



# Cape Fear Garden Club

## CLIPPINGS news & updates

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### President's Message

Garden Club Member,

September has always meant to me the start of autumn and cooler temperatures, pumpkin spices, trees sprayed with color of orange, red, and yellow.

We can still experience these things and many of the things we love when we all gather together for our "General Meeting" on Wednesday, September 23rd.

We won't be devouring the tasty treats that the Hospitality Committee always provides or admiring the beautiful centerpiece that the Flower Arranging Committee designs, but we will do our best to keep the Cape Fear Garden Club a pillar of our community.

Our meetings will be conducted through ZOOM until we can safely meet in person. There will be mishaps, adjustments, and unintentionally humorous moments. We will need to have patience and understanding. As gardeners, we have nurturing and creative souls; therefore, I know we can make the best of our unfortunate situation.

Our General Meetings for the 2020 calendar year: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>, & November 18<sup>th</sup> will be conducted through ZOOM unless otherwise stated. Meetings will be called to order at 10:00 A.M., and though the ZOOM link will have a two hour schedule, we most likely will be able to finish our business in one & half hours. Meetings will be recorded and minutes will be available for those that are unable to attend or need to leave early.

All the best & let us go forth in unity,  
**Sherry O'Daniell**  
President, Cape Fear Garden Club 2020-2021

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*"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn."— Ralph Waldo Emerson*



In regards to the Covid-19 health issues, Governor Cooper has issued "Safer at Home Phase 2.5" which limits mass gathering to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. This order from Governor Cooper has decreed that the Cape Fear Garden Club's monthly general meetings will need to be conducted through ZOOM until otherwise stated.

A ZOOM link will be emailed to you prior to the Cape Fear Garden Club's General Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and I anticipate that we can conduct business within a two hour time span. Committee reports, reports on motions/votes and any additional communications will be shared prior to meeting.

## Arbor Day Committee to be much busier this year!



CFGF Arbor Day Committee Chair

The Arbor Day Committee will be expanding its horizons this year!

We will be working closely with the City of Wilmington, Alliance for Trees, among other organizations, in several organizational meetings.

President Sherry O'Daniell and Past President Rebecca Philpott also braved the summer heat wave last week and distributed doorknockers on homes in the downtown area that had indicated they would be interested in having tree(s) planted in their area (and I had the pleasure of driving them around and providing much needed air conditioning!). Please be looking for much more information to come about the Wilmington Tree Initiative!

**Cheryl Hunter**

## 2020 Cape Fear Garden Club Dues Notice

Annual dues are payable in September.

Active Member dues are \$50  
Associate Member dues are \$60

Since the September General Meeting will be held virtually due to COVID-19 we are having a drive-by event where members can pick-up their Yearbook and drop-off their dues (Cash or check but checks are preferred!) The drive-by event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 from 5:30 to 7PM in the parking lot of the NE Library.



We will have 2 or 3 drive-through events so that dues can be dropped off at the same time as the Yearbooks are distributed. If you would like to mail your check please send to:

Penelope Allison  
1323 Futch Creek Road  
Wilmington, NC 28411

**Please make checks payable to Cape Fear Garden Club.**

OPTIONAL - Add \$3.00 if you would like to receive your Yearbook via USPS. The dues notice will also include a PayPal link. Please note that on-line payments will include a \$2.00 convenience fee. Checks are the preferred method of payment. [You may pay your dues online on our website:](https://www.capefeargardenclub.org/pay-my-dues/)  
<https://www.capefeargardenclub.org/pay-my-dues/>

## Membership

We are the new Membership Committee Co-chairs, **Joan Lynch** and **Beth DurJava**, we are looking forward to an interesting year!

## MEMBERSHIP

Please remember that all changes in membership - changing to Associate, resigning, changing to Emeritus, applications to join the club - should all go through the Membership Committee.

Please email changes to Joan Lynch at [joanlynch1@twc.com](mailto:joanlynch1@twc.com) or Beth DurJava at [edurjava@gmail.com](mailto:edurjava@gmail.com)  
Thank you.

