations

11:30 a.m.

Surf Club, One Mallard Street, Wrightsville Beach, NC

May 26, 2021 - May Luncheon & Installation of 2021-22 Officers

Social: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: Noon

Cape Fear Country Club, Wilmington, NC

Devotional: Peggy Ann Smith

Table arrangements by the Flower Arranging Committee

Executive Committee Meetings

(For all Officers and Committee Chairs, open to all members)

Due to COVID-19 the first three meetings will be Virtual Meetings

September 14, October 12, November 9

If possible 2021 Meetings will be scheduled at

New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium, 6206 Oleander Drive

January 11, February 8,

March 8, April 12, May 10

1:00 p.m. - Meetings called to order

E-mail reports to the President and Secretary the Thursday before each meeting.



The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Budget

2020 – 2021

Income

Dues – Active - 300 (assumed)	\$15,000
Dues – Associate - 65 (assumed)	4,080
From Garden Tour – Interest	700
From Garden Tour – Disbursement	00
From Garden Tour - Audubon and Scholarships	9,300
Other Income - (<i>funds not spent in prior years</i>)	8,959

Total Budgeted Income **\$38,339**

Expenses

Audubon Grant and CFCC & UNCW Scholarships	\$ 9,300
P.O. Box	106
Safe Deposit box	50
Rent and Resources - Meeting \$350 x 7 meetings	2,500
Accounting	1,000
Airlie Showcase Garden	150
Arbor Day	600
Awards	150
Battery Island	200
Beautification Endowment	400
Birds and Butterflies	700
Centennial	200
Civic Improvement	1,500
Clippings Newsletter	160
Conservation	650
Disbursements	50
Flower Arranging	2,500
Garden Therapy	250
Gardening for Wildlife	750
Historian	200
Horticulture	50
Hospitality	700
Insurance	500
May Luncheon	300
Media and Communication	1,540
Membership	210
Memorials	200
Miscellaneous	200
National and State Dues	4,650
New Members	225
Officers Expense	200
Oral History	50
Registration	100
Speakers' Fees - Honorarium	180
Special Events	500
Special Committees	50
State, District, SAR Meeting	1,000
Storage Unit	2,028
Transportation	150
Yearbook	2,800
Youth Gardeners #1 Bradley Creek Elementary	300
Youth Gardeners #2 Anderson Elementary	300
Youth Gardeners #3 Williams Elementary	300
Youth Gardeners #4 Brigade Boys and Girls Club	300

Total Budgeted Expenses

\$38,339

2020 - 2021 *Appointed Officers*

Chaplain	Peggy Smith	910-399-1978
Computer Registrar	Elizabeth White Baker	336-618-1185
Historian	Marion Kreh	910-471-0064
Librarian	Joyce Galloway	910-617-3444
News Director	Barbara Downing	910-799-3116
Newsletter Editor	Laurie Taylor	910-471-1378
Parliamentarians	Gloria Degnan	910-232-4778
.....	Carolyn Augustine	910-791-1911
.....	Morgan Chapman	910-790-8598
.....	Jenene Smith	910-799-0839
Photographer	Donna Thompson	910-395-5431
Projectionists	Elaine Henson	910-617-2606
.....	Sydney Penny	310-480-4768
Registrar	Roberta Berg-Smith	910-540-0567

Departments

Conservation

Virginia Teachey, Chair; Cheryl Hunter, Vice-Chair

Bernadette Baker, Bette Bauereis, Morgan Chapman, Martha Coon, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes, Linda Hanykova, Gwendolyn Johnsen, Kristine Lewis, Alma Moore, Samantha Nguyen, Connie Parker, Rebecca Philpott, Marsha Anderson Seaton, Becky Varner

Flower Arranging

Stephanie Hendrickson, Chair; Susan Gerl, Vice-Chair

Advisors: Marie Douglas, Joyce Galloway, Susan Nettleman & Ann Richardson

Penelope Allison, Addie Arato, Carolyn Augustine, Donna Bailey, Bette Bauereis, Mary Rose Brantham, Mary Ann Bridger, Dawn Byrnes, Nan Caison, Michelle Caviness, Julia Davis, Janice Dickey, Laura Elliott, Sharon Escales, Gloria Ezzell, Bonnie Faler, Julie Fisher, Nancy Fitzgerald, Dianne Glasgow, Millie Griffin, Jan Halderson, Shirley Hardee, Sharon Gray Hiles, Patti Hill, Teresa Hill, Sonda Jaffe, Jackie Loney, Shirley Luttmmer, Ann Lyon, Pat McConahey, Becky McKeel, Hillary McNeir, Marty Melton, Frances Moles, April Pearson, Meredith Pollak, Cathy Poulos, Roberta Quarton, Carey Reiser, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Irene Shea, Margaret Sifly, Goldie Stetten, Becky Tidd, Jan Trask, Beth Trice, Kristi Turlington, Mary Kathryn Turner, Peggy Vineyard, Heda Waldrep, Gayle Ward, Kathie Wheeler

Garden Therapy

Martha Blacher, Chair; Debbie Reid, Vice-Chair

Ruth-Anne Bolz, Sherrel Sholar Bunn, Nancy Cameron, Jennie Dalton, Kay Fare, Susan Gerl, Betty Lou Henderson, Betty Hill, Johnnie C. Howard, Kara Johnson, Harriet Kimbro, Dianne Lynch, Millie Maready, Joan Marshall, Carolyn Marshburn, Pat McConahey, Julia McEachern, Elizabeth Moore, Shital Patel, Linda Renzaglia, Lola Rivenbark, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Potter Sewell

Horticulture

Karen Root, Chair; Barbara Howard, Vice-Chair

Jina Shea Banner, Roberta Berg-Smith, Bettye Broadwater, Wanda Canada, Sheri Chisholm, Marcia Pendleton Doering, Colleen Ginna, C.C. Hensley, Ann Hutteman, Martin Meyerson, Samantha Nguyen, Linda Pyle, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Patricia Ann Sheehan, Laurie Taylor, Bonnie Young

Standing Committees

Airlie Showcase Garden

Beth Pottle & Mary Beth Farrior, Co-Chairs

Nancy Batounis, Martha Blacher, Bettye Broadwater, Jean Campbell, Jolene Erdmann, Amanda Fox, Eugenia Griswold, Lavada C. Holmes, Lannie Kirby, Joan Lynch, Joyce Maguire, Pat McConahey, Lisa E. Phelps, Jenny Rippy, Patricia Ann Sheehan, Suzanne Triplett, Kristi Turlington, Janet Wessling, Kathy Williams

Arbor Day

Cheryl D. Hunter, Chair

Rebecca Hardy, Eric Kozen, Rebecca Philpott, Patsy Weinel, Cecelia Williams, Ginny Woodruff

Awards

Cathy Giannini & Linda Snider, Co-Chairs

Frances Moles, Christine Vayo

Azalea Garden Tour

Sandy Cyphers, Chair; Cheryl Nabell, Vice-Chair

Advisors: Elaine Henson, Susan Nettleman, Rebecca Philpott, Signa Stalvey, Gayle Ward

Awards: Frances Moles, Mary Kathryn Turner

Azalea Garden Tour Ambassadors Committee: Karen Smith & Beth Trice, Co-Chairs;

Annie Anthony, Addie Arato, Carolyn Augustine, Martha Blacher, Courtney Burrell, Margie Butts, Dawn Byrnes, Michelle Caviness, Jennie Dalton, Susan DeGroot, Janice Dickey, Kiplyn Duffy, LeNeve Duncan, Stephanie Durner, Theresa Everett, Gloria Ezzell, Bonnie Faler, Allison Graham, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes, Delores Hawes, Debbie Hopper, Carolyn Jefferies, Harriet Kimbro, Pamela Lane, Nancy C. Losee, Ann Lyon, Joan Marshall, Carolyn Marshburn, Linda McCall, Hillary McNeir, Frances Moles, Mary Nix, Susan Nettleman, Dianne Phillips, Amy Sanders, Loulie Scharf, Judith Sheridan, Leona S. Sloan, Diane M. Smith, Jenene Smith, Mary Smith, Babs Sutton, Kristi Williams Turlington, Mary Kathryn Turner, Heda Waldrep, Gayle Ward, Catherine Lee Williams, Cecelia Williams

Badges: Annie Anthony

Committee at Large: Cynthia Henry, Sandra Kittinger, Karen Root, Wendy Simmons, Kristi Williams Turlington, Heda Waldrep

Funds Disbursement: Signa Stalvey, Chair

Garden Descriptions and Plant Labels: Karen Root, Chair;

Barbara Howard, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Vice-Chairs

Garden Hostess Coordinators: Addie Arato, Nancy Cameron, Marty Melton, Co-Chairs

Garden Search: Cheryl Nabell, Chair

Sarah Anderson, Martha Blacher, Elaine Henson, Cathy Poulos, Gayle Ward

Hospitality: Debbie Sheehan, Chair

Susan DeGroote, Cathy Dotson, Kay Fare, Janet Evans Farrior, Karen Greene,
PJ Middleton, Irene Shea, Pamela Shumpert, Peggy Ann Smith, Linda Tinga,
Frankie Trask, Marianne Wayne, Sandra Williams

Insurance: Cheryl Nabell

Photography: Bernadette Baker & Katie Dowdy, Co-Chairs

Printing & Design: Catherine Ann Luna, Chair

Publicity, Media and Website: Nina Brown & Barbara Downing, Co-Chairs

Catherine Ann Luna

Queen's Bouquet: Cathy Poulos

Ribbon Cutting: Bonnie Faler & Goldie Stetten, Co-Chairs

Kristi Turlington, Mary Kathryn Turner, Gayle Ward

Ribbon Cutting Decoration: Coordination by the Flower Arranging Committee

Hillary McNeir, Chair

Penelope Allison, Meg Davenport, Kiplyn Duffy, Millie Griffin

Ribbon Cutting Nurses and Special Needs:

Judy Hyatt, Cheryl Meitrodt, Marsha Anderson Seaton, Christine Vayo

Secretary: LeNeve Duncan

Signs: Martha Blacher, Chair

Ticket Sales: Kathryn Huffman, Darlene Tyndall, Co-Chairs

Betty Hill

Ticket Sales (On-Line): Penelope Allison

Transportation: Martha Blacher, Chair; Janice Dickey, Vice-Chair

Treasurer: Betty Norris; Assistant: Tara Burrell

Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement

Signa Stalvey, Chair

Bernadette Baker, Martha Blacher, Mary Ellen Black, Sandy Cyphers, Carol C. Earey,
Kristine Lewis, Dianne Lynch, Betty V. Norris, Sydney Penny, Pat Plaskett,
Cathy Poulos, Kristi Williams Turlington

Battery Island

Marlene Eader & Jamie Lanzi, Co-Chairs

Annie Anthony, Donna Bailey, Brenda Barker, Dawn Byrnes, Nan Caison,
Connie Carter, Debbie Caulder, Morgan Chapman, Maggie Curtis, Charlotte Davis,
Katie Dowdy, Julie Duclos-Greenwood, Beth DurJava, Julie Fisher, Joane Furness,
Eugenia Griswold, Rebecca Hardy, Stephanie Hendrickson, Susan Hickman,
Debbie Hopper, Karen Kistler, Marion Kreh, Joan Lynch, Patsy Mackmull, Perri Miley,
Denise H. Miller, Brenda Moore, Rachel Pace, Frances Parnell, Dianne Phillips,
Kathy Respet, Mary Jo Searson, Marsha Seaton, Judith Sheridan, Elizabeth Singletary,
Diane Smith, Peggy Ann Smith, Suzanne Triplett, Janet Warren, Kathie Wheeler,
Nixie Nunnalee Wilson

Beautification Endowment

Karen Smith, Chair

Shanda W. Bordeaux, Gloria Degnan, Carolyn Jeffries, Martin Meyerson,
Nancy Scott-Finan, Beth Woodruff

Birds and Butterflies

Kristie Turlington, Chair; Annie Anthony, Vice-Chair

Susan Biggs, Mary Ellen Black, Lolita Bryant, Vivian Carter, Mary Beth Colwell, Julie Duclos-Greenwood, Cathy Giannini, Dianne Glasgow, Ann Grose, Karen Lynn Harding, Judy Hyatt, June Knox, Nancy C. Losee, Patsy Mackmull, Susan Nettleman, Shirena O'Donnell, Frances Parnell, Dianne Phillips, Kathy Respet, Jeannie Richardson, Sandra Siemering, Fran Summerlin, Jo B. Taylor, Becky Tidd, Suzanne Triplett, Heda Waldrep, Lynda M. Whitted

Budget

Penelope Allison, Treasurer and Chair

Betty Norris, Assistant Treasurer; Sherry O'Daniell, President; Linda Snider, 1st Vice President; Meredith Lewis, 2nd Vice President

Civic Improvements

Cathy Poulos, Chair; Eric Kozen, Vice-Chair

Plant an Azalea Week: Janine Powell

Beauty Spot Program: Jamie Lanzi

Committee: Shanda Bordeaux, Beth DurJava, Teresa Hill, Nancy Mihle, Connie Parker, Christine Vayo, Gayle Ward

Gardening for Wildlife

Mary Smith, Chair; Frances Parnell, Vice-Chair

Betty Carter, Angela Cline, Barbara Downing, Rachael Goolsby, Rebecca Hardy, Delores Hawes, Carolyn Jefferies, Marion Kreh, Sandra Siemering, Mary Smith, Paula Stetler

Hospitality

Alma Fennell, Chair; Karen Lynn Harding & Sonda Jaffe, Vice-Chairs

Mary Alice Aluise, Mary Ellen Black, Joyce Bradley, Barbara Bush, Beth Chadwick, Candus Clarke, Jackie Cooke, Joan Cunningham, Susan DeGroote, Connie Edwards, Carole Ellis, Karen Greene, Cathy Halligan, Sally Hauge, Barbara Hoenig, Schaum Hunt, Diane Kelly, Susan L. Kraus, Jackie Loney, Shirley Luttmmer, Shannon Maus, Susan McGee, Elisabeth Mead, PJ Middleton, Nancy Mihle, Shirena O'Donnell, Kathy Respet, Wendy Simmons, Sandy Smith, Diane Stirewalt, Rhonda Sweeney, Frankie Trask, Kristi Williams Turlington, Ann Weaver, Patsy West, Diane Woodbury

Judge: Flower Arranging & Horticulture

Master Judge Jenene Smith, Chair

Media & Communication

Barbara Downing, Chair; Rahel Haley, Vice-Chair

Penelope Allison, Elizabeth White Baker, Stephanie Durner, Catherine Ann Luna, Sydney Penny, Laurie Taylor

Membership

Beth DurJava & Joan Lynch, Co-Chairs

Anita Duren Lewis

New Member Relations

Ann Weaver, Chair; PJ Middleton & Rhonda Sweeny, Vice-Chairs

New Members: Donna Bailey, Meg Davenport, Marcia Pendleton Doering, Kiplyn Duffy, Elizabeth Dunn, Connie Edwards, Theresa Everett, Barbara Hoenig, Suzanne Huggins, Karen Kistler, Rachel Pickett Pace, Loulie Scharf, Suzanne Schoeppe, Sandra Siemering, Jane Wessling, Kathie Wheeler, Catherine Lee Williams, Cecelia Williams,

Facilitators: Debby Allen, Lolita Bryant, Michelle Caviness, Julia Davis, Annamarie Eakins, Carolyn Jefferies, Kristine Lewis, Wanda Musselwhite, Emma Saunders, Beth Scott, Claire Stanley, Susie Wehner, Terry Wilson, Rose Zimmer

