



# Cape Fear Garden Club CLIPPINGS

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## President's Message

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Wednesday, March 24,  
2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

### Program: "Small Container Gardening"

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

### Meeting ZOOM LINK

To join Zoom Meeting  
click on below link to  
register in advance for  
this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tJEqduurj4iGdSxcZnWpckd5MtFZBCrTIWK>

After registering, you will  
receive a confirmation  
email containing  
information about  
joining the meeting.

### CFGC Calendar Link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kr0vx13ofP3MlryOc1USkCKFgkOoKBUYG3JYqDXOQ/edit?usp=sharing>

In Celebration of  
Women's History Month



Dear Cape Fear Garden Club Members,

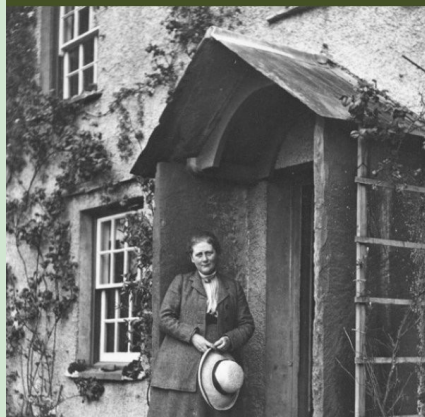
*"Top o' the mornin' to ya!"*

I do believe that the luck of the Irish is with us as 10% of the U.S. population has been vaccinated against Covid – 19. I'm looking forward to when we can meet in person.

Not only is St. Patrick's Day celebrated in March, it is also "Women's History Month." For more information on women horticulturists, naturalists and botanists, please click on the link in clippings under "Crazy Plant Ladies" (not that we have any crazy plant ladies in this club).

**CRAZY PLANT LADIES**

Women Naturalists,  
Botanists, & Horticulturists  
Who Made History



If you know of any “Crazy Plant Ladies” you are invited to comment at the end of the article in this link.

<https://gardentherapya/crazy-plant-ladies/>



Legend has it that St. Patrick used a three-leaf clover, otherwise known as a shamrock, to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to pagans. Shamrocks are also the national flower/emblem of Ireland.

At our February General Membership Meeting, a member brought up questions concerning our Beautification Endowment. Karen Smith, chair of the Beautification Committee, will be presenting a report and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter earnings at our March General Meeting. In addition, historical documents from when the endowment was first discussed and established are available in clippings under “Beautification Endowment Historical Documents”. Please read through those documents, and if you have any questions submit them to Karen Smith, who will address them at the meeting; of course, discussions/questions can be submitted during the meeting as well.

This club has been quite busy despite being in the midst of a global pandemic. We’ve treaded unknown waters in this proverbial swamp and managed not to drown. We are finding new ways to communicate, being more conscious of our community. I’m excited to see the CFGC going into a direction that most garden clubs are going into at this time, and that is incorporating more community partnerships and exploring more food-growing and eco-friendly gardening.

Celebrate this month in ways that bring you happiness and joy. I’ll focus on memories of my Grandfather cooking “Corned Beef & Cabbage” and singing Irish songs on St. Paddy’s day.

*"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door."* Irish Blessing

### **Sherry O'Daniell**

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## **Spring is in the Air**

Please contribute to the “Spring Photo Slide Show” by sending Sydney Penny & Elaine Henson your spring garden photos.

[sydneypenny@mac.com](mailto:sydneypenny@mac.com)

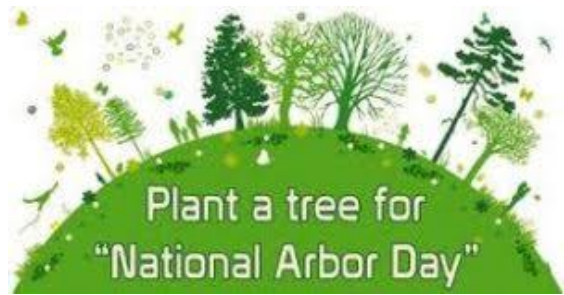
[Skipelainehenson@aol.com](mailto:Skipelainehenson@aol.com)



## Arbor Day is March 19, 2021

Arbor Day Week is almost here! These events will be taking place during the week of 03/15/21 and 03/19/21:

- Penton Development will be handing out 3000 bare-root 2-3 ft. tree seedlings at Legion Stadium, 2149 Carolina Beach Rd, on March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is not required, seedlings will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each person may select up to five seedlings.
- Airlie Tree Walk Tuesday, March 16 from 1-2:30 (full)
- 910Rocks will be hosting an event on their Facebook page
- Cape Fear Museum on March 19 at 10 a.m. on their Facebook page a presentation of Trees and Me
- The NHC Libraries will be offering "take and make" craft kits which can be picked up at any branch during the week
- Tree planting on March 19 at Willison MS with Mayor Saffo as a special guest.



