



# Cape Fear Garden Club

## CLIPPINGS news & updates

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### President's Message

**GENERAL MEETING:**  
**February 23rd @**  
**9:30am Social**  
**10:00am General**  
**Meeting**  
**LifePoint Church**  
**3534 S College Rd**

Devotional: Roberta Berg-Smith

Program: *"New Hanover County Community Foundation"*

Presenter: **Spence Broadhurst, Community Foundation Chairman**

A comprehensive conversation regarding the endless opportunities available for local Non-Profit organizations (like us) to truly "make a difference" with the help of the Community Foundation funds.

**Refreshment Table Arrangement:** Hillary McNeir

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

**Day Clerks:** Lolita Bryant, Linda Pyle

Dear CFGC Members,

My goodness, it has been chilly but I'm encouraged, as always, when I see the Star Magnolia trees blooming and the daffodils and the red of the flowering quince bringing small bits of color back into the landscape. And the birds in my yard have been plentiful, busy beginning to make new nests or fueling up for their spring migration.



My favorite time of the year is almost here. Spring is really when I think of new beginnings and continued or new commitments. How about you? This month we are looking forward to our community efforts. Whether it is learning of possible new grants we can apply for as a club or making plans for a successful garden tour to re-energize our own grant-giving efforts; our committees are back to re-applying mulch at Bradley Creek School and planting trees for Arbor Day and urban gardens and individual members making singular commitments to the community. We are planting the seeds of community commitment this month.

At this month's General Meeting, you'll hear of many opportunities when our members have stepped up to make these commitments. Also, this month, I ask our Committee Chairs to start thinking about who might succeed them if they are stepping down from the chair, your incoming President will



# Ladies Lunching

AT JUNCTION 421

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**  
*following CFGC meeting*

**Shrimp Risotto Primavera \$18**  
vegetable stock, peas, onions, spinach,  
tomatoes, squash, zucchini

**Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin \$18**  
cranberry port sauce, vegetable  
\*add house wine \$5



please respond by  
Friday, February 18, 2022  
to [sahardee@ec.rr.com](mailto:sahardee@ec.rr.com)  
with your name  
and entree choice



## Do you have vases taking up space in your cupboards?

If anyone has vases and would like to get rid of them, we can put them to good use. I use them for arrangements for the hospital once a week. Our supply has dwindled and we need more. Contact Irene Shea at 508-397-9965

Our Emeritus member, Louise Gorham, is moving. She would like to share some of her extensive vase collection with the members of CFGC. Some are unusual sizes and shapes with most being clear along with many Cobalt blue vases as well. Look for them in the lobby at our February meeting.



## Battery Island Cruise - May 15th

Join us as we cruise to the Lower Cape Fear River Islands to the nesting areas of Brown Pelicans, White Ibis, Royal Terns, Egrets, and American Oystercatchers on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will cruise on the Henrietta riverboat docked at the river walk in downtown Wilmington and travel to Battery

Island across from Southport. Lindsay Addison, Coastal Biologist for Audubon NC has agreed to narrate the cruise this year. The Henrietta riverboat features an air-conditioned lower level with tables and chairs and a canopy-covered upper deck with chairs. The riverboat is wheelchair accessible. The Henrietta holds 118 passengers and will depart at 1 PM and return to downtown at approximately 6:30 PM. Proof of COVID vaccine is required.



**Email Marlene Eader if you have any questions**

Tickets sell out quickly so buy yours as soon as possible! Tickets are \$60 each (check or cash) and a box lunch is included.

The Battery Island Committee will have tickets available at the **February meeting** and at the Wild Bird & Garden Store located in Hanover Center **beginning March 15.**

Additional details are provided with your ticket.



## Arbor Day Celebration is Coming



Please help the CFGC and the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees celebrate North Carolina Arbor Day on Friday, March 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. We will be planting three trees at Trask Middle School with the help of New Hanover Co. Commissioner Rob Zapple and NHC Board of Education Vice- Chair Mrs. Stephanie Walker. Thank David Johnson of Johnson Nursery in Willard has graciously agreed to donate at least two of the trees! The kids at Trask are very excited and CFGC Associate

Member Matt Collogan will be spending the morning showing them how to plant trees (three trees will be donated by the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees). The tree plantings will culminate a week of activities by the Alliance celebrating N.C. Arbor Day, including a tree giveaway, FriendRaiser at Wrightsville Beach Brewery, and educational activities. More details to follow, please save the date!!