Nominating Committee

Rebecca Philpott 3rd Vice President, Chair

Members at Large: Roberta Berg-Smith, Marlene Eader, Eugenia Griswold, Becky Varner

Oral History

Carol Ellis, Chair

Elizabeth Dunn, Elaine Henson, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Babs Sutton

Oversight

Morgan Chapman, Chair

Dana Cook, Theresa Everett, Suzanne Huggins, Rebecca Philpott, Wendy Simmons

Photography

Donna Thompson, Chair

Bernadette Baker, Betty Hill

Programs

Meredith Lewis, 2nd Vice President, Chair

Promotions

Irene Shea, Chair; Mary Beth Colwell, Vice-Chair

Sue Bilzi, Bess Blackburn, Carol McGowan, Nancy Scott-Finan, Jan Trask, Martha Smith Ward, Nancy Zigler

Registration

Roberta Berg-Smith, Chair

Beth Chadwick, Sandy Cyphers, Jennie Dalton, Carolyn Marshburn, Carolyn McEachern, Frances Moles, Elizabeth Moore, Ida Newton, Anne O'Malley, Shital Patel, Rebecca Philpott, Suzanne Schoeppe, Debbie Sheehan, Mary Kathryn Turner, Miriam Burns Whitford

Scholarship

Lolita Bryant, Debbie Reid & Claire Stanley, Co-Chairs

Julia Davis, Beth Woodruff

Special Events

Bobby Jean Harvey, Chair; Beth Trice, Vice-Chair

Debbie Allen, Addie Arato, Janice Dickey, Bonnie Faler, Marty Melton

Transportation

Jonnie B. Harris, Chair

Connie Carter, Michelle Caviness, Beth Chadwick, Elizabeth Haley, Patsy Mackmull, Joan Marshall, Beth Scott, Judith Sheridan, Miriam E. Smith

Yearbook

Linda Snider, 1st Vice President & Penelope Allison, Co-Chairs

Gloria Degnan, Colleen Ginna, Patty Kaufman, Meredith Lewis, Laurie Patterson, Gayle Ward

Youth Garden Clubs

Babs Sutton, Chair

Tara Burrell, Mary Beth Colwell, Barbara Downing, Pat Fitzgerald, Eileen Haley, Sandra Kittinger, Jerene Lee, Jill Taber, Melissa Talley, Michelle Wishart

- *Bradley Creek Elementary - Friends of the Earth*
- *Edwin A. Anderson Elementary - Kinder Gardeners*
- *Mary C. Williams Elementary - Wee Planters*
- *Brigade Boys and Girls Club – Farm to Table*



Students at Bradley Creek learn about the life cycle of the pumpkin presented by Youth Garden Clubs Committee members Suzanne Edwards and Melissa Talley

“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.” ~Native American Proverb

Special Committees

Blue Star Memorial Committee

Linda Snider, Chair

Patty Kaufman, Eric Kozen, Gayle Ward

The BLUE STAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE was formed to promote the installation of Blue Star Memorials to honor all military personnel, active and retired. We will be soliciting funds to provide for these markers, arranging a special event for the installation and invite the public to join us in the honoring of our military.

Centennial Planning Committee

Gloria Ezzell & Susan Nettleman, Co-Chairs

Sandy Cyphers, Gloria Degnan, Barbara Downing, Julie Fisher, Rachael Goolsby, Eileen Haley, Karen Lynn Harding, Cynthia Henry, Elaine Henson, Sandra Kittinger, Hillary McNeir, Samantha Nguyen, Cathy Poulos, Wendy Simmons, Diane Smith, Jenene Smith, Karen Smith, Mary Smith, Kristi Williams Turlington, Gayle Ward

Development Committee

Catherine Ann Luna, Chair

Meg Davenport, Nancy Fitzgerald, Phyllis Goodson, Karen Lynn Harding, Sonda Jaffe, Martin Meyerson, Nancy Scott-Finan, Susie Wehner, Rose Zimmer

Objective: Research and develop areas in club that need to be addressed

Goal: 2020/2021 is to explore financial opportunities beyond grants and Azalea Garden Tour.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Rahel Haley, Chair: Roberta Berg-Smith, Vice-Chair

Elizabeth White Baker, Lolita Bryant, Peggy Ann Smith, Patsy West

Subcommittee (Azalea Garden Tour Transition Team)

Sandy Cyphers, Cheryl Nabell, Karen Smith, Beth Trice

Objective: Establish a dedicated focus on diversity and inclusion priorities within the club.

Edible Gardening Committee

Cathy Giannini & Karen Kistler, Co-Chairs

Sarah Anderson, Stephanie Harris, Delores Hawes, Suzanne Huggins, Dianne Lynch, Sandra Siemering, Wendy Simmons, Mary Kathryn Turner

Objective: Raise awareness of the many benefits of creating an edible garden whether in the form of a community garden, an urban farm, or a residential edible garden.

Grants Committee

Patsy West, Chair

Cynthia Henry, Martin Myerson, Rachel Pickett Pace

Consultants: Connie Parker, Mary Smith

Duties and Responsibilities: Grants committee will write and submit for grant(s) in partnership with interested committee(s).

“A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.” — Liberty Hyde Bailey

New and Continuing Projects

Departments

The **Conservation Department's** mission statement is to encourage environmentally responsible practices with the club and the community. In an effort to accomplish this we decided we need to continually educate ourselves as well as give back to the community. To educate ourselves we visited the New Hanover County Landfill to learn about and observe:

- A constructed wetland system
- A reverse osmosis waste treatment facility
- A construction/demolition facility
- Huckleberry, the food waste composter
- Landfill design and engineering

We invited David Brenner from Community Enrichment Initiatives, Inc. to share with us the projects they are involved in with Wilmington Green Community Gardens. We donated \$125 to the Wilmington Green project and many of us will donate our time in the gardens. We are also collecting used shovels, hoes, and other garden tools for their gardens. Marsha Seaton volunteered to collect these items at her home. We have been involved in two tree plantings with Cape Fear Tree Alliance and donated \$150 to purchase a tree in honor of the Cape Fear Garden Club at Greenfield Park.

We donated \$125 for educational signage to the NHC Cooperative Extension for their bog area. On March 4th, several members assisted in planting carnivorous plants in three large pots for the entrance to the bog area.

We visited the Rise Up Community Farms and donated \$125 to them. We also donated \$125 to the Plastic Ocean Project, Inc.

This year was our educational and fact-finding year. We formed a committee that will narrow our focus for next year and align it with possible awards provided to us by the Awards Committee.

The **Flower Arranging Department** had a busy year although a much shortened one due to COVID-19.

We kicked off our year supporting Bobby Jean Harvey's Special Events Committee at "Lemonade at the Farm" in September hosted by Shirley Hardee. We demonstrated several fall themed flower arrangements using pumpkins and gourds. We also demonstrated a new way to make bows using strips of ribbon rather than a whole spool.

It is our responsibility to supply table arrangements for our monthly general meeting refreshment table. This year's beautiful arrangements were supplied by these talented committee members: September, Bobby Jean Harvey; October, Carol Waldkirch; November, Shirley Luttmmer; January, Mary Kathryn Turner; and February, Penelope Allison. It's always fun to hear the oohs and aahs of the members as they crowd around the refreshment table; you can always pick up a new idea for your next dinner party table arrangement.

In November the work of the Flower Arranging Committee graced the cover of *Wrightsville Beach Magazine*. Alan and PJ Middleton's home was photographed as we decorated for the 2018 Christmas Tea. Talk about putting on the pressure! In the fall of 2019, we were all stalking the newsstands hoping to get a first look! Needless to say, our wait was worth it. The photos were beyond our wildest imaginations and all the hard work our committee did could not have looked more professional in print. During November we also started making preparations for this year's Christmas Tea at the home of Richard and Beth Moore. Team leaders selected rooms in which to

have their committees work and once again they hit it out of the park! They transformed Beth's home into a Winter Wonderland for her family and friends and our general membership as we all celebrated the holiday season. Our Christmas Tea is an opportunity for all to learn new ways in which to decorate our own homes. We so appreciate Beth and Richard opening their home to us for this festive occasion. February is always a time to work with the Special Events Committee and donate our services for the Carousel Center Fundraising Luncheon. This year we created 30 table arrangements using Ball canning jars painted with chalk paint and distressed, wrapped with raffia, and filled with assorted spring flowers. Laurie Taylor is one of our members and is also Director of the Carousel Center, and we are always happy to work with her on this worthwhile cause for children. Also, in February, Stephanie Hendrickson hosted a mini workshop in the Cape Fear Country Club Ballroom. Using a low boat shaped stone vessel, she created a tabletop arrangement of Cherry Blossom branches, Pussy Willow, Pink Stock and a base of Green Hydrangeas. While designing in real time, members were able to see how quick and easy it can be to assemble an arrangement for their dining room or entry hallway. At the request of our President, Rebecca Philpott, Stephanie was able to pull this together and will continue these mini workshops a couple of times next year. It has been an unusual year. We won't have a May Luncheon, or make the Queen's bouquet, or decorate the Ribbon Cutting house, and many other things, but there is next year, and the Flower Arranging Committee never runs out of ways to make everything beautiful!

The **Garden Therapy Department** met at Elderhaus in October, November and December, 2019. We also met in February and March, 2020. April and May of 2020 were cancelled due to the Coronavirus, COVID-19. In October we made sun catchers with clear glue and colored pebbles. In November we made Snowy Owls out of pine cones and feathers. December centerpieces were made using holiday coffee mugs and live greenery. February valentines were made with hearts and flowers, and in March we made St. Patrick's Day pots of gold and four leaf clovers. At each meeting approximately 15 Garden Club members helped anywhere from 28-42 clients with the particular project of the day.

The **Horticulture Department** encourages members to bring specimens from their gardens to each meeting for display and judging. This year our members displayed more than 154 flowers during our abbreviated year of only five meetings. If the name of the plant is not known, we help with the correct nomenclature. Judging of the plants and awards are announced at each meeting with a total of 146 blue ribbons awarded. Our members love looking at all the flowers and asking questions, taking pictures and sharing plants and information.

Committees

The **Airlie Showcase Garden Committee** continued to maintain the "Southern Garden" first created in March 2016. We divided our committee into four teams and developed a weekly maintenance schedule for the garden with one team working each week, including summer. We held whole committee weeding days in August and again in early November when we also installed the Christmas lights for Enchanted Airlie.

A whole group clean-up of the garden was scheduled to take place just prior to the shutdown of Airlie Gardens in March 2020. The garden received no damage from Hurricane Dorian. However, we replaced the rose bushes that were not thriving with the native plants Eastern Columbine and Purple Coneflower. We are still in the

process of replacing the three camellias lost during Hurricane Florence and the birdhouse that was damaged. The committee plans to return to the weekly weeding schedule as soon as Airlie Gardens reopens.

Unfortunately, the **Arbor Day Committee's** plans for Arbor Day 2020 had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 shutdown. We were in the middle of plans to plant a tree at G.L.O.W. (Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington, an all-girls public charter school for grades K-8) on Friday, April 24, 2020, to commemorate the end of their first year at their new location on Sunglow Drive. Schools were closed as of March 16th and we were unable to complete the plans.

The **Awards Committee** was expanded this year so that each committee could receive more personal assistance in the application process. The Awards Committee identified prospective awards for each CFGC committee and provided a folder with those descriptions and entry forms should the committee decide to submit an entry. Unfortunately, COVID-19 stopped many of the committees from completing their projects and submitting their entries. The winners won't be announced until September at the annual Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. meeting. The Awards Committee thanks all the committees that were able to submit entries whether they placed or not. These entries call attention to all the great work that the CFGC is doing.



November 13, 2019, Cape Fear Garden Club 2019 Grant Recipients

The **2019 Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Committee** chair, Sydney Penny, said this was one of her favorite experiences yet as a member of the Cape Fear Garden Club. It was an honor to help direct the decisions of the thoughtful and committed women who compose this committee. Our club's long-established history of granting to our community resulted in many grant requests, totaling an amount far greater than we were able to award, so each member thoroughly vetted each project with an eye to making a long-term impact. In the end the projects selected as grant recipients benefited a wide range of groups that included organizations committed to housing, feeding and caring for people, schools, city and county parks, museums, community farms, a gym, a cemetery and an aquarium. Our grants

will facilitate the creation of pollinator gardens, trees lining the Cape Fear River to provide shade on the Riverwalk, the purchase of materials to inspire interest in plant and wildlife in students of all ages and abilities, and to landscape entrances to places people visit to stay healthy, meet their new service dog, or say goodbye to a loved one. Our natural world gives us so many riches to inspire and comfort ourselves and each other, and it was truly a delight to discover all of the people in our community working to enhance that essential connection.

Our President, Rebecca Philpott, shared this memory of the grant presentation in *Clippings* and I agree that it summed up the joyful and hopeful attitude shared by all that day:

One of the most touching statements from a grant recipient was last year from Major Craddick with the Salvation Army. "A neighborhood lady approached him one day and asked if she could plant flowers in an old planter that was not in use and he agreed. However, he thought why flowers when we have so many people here that are without homes and don't know where their next meal is coming from?"

She planted and tended the flowers and people started gathering around the flower bed and he asked one why and the response was, "This gives us hope that we will someday have our own flower garden." Major Craddick said it changed his heart.

The **Battery Island Committee** of the Cape Fear Garden Club supports Audubon NC with scheduled clean ups on Battery Island in the Spring before nesting season begins and the Fall after the nesting season is complete. Our main concern is to remove the debris that floats onto the island from the Cape Fear River. The most critical debris to remove from the island is fishing line (monofilament) because of the danger of entanglement of Brown Pelicans and other water birds.

The Cape Fear Garden Club has over a 20-year relationship working closely with Audubon NC's Coastal Office and biologists to maintain safe habitats for the migratory birds and specifically the islands where they nest located in the Lower Cape Fear River. Battery Island is considered a "Globally Important Bird Area" because of the large numbers of White Ibis that nest on the island each spring. Twelve members of the Battery Island Committee went by boat to the island on November 2, 2019, with Lindsay Addison, Audubon NC's Coastal Biologist; Anna Parot, Audubon's Biology Technician; and her fiancée Stephen and daughter Kyra. The Battery Island Committee traveled to Southport, NC, and met the Audubon staff who trailed two boats to the Southport Marina and took committee members to the island by boat. Battery Island is a federally protected habitat, and no one is allowed to be on the island unless they are with the appropriate Audubon or government official.

The clean-up was extremely successful as the Battery Island Committee members collected 420 pounds of debris. After removal of this debris from the island by boat, we loaded the debris into the Audubon pickup truck. Our committee members enjoyed a lunch afterwards at Oliver's Restaurant on the waterway with the Audubon staff. The Audubon biologists took the collected debris to the landfill the following Monday.

Our March 2020 clean-up of Battery Island was cancelled just days before because of the official stay at home orders issued by the Governor of North Carolina

In addition to island clean ups twice a year, the Battery Island Committee assists Audubon NC's Coast Office by sponsoring a fundraiser entitled a "Cruise to the Bird Islands of the Lower Cape Fear River." The educational cruise and fundraiser have taken place annually since 1996. The cruise was initially planned for May 17, 2020, aboard the HENRIETTA riverboat; however, the date was changed and the cruise postponed until August 16, 2020, because of the health emergency for COVID-19.