- The NHC Library will also be offering tree-themed classic storytime challenge virtually on the NHC Library Facebook page
- The NHC Library will also offer an Arbor Day STEAM family fun video on March 19th at 10 a.m. on its Facebook page.

These activities are a collaboration of a number of groups, including the Wilmington Tree Initiative, The Alliance for Trees, New Hanover County, and the City of Wilmington, and of course the groups having events noted above.

If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Hunter  
[chunter@cape-fear.net](mailto:chunter@cape-fear.net)  
910-512-4496

## 2022 Azalea Garden Tour



Behind the scenes, work is continuing towards the success of the 2022 Azalea Garden Tour.

The Ambassador Committee is working diligently to bring to the membership a modernized dress which we as garden club members would be proud to showcase for the 2022 Azalea Garden Tour.

Gardens that had dropped from the 2020 tour have been replaced with other beautiful gardens that the tour will be excited to showcase in the community.

There will be new things showcased in some of the gardens during the tour which will be well accepted by our members and supporters of the garden tour.

Support from you the garden club's members is essential to the success of the tour. We ask you to work with us in volunteering and promoting the tour. We must remember the great memories we have had and look forward to even the greater achievements of the future for the good of the tour. A new day, a new year a new Azalea Garden Tour.

“Where flowers bloom so does hope.”

**Sandy Cyphers 2022**

Azalea Garden Tour Chairman

## CFGC History

### Fragrance Garden at Greenfield Lake

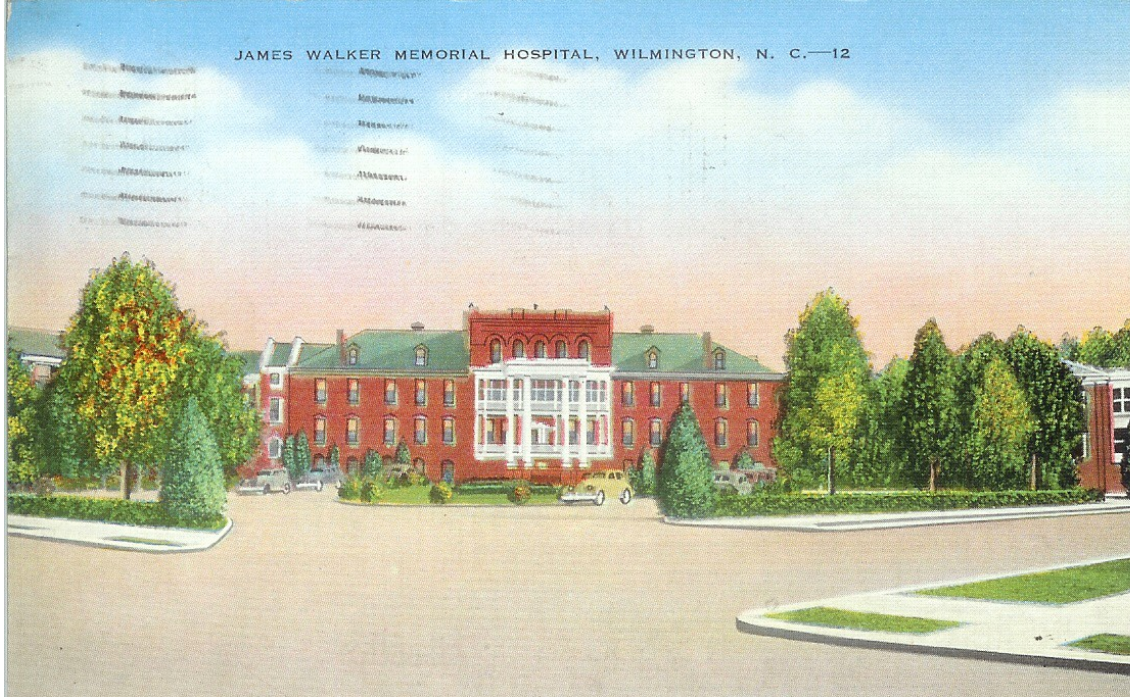
In the fall of 1963, the Cape Fear Garden Club began a service project to construct a highly fragrant garden with pleasant smelling flowers. The intent was to create an interactive garden for individuals with visual impairments. Working together with the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department and the Lions Club, the three organizations each contributed \$500 towards the building of the interactive garden, leading to the groundbreaking ceremony seen here on 8 May 1964. Within a year, a gazebo had been constructed on the site. The Cape Fear Garden Club is one of the oldest garden clubs in North Carolina and will celebrate its centennial in 2025. A number of the club's scrapbooks can be accessed through the library's digital collections.