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**Longleaf Pine Decline**  
**Saving Mature Trees, in particular, the Longleaf Pine**  
Two big values, Stormwater management as well as wildlife habitat.

Last summer, I started to be aware of the decline of the Longleaf pine

throughout Wilmington, very noticeable with the tree canopy turning yellowish light green and limbs dying slowly. Other pines turned bright red and died very quickly.

In the early fall, I met with Bill Walker, NC Forest Service. We walked a neighborhood of pines. The decline is a result of many environmental factors. Trees become stressed from hurricanes, droughts, lightning, etc. Then opportunists, the IPS beetle, in particular, move into stressed pine trees. Not much can be done once a tree is infested with IPS. Management of tree removal There are so many pine trees currently in decline. Most observers of tree issues typically wait until warm weather to remove them. However, the best time to remove pine trees is during the winter season when the IPS beetle is dormant.\*\* When the beetle is active, usually beginning in March and lasting through November, the resinous smell of pine trees being cut down attracts the beetle to other nearby pine trees. The IPS beetle is capable of producing up to 10 generations in a season.



\*\* Tree removal companies may also give a discount during the winter season.\*\*

Note: Removal of only dead branches as well as leaving a tree stump can still attract the IPS beetle during their active season. Please help save the remaining healthy longleaf pines in Wilmington and surrounding areas.

**Marcia Doering, Retired,  
Certified Arborist  
International Society of Arboriculture**

## Free Tree Give Away

Free trees will be given away on 2/26 and 3/12 coordinated by the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees.

You are needed! Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution - please use the link below to register if you can help! Don't forget to tell friends and neighbors about this opportunity to get free trees to plant and help restore our tree canopy or get some for your yard or business!

<https://www.allianceforcapefeartrees.com/>

Our Upcoming Tree Distributions and Volunteer Opportunities

**Saturday, February 26 at Legion Stadium**

850 Trees sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and Verizon

**Saturday, March 12 at Legion Stadium**

Over 2000 Trees sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and SageSure Insurance

## Big Bloomin' Orchid Day - March 5, 2022

2022  
**BIG BLOOMIN'  
 ORCHID  
 DAY** presented by  
 the Cape Fear Orchid Society



**Saturday, March 5  
 9am - 1pm**

Lutheran Church of Reconciliation  
 7500 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28411

*Doors open at 8am / Receive a free orchid upon entry  
 Orchids and orchid supplies will be available for purchase  
 Snacks and beverages will be served  
 We will be accepting cash, check, credit card and contactless forms of payment*

Register online at [www.capefearorchid.org](http://www.capefearorchid.org)  
 Pre-register before March 1 - \$30  
 Cost after March 1 or on the day of the event - \$35

**Presentations**

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| <p>9:00 - 9:15 <b>Welcome</b><br/>         9:15 - 10:15 <b>Growing Orchids in the Home</b><br/>         10:15 - 10:45 <b>Growing in the Greenhouse</b></p> | <p>10:45 - 11:15 <b>Break</b> (buy plants and raffle)<br/>         11:15 - Noon <b>Potting and Mounting</b><br/>         Noon - 12:30 <b>Pests and Diseases</b><br/>         12:30 - 1:00 <b>Q&amp;A and Final Raffle</b></p> |
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**CFOS Bloomin' Day Pre-registration Form:**

Register before March 1 - \$30 / Cost after March 1 - \$35

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to: Cape Fear Orchid Society  
 Mail to: Laura Overstreet / 237 Cherokee Trail / Wilmington, NC 28409  
 Contact: 910-395-2101*



**Hobby Greenhouse Tour - March 5, 2022**

**HOBBY GREENHOUSE TOUR**

**SATURDAY – MARCH 5, 2022  
 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

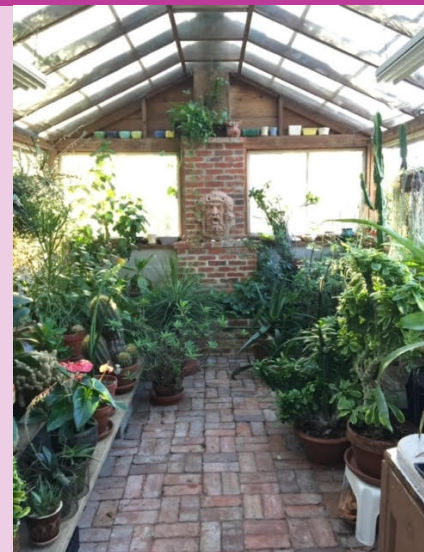
This free tour of local hobby greenhouses is sponsored by the  
**Wilmington Hobby Greenhouse Club**