The Battery Island Committee members do all of the detailed planning & coordination for the cruise. The cruise is generally in May during nesting season on a Sunday afternoon. Committee member involvement includes ticket sales, coordinating the boarding of the river boat, greeting guests and speakers, 50/50 raffle ticket sales, creating & selling notecards, photography, and distributing box lunches.

The cruise is an educational opportunity for the public. We are pleased to have the following two experts share their knowledge and experience with us and narrate the cruise and viewing:

- Dr. James Parnell, Professor Emeritus of UNCW and North Carolina's top ornithologist.
- Lindsay Addison, Audubon North Carolina's Coastal Biologist speaks describing her work to monitor the nesting colonies on the six bird islands in the Cape Fear River including Battery Island.

All expenses for the bird cruise are funded by ticket sales and donations with the profit from the cruise donated to Audubon NC's Coast Office to support the work of the Audubon biologist on the Cape Fear River islands.

The **Beautification Endowment Committee** continued working this year with the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) representatives, Anne Sorhagen and Beth Boney Jenkins, to educate members about the endowment fund. This relationship and the guidance being given is a huge benefit of investing through the NCCF.

On November 1, 2019, we held our Soirée which is our main fundraiser and is held every two years. On January 30th, 2020, Cape Fear Garden Club sent a check to NCCF for \$37,466.01 which were the proceeds from the Soirée.

The City of Wilmington applied for a grant in 2019 to assist them in the planning of North Waterfront Park, which CFGC will be very much a part of in the future. However, because of the lack of funding, the city couldn't finish the project in one year so had to cancel their application.

The committee has also been working with Civic Improvements and the Centennial Committee for future disbursement opportunities.

The Endowment Committee will review grant applications received by June 15 from the community organizations, i.e. county and city governments, for 2020 funding and recommend beautification projects that meet the criteria established for the Endowment.

The endowment disbursement amount for 2020 was \$4,270.00

The **Birds and Butterflies Committee** continued to monitor the condition of the bluebird houses installed through the years in several locations. Due to general deterioration and the effects of our last hurricane a few were replaced.

In February our committee provided six birdhouses, which is the minimum number to establish a 'bluebird trail', to be painted by art classes at the JC Roe Center located at 2875 Worth Drive. The plan was to install these houses around the boundary of the school property in March. Unfortunately, the coronavirus and the subsequent closing of public schools have delayed the completion of this bluebird trail to some future date.

Heather Kelejian, an agricultural extension agent specializing in therapeutic horticulture at the Arboretum, began working with our committee during the spring of 2018- 2019. She helped us to budget and make plans to establish a pollinator garden in the spring of 2020 at the JC Roe Center. Plans were made and coordinated with the school with the idea that the students would do the majority of the labor. The school began the project by surrounding the selected area with a cottage style

fence. In January a large load of mulch was delivered and over a period of two weeks students moved the mulch into the fenced area.

The seeds were ordered for the garden and plans made for the garden soil to be delivered. Once again, with the closure of New Hanover County public schools due to the coronavirus, the pollinator garden project has been suspended until such time as it can be re-evaluated and adjusted to another school year and planting season. Lastly, using the high-resolution native bird and butterfly photos of our club member Frances Parnell's husband, we were able to have six gorgeous metal panels made. These aluminum photos are for outdoor use. The plans were to first display these works of art in the Parnell's garden during the Azalea Garden Tour and then use them as part of the pollinator garden at the JC Roe Center.

The **Civic Improvements Committee** partnered with the Alliance of Cape Fear Trees in a fall tree planting at Greenfield Park, helping to plant Cypress trees along the lake. Our committee also collaborated with the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation staff to put in a new pollinator garden at Empie Park in a very visible area just off the new tennis courts. The project was partially completed on March 10, 2020, when our committee gathered at the park to plant two Fringe trees and an Eastern Redbud along with a variety of plants that are favorites for bees and butterflies: three butterfly bushes, Daylilies, Adagio, Sweetspire, Salvia, Beebalm, Rudbeckia, Guara, and Ruellia.

We had planned to assist with the second planting to put in some other summer flowering plants, but the planting occurred after the cancellation of CFGC spring events due to the COVID-19 virus. City staff completed the planting of Lantana and a few other plants and the garden is now bursting with blooms. Funding for the plant material was paid for with Civic Improvements budgeted funds. The Alliance for Cape Fear Trees assisted us in a discounted price for the two Fringe Trees as well. Our thanks to the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation staff for their partnership in designing and preparing this plot for planting. The site will be maintained by the parks staff but is ready for all to enjoy! Unfortunately, our two other spring events, Plant an Azalea Week and Ceremony, and the annual awards for Beauty Spots Outstanding Landscapes were cancelled. We are making plans to try to award Beauty Spots in the fall and will resume our annual Plant an Azalea Week next year during the first week of April.

This year the **Gardening for Wildlife Committee** helped the Parnells ready their wonderful habitat for wildlife for the 2020 Garden Tour. The Parnells live what they advocate . . .and that is the preservation of our natural habitat. At the same time, they have carved out a small portion for a charming garden filled with pollinator flowers, hostas, ferns, azaleas and other lovely plants surrounded by mature trees: trees that provide shade and keep the Parnell home cooler during our hot summer months, trees that provide homes for wildlife, clean the air, drink up excess water following storms, slow the winds of those storms, and that add such beauty to our earth. They are truly "Stewards of the Earth". What a meaningful message for visitors.

We were able to transform the dog kennel into a patio and small sunroom setup that may help visitors with ideas for gardening in small places. We secured some children's artwork from Bradley Creek Elementary. We planned to display the nature scenes in some quiet areas along the walking trail. We were honored with some volunteer services from Delores Hawes's grandson, Colby, a New Hanover High School National Honor Society Student, who helped us move some bricks and heavier planters. Many thanks to him. Our efforts were rewarded with an article in the March 2020 issue of *Intracoastal Living*. Gardening for Wildlife would not have completed

this project without the support of Birds and Butterflies and Conservation Committees and the many individuals who came out to help.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus the garden tour was cancelled. The good times gardening with our fellow garden club members and memories we created will help us until we can be back together again.

The **Media & Communications Committee** learned that, obviously, hurricanes and April showers are not the only issues that can derail a garden club year. Now we know that a virus can disrupt a garden club year and cancel a garden tour. Like the old *HEE HAW* song: "If it weren't for bad luck, we'd have no luck at all! Gloom, despair and agony on us!"

Luckily, however, there were some positive events this club year! First, Elizabeth Baker was named the club's Computer Registrar. Elizabeth will maintain the club's Access Database. Elizabeth also continued her monthly *TECH TABLE TALKS* during the social hour before each meeting. At the February general meeting, Elizabeth and her worker bees rolled out the new club app which is now live in both the App Store and the Google Play Store. It was ready for the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour which would have allowed ticket holders to get directions to parking and to the gardens in real time on their phones.

In September, Sydney Penny provided club members with a step-by-step slide presentation for participating on the club's Instagram account. Sydney says to remember @CapeFearGardenClub is our name and #CapeFearGardenClub is our game. Sydney encouraged each committee chair to appoint a designated committee member to be responsible for posting on Instagram or sending 1-5 pictures with names to Sydney for posting.

The Media & Communications Committee started in June to work with the 2019 Soirée Committee to have consistent exposure on Facebook to remind members that there would be an Endowment Fundraiser on Friday, November 1, 2019. The exposure on Facebook included an event post pinned to the top of the club's Facebook page and on the venue's Facebook page. The *WILMINGTON STAR NEWS* published a "Your Voice" article which explained that the 2019 Soirée honoring Gloria Degan was a fundraiser to grow the Endowment Fund which provides scholarships to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Cape Fear Community College. Cathey Luna tried to get "social seen" photographers from *SALT* and *WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH* Magazines to come to the Soirée, but it just did not happen.

Stephanie Durner, Elizabeth Baker's assistant, has been responsible for all email communications using Gmail and our new Constant Contact program. Stephanie created a "Save-the-Date" announcement for the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour which was distributed to all the garden clubs (180) in North Carolina. Also, Constant Contact was used by Stephanie to create shareable publicity for the 2020 Southern Soiree. Stephanie has kept the garden club membership well informed this club year with her very attractive Constant Contact emails.

CFGC's GARDENING & NATURE show had a delayed start (September 22, 2019) this club year because of Hurricane Dorian. *NHCS TLN TV's* "Morning Show" featured two episodes filmed at the Henry Rehder Carnivorous Garden near Alderman Elementary. A traveling notebook about Venus Flytraps was prepared and shared with CFGC's Youth Garden Clubs. The third *GARDENING & NATURE* episode was filmed at the NHC Arboretum with Susan Brown discussing pollinator gardens and pollinators. The fourth episode was filmed during the planting of bald cypress trees by Connie Parker and the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees. Connie provided a demonstration about the proper planting of a tree. The fifth episode was filmed at the Cape Fear Museum with Marcia Doering talking about the history of the longleaf pine and a visit to her

property to see some old “turpentine” trees. The sixth episode was scheduled to be filmed in March at the Parnell’s “Certified Wildlife Habitat,” but it was canceled because of COVID-19 concerns.

Rahel Haley, our club’s webmaster and Co-Chair of Media & Communications, rolled out the club’s new website at the January 22, 2020, general meeting. Rahel explained that our new website represents the latest in technology, better security, and easier navigation. Since most people on average look at their phones 96 times a day, it was important for the new design to make our website mobile and device friendly. Pictures submitted for use on the new website should be in a panoramic format. The final phase of the new roll out will occur during the summer of 2020. January was also the kick-off month to work with Nina Brown and the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour Publicity Committee. Even though there was no TV coverage for the arrival of the 2020 Encore Azaleas, it was hoped that the tour would receive recognition from the Southeast Tourism Society for “TOP 20 EVENTS” status. In spite of the cancellation of the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour, the following publications provided awesome coverage of the “Gardening...A Personal Experience!” tour! *INTRACOASTAL LIVING* provided two cover stories about the tour. George Clarke’s publications in March featured “Stewards of the Earth/The Parnell’s’ Native Garden” on pages 6 to 13 and in May, “Belles Bloom with Hope” on pages 6 to 15. The March/April issue of *WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA* also featured the Parnell’s garden with “Walk on the Wild Side.” In April, *PORT CITY LIFE* Magazine featured a 6-page spread of the “in and outside” of Erin and Dustin Sullivan’s Colonial Drive home. Also, there was a picture from the tour ticket booklet featured in the event calendar on page 58. In April, the now defunct *SALT* Magazine ran a picture of some 1990 “Belles at the Bridge.” In the April issue, *WILMA* carried a story about former Azalea Belles who are currently successful business women in Wilmington. *WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH* Magazine shelved their original Belle story for “An Ode to the Azalea Festival,” essays and poems lauding an annual Wilmington tradition. The last item of publicity for Spring 2020, before COVID-19 shut down activities, was TV coverage for the Civic Improvements Committee’s project at Empie Park, which was completed on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

The **Membership Committee** reported the following numbers as of May 17, 2020: 5 Honorary, 298 Active (including the 18 new members who joined the club March 2020), 72 Associate, and 41 Emeritus. The names of the 18 new members are: 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, Sandra Siemering, Janet Wessling, Kathie Wheeler, Cathy Williams, and Cecelia Williams. Schaum Hunt and Diane Smith met with as many of the new members as possible to give them their new member packets after the orientation was canceled in March. The New Members Committee (along with their sponsors) will be helping these women keep up with CFGC activities as events unfold. There are currently 26 names on our Provisional Waitlist, meaning they were all voted on in February 2020 and were approved to be added to the club when there is space in the active membership. These names are: Anna Marie Allegretto, Holly Annas, Anna Marie Arp, Marguerite Braddy, Tracy Geschickter, Wendy Giannini-King, Charlotte Hardison, Ann Ipock, Kathryn Maland, Lynnea Mallalieu, Laurel Maultsby, Teresa Mayo, Elizabeth Miars, Mary Lou Moeller, Gray Nunnelee, Janie Peters, Angela Rigsbee, Pia Ann Robison, Susan Rogers, Michelle Russell, Marian Saunders, Linda Smits, Jennifer Sturm, Elizabeth Vernon, Emily Warren, and Mary Wilkerson. The New Members Committee will be keeping up with the Provisionals and making sure they are aware of the club events open to them.

There are currently six women who have applied for membership to the CFGC in 2020. Their names (and any others who apply during the year) will be presented to the Executive Board and General Membership to be added to the Provisional Waitlist in February 2021.

Due to the extraordinary events of the Pandemic, no action will be taken in regard to missed meetings affecting any CFGC member's status in the club.

The **New Member Relations Committee's** goal is to provide a smooth transition for new members joining the Cape Fear Garden Club. The objective is to welcome, educate and communicate with newcomers to build a more engaged membership.

The committee typically has a planning session in August to talk through opportunities to help the year's new members feel comfortable with member responsibilities and especially to enjoy their involvement in CFGC.

Specific contact opportunities included a welcome coffee for new members in September to review the requirements for active membership. The coffee for 2019 was held at PJ Middleton's home.

Ongoing updates for new members will be provided via email when all return to a normal club schedule. Pre-meeting or special event emails are sent so new members know what to expect or if there is anything different from the routine. Members from the NMRC are at the newcomers' table each month to welcome them and answer questions. Committee members are encouraged to join new members staying for lunch. Sponsors are encouraged to accompany the new members to special events including lunch before the Christmas Tea, etc.

The NMRC works with membership for the New Member Orientation in March. This could not be held in 2020 due to coronavirus restrictions.

New members were invited to attend the cookie decorating workshop in March for tips on making and decorating cookies for the Ribbon Cutting for the Garden Tour. Kristi Turlington led the demonstration this year.

A coffee is given each year for the sponsors and their applicants who have been approved for membership but remain on a waitlist until space is available per club by-laws. These applicants have a provisional status and receive ongoing communications on club events and a list of general meetings and special events in which they may participate during the year.

The **Oral History Committee** met once in late August of 2019 to hand out assignments for the year. The following were the Oral History spotlights for the months in which we met:

September - Carolyn Augustine; October - Gloria Degan; November - Dianne Lynch; January - Marjorie Way; February - Mae Omie Mosley

We had planned to honor Jean Bullock for March, but we will spotlight her in September 2020.

The **Promotions Committee** has been busy in the Garden Club season cut short by the COVID-19 virus. This year we had requests for a Garden Club pin. We had the CFGC seal put on a pin, and it is now available for purchase at our monthly meetings for \$7. We have also added a cocktail napkin that has the CFGC seal and is for sale in sets of 15 for \$7.

This year we worked with Donna Thompson to create a new azalea note card. There are now four note cards to choose from in sets of 10 for \$10. "Plant Azalea" greeting cards are also available for \$15; each card provides an azalea that will be planted during Plant an Azalea Week. Everyone on the committee signed up to work our promotions table at the monthly meetings. Each month a committee member baked a recipe from the CFGC cookbook to create sales for the book.

The **Scholarship Committee** co-chairs continued to build relationships with the contacts in the development offices at both University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) and Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) as well as with the student recipients. We attended two donor appreciation events at Cape Fear Community College: a lemonade and cookie social in September 2019 and a donor appreciation dinner in February 2020. In February 2020, we attended UNCW's donor appreciation event. We enjoyed meeting students and staff at all events and hearing about the important role that scholarships play in providing educational opportunities. CFCC continues to support endowed scholarships at both CFCC and UNCW.