### Help Wanted for 2021/2022



If you are interested or know someone that would be great for one of the following positions, please let us know.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President \*
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary

Please share your recommendations with committee members:

- Becky Varner - [BeckyVar@aol.com](mailto:BeckyVar@aol.com)
- Eugenia Griswold - [euggriz@gmail.com](mailto:euggriz@gmail.com)
- Marlene Eader - [marlene.eader@gmail.com](mailto:marlene.eader@gmail.com)
- Roberta Berg-Smith - [lablov13@msn.com](mailto:lablov13@msn.com)
- Rebecca Philpott – [raphilpott25@gmail.com](mailto:raphilpott25@gmail.com)

\* ARTICLE IV – Section 4

*To be eligible for nomination for the office of President, First VP, or 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, the nominee must have served on the Executive Committee for one full term and must have been a Club member for three years.*

Thank you for sharing your recommendations with the committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Rebecca Philpott*

Nominating Committee  
September 8, 2020

### 2021 Azalea Garden Tour

The 2020/2021 Garden Tour Committee has had its share of challenges the last several months.

First the unfortunate cancellation of the 2020 tour which was devastating for so many reasons, then the change of the club's 50th year history of the beautiful belles in gorgeous antebellum dresses. Lots of time, talent and love were sewn by three very talented and dedicated ladies for these dresses, to now working on the change in the style for the future young women's participating, to having three of the 2020 garden



owners cancel for 2021. However, I am happy to report two of the gardens have been replaced with 20 Forest Hills Drive and 708 Forest Hills Drive.

The **Jump & Run** for these two gardens (maybe a third garden if finalized) will be on Tuesday, September 28th meeting at 10:30AM at Steinmart with a Kick-Off Meeting and Box Lunch at Long Leaf Park (previously Hugh McRae Park) at Shelter #4. Members are asked to bring their lawn chairs for social distancing at the park.

David Johnson owner of the Nursery at Johnson Farms in Willard, NC along with Will Massengill, owner of Five Oaks Nursery in Wilmington have agreed to donate for 2021 to Grant Recipients and Garden Owner another \$250.00 gift certificate from their nurseries.

**SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!!!!** The Azalea Garden Tour Committee needs club members' assistance again in sharing perspective sponsors to which a "Friend of the Garden Tour" sponsorship letter could be mailed for the Garden Tour Ticket Book. If you have a business, neighbor, friend, relative, doctor or person you would share a request letter to be mailed, please email me the information as soon as possible. The **success** of the "**Friends of the Garden Tour**" is solely dependent on you the member sharing information. Copies of the form will be emailed to each of you so please assist the committee in this area. In 2020 the committee was fortunate to have raised over \$6000! The funds from sponsorships collected from you our members and others in the community were those the tour was able to donate in 2020 for our scholarships, the arboretum, etc. "**THANK YOU**" for your donations and assistance in this special area.

I look forward to work with you the club members and committee with optimism to a **GREAT** 2021 Azalea Garden Tour.

Sandy Cyphers  
2021 Azalea Garden Tour Chairman

*"Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress." Nicholas M. Butler*

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## Airlie Showcase Garden

Airlie Showcase Garden Committee reports the CFGC garden spot at Airlie is in good shape thanks to the whole committee turning out to do a socially distant weeding and trimming on Tuesday, September 8. Thanks to everybody for pitching in. We would like to invite any CFGC members who are not able to participate on a committee right now due to COVID-19 restrictions to join us as we battle the weeds at Airlie. It is an easy way to help out the club and get your hands in the dirt. Contact Mary Beth Farrow or Beth Pottle if you would like to join us. Even if you only come once we can always use the help.

Beth Pottle, Chair

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## Garden Therapy

Due to the present circumstances the Garden Therapy Department will not meet at Elderhaus until further notice. We are hoping to resume our projects later this fall.

Martha Blacher Chair Garden Therapy



## Conservation Committee

### Tour of Rise Up Community Farm

The Conservation Committee and CFGC President, Sherry O'Daniell visited the Rise Up Community Farm at 4702 S. College Road on September 2. We were met by Mari Carl and 4 volunteers who were very busy weeding the rows of fall vegetables. We were given a brief history of the farm:

*Rise Up Community Farm was started by Mari Carl Fisher in 2019. After finishing her degree at UNCW, she interned at a Florida nonprofit The Fruitful Field and became the farm manager. Soon she made her way back to Wilmington where her goal was to create a nonprofit community farm that offered chemical-free produce at a "pay-what-you-can" rate. She also wanted to provide equal access to everyone in the Wilmington community so they could have fresh produce and opportunities to create meaningful futures. Her husband Daniel, has also been instrumental in making the farm a success!*

Next, we toured the farm and were introduced to many varieties of vegetables. Members asked many questions and were given useful tips for their gardens. Soil amendments were discussed and why they were used to enhance the soil which in turn increased productivity. We were introduced to a homemade weeding tool that Mari's husband made for the volunteers to use. We hope he will sell them in the future!