A LIST OF GREENHOUSES AND DIRECTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE  
 START OF THE TOUR AT THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY ARBORETUM

**6206 Oleander Drive**



See our web site: [www.hobbygreenhouseclub.org](http://www.hobbygreenhouseclub.org) for a list of  
 greenhouses and directions or call (910) 619-0942 for further info.



March 5, Wilmington, NC. **Annual Hobby Greenhouse Tour** - a FREE, self-guided tour of local greenhouses, including member and non-member greenhouses and commercial and institutional greenhouses throughout New Hanover and Brunswick Counties. Visit any or all (your choice). Tour starts at the New Hanover County Arboretum. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Download the tour pamphlet and driving directions at [www.hobbygreenhouseclub.org](http://www.hobbygreenhouseclub.org) or email [info@hobbygreenhouseclub.org](mailto:info@hobbygreenhouseclub.org).

# Gardening for Wildlife Committee



Committee Co-Chairs, Marion Kreh, and Paula Stetler, will have lots of information on how to certify your garden as a wildlife habitat at the February General Meeting. Make it your New Year's resolution. It's quite simple and doesn't require much to help out our local wildlife.

Please look for our table and stop by. For more information check out the National Wildlife Foundation at [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org). If you have already certified your garden, let us know so we can ensure that your name will be added to the Certified Gardens list in the 2021/2022 yearbook.

## January Correspondence

### Condolences were sent to:

Nancy Symmes -(Emeritus member)  
for the death of her husband, John

Suzanne Edwards-(Associate member)  
for the death of her father, Neil Blake

Family of Bonnie Young  
(Active member who passed away December 29)

Family of Helene Pasin (Emeritus member who passed away)

### Get Well cards were sent to:

Annie Anthony  
Sandy Cyphers



*Respectfully Yours,*

**Debby Allen**, *Corresponding Secretary*

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The Garden Club received a very nice thank you note from the family of Lydia Stokes, our Emeritus member who passed away last November, regarding the book the Club donated to the New Hanover County Public library in her honor. I wanted to share it with the club -

*Please share with the other members of the Cape Fear Garden Club how much the book donation to the library meant to our family. Mother loved nothing more than to dig in her yard and share the fruits of her labor with others. She loved sharing cuttings and rootings and she loved when her friends shared with her. She was a lover of birds and loved to watch and look them up. You were all so thoughtful to remember Mom. I hope the book will bring someone a love of their garden and all God's creatures in it as it did to Mom.*

*Love, Lydia Finlayson*

## February Membership

Current Cape Fear Garden Club Membership: Total: 357  
Active: 246 Associate: 61 Emeritus: 45 Honorary: 5

ACTIVE: Susan Gerl resigned

Bonnie Young has passed away

ASSOCIATE: Nancy Fitzgerald has changed to Emeritus

EMERITUS: Helene Pasin has passed away

## Airlie Gardens *Enchanted Airlie*



Enchanted Airlie was beautiful!! Take a look at the picture of our garden with the beautiful lights!! The handsome young man on the bench in our garden is Nancy Batounis' grandson, Griffin Ronner, taking a break from all the excitement!!

Airlie showcase Garden Teams are gearing up to begin weekly weeding visits beginning February 28th and going through August 22nd. We are definitely ready for Spring and warmer weather.

**On Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**, we will have our Whole Committee Meeting at Airlie. Anyone is welcome to come to join us helping to get our garden ready for the Azalea Festival Weekend!! This will also be a time to plan for any spring plantings or shrub replacements.

Thanks to the committee members for their dedication during the winter months! Working outside in the cold can be quite challenging!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristi Turlington and Mary Beth Farrior – Co-chairs

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# National Garden Clubs

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

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The deadline for submissions for March Clippings is due Wednesday, March 9th  
Send all submissions to [clippingscfcg@gmail.com](mailto:clippingscfcg@gmail.com)