Annual donations are made to the scholarships each year from the proceeds from the CFCC Azalea Garden Tour. Gifts of \$1,650 were donated to each of the funds for 2019. We contacted both students about attending a general meeting. Sherry Brink from CFCC was unable to attend due to a class conflict, but she did attend the Executive Board meeting in January where she met members and thanked them for their support. Sarah Barr from UNCW attended a general meeting in the fall of 2019. She met members during the social time before the meeting and spoke to membership about her work with conservation and expressed her appreciation for her award. The CFCC student recipient, Sherry Brink, received a \$1,500 scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. She will graduate with a Landscape Gardening degree in May 2020. Sarah Barr from UNCW was awarded \$3,299.76 for the 2018-19 academic year. She is majoring in Biology and graduates this year as well.

The committee worked to keep the garden club members informed about the scholarships and the students. We posted thank you notes from each of the students in *Clippings* and published other pertinent scholarship information in the newsletter throughout the year. In addition, we made reports at general and executive board meetings when needed.

Additional information about each Fund:

CFCC Endowment:

- The Garden Club established the CFCC scholarship in January 2003; the club has made annual donations to the fund since that time.
- The Fair Market Value summary is mailed to the garden club at the end of each year. The market value as of September 30, 2019 was \$39,612.00. The book value of the endowment on same date was \$33,760.46.
- Criteria states that Landscape Gardening students will receive the scholarship. Additional associate degrees under the Landscape Garden program were added in 2018.
- CFGC was inducted into the McKeithan Society at a CFCC donor appreciation dinner in February 2019. This recognition was for donors who donated more than \$50,000 to the college. These donations included donations for scholarship and grant support.
- Veronica Godwin is the Executive Director of the CFCC Foundation. Her contact information is 910-362-7207.

UNCW Endowment:

- It was established in 1995 by CFGC.
- A scholarship is awarded to a rising junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biological sciences.
- The student is required to complete a four-hour course in plant biology and be willing to contribute to the operations of the Bluethenthal Wildflower preserve or other suitable programs determined by the department chair.
- As of June 2019, total gifts made to the fund were \$49,425.00 with a market value of \$85,438.18.
- Wendy Coe is the contact at UNCW. Her email is coew@uncw.edu.

After comparing rising tuition and other educational costs with annual endowment awards, the Scholarship Committee recommends that CFGC continues to build scholarship funds at UNCW and CFCC. The scholarships have provided a wonderful legacy for our club by providing educational opportunities for students seeking brighter futures.

The **Special Events Committee** was able to enjoy "Lemonade in the Country," an awesome event held at Shirley Hardee's Farm in Riegelwood. Of course, we had lemonade but also homemade cookies, sandwiches, and other creative delicious foods provided by Shirley and members of the committee.

Hillary McNeir taught us how to create flower arrangements using fall items such as pumpkins, fall flowers, and lots of other creative ideas to take home and try. There was also a plant exchange station where members shared extra plantings from their yards and got some new plants to take home and enjoy. Sharing with one another is one of the wonderful things in which our members always excel.

Since we do not usually meet during summer months, we were all happy to see each other and catch up on what was happening in our lives, but this event also gave us special time to socialize with some of our new members. Thank you, Shirley, for letting us have a wonderful time and enjoy your farm. You are a treasure!

In October Hillary McNeir and Stephanie Hendrickson stepped up and gathered flowers to make approximately 50 beautiful arrangements for the Carousel Center's luncheon tables as well as delivering them to the Downtown Hilton. The fundraising luncheon raises monies which are designated only for children who have been abused in some way and need medical or mental health care from the trauma they have unfortunately suffered. We have provided these floral arrangements for many years, and they are very grateful to our club for helping them with this endeavor.



September 12, 2019
Lemonade in the Country
Lannie Kirby and Gayle
Ward serving lemonade,
complicated by a
broken spout.

The **Youth Garden Clubs Committee** was very busy this year. We have four different clubs within our committee: “Friends of the Earth” at Bradley Creek Elementary School, “Wee Gardeners” at Mary C. Williams Elementary School, “Kinder-Gardeners” at Anderson Elementary School, and “Farm to Table” at the Brigade Boys and Girls Club. Each club is able to decide its own curriculum so there is a wide spectrum of activities. Three of the clubs meet once a month starting when school starts.

The Brigade Boys and Girls Club planted a garden and cooked from the garden. This club is middle school and high-school age. The activities run approximately an hour and we provide all the materials for the activities. The Wee Gardeners did a great lesson on Penguins that correlated with their Scholastic Weekly Reader, followed by a craft. They also did other lessons that involved the lifecycle of the sweet potato. The Kinder-Gardeners did a nature walk to Halyburton Park, planted a tree, and learned about rocks and minerals. The Friends of the Earth did lifecycles of pumpkins and sweet potatoes followed by a craft, planted pansies and decorated pots for Valentine’s Day, and learned about evergreen and deciduous trees.

The Farm to Table Group was unable to get started this year because school was cancelled due to the coronavirus. The rest of the clubs were unable to finish the school year also because of the virus.

The ideas are limitless, and the children are amazing; they participate, ask questions and ask us when we are coming back. The programs for next year will stay in the same realm of teaching but always thinking of new fun ways for the children to enjoy nature through touching, tasting, seeing and hearing about all the exciting things nature has to offer. We as a committee are very fortunate to have so many educational resources at our disposal.

Special Committees

The **Centennial Committee** had planned this year to prepare and present the next level of detail on our preparations for our 100th celebration. We met in January and reorganized into subcommittee groups to begin our focus on specific planning activities. We also had plans to reach out again to the club members for their special memories of their club experiences and relationships and to recheck with them on the events we have been working on from the first member survey we conducted. Be sure that as soon as we can gather again, our committee will be back in touch with the club members. We will continue to be on the lookout for a special club project, our history book will be getting our stories organized, the celebration events will gather options and begin to make firm plans, and our proposed outreach to the media and our community will be taking shape.

“The single greatest lesson the garden teaches is that our relationship to the planet need not be zero-sum, and that as long as the sun still shines and people still can plan and plant, think and do, we can, if we bother to try, find ways to provide for ourselves without diminishing the world.”
— Michael Pollan

2019 Azalea Garden Tour

2019 Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Committee:

Sydney Penny, Chair

Betty V. Norris, Garden Tour Treasurer; Bernadette Baker, Gloria Degnan, Carol C. Earey, Teresa Hill, Anita Duren Lewis, Kristine Lewis, Signa Stalvey, Goldie Stetten, Rhonda Sweeney, Kristi Turlington, Ann Weaver.

The following grants were awarded at the General Meeting on November 13, 2019, from the proceeds of the 2019 Azalea Garden Tour.

Ability Garden	5,000
Airlie Gardens	500
Alliance for Cape Fear Trees	4,750
Bellamy Mansion	1,050
Bellevue Cemetery Foundation	6,700
Burgwin-Wright House	1,641
Cape Fear Clinic, Inc.	4,043
Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity	7,320
Cape Fear Museum Associates, Inc.	700
City of Wilmington-Maides Park	1,000
Codington Elementary School	515
College Road Early Childhood Center	2,754
Community Enrichment Initiative	4,842
G.L.O.W.	2,500
LCFHS-Latimer House	1,500
Lower Cape Fear Hospice	4,000
NHC Parks Conservancy - Ogden Park	800
NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher	5,108
North Carolina Coastal Federation	1,200
North Carolina Coastal Land Trust	1,240
Paws 4 People	2,200
Rise Up Community Farm	1,500
Salvation Army of Cape Fear	2,100
Smart Start	2,500
YMCA - Midtown	1,500
Total Community Grants	<hr/> \$66,963

Standing Grants

North Carolina Audubon Society Grant	6000
Cape Fear Community College Scholarship	1,650
University of North Carolina Wilmington Scholarship	1,650
Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.	<u>5,000</u>
Total Standing Grants	<hr/> \$14,300

Total Funds Awarded November 13, 2019 - \$81,263.15

Standing Grants from donations to the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour will be disbursed in October 2020 and published in the 2021-2022 Yearbook

2020 Azalea Garden Tour

“Gardening...A Personal Experience”

April 3 - 5, 2020

Sandy Cyphers, Chair

The Ribbon Cutting

&

Azalea Queen's Garden Party®

Garden of Tom and Kate Fetzer

Secret Garden

Garden 1	James & Frances Parnell, Secret Garden
Garden 2	Drs. Jeff Warhaftig & Amanda Trimpey, Secret Garden
Garden 3	Airlie Gardens with Lebanon Chapel, 300 Airlie Road
Garden 4	Harbor Way Gardens, Seawater Lane, Wrightsville Beach
Garden 5	Marcia Pendleton Doering, 6309 Pintail Court
Garden 6	Dan Thorpe & Anne Beck, 707 Colonial Drive
Garden 7	Erin & Dunstin RT Sullivan, 314 Colonial Drive
Garden 8	Scotty & Kenton Sanders, 1710 Chestnut Street
Garden 9	Karen & Auley Crouch, 1708 Chestnut Street
Garden 10	Donna Launey & Patrick Tester, 1711 Princess Street
Garden 11A	Chris Gore & Matthew TenHuisen, 512 Grace Street
Garden 11B	Josephine TenHuisen, 510 Grace Street
Garden 12	Susan Wilson, 5024 Split Rail Drive

The **2020 Azalea Garden Tour**, April 3-5 will be one for current and future garden club members to remember. This was the first time in the 66-year history of the tour that it has ever been cancelled. Destruction from hurricanes in past years failed to keep the tour committee from going forward, but COVID-19 changed history and the tour was cancelled. Over seventy-five wonderful club members serving on the tour committee worked tirelessly and unselfishly in their respective positions to see that the 68th Azalea Garden Tour would be successful and without any reservation, “IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GRAND TOUR” for our community.

Unfortunately, the tour committee will be unable to present funds in October to grant applicants as in the past years due to the lack of revenue. However, we will be able to provide funding for the standing grants to the Cape Fear Community College and the University of North Carolina Scholarship Endowments, and Audubon due to generous donors who converted their tickets to donations. Twelve lovely gardens were to be presented to the public during the tour which included the five-acre estate which was to be showcased as the Ribbon Cutting event location.

History was made in April 2020, and we look forward with great excitement and enthusiasm to the 2021 Azalea Garden Tour.



In Memoriam

These books have been donated to the New Hanover County Library in memory of the following members of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

Vivian Fisher Gardner

Emeritus Member 2006 – June 7, 2019

“Gardentopia: Design Basics for Creating Beautiful Outdoor Spaces”
by Jan Johnsen

J.D. Causey

Honorary Member 1986 – September 4, 2019
The Hidden Life of Trees: The Illustrated Edition
by Peter Wohlleben

Sara Jean King Moore

Emeritus Member 1994 – September 17, 2019
On Flowers: Lessons from an Accidental Florist
by Amy Merrick

Muriel Pearson

Associate Member 2005 – February 24, 2020
*Garden Alchemy: 80 Recipes and Concoctions for Organic Fertilizers,
Plant Elixirs, Potting Mixes, Pest Deterrents and More*
by Stephanie Rose

Lucile Whedbee

Emeritus Member 1921- May 3, 2020
Blooming Flowers: A Seasonal History of Plants and People
by Kasia Boddy

The Cape Fear Garden Club Collect

Our heavenly father, Who dost feed the birds and clothe the flowers, and Who knoweth and careth for every need of us, Thy children, so enlighten our minds to use wisely all the gifts of Thy Mighty Hand that we, being imbued with Thy Holy Spirit, may so work Thy will that those who come after may mark their path by our footsteps.

For all the beauty of the earth, Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For our families, our friends, our free and beautiful country, Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

We beseech Thee of Thy great goodness and tender mercy to forgive our sins and grant that we work together in fellowship that we may draw closer to Thee, Almighty God, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Marie Rehder Gerdes (Mrs. J. Henry Gerdes)
Member of The Cape Fear Garden Club 1943-1980

Written for The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. in June 1954
Adopted by The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. in August 1954



Credit: Butterfly Photo by Bernadette Baker

The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly is officially recognized as a state symbol and Governor Beverly Perdue signed the legislation into law on June 15, 2012. Member Frances Baynor Parnell and other members of the Cape Fear Garden Club were instrumental in the research and statewide outreach to bring this to realization.

Life Memberships

As of June 2020

The GCNC Lifetime Membership was established to provide annual funding for the Daniel Boone Garden in Boone, Elizabethan Garden in Manteo and the Martha Franck Garden in Raleigh. This is a one-time contribution to the national, state and regional level.

National Life Members

Helene Pasin	2008	Gloria Degnan	2014
Jenene Smith	1993	Elaine Henson	2019

SAR Life Members

Penelope Allison	2013	Alma Moore	2012
Carolyn Augustine	2006	Mae Omie Mosely	2011
Sue Bilzi	2006	Susan Nettleman	2016
Caroline Butler	2016	Sherry O'Daniell	2019
Angela Cline	2013	Becky Phillips	2011
Regina Coscarelli	2010	Rebecca Philpott	2016
Gloria Degnan	2010	Pat Plaskett	2006
LeNeve Duncan	2015	Beth Pottle	2015
Kimberly Exum	2016	Cathy Poulos	2015
Alma Fennell	2016	Mary Schumacher	2014
Nancy Fitzgerald	2014	Irene Shea	2014
Shirley Hardee	2001	Jenene Smith	1999
Estell Lee Harrelson	2012	Karen Smith	2015
Cynthia Henry	2015	Mary Smith	2019
Elaine Henson	2010	Linda Snider	2015
Johnnie Howard	2014	Gloria Sprunt	2011
Teresa Hill	2010	Melinda Stewart	2011
Cheryl Hunter	2017	Lydia Stokes	2010
Caroline Jefferies	2015	Fran Summerlin	2017
Suzanne Jenkins	2013	Donna Thompson	2016
Patty Kaufman	2016	Frankie Trask	2011
Sandra Kittinger	2011	Becky Varner	2010
Eric Kozen	2016	Peggy Vineyard	2016
Anita Lewis	2006	Heda Waldrep	2017
Diane Lynch	2012	Gayle Ward	2006
Ann Lyon	2015	Janet Warren	2010
Linda McCall	2013	Marjorie Way	2012
Hillary McNeir	2017	Kathy Williams	2013

State Life Members

Carolyn Augustine	2015	Millie Maready	2015
Dot Bishop	2012	Ida Newton	2012
Joyce Bradley	2012	Rebecca Philpott	2012
Dorothy (Dot) Bryant	2002	Beth Pottle	2012
Jo Chadwick	1999	Jenene Smith	1993
Gloria Degnan	2019	Gloria Sprunt	2012
Alma Fennell	1992	Melinda Stewart	2012
Cynthia Henry	2016	Donna Thompson	2019
Elaine Henson	2010	Janet Warren	2012
Suzanne Jenkins	2015	Marjorie Way	2015