It was a wonderful day and we hope others will visit or go to her website: [riseupcommunityfarm.org](http://riseupcommunityfarm.org)

Virginia Teachey, Chairman



Social Distancing



Wearing our Masks

## Tour of Willowdale Urban Farm

In early June, the members of the Conservation Committee were invited to tour the site of Wilmington Green Community Gardens and Community Enrichment Initiative's 2 acre urban farm that is developing on 30th street.

David Brenner is the organizing force behind this and 10 community gardens in Wilmington. In 2016 while volunteering with the Master Gardener program at the Arboretum, he became excited by the idea of sustainable gardens for disadvantaged communities.



His first garden was made with Burmese immigrants who lived in apartments in the Devon Park neighborhood. They had farming skills but no place to farm. Devon Park Methodist Church offered its large backyard. With much community help and funding, eighteen raised beds were constructed. Soil, seeds and tools were donated. Soon, the immigrants were growing vegetables familiar to their culture. With much community support, especially from Realtors, there are now 10 gardens and the beginning of an urban farm.

Cape Fear Garden Club has contributed to two of them. The farm came into being when the First Pentecostal Holiness Church on Chestnut had a 2 acre plot on 30th that Pastor Paul Evans wanted to use to bring the youth and church elders together to grow food for the Willowdale Community. Brenner starts planting beds with a mix of half topsoil and half compost. Each plant gets a boost with Espoma Biotone and a tablespoon of nitrogen. There are currently two 60'x80' beds growing everything from kale to onions. He tries to grow plants from seeds since that is less expensive. Variety choice is made by the nutrient content and his experience of what grows well in Wilmington. There are also some plants that have been donated. Water is provided by drip irrigation from a water source at the church. The skeleton of a hoop house is in place waiting for its concrete footings. There is a composting area.

We viewed about 12 fig trees ready for planting in the back of the plot. The produce is harvested by volunteers regularly, then washed and packed for distribution to neighborhood residents and the Good Shepard Center. Cool storage is available in the church building. The future plans include an outdoor kitchen and pizza oven, picnic area and fire-it. Because this farm is associated with the church, there will be a meditation garden. Brenner hopes to have this be a community gathering place with lots of participation from residents of the neighborhood. He is always grateful for volunteer garden help and will accept used garden tools as a donation.

Virginia Teachey, Chairman



## June, July, and August 2020 Report

Active Member     Shitel Patel and Shitel's children  
Sympathy Cards sent regarding the death of their husband/father on August 12, 2020

Emeritus Member     Sarah O'Brien  
Sympathy card regarding the death of her son on August 18, 2020

Active Member     Peggy Vineyard  
Sympathy Card sent regarding the death of her husband on July 23, 2020

Associate Member     Ann Hutteman  
Thinking of you note sent on July 23, 2020

Honorary Member     Percy Glaspie  
Sympathy card sent for the death of their son Brian On May 25, 2020

Active Member     Ann Lyon  
Get Well card sent for hip replacement on June 20, 2020

Active Member     Patsy Weinel Thurston  
Thinking of you note sent on June 20, 2020

Active Member     Pat Plaskett  
Get Well note sent on June 22, 2020

Active Member     Sandy Cyphers  
Get Well note sent on June 22, 2020

Active Member     Marjorie Way  
Sympathy card sent for the death of Marjorie on June 22, 2020

Emeritus Member     Carolyn Augustine  
Thinking of You card sent on June 27, 2020

*Respectfully Yours, Mary Kathryn Turner*

Please send sympathy and get well information to May Katherine Turner, Corresponding Secretary at [sisteraz@bellsouth.net](mailto:sisteraz@bellsouth.net)



**10% Member Discount at Johnson Nursery**

Individually members will receive a 10% discount on every purchase from Johnson's nursery after they register with Johnson's

Nursery to be included on their email list in which the member will receive multiple emails from Johnson Nursery each week during the busy season.

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



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Deadline for submissions for Septemer Newsletter is September 4th  
Send all submissions to [clippingscfcg@gmail.com](mailto:clippingscfcg@gmail.com)