**Centennial Snippet** - This comes from the booklet *CFGC Historic Highlights 1925-1985* during the WWII years of 1944-45. The Club planted oak trees at James Walker Memorial Hospital (1902-1967) at 10<sup>th</sup> and Rankin Street and tried to keep trees from being cut down in the city. Members saw the need to add a Telephone Committee and the Treasurer was having trouble getting members to pay their dues on time.

*Ironic isn't it? We continue to plant trees and prevent trees from being cut. We still find collecting dues to be a problem. But, with the advent of emails, we no longer have a Telephone Committee.*

**1944-45** — A beautification project was started with a planting of oak trees at James Walker Memorial Hospital. The Club sponsored a movement to prevent the “ruthless cutting of trees along streets.” Members also voted to sponsor a suitable memorial to the service men and women in the county. As the Club grew, need for a telephone committee emerged, and the Treasurer began noting the perennial problem of collecting dues on time.



James Walker Memorial Hospital postcard postmarked 1942  
Thoughtfully provided by Elaine Henson

## Beautification Endowment

Historical Documents in reference to the Beautification Endowment through the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Send questions/comments to Karen Smith [karen.smith1309@gmail.com](mailto:karen.smith1309@gmail.com), chair of the Beautification Endowment Committee and she will answer them at the March Membership Meeting.

The agreement was signed in 2012

<https://app.luminpdf.com/viewer/6045949800749b001290e174>

Booklet

<https://app.luminpdf.com/viewer/604597ce882a9f00129def75>

Past CFGC member recommendations on investing in the endowment

<https://app.luminpdf.com/viewer/60459e9a712b21001227468c>

FAQ about the Endowment

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q8bDxbbbsl8-q-oUoPnzGw3TNSkdxLyM/view?usp=sharing>

Beautification Endowment

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1inbegCIRUtpxXEzeYw\\_5ttGiNQ4v2jaP/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1inbegCIRUtpxXEzeYw_5ttGiNQ4v2jaP/view?usp=sharing)

## February Correspondence

### Thinking of you notes were sent to:

Emeritus member Sarah O'Brien regarding her illness  
Active member Morgan Chapman regarding the surgery of her father  
Associate member Debbie Sheehan regarding her grandchild who had been ill  
Active member Jackie Loney regarding her surgery

### Sympathy Notes were sent to :

Emeritus member Carolyn Augustine regarding the loss of her husband, Joe  
Active member Cathy Halligan regarding the loss of her mother, Catherine Freeman  
Emeritus member Sherria Crowley regarding the loss of her brother

*Respectfully Yours,*

**Mary Kathryn Turner**

*Corresponding Secretary*



## Edible Garden Committee



This new committee has begun its first project. Working with David Brenner at the Willowdale Urban Farm which provides fresh veggies, herbs, and fruit to the food insecure in our community.

The farm runs solely on volunteers and is one of 11 community gardens throughout the city.

Our goal is to provide an inviting “foodscape” entry with various food plants, shrubs, and native pollinator plants.

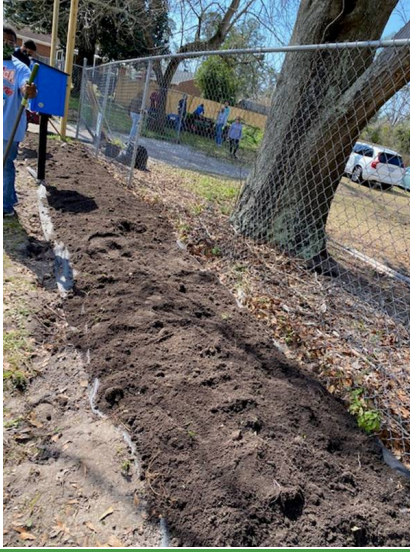
Neighbors will be able to enjoy the view and pick the seasons’ vegetables and herbs both inside and outside the gate. Set into the foodscape will be 2 benches and a little lending library.

Join us! We meet the second Wednesday of each month as a group, but David assures us, that any volunteers are welcome 6 days a week from 9-noon.

Co-chairs:

**Karen Kistler** and Cathy Giannini





## Keeping in Touch

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<https://www.gardenclub.org/keeping-touch>

<https://www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/ngc-kit-march-april-2021.pdf>



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The deadline for submissions for April Clippings is April 7th  
Send all submissions to [clippingscfcg@gmail.com](mailto:clippingscfcg@gmail.com)