Charter Members 1925

Mrs. N. M. Martin, President
Mrs. W. A. Graham, Recording Secretary

Mrs. John Bolles
Mrs. Platt W. Davis
Mrs. W. E. Elliott

Mrs. A. M. Hall
Mrs. R. H. Hubbard
Mrs. William Latimer
Miss Sarah Lippitt

Mrs. Hugh MacRae
Miss Jeanie Strange
Mrs. Martin Willard

Past Presidents

Mrs. N.M. Martin	1925-1927	Mrs. James C. Baker	1985-1987
Mrs. J. H. Hamilton	1927-1929	Mrs. Richard F. Flynn	1987-1988
Mrs. J. B. Cranmer	1929-1931	Mrs. Elma Porter Bowden	1988-1990
Mrs. James Sprunt Hall	1931-1932	Mrs. Alma Fennell	1990-1991
Mrs. William Latimer	1932-1934	Mrs. William Pope	1991-1992
Mrs. R.H. Hubbard	1934-1936	Mrs. Jack Newton	1992-1993
Mrs. C. D. Maffitt	1936-1938	Mrs. Jenene Smith	1993-1994
Ms. Allie Morris Fechtig	1938-1941	Mrs. Joseph C. Knox, Jr.	1994-1995
Mrs. A. H. Elliot	1941-1944	Mrs. Grace Avery	1995-1996
Mrs. J.B. Cranmer	1944-1945	Mrs. Bill Huffine	1996-1997
Mrs. J. Henry Gerdes	1945-1947	Mrs. Carolyn Augustine	1997-1998
Mrs. Daisy Page Hutaff	1947-1949	Mrs. Lilmar Taylor-Williams	1998-1999
Ms. Allie Morris Fechtig	1949-1951	Mrs. Leigh Hobbs Murray	1999-2000
Mrs. P. R. Smith	1951-1952	Mrs. Shirley Hardee	2000-2001
Mrs. U. Lee Spence, Jr.	1952-1953	Mrs. Mae Omie Mosely	2001-2002
Mrs. P.R. Smith	1953-1954	Mrs. Dianne Lynch	2002-2003
Mrs. Hugh Morton	Jan-May 1954	Mrs. Harriett Beauchamp	2003-2004
Mrs. Andrew Harris, Jr.	1954-1956	Mrs. Gayle Ward	2004-2005
Mrs. Roger C. McCarl	1956-1958	Mrs. Sue Bilzi	2005-2006
Mrs. James Lamberson	1958-1959	Ms. Marie Ashworth	2006-2007
Mrs. E.M. McEachern	1959-1961	Mrs. Susan Nettleman	2007-2008
Mrs. R.C Andrews	1961-1963	Mrs. Teresa Hill	2008-2009
Mrs. A. W. Blount	1963-1965	Mrs. Elaine Henson	2009-2010
Mrs. Charles J. Blake	1965-1967	Mrs. Sandra Kittinger	2010-2011
Mrs. Harley E. Vance	1967-1969	Mrs. Becky Phillips	2011-2012
Mrs. Allan D. Howland	1969-1971	Ms. Janet Warren	2012-2013
Mrs. W. K. Stewart, Jr.	1971-1973	Mrs. Gloria Degnan	2013-2014
Mrs. Conrad Schwartz	1973-1975	Mrs. Marjorie Way	2014-2015
Mrs. O. Raymond Hunt	1975-1977	Mrs. Cynthia Henry	2015-2016
Mrs. Bruce Bryant	1977-1979	Ms. Eileen Haley	2016-2017
Mrs. J. J. Pence, Jr.	1979-1981	Mrs. Cathy Poulos	2017-2018
Mrs. L. S. Wilkins	1981-1983	Mr. Eric Kozen	2018-2019
Mrs. A.D. Christopher	1983-1985	Mrs. Rebecca Philpott	2019-2020

State Presidents

Mrs. J. B. Cranmer	1931-1933	Mrs. Jenene Smith	2013-2015
Mrs. J. Buren Sidbury	1939-1941		

“A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.” –Greek Proverb

By-Laws

Amended 2019

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of the Club shall be The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II – Objectives

The objectives shall be:

1. To provide a non-profit, philanthropic, and educational association for the members.
2. To stimulate knowledge and the love of gardening.
3. To study, in all its aspects, the art of gardening, particularly horticulture, and to cooperate with other agencies furthering such interest.
4. To encourage environmental improvement through civic development, beautification, restoration, and to aid in the protection and conservation of our native trees, plants, and birds.

ARTICLE III – Membership

SECTION 1

Any person maintaining a primary residence in New Hanover County, with the exception of any National Garden Club Inc. accredited judge, who is interested in the objectives for which The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. is formed and is willing to participate in its activities may qualify for membership.

SECTION 2

The active membership in The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be limited to a maximum of 300. The associate membership shall be limited to a maximum of 100.

SECTION 3

The membership in The Cape Fear Garden Club Inc. shall be Active, Associate, Emeritus, and Honorary. An **Active Member** is required to attend three (3) general meetings and participate in at least one (1) activity during the year. Every member is expected to participate in the Azalea Garden Tour on some level; is required to sit one shift in a garden during the Tour unless excused by the Tour Chair or her/his appointee; and is required to purchase one (1) Azalea Garden Tour ticket. Any member who has not indicated her/his preference of committee or department will be assigned to one. Active members in good standing who change their residence from New Hanover County will be allowed to continue her/his membership only as long as she/he maintains the requirements of Active membership.

- A.** An **Associate Member** shall evolve from the present membership provided she/he has been an Active Member for at least five (5) years and has applied in writing to the President for a change in membership status. An Associate Member may attend any Garden Club meeting and have all privileges except voting and presenting a name for membership. Associate members in good standing who change their residence from New Hanover County will be allowed to continue her/his membership only as long as she/he maintains the requirements of Associate membership. They will be required to purchase one (1) Azalea Garden Tour ticket and sit one shift in a garden during the Tour unless excused by the Tour Chair or her/his appointee.
- B.** An **Emeritus Member** is one who has been a member 40 years or more or has reached the age of 80. She/he need not pay dues and has the same privileges as an Active Member.

- C. An **Honorary Member** shall be one who has been honored for outstanding service to The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Names shall be presented through the Membership Chairman and be approved by the Executive Committee and the General Membership.

SECTION 4

Proposal for Membership:

Any Active Member who has held membership for at least one year may sponsor, in writing, one person a year for membership. A proposal, signed by one sponsor and accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee, will be presented to the Membership Committee. January 1 shall be the deadline for accepting applications. The chairman shall present the name of the applicant at the January meeting, after approval by the Executive Committee. The Membership shall vote on the application at the February meeting. Orientation Meeting shall be mandatory. A make-up orientation shall be held at the discretion of the Membership Chairman. New members shall be presented at the March meeting. Applicants who are placed on a waiting list shall be deemed Provisionals and invited to attend meetings with their sponsors and attend any other events not restricted by Club By-Laws. The Provisionals will come under the purview of the New Members Committee.

SECTION 5

Members who have resigned and desire to be reinstated shall be presented and elected by the Garden Club in the same manner as a new member.

SECTION 6

Associate Members desiring to be transferred to the active list will have precedence over new applicants for membership. All resignations and requests for change in membership status must be made in writing to the Membership Chair by December 30. An associate member may be added to the active member list at any time during the year provided there is a vacancy.

SECTION 7

Transfers from federated Garden Clubs:

Members in good standing in other national Garden Clubs, (with the exception of federated Garden Clubs in New Hanover County) desiring to transfer membership to The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. must present a letter of recommendation from the club where active membership is held. Approval shall be by voice vote and current dues must be paid. A fee of \$10.00 shall accompany the transfer application. This transfer may occur at any time during the club year. Application forms shall be provided by the Membership Chairman.

SECTION 8

No person holding membership in another federated Garden Club in New Hanover County may be a member of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

SECTION 1

The Officers of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 2

All Officers shall be elected at the February meeting for a term of one year. No officer shall be eligible to hold the same office for more than one term, except the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 3

Upon presentation of each nominee and/or slate of officers by the Nominating Committee, if there is only one nominee for each office the vote may be taken via

voice for each nominee. A nomination must be approved by the nominee prior to being submitted.

SECTION 4

To be eligible for nomination for the office of President, First Vice President, or Second Vice President, the nominee must have served on the Executive Committee for one full term and must have been a Club member for three years.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

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. The annual Christmas Tea (for members only) will be held in lieu of a December General Meeting. The Installation of Officers will be held at the May Luncheon.

ARTICLE VI – Duties of the Officers

SECTION 1

Officers elected at the February meeting shall take office at the close of the annual meeting in May.

SECTION 2

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Garden Club and of the Executive Committee and shall perform such duties as regularly pertain to the office and shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She/he shall appoint the Chaplain, Computer Registrar, Historian, Librarian, News Director, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarians, Photographer, Projectionist and Registrar, and a current chair for all committees unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws. In the event that the current Chairman of the Azalea Garden Tour is unable to fulfill her/his duties, the President shall appoint a Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall serve as Third Vice President following her/his term of office.

SECTION 3

The First Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to act. She/he shall accompany the President to District and State Garden Club meetings. She/he shall make arrangements for location, seating, and equipment for each monthly meeting. She/he shall become President. She/he shall serve as Yearbook Committee Vice Chair.

SECTION 4

The Second Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice President. She/he shall be Chairman of the Program Committee. She/he, with the help of the Program Committee, shall be responsible for programs for the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. She/he shall be Vice Chair of the Awards Committee for her/his year in office.

SECTION 5

The Third Vice President, who is the immediate past President, shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. She/he shall present an orientation program, assisted by the Membership Chairman, for the new members. She/he shall be chairman of the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 6

The Recording Secretary shall keep records of all meetings of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and the Executive Committee.

SECTION 7

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Garden Club, notify applicants by letter on official Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. stationery, and letter to be mailed immediately after applicants are approved by the general membership. The Corresponding Secretary shall order stationery as needed.

SECTION 8

The Treasurer shall handle all money of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and keep a record thereof; all monies pertaining to the Garden Tours are to be kept in a separate account. She/he shall pay all bills and file receipts for all such disbursements. She/he shall make a monthly report of all receipts and expenditures to the Executive Committee and to the Membership and give a full report for the year at the annual meeting in May. She/he shall collect dues and shall send to the Treasurer of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. the amount due by April 1. If dues are not paid by the October general meeting, she/he shall send a written notice to all delinquent members. If dues are not paid by November 15, a second notice shall be sent. She/he shall serve as chair of the Budget Committee. The club will provide for a review of both The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and the Azalea Garden Tour financial records. Each year, the Treasurer shall be responsible for the Federal Form and State Form of Return of Organization Exempt from income tax on or before the date required.

SECTION 9

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist and become familiar with all the duties of the Treasurer and, if the need arises, the President and/or the Assistant Treasurer may sign checks in place of the Treasurer.

SECTION 10

The Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional at all meetings.

SECTION 11

The Historian shall keep a scrapbook of all The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. activities.

SECTION 12

The Librarian shall select memorial books in honor of deceased members, who are currently members, to be placed in the Public Library. All past Presidents, whether current members or not, shall be so memorialized. An up-to-date list of these books shall be given each year to the President and Recording Secretary, Chaplain, 1st Vice President, and Newsletter Editor. She/he will be responsible for placing the current yearbook, annual Minutes (at the end of two years), and Historian's Book on file in the Public Library/North Carolina Room.

SECTION 13

The News Director shall approve all news releases of Garden Club activities and work with the media. She/he will oversee maintenance of all club internet activities with the approval of the Executive Committee. The News Director shall chair the Media and Communications Committee and shall approve all news releases of Cape Fear Garden Club activities and oversee maintenance of online activities.

SECTION 14

The Registrar shall keep a record of attendance at all general meetings.

SECTION 15

The Computer Registrar shall manage all electronic distributions, including the Newsletter, and maintain the official membership list.

SECTION 16

The Newsletter Editor shall collect information and publish a newsletter prior to each general meeting.

SECTION 17

Parliamentarian shall apply the rules of parliamentary procedure according to *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*. A parliamentarian shall attend all executive Committee Meetings and general meetings of the Club.

SECTION 18

Projectionist shall accumulate and prepare information to be projected on the screen at General Meetings of the Club.

SECTION 19

Photographer shall photograph and document activities of the Club, with exclusion of responsibility for Azalea Garden Tour as this committee has a separate appointed photographer.

ARTICLE VII – Executive Committee

SECTION 1

The Executive Committee shall be composed of Elected and Appointed Officers, Chair of Departments, Chair of Standing Committees, and the Chair of special committees. Each Department, Standing and Special Committees will have one vote on the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall approve all proposals before they are presented to the Membership for approval. All expenses of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be approved by the Executive Committee and reported to the Membership for their approval.

SECTION 3

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month during the Garden Club year, except December. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. A vote may be allowed by email or mail if all Executive Committee members are contacted and a response has constituted a quorum. Record of this shall be made by the Recording Secretary and kept in her/his minutes.

SECTION 4

Twenty members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5

In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the First Vice President shall become President and preside at Executive Committee meetings. Vacancies occurring in any other office shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII – Dues

SECTION 1

The Annual Dues for each Member shall be established by the Budget Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee and the general membership. Emeritus Members have the privilege of not paying dues to the Cape Fear Garden Club but may maintain their state and national dues by reimbursing the Treasurer annually for that expense.

SECTION 2

Annual dues are payable in September for the ensuing fiscal year. If dues are not paid by the October general meeting, the Treasurer shall send a written notice. If dues are not paid by November 15, a second notice shall be sent. Membership will be cancelled on December 15 for those who have not paid their dues. Reinstatement to membership in good standing may take place at the following January Executive Committee meeting by presenting a written request and full payment of dues.

SECTION 3

The operating funds of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be derived from annual dues of the Membership, grants received by the club, and supplemental funds raised by club activities.

ARTICLE IX – Quorum

Fifty Active and Emeritus members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE X – Guests

Resident guests, accompanied by a member, may be admitted to a maximum of three (3) general meetings per club year.

ARTICLE XI – Departments

SECTION 1

The Departments of the Garden Club shall be: Conservation, Flower Arranging, Garden Therapy, and Horticulture.

SECTION 2

The Conservation Chair shall promote interest in conservation and aid in the preservation of natural resources, particularly native trees, plants, and birds. She/he shall cooperate with interested agencies and keep the Membership informed of pertinent legislation. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 3

The Flower Arranging Chair shall encourage study, display, and arrangement of floral materials. Her/his committee shall decorate for the Christmas Tea and the May Luncheon. The Chair shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 4

The Garden Therapy Committee is responsible for planning garden activities conducted with and for handicapped persons as an aid to their recovery. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 5

The Horticulture Chair shall encourage the study and growth of all plant material and stress horticultural perfection in exhibition. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

ARTICLE XII – Standing Committees

SECTION 1

Standing Committees to include shall be: Airlie Showcase Garden, Arbor Day, Awards, Azalea Garden Tour, Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement, Battery Island, Beautification Endowment, Birds and Butterflies, Budget, Civic Improvement, Gardening for Wildlife, Hospitality, Judges, Media and Communication, Membership, New Member Relations, Nominating, Oral History, Oversight, Photography, Program, Promotions, Registration, Scholarships, Special Events, Transportation, Yearbook, Youth Garden Clubs and Special Committees appointed by the President.

SECTION 2

The Airlie Showcase Garden Committee shall plant and maintain the designated garden space within the New Hanover County Airlie Garden property.

SECTION 3

The Arbor Day Committee shall recognize, support and encourage the planting of new trees on this legal holiday by the Garden Club and in the community.

SECTION 4

The Awards Committee shall study all awards offered by the Garden Club of North Carolina, the South Atlantic Region, and the National Garden Clubs. She/he shall urge members to apply for awards by appropriate deadlines determined by SAR/State and National guidelines and give them assistance when needed.

SECTION 5

The Azalea Garden Tour Committee shall have charge of the Belle Tea, the Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour©, and The Ribbon Cutting & Azalea Queen's Garden Party©. This committee shall proceed under the direction of, and in concert with, the Azalea Garden Tour Chair and her/his Vice Chair. The Chair, assisted by the Vice Chair, shall keep records and appoint all sub-committees pertaining to the Azalea Garden Tour. The Vice Chair will assume the chairmanship of the Azalea Garden Tour in the ensuing year. The new or incoming Vice Chair will be selected by the Nominating Committee who will fulfill this obligation by consulting with the current Chair and Vice Chair to provide ongoing leadership and continuity.

- A. All garden tour expenses are to be paid from the proceeds of the garden tour.
- B. A budget will be submitted annually in September to the Executive Committee for approval.
- C. The balance from the Garden Tour proceeds is to be placed in a separate account and is to be used only for projects approved by the Executive Committee and the general membership.

SECTION 6

The Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement Committee shall recommend appropriate funds to be disbursed for community projects. The committee shall review all requests for funds received by The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc., and shall recommend to the Executive Committee requests which meet all criteria as set forth by the committee. If said recommendations are approved by the Executive Committee, they must then be approved by the general membership.

The committee, chaired by the prior year's Azalea Garden Tour Committee Chair, shall include the Azalea Garden Tour Chair from two years prior, the current Azalea Garden Tour Chair, the Azalea Garden Tour Treasurer and up to 10 members at large. Five (5) at large members shall be appointed by each Disbursement Chair for a two-year term. The current Azalea Garden Tour Chair shall serve on the committee for a total of three (3) years, the first year as a member, the second year as Chair, and the third year as a member and advisor to the new chair with specific duty to ensure that grants awarded from the previous year are completed. The Azalea Garden Tour Treasurer shall be a perpetual member of this committee. No at large member can serve more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 7

The Battery Island Committee shall plan and promote educational activities that increase awareness and interest in the preservation of Battery Island as a wildlife habitat. The committee will also actively work to provide funds in support of an Audubon warden who will post, patrol, protect, manage, and educate the public in or about the importance of Battery Island and other bird island habitats as a sanctuary for nesting birds.

SECTION 8

The Beautification Endowment Committee shall plan, promote and educate members, citizens, businesses, and organizations on the development of a source of perpetual and permanent funding to enable Cape Fear Garden Club to make a significant impact on the beautification of public places in the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County. This Fund is invested and administered through the North

Carolina Community Foundation. The Committee shall recommend appropriate funds to be disbursed for community projects.

SECTION 9

The Birds & Butterflies Committee shall promote activities that increase interest in the knowledge and conservation of birds and butterflies. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 10

The Budget Committee is chaired by the Treasurer. The committee shall be composed of the Assistant Treasurer, the President, the First Vice President and the Second Vice President. The committee shall present the budget for the coming year to the Executive Committee for approval. The budget must then be approved by the membership no later than the April General Meeting.

SECTION 11

The Civic Improvements Committee shall encourage the beautification of New Hanover County.

SECTION 12

The Gardening for Wildlife Committee shall encourage the club and community on the aspects of maintaining a healthy environment for our wildlife.

SECTION 13

The Hospitality Committee shall provide refreshments for monthly meetings, the Christmas Tea, and other special events.

SECTION 14

Judges: Flower Arranging and Horticulture shall judge horticulture and flower arranging at the general meeting.

SECTION 15

The Media and Communication Committee shall provide all publication material to the media, (television, print, and internet) for all the Garden Club activities year-round locally, statewide, and nationally.

SECTION 16

The Membership Committee shall assist the Chair in her/his duties. Those applicants on the waiting list shall be given first consideration for membership. The chair shall receive and approve all transfer requests from active membership to associate membership and approve the eligibility for emeritus membership. The Chair will present all membership changes to the Executive Committee monthly. She/he shall assist the Third Vice President in the New Member Orientation Program.

SECTION 17

The New Member Relations Committee shall facilitate new member assimilation into the Club, using personal contact and educational opportunities to engage new members in all aspects of the Club and responsibilities of membership.

SECTION 18

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past President, who shall serve as Chairman, and four (4) members at large. At the February Executive Committee Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present for the Executive Committee's approval candidates for the following offices: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a Vice Chair for the Azalea Garden Tour. The Nominating Committee shall nominate four (4) at-large members for the Nominating Committee and no member shall serve consecutively on the Nominating Committee. In the event that the previous year's Vice Chair cannot, for whatever reason, move into the chairmanship, a Chair will also be nominated.

Should the immediate past President be unable to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee shall appoint another past Membership Chair to serve.

SECTION 19

The Oral History Committee shall record a profile of past presidents and/or Emeritus members, illuminating the early history of each of these persons and highlighting contributions made by that person to the Cape Fear Garden Club and the community.

SECTION 20

The Oversight Committee shall maintain a general overview of the club as a whole.

SECTION 21

The Photography Committee shall photograph and document the activities of the Cape Fear Garden Club, with the exception of the Azalea Garden Tour.

SECTION 22

The Program Committee shall provide programs for the monthly general meetings. The Committee, chaired by the Second Vice President, shall consist of the Chair of the Department of Conservation, Flower Arranging, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, and other members deemed necessary by the Chair.

SECTION 23

The Promotions Committee shall promote the sales of inventory and reprint (when necessary) all Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. sales material.

SECTION 24

The Registration Committee shall provide and maintain an annual permanent record of the sign in sheets for the entire membership from each General Meeting. She/he shall provide a list of the guests who attend the general meeting and copy it to the Recording Secretary at the General Meetings

SECTION 25

The Scholarship Committee shall have co-chairs, one to serve as liaison to UNCW and one to serve as liaison to Cape Fear Community College.

SECTION 26

The Special Events Committee shall receive and determine all special requests internally and from the community for flower arrangements for special functions.

SECTION 27

The Transportation Committee shall provide transportation to Cape Fear Garden Club functions to any member requiring it.

SECTION 28

The Yearbook Committee shall assist the Chair in the publication of the annual Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Yearbook.

SECTION 29

The Youth Garden Clubs Committee shall promote and assist in the organization of Garden Clubs among the young people from pre-school through high school age. The establishment, activities and operating guidelines shall include those described by The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and The National Garden Club.

SECTION 30

Special committees shall be appointed by the President as needed.

ARTICLE XIII – Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1

Meetings shall be governed by *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* on all points not specified by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE XIV – Method of Amending the By-Laws

The By-Laws may be amended at any General Meeting of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. by two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE XV – Non-Profit Status

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activity not permitted to be carried on by (a) corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Upon dissolution of the Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc., assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Should there be a conflict between the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures, By-Laws take precedence.

“The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.”
— Alfred Austin

Policies & Procedures

I. GENERAL

The Cape Fear Garden Club Inc.:

- The club year shall be June 1 - May 31
- Name cannot be used to endorse any product, commercial, tour, lecture, event or organization unless approved by the Executive Committee.
- Does not participate in partisan political activities.
- Membership Directory is available only when authorized by the Executive Committee.
- Each member is responsible for the confidentiality of the membership list. The list shall not be used for the purpose of advertising or solicitation.
- The Tax ID number, the Corporate Seal, and any and all copyrighted information belonging to The Cape Fear Garden Club Inc. may not be utilized without the express permission of the Executive Committee.
- Upon request of the President and/or Executive Committee, a Review Committee may be appointed to review new materials. Any change to established policy or procedures shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
- Does not pay for any member of the Executive Committee, except the President and 1st Vice President for reimbursement of District and State Meetings expenses.
- No expenditure of unbudgeted funds shall be authorized without the prior consent of the Executive Committee.
- Officers and Chairs of an incoming administration may take preliminary action necessary to the performing of the duties they will assume.
- Shall provide liability insurance coverage for officers (Added 2/2020)

II. MEMBERSHIP (Note By-Law Article III/Sections 1-8)

General

- The Cape Fear Garden Club has four membership categories: Active, Associate, Emeritus and Honorary.
- Must be resident of New Hanover County when applying and entering the CFGC. Members, in good standing may reside outside the county after one year of service.
- Any member wishing to have their yearbook mailed to them should include \$2.00 in their annual due amount.
- Must maintain membership "in good standing" status by paying any required dues and meeting Club requirements specified under By Laws, Article III, Section 3.

Active

- Dues for Active Members are \$50.00 determined by the Budget Committee and approved by the Executive Committee annually with the budget, payable by September 30th.
- Required to attend three General Meetings out of seven meetings a year.
- Required to sign-in at every General Meeting with the Registrar.
- Has the privilege of voting on any business before the general membership of the Garden Club.
- Has the privilege of nominating individuals for new membership, one per year, and is encouraged to mentor them for one year.
- Required to purchase one Azalea Garden Tour Ticket annually, sit in a garden once over the three-day weekend, and provide cookies for The Ribbon Cutting & Azalea Queen's Garden Party®.

- Required to actively serve on one department or committee annually; if one is not selected by the member the club will assign an active member to a department or committee annually.
- Active Membership shall be 300 members.

Associate

- Dues for Associate Members are \$60.00 payable by September 30th.
- Required to purchase one Azalea Garden Tour Ticket annually and sit in a garden once over the three-day weekend.
- Has completed five (5) years of service as an Active Member.
- Not required to serve annually on a Department or Committee.
- Not required to attend General Meetings.
- By-Laws restrict Associate Members to 100 members.

Emeritus

- Emeritus members are eighty (80) years of age or have completed forty (40) years of service.
- Pay no CFGC dues.
- The CFGC does not pay state and national dues for Emeritus members, therefore any Emeritus member wishing to maintain the state and national membership must reimburse the CFGC Treasurer prior to these dues being paid to each organization.
- Maintain all the privileges of an Active member, except required meeting attendance and dues.
- May vote on any business before the general membership and nominate individuals for new membership.
- May attend the Christmas Tea and May Luncheon.
- By-Laws allow for unlimited Emeritus Members.

Honorary

- Individuals honored for exceptional service to the club.
- Pay no dues; have no meeting or committee requirements; no Garden Tour ticket purchase is required.
- May attend all General Meetings, Christmas Tea and May Luncheon as guests of the CFGC.
- Nominating process for new Honorary Membership is discussed in By-Law Article III/ Section 3/ Item D.

Membership Change Request

- A member may request to move their membership between categories anytime during the year but encouraged to do so by December 31st annually to allow for new members in January.
- An Active Member must have completed five (5) years of service in good standing before being considered for Associate Membership.
- All membership reclassification requests must be made in writing to the Membership Chair. (Note By-law Article III/Section 3/Item B)

New Member Application Process

- Active and Emeritus Members may propose an individual for membership throughout the year by completing an application form provided by the Membership Chair or located on the website.
- Application form must be signed by sponsoring member and include a non-refundable \$20.00 filing fee.
- New member applications are placed on file by the Membership Chair in the order in which they are received. Each are stamped and dated to reflect the date received.

- Applicants are proposed in January, voted on in February and fully inducted as Active Members in March.
- Approved applicants who cannot be invited for Active Membership due to numbers limitation in the by-laws have a Provisional status and remain until the following January to determine their entry date for Active Membership,
- While in Provisional status, applicants are kept up to date on club activities and invited with their sponsors to attend a "get to know you coffee", attend general meetings and public events and to sit in a garden with their sponsors or an Active member. On-going communication is provided by the New Member Relations Committee to keep applicants informed on club activities and responsibilities of membership.
- Note By-Law Article II/Section 4 for additional information.

Reinstate Memberships

For nonpayment of annual dues and garden tour tickets:

- All requests must be made in writing to the Membership Chair, copying the President and Club Treasurer, within 60 days of final payment due date (December 15).
- All outstanding amounts must be paid in full.
- The Membership Chair will request reinstatement consideration to the Executive Committee at the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting.

For renewal of previous membership within the club:

- All members requesting re-entry into the club must follow all the rules of a new membership applicant as discussed above in New Member Application Process.
- Note By-Law Article III/Section 5 for more information.

Transfer of Membership

Transfer of Membership within the club classifications:

- Discussed above in Membership Classification Request.

Transfer of Membership from another Federated Garden Club:

- Written transfer request may be accepted throughout the year, accompanied by a \$10.00 fee, a letter of recommendation to the Membership Chair if the recipient is a current active member in good standing with the previous garden club.
- The CFGC Membership Chair shall propose the new names for membership by a voice vote at the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting.

Membership Information updates

- It is the responsibility of each member to maintain current membership directory information with the Computer Registrar. Information must include name, address and telephone numbers. An email address, where applicable, should be provided since more information within the club is released by email for cost savings, efficiency and speed of communication. Members not having email will be provided all required information.

III. MEETINGS

Executive Committee

- Time and Location to be determined by President.
- Dates: Second Monday of September, October, January, February, March, April and May. November meeting is held on the first Monday of the month.
- No meetings in December, June, July, and August unless called by the President.

General Meetings

- Location: Cape Fear Country Club, 1518 Country Club Road
- Dates: meeting dates will be updated in the annual yearbook to reflect actual meetings dates for each year.

- Horticulture & Arrangements for Judging: 9:00-9:15AM
- Program set up & Committee Promotions: 9:00AM -10:00AM
- Hospitality & Registration: 9:30-10:00AM
- Meeting Called to Order: 10:00AM
- Guests: New Hanover County residents, accompanied by a member, may attend 3 meetings per club year.
- Individuals currently on CFGC new member waiting list are welcome without charge and without attendance limitations.

Christmas Tea & May Luncheon. For members only.

Special Called Meetings (In Person & Email)

- Meetings may be called at any time by the President if all members are notified in writing five days in advance by email or mail for those not on email. An Agenda for the meeting must be provided with notice.
- A quorum must be maintained to proceed.

Quorums (Note By-Laws: Article VII/Section 1 & 4, Article IX and Article XIV)

- Executive Committee Meetings: Twenty members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a Quorum. In counting for a quorum and for voting at Executive Committee meetings, a Department or Committee Vice-Chair may represent that Department or Committee in absence of its Chair, provided advance notice is given to the Parliamentarian. (Revised 2/2020)
- General Meetings: 50 Active and Emeritus Members only.
- By-Law Revisions require a two-third vote for passage in Executive Committee & General Meetings.
- Associate Members are not allowed to vote.
- Proxy votes are not allowed.

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all meetings. A copy must be at all meetings.

IV. PROGRAMS

Content

- The Program Committee, chaired by the 2nd Vice President and the Department Chairs, determine the seven General Meeting Programs. The Chair can extend the invitation to join the committee to any committee chairs at her/his discretion.
- Program suggestions should be forwarded to the incoming 2nd Vice President by the end of May.

Honorariums

- Program speaker's fees are budgeted annually in the club's approved operating budget.
- The budgeted funds are spent per speaker at the discretion of the 2nd Vice President.

V. BUSINESS (Note By-Law Article V/Section 1-4)

Order of Business (Executive Committee & General Meetings)

- Each Department and Committee chair should provide a written report to the President and Recording Secretary the Thursday prior to all Executive and General Meetings.
- Meetings will follow the order - Call to Order, Devotional, Pledge of Alliance & Program (General Mtg. only), President's Report, Officers' Reports, Department Reports, Committee Reports, New Business, Old/Unfinished Business, and Adjournment.

Time Allotted

- Two minutes will be allowed per report unless otherwise approved by the President.

Contract, Agreement Submittal Process

- All binding documents must be reviewed and approved by the Oversight Committee prior to being presented to the Executive Committee.
- Submission to the Oversight Committee should be made at least ten days in advance of any scheduled Executive Committee Meeting to allow for review and modifications if required.

Budget/Operating Budget Restrictions

- The Budget Committee, chaired by the Club Treasurer, meets after the February Executive Committee Meeting to review all written requests for operating funds per department and committee for the next year.
- All written requests should include estimates, financial data and scope of work being considered and sent to the Club Treasurer prior to the February Executive Committee Meeting.
- The Budget Committee submits the proposed annual budget for review and approval at the March Executive Committee Meeting. Upon Executive Committee approval the budget must be presented to the General Membership no later than the April General Meeting.
- The approved Operating Budget must be adhered to.
- Any additional funds needed by the club must be presented in writing to the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee prior to incurring any expenditure. Non-approved expenditures will not be reimbursed or paid by the club.
- All reimbursable expenses must be presented to the Treasurer in writing with receipts and description of project prior to the end of May to be reimbursed based on the club's calendar year and the restrictions of approved funds within a current year's budget.

VI. DUES

- **Active Member's Dues are \$50.00 determined by the Executive Committee and approved annually with the budget.**
- **Associate Member's Dues are \$60.00 determined by the Executive Committee and approved annually with the budget.**
- **Emeritus and Honorary Members' dues are waived.**
 - The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. does not pay state and national dues for Emeritus Members. If Emeritus members would like to maintain their memberships with the North Carolina Garden Club or the National Garden Club then they must reimburse the Club Treasurer for these dues prior to the organization's dues deadline.

Deadline for receipt of dues

- Annual dues are due by September 30th.
- Past dues written notification will be sent by the Club Treasurer following the October and November General Meetings.

Loss of Membership

- Unpaid annual dues not received by December 15th will result in loss of membership. Any member losing her/his membership within the club may request in writing within 60 days to be reconsidered for reinstatement upon receipt of all unpaid accounts to the Club Treasurer.
- Azalea Garden Tickets, one (1) ticket per Active and Associate Member are required.

- Members will be billed for these unpaid ticket fees same as dues. Tickets go on sale in January and all tickets need to be paid to the Garden Tour ticket chair in full by April 30th. Non-payment of tickets will result in loss of membership. Anyone needing special consideration should contact the Tour Treasurer in writing. She/he will then bring it to the Executive Committee for disposition.

VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS (Note By-Laws Article IV, VI, VII for more information)

General

- All Officers, Appointed Officers, Department and Committee Chairs at the end of their term shall pass their successor written information and guidelines pertaining to the duties of the office.

President

- Shall preside at all meetings and may serve on all departments and committees except the Nominating Committee.
- Shall appoint the following Executive Committee Officers: Chaplain, Historian, Librarian, News Director, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarians, Photographer, Registrar, Department and Committee Chairs.
- Shall appoint replacement positions for all positions above plus Azalea Garden Tour Chair if a vacancy occurs.
- Receives, delegates, and responds to all club communications received by mail or internet.
- Maintains a neutral and unbiased opinion on all aspects of the club's activities.
- Shall sign all contracts and agreements on behalf of the club after such contracts and agreements are approved by the Oversight Committee and the Executive Committee. (Added 2/2020)

1st Vice President

- Shall relay to Cape Fear Country Club numbers for lunch
- Shall serve as Yearbook Committee Vice Chairman.
- Shall perform all the activities of the President in her/his absence and accompany the President to District and State meetings.
- Shall provide the equipment needs of the Executive Committee for the General Meeting location.
- Will set up the meeting space for all Executive Committee Meetings. Shall negotiate any new or renewal lease agreements for meeting locations.
- Will establish and confirm all meeting dates for Executive Committee Meeting, General Meetings, New Member Orientation and May Luncheon and copy the President and Yearbook Chair on these dates by June 1.
- Shall adhere to all the terms of lease agreements before, during, and after these events.
- Is responsible for the May Luncheon, excluding the flower arranging and program.
- Secures a member to conduct the installation of officers at the May luncheon.
- Shall serve as a member of the Budget Committee.
- Shall serve as Awards Vice Chair for her/his year in office.

2nd Vice President

- Shall serve as the Program Chair and at her/his discretion invite Department Chairs to meet and discuss programs.
- Shall contact, organize and provide educational, interesting and relevant programs for the general meetings.
- Shall incorporate district, state and national garden club subjects of interest.

- Shall contact, welcome, provide all necessary tools for each speaker and provide a copy of this information to the 1st Vice President prior to each General Meeting. Set up needs must be provided to the 1st Vice president at the previous Executive Committee Meeting
- Shall serve as a member of the Budget Committee.

3rd Vice President

- Shall chair the Nominating Committee.
- Works closely with the four Members at Large to propose qualified individuals for the Executive Committee in February of each year.
- Shall work with Membership Committee to present a New Member Orientation.

Recording Secretary

- Shall take all Executive Committee, General Meeting, and special meeting minutes. She/he will copy the President and Parliamentarians for proofing and approval of documents. After corrections are completed the minutes will be placed on file in a three-ring binder maintained by the Recording Secretary during her/his term in office.
- Shall maintain the current year's minutes plus the two previous years' approved minutes at all meetings and bring those minutes to all Executive Committee meetings.
- All motions are to be read or provided in writing, as on file, upon request.

Corresponding Secretary

- Shall provide written correspondence for the club such as: thank you, get well, and sympathy notes and report monthly on this correspondence at the Executive Committee Meeting.
- Shall write all new member announcements and mail immediately after acceptance.
- Shall provide written invitations to the Honorary Members for the Christmas Tea and May Luncheon.

Treasurer

- The Treasurer shall be bonded by the Club.
- The Treasurer shall submit books to be audited yearly. The type of audit to be determined.
- Shall receive and pay all bills in association with the club Assistant Treasurer.
- Shall maintain all bank accounts of the club.
- Shall report at the Executive Committee and General Meetings on all financial aspects of the club monthly.
- Shall collect all CFGC dues and pay any state and national dues owed by the club and work closely with the Membership Chair and Computer Registrar on maintaining a current membership roster.
- Shall chair the Budget Committee meeting.

Assistant Treasurer

- The Assistant Treasurer shall be bonded.
- Shall assist the club Treasurer as needed.
- Shall serve as a member of the Budget Committee.

Appointed Officers

Chaplain

- Shall provide devotions at all club meetings.

Computer Registrar

- Shall maintain a current membership directory consisting of the members name, address, telephone numbers, email address, spouse name and date of entry into the club.

- Shall distribute email communications and the newsletter to the membership per the request and approval of the President.
- Shall provide a corrected year-end directory to the 1st Vice President for use in the printing of the Yearbook.

Historian

- Shall maintain a bound documentation of all the club's activities and news releases within a year (June 1 to May 31).
- Shall complete this work prior to the Awards submission deadline and submit the document for judging annually.
- Upon receipt of the judged document being returned to the club she/he will provide the document for the club to enjoy at two General Meeting then have the Librarian place it on permanent file at the New Hanover County Library.

Librarian

- Upon acknowledgement of a member's death, she/he will contact the New Hanover County Downtown Library to request a book to be placed in their memory.
- The Library should be provided a copy of the obituary, name and addresses of the family to whom a letter will be written acknowledging the gift from the club.
- The book should reflect the interest of the deceased member and stay within budget determined by the approved annual budget. (Generally under \$30 per book)
- Shall provide the Executive Committee with a copy of the Library's letter to the deceased members' family including title and author. Additional copies will be provided to the President, Recording Secretary, and Newsletter Editor for the Cape Fear Clippings and 1st Vice President to be included in the Yearbook the next year.
- Shall complete the state form acknowledging the death of a current member.

News Director

- Shall be the public spokesperson for and Chair of the Media and Communication Committee.
- Shall approve all news releases of the Club activities and work with the media.
- See Media Committee.

Newsletter Editor

- Shall provide "The Cape Fear Clippings" newsletter seven (7) times a year to the entire membership. The newsletter will include all corrections to the yearbook, directory changes, and current news for the members.
- All information for the upcoming clippings issue should be to the editor by the Executive Committee Meeting. The newsletter is released to the printer 24 hours after the end of the meeting.

Parliamentarian

- Shall attend all Executive Committee Meetings and General Meetings.
- Shall apply the rules of parliamentary procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Projectionist

- Shall accumulate and prepare information to be projected on screen at General Meetings.

Registrar

- Shall provide annual membership sign-in registration sheets and nametags for all General Meetings.

- Shall provide a copy of the sign-in sheets and an attendance recap at the end of each year to the incoming and outgoing Presidents, Recording Secretary for the minutes, Membership Chair and Treasurer.
- Shall greet and register all members and guests at General Meetings.
- Shall provide the Recording Secretary a written account of total attendance of members and guests at each general meeting. Guests list are composed of name of guest and member's name.

VIII. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES.

(Note: See By-Laws Article XI and XII for more information.)

General

- It is recommended that all chairs rotate on a three-year plan to allow new members to become more involved in the club. A new chair should have been a co-chair or active on the department/committee prior to accepting the chair position.
- Each Department and Committee will be provided an annual approved budget. Requests for additional annual funds to the budget must be made in writing to the Treasurer prior to the February Executive Committee Meeting.
- Additional funds, non-budgeted, shall be requested in writing to the President and Treasurer at least five days prior to the next scheduled Executive Committee Meetings including an itemized list of estimated expenditures and scope of work.
- The Chair is required to attend Executive Committee Meetings, provide a monthly written report to the President and Executive Committee, and encourage involvement of committee members.
- The Department or Committee has one vote on the Executive Committee.
- The Chair is required to provide a written end-of-the year report to the President, 1st Vice President/Yearbook Chair, and Recording Secretary which includes "New and Continuing" Projects and budget information by the May Luncheon.
- All Officers, Appointed Officers, Department and Committee Chairs at the end of their term shall pass on to their successors written information and guidelines pertaining to the duties of the office.
- Each Department and Committee will consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, and members. The Chair position may be filled by two or more individuals ("Co-Chairs") when joint responsibility is appropriate as determined by the Department or Committee with consent of the President. Multiple Vice-Chairs may be appointed for a Department or Committee when necessary to achieve purposes of that Department or Committee (Revised 2/2020).
- A Committee may form one or more Sub-Committees if warranted for the Committee's purposes and with consent of the President. A Sub-Committee shall have same structure as other Committees, except that the Sub-Committee Chair shall report to the parent Committee and shall not be a member of the Executive Committee. (Revised 2/2020).

Departments

Conservation Department

- Shall educate members and the community in the conservation of our resources.

Flower Arranging Department

- Shall educate, train, and encourage flower arranging workshops, presentation and judging based on the rules of the district, state and national garden clubs.
- Shall recommend and assist in a Standard Flower Show at least once every five years in compliance with the rules of the Garden Club of North Carolina.

Garden Therapy Department

- Shall meet with seniors to provide companionship and simple crafts.

Horticulture Department

- Shall receive specimens at meetings and judge them.
- Shall award ribbons for winning specimens

Standing Committees

Arbor Day Committee

- Shall recognize, support and encourage the planting of new trees and plant a tree on a day designated by the Garden Club.

Airlie Showcase Garden Committee

- Shall plant and maintain the designated garden space within the New Hanover County Airlie Garden property.

Awards Committee

- Shall be knowledgeable and encourage all officers, departments and committees to apply for district, state and national garden club awards based on the submission deadline of December.
- Shall maintain a list of all submissions; be responsible for assisting any members with their award documents and mailing if necessary and track award documents while at judging.
- The Chair will be responsible for returning all award documents to the proper party at the end of the year.
- The Chair will provide a complete list of awards winning recognition to the Yearbook Chair/1st Vice President to be inserted in the upcoming yearbook by June 15th. Information should include name of award and number, who submitted the documents, type of win, and brief description of the award.
- Shall familiarize themselves with all awards.
- Shall encourage any and every group/committee within the Club to apply for any and all awards for which they are eligible.
- A Committee that wins a monetary award shall be the recipient thereof.

Azalea Garden Tour Committee

- Shall organize and provide the garden tour during the annual Azalea Festival each year as the major fundraising event of the club.
- Note By-Law Article XII/Section 5 for additional information.
- The Azalea Garden Tour Treasurer shall be bonded.

Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement Committee

- Shall maintain and review applications and guidelines for grants and select eligible recipients.
- Shall present a list, with project information and amounts, for approval at the September Executive Committee and the general membership meeting.
- Shall disburse funds to recipients at the October meeting.
- Shall report to the club on the completion of projects and present signage to the grant recipient for the project.
- Will reserve a minimum of 10% of the net proceeds after standing grants are funded to be placed in a holding account. These funds will remain at the discretion of the Disbursement Committee and any future disbursements will be handled the same way the grants are currently approved: the Disbursement Committee would bring forward a recommendation to the Executive Committee and if approved would then go to the general membership for approval.

Battery Island Committee

- Shall work closely with NC Audubon Society to maintain safe habitats for the migratory birds in the area and assist NC Audubon Society in funding through education and the annual cruise in the spring.
- Shall support Audubon with cleanups and the planting of new plant material for habitats.

Beautification Endowment Committee

- Shall develop fundraising plans and coordinate with other Club fundraising events that benefit the Beautification Endowment.
- Shall promote and manage a variety of means by which interested citizens, businesses, and organizations can donate to the Endowment.
- Shall have a clear understanding of the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) and their Charitable Giving Guide and maintain a close working relationship with the local NC Community Foundation representatives.
- Shall present selected recipient(s) for approval at the September Executive Committee and the general membership meeting.
- Shall recognize recipient(s) of endowment funding at the October general meeting.
- Shall direct NCCF to disburse funds to recipient(s) in October.
- Shall report to the Club on the progress and/or other completion of community projects and present signage to the recipient(s) for the projects.

Birds & Butterflies Committee

- Shall educate and encourage safe habitats for birds and butterflies.

Budget Committee

- Shall provide an annual proposed budget in March and submit the document to the Executive Committee in March. The budget shall be approved by the Executive Committee and General Membership by the April General Meeting.
- All written submittals requesting budget amounts from departments and committees must be received by the Treasurer prior to February 1st. The Budget Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, meets following the February Executive Committee Meeting.

Civic Improvements Committee

- Shall encourage beautification projects within the community by working with local businesses, clubs, local and state agencies and developers.
- Shall encourage and acknowledge beautification projects through “The Beauty Spot Program” established in 2011.
- Shall encourage the planting of azaleas during “Plant an Azalea Week”.

Gardening for Wildlife Committee

- Shall encourage, educate, and support activities that maintain healthy habitats for wildlife in the area.
- Shall support and encourage membership in the National Wildlife Federation and the certification of wildlife habitats. The committee shall maintain a current list of all club members and their properties that have been certified.

Hospitality Committee

- Shall provide refreshments to the General Meetings, Christmas Tea, and special club events.

Judges: Flower Arranging & Horticulture Committee

- Shall identify and encourage club members to complete necessary qualifications to be a certified judge.
- Shall provide a written list of all district, state and national schools to the general membership during the club year and encourage attendance.

- Shall organize and sponsor a Standard Flower show every five years. The Flower Show may be done in conjunction with other Federated Garden Clubs in New Hanover County.
- Committee shall strive to maintain five to seven qualified judges within the club at all times.

Media and Communication Committee

- The News Director shall be the appointed public spokesperson for the Committee and shall provide all publication material to the media (television, print, and internet) for all club activities.
- Shall provide all media for all the activities and functions of the Club, including but not exclusive of the Azalea Garden Tour.
- Shall maintain the Club's website, keeping it current.

Membership Committee

- Shall receive and maintain a current list of all proposed new members. Application forms should be available at all meetings for distribution upon request.
- All applications should be dated when they are received, placed on file and proposed in the order of receipt. Envelopes should be attached as confirmation of date received.
- Shall encourage members to reclassify themselves based on age, lack of attendance, or personal problems throughout the year by personal contact, telephone, email and newsletter, The Cape Fear Clippings.
- Shall be responsible for reviewing, recommending, and contacting members prior to December 1 to consider membership reclassification based on the Registrar's Sign-in Sheets & Recap and prior to the first reading of proposed new members at the January Executive Committee Meeting.
- Shall propose new members for membership if space allows.
- Shall receive all membership reclassification requests and propose the acceptance of changes at the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting. She/he will notify the President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Computer Registrar and Newsletter Editor of all changes.

New Member Relations Committee

- Shall utilize personal contacts through small group settings to build relations among new members and the Committee members.
- Shall maintain ongoing email communication to increase familiarity with upcoming events at general meetings and/or special events during the Club year.
- Shall arrange special workshops to increase confidence on membership responsibilities associated with the Garden Tour or participation in various Standing Committees.
- Shall work with Membership Committee to prepare for New Member Orientation each year.

Nominating Committee

- Shall nominate in good faith, without bias, and for the betterment of the entire club.
- All nominees should be asked and accept the proposed positions prior to being presented for nomination.

Oral History Committee

- Shall record a profile of each of our previous Presidents and/or Emeritus members, illuminating the early history of each of these persons and highlighting contributions made by that person to the Cape Fear Garden Club and the community.

- Shall prepare the profile through a personal interview and obtain a photo.
- Shall present a written profile to be displayed at meetings and, also, to be filed in a notebook created for this purpose.

Oversight Committee

- Shall maintain a general oversight to the financial well-being of the club and assure all necessary tax filings are completed and filed timely.
- Shall review all contracts and agreements and approve each prior to being presented to the Executive Committee for approval.
- Shall monitor all legal and financial auditing of the club.
- Shall consider and review any sites being considered for acquisition.

Photography Committee

- Shall photograph and document the activities of the club.
- Shall provide a permanent file of each year's activities in an orderly and convenient format to be used by the entire club when necessary.
- Shall work closely with the News Director, Yearbook Chair, and Department/Committee Chairs.
- Shall obtain proper release form for all photos published.

Program Committee

- Shall provide seven (7) educational General Meeting Programs a year, September thru April except December.
- Shall encourage program input from the general membership, as well as, the Department Chairs.
- Shall include district, state and national garden club subject matter into the programs to enhance their annual focus, fundraisers, programs, scholarships, etc.

Promotions Committee

- Shall promote the sales of all club sales materials, including the Belles & Blooms book, Cookbook, note cards & stationery, prints, etc.
- Shall provide an itemized list of all sales materials including inventory, cost, and units sold yearly to the President and Treasurer.
- All reprinting of club sales materials will be the responsibility of this committee with the approval of the Treasurer. Major expenditures must have Executive Committee approval prior to authorizing work.
- Shall provide adequate storage for all inventoried materials.

Registration Committee

- Shall provide membership sign in sheets and nametags for all general meetings. Shall welcome and encourage members to sign in at general meetings.
- Shall welcome and sign in all guests. Provide nametags and copy the Recording Secretary the name of the guest and sponsoring member attending each general meeting.
- Shall read this information to the general membership during the Program and welcome each.
- Shall provide a copy of all membership sign-in sheets and recap at the end of the year to the incoming President, Treasurer and Membership Chair.

Scholarship Committee

- Shall liaison with both Cape Fear Community College and UNCW
- Shall maintain contact with recipients if recipient desires.

Special Events Committee

- Shall receive and determine all special requests internally and from the community for flower arrangements for special functions.
- Shall promote the club at special events.

Transportation Committee

- Shall provide transportation to any club function when needed.
- Shall organize and distribute refreshments from club activities to members no longer able to attend club functions.
- Shall assist Yearbook Committee with the delivery of Yearbooks to shut-in members.

Yearbook Committee

- The Yearbook Committee shall assist the Chair in the publication of the annual The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Yearbook.

Youth Garden Clubs Committee

- Shall support the activities of all Youth Garden Clubs in their scheduled activities.
- Shall work with children to educate, enlighten, and encourage a better understanding of the earth sciences and how it relates to them.
- Shall encourage the establishment of new registered state youth garden clubs.
- Shall provide documentation of all activities and submit annually for related awards.

Special Committees

- Special committees may be formed by the President annually. The Executive Committee and incoming Presidents may adopt the established Special Committees or dissolve any such committee as she/he sees fit.



“Kiss of the sun for pardon, Song of the birds for mirth. You’re closer to God’s heart in a garden than any place else on earth.”

-Dorothy Frances Gurney

Information and Educational Opportunities

Accredited Schools

The National Garden Club, Inc. and the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. offer various schools to advance and certify members in many areas. Please note the schools listed below. Registration and locations of the classes for each school can be found on the National Garden Club website, www.gardenclub.org and The Garden Club of North Carolina website, www.gardenclubofnc.org

Flower Show Schools Design Study Units
Basic Horticulture Landscape Design
Gardening Symposium Environmental Studies

Items for Sale

Available from the **Promotions Committee** at Garden Club meetings:
Club Pins, CFGC Cookbook, NCGC Engagement Calendars
Stationery, Napkins, Prints, and Club Logo Apparel



Items are also available for sale at:
Garden Club of NC at www.gardenclubofnc.org
National Garden Club at www.gardenclub.org

“Plant an Azalea Greeting Cards”



The Civic Improvements Committee promotes the first week of April each year as “Plant an Azalea Week” to celebrate Wilmington’s history as “The City of a Million Azaleas”. Greeting cards are sold to fund the planting of azaleas in Hugh MacRae Park. Each card provides an azalea that will be planted during “Plant an Azalea Week”. The colorful artwork on the card features “Parsley’s Live Oaks” graciously donated by artist Jenny McKinnon Wright. The cards are \$15 each and can be purchased from the Committee or Airlie Gardens Gift Shop.

Our Website

CapeFearGardenClub.org

Our website has a wealth of information from a listing of upcoming events on the home page to 'Favorite Links' where you can learn about gardening in North Carolina or plan a visit to various botanical gardens and arboretums. You will find links to our club-related Facebook pages and YouTube. We have a web page dedicated to the Eastern Swallowtail Butterfly complete with a video and lesson plans prepared by our members. Here are some key areas to visit:

About Us - This is where you find a consolidated view about the Cape Fear Garden Club.

- History & Purpose - provides an overview of the club and its rich history.
- Officers - View the present year's officers, appointed officers and past leaders.
- Profiles in the Garden - Features members interviewed by our Oral History Committee.
- Awards - See how hard the club is working and our many awards.
- Endowment History - Read about our endowment that provides for perpetual funding towards the beautification of the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County.

Committees - Look at all the various committees and what they do, join or visit them for one of their events and get to know firsthand what they are all about.

Gallery - What would we be without all the fabulous pictures documenting our events?

Secure Members section - This site can only be accessed by active members using their username and password.

What do you find behind this curtain?

- Cape Fear Clippings
- Current year Calendar & Programs
- The Current Yearbook & current directory
- Bylaws, Policies & Procedures
- Ribbon Cutting Cookie Recipes
- Documents & Forms

How do you get to the Members area?

1. Once you become a member you will be assigned a password – your username will be the email address you provided.
2. You cannot change your username. Please submit username change requests to the webmaster.
3. If you lose your password, go to the password reset section.
4. Fill out the content and a new password will be emailed to you by WordPress. If you do not see it in a matter of minutes, please check your spam/junk mailbox. Open the email that contains the password and copy the password.
5. Return to the website <http://www.capefeargardenclub.org/members-area/> and enter your username.



The image shows a login form titled "Existing Users Log In". It has two input fields: "Username" and "Password". The "Username" field is highlighted in yellow. Below the "Password" field, there is a "Remember Me" checkbox and a "LOG IN" button.



The image shows a form titled "Reset Forgotten Password". It has two input fields: "Username" and "Email". Red arrows point from the "Username" field to the text "email address here" and from the "Email" field to the text "email address here".

6. Copy and paste or type in the new temporary password – it is case sensitive so make sure you enter it exactly – Do NOT check the box to remember the temporary password.
7. Once you are into the member section, make sure you update the password to something you will remember. This now becomes your new login information, and this you can choose to set to remember.
8. If all else fails or if you have any questions, please contact Rahel Haley at rahel@rhoriginals.com

Horticulture Exhibition Rules

Horticulture is the art or science of growing flowers, fruits, vegetables, and plants. In order to share and expand our knowledge into all areas of horticulture and to gain experience in exhibiting specimens for flower shows, all members are invited to bring horticulture specimens for display at any of the regular meetings. Specimens will be judged and awarded ribbons for educational purposes, when judges are available. The following rules are a guide in the selection and preparation of horticulture specimens for judging.

1. All entries in the horticulture division must have been grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of three months.
2. All entries must be correctly labeled on an accompanying card with the botanical and common names, if possible. The exhibitor's name should be written on the back of the entry card.
3. Horticulture specimens must be displayed in suitable containers: a bottle or vase for cut specimens and the container in which grown for potted.
4. Cut flowers (any bloom) must have six-inch stems. If flowers are small, such as pansies or violets, bring five violets or five pansies, all alike or each different; otherwise, cut flowers should be displayed as a single specimen to a container.
5. A specimen bloom should have at least two leaves attached to the stem.
6. In the arboreal category for trees and shrubs, branches should be a minimum length of ten inches and a maximum of thirty-six inches; vines, such as clematis, bougainvillea, etc., should be a minimum of eight inches and a maximum of thirty-six inches.
7. All specimens should be well groomed.
8. A horticulture specimen that produces flowers must be exhibited in bloom.
9. Entries should be in place for judging fifteen minutes prior to the meeting.
10. Index cards and exhibiting vases will be supplied at meetings by the Horticulture Committee for those who need them.



Karen Root, Horticulture Chair and Sandy Cyphers, Garden Tour Chair, review the plants delivered for the Garden Owners by Encore Azalea®

Below: Members Horticulture specimens arranged for judging before the General Meeting



What Do Your CFGC Dues Include?



Payment of annual dues to The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. includes membership in the garden club organizations listed below. All members are encouraged to attend district, state and even national garden club meetings.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110
Website: www.gardenclub.org
Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org
President: Gay L. Austin
National Theme: *Plant America*



South Atlantic Region

Website: www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org
Email: dancrlyn@aol.com
Director: Carolyn S. McCafferty
Regional Theme: *Jump at Every Opportunity*



The Garden Club of North Carolina

P.O. Box 33520, Raleigh, North Carolina 27636-3520
Website: www.gardenclubofnc.org
Email: theGCofNC1@aol.com
President: Brenda Crocker
State Theme: *Engage Others as You Would Engage Your Plants*



District 11

Director: Tula Satterfield
Email: jbsatty46@gmail.com
Vice Director: Frances Eder
District Theme: *Take the Bloomin' Lead*

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 4751, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403
Website: www.capefeargardenclub.org
Email: info@capefeargardenclub.org
President: Sherry O'Daniell
Club Theme: *Beyond the Garden Gates*



Gardening for Wildlife Committee's Continuing Project Certified Wildlife Habitats

Affiliated member of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation since 1999

A Wildlife Habitat requires a food source, water, shelter, hiding places and a place to raise the young. Register your garden with The National Wildlife Foundation at www.nwf.org and please inform the chair of this committee for the CFGC files.

Cape Fear Garden Club Members

Addie Arato	Carolyn Jefferies	Karen Root
Carolyn Augustine	Patty Kaufman	Mary Russ
Martha Blacher	Lannie Kirby	Mary Schumacher
Mary Ellen Black	Sandra Kittinger	Irene Shea
Bettye Broadwater	Marion Kreh	Jenene Smith
Sherria Crawley	Dianne Lynch	Linda Snider
Debbie Caulder	Pat McConahey	Signa Stalvey
Angela Chatham Cline	Denise Miller	Paula Stetler
Joan Cunningham	Susan Nettleman	Melinda Stewart
Charlotte Davis	(2 gardens)	Lydia Stokes
Marie Douglas	Mary Nix	Fran Summerlin
Julie Fisher	Sarah O'Brien	Melissa Talley
Nancy Fitzgerald	Sherry O'Daniell	Donna Thompson
Karen Greene	Jan Oden	Becky Varner
Ann Grose	Marcella Orski	Gayle Ward
Shirley Hardee	Frances Parnell	Janet Warren
Jane Harshbarger	Rebecca Philpott	Patsy West
Cynthia Henry	Beth Pottle	Mary Whitehurst
C. C. Hensley	Cathy Poulos	Kathy Williams
	Lola Rivenbark	

Public Spaces

Bellamy Mansion
Bradley Creek Elementary School
Cape Fear Museum
Hanover Center
New Hanover County Arboretum
New Hanover County Parks:
 Airlie Gardens
 Halyburton Park
 Smith Creek Park
Oakdale Cemetery
The Plaza Garden in Arequipa, Peru
ReEco
Wee Care Pre-School at Pine Valley,
United Methodist Church



“Beyond the Garden Gates...”

is a mindset; being cognizant of what we plant in our garden and how it impacts Beyond our Garden Gates.



<i>Landscaping for Wildlife</i>		<i>Native Plants for Birds</i>	
Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Herbs and wildflowers</i>		Vaccinium spp.	Blueberry
Mitchella repens	Partridgeberry	Callicarpa americana	Beauty Berry
Helianthus angustifolius	Swamp Sunflower	Eutrochium fistulosum	Joe Pye Weed
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed	Penstemon laevigatus	Eastern Beardtongue
Baptisia tinctoria	Wild Indigo	Ilex Vomitoria	Yaupon Holly
<i>Small tree/shrub (10-30 feet)</i>		Vaccinium spp.	Buttonbush
Amelanchier arborea	Serviceberry	Passiflora incarnata	Passionflower
Aesculus pavia	Red Buckeye	Rudbeckia hirta	Black-Eyed Susan
Chionanthus virginicus	Fringe Tree	<i>Native Plants for Butterflies</i>	
Rhus copallinum	Winged Sumac	Asclepias Incarnata	Swamp Milkweed
<i>Small shrub</i>		Liriodendron tulipifera	Yellow Poplar
Ceanothus americanus	New Jersey Tea	Ilex glabra	Inkberry
Sorbus arbutifolia	Chokeberry	Lindera benzoin	Spicebush
Clethra alnifolia	Sweet Pepperbush	Monarda didyma	Beebalm
<i>Vines</i>		Solidago spp.	Goldenrod
Gelsemium sempervirens	Carolina Jessamine	Viola spp.	Violets
<i>Ferns</i>		Erianthus spp.	Plume Grass
Polystichum acrostichoides	Christmas Fern	Rhododendron calendulaceum	Flame Azalea

Awards
2019-2020

District 11

Elma Porter Bowden Yearbook Award
1st Place



Art & The Bloom
January 9 - 12, 2020

Peggy Vineyard and Helen Pasin
1st Place

Garden Club of North Carolina Awards
Received August 2020

Best All Around Club – Farm to Table Youth Garden Club
Brigade Boys and Girls Club Youth Garden, 1st Place

Alta Kornegay For Garden Therapy 3rd Place

Arbor Day Award 2nd Place

Betty Gorrie Media Presentation 2nd Place

Cape Fear Garden Club 60th Anniversary 3rd Place

Dorothy Secrest Pope Awards 2nd Place

Peggy Polak For Youth Education 3rd Place

Yearbooks Elma K. Porter Bowden 2nd Place