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2022 Azalea Garden Tour



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The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.



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Yearbook 2021 - 2022

MEMBERSHIP

Active: 281 Associate: 72
Emeritus: 43 Honorary: 5
Total Membership: 401

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

CFGF SEAL was adopted March 25, 1997
Designed by Myrta W. Spence, CFGF, and updated 2016

Established North Carolina State Butterfly (SB236):
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail on June 18, 2012

Credits: Cover: Original photograph by Linda Snider
Photography by Donna Thompson, Bernadette Baker, Eric Kozen,
and other members of the Garden Club.

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Plant a Seed

Dear Cape Fear Garden Club Members,

It is an exciting time for me to step up to the plate and accept this fabulous task of being the President of the Cape Fear Garden Club, 2021-2022. Since the 1970s when I moved to Wilmington, I was aware of the CFGC and wanted to be a part of it – never dreaming of this day.

The theme for our coming year will be “Plant A Seed” and I look back to the founding members of our Club who in 1925 planted the seed for the formation of this Club. Starting as a book club and evolving into a garden club, Cape Fear Garden Club has had its major impact on public gardens, i.e., Greenfield Park, the New Hanover County Arboretum, gardens at Airlie Gardens, the new Riverfront Park; think of all the seeds that have been planted. Think, too, of its major impact by planting the seeds of a garden tour which has grown into a massive operation and giving us the funds to award grants to other non-profits for beautification projects throughout the city and county. The Club plants the seeds in young students who benefit from the Youth Gardening Committee and the Edible Gardening Committee, giving our young people the knowledge to grow small but productive gardens thus enriching their lives. And we plant seeds of love and encouragement in our facilities for the disabled by our Garden Therapy Committee. All of our committees plant seeds that grow into wonderful projects benefiting many. Our Arbor Day Committee has been extremely busy this past year by helping to plant trees for the Mayor’s City Tree Initiative. Those trees started from seeds. These seeds all need something special and that something special is YOU -- each member of the Cape Fear Garden Club. You are the soil, the sunshine and the rain needed to grow the seeds into award winning beauties.

I sincerely pray we can plant the seeds of hope for our Club in this coming year. Get ready to get in the gardens of your choice and get those seeds planted. May your garden be the award winner that you are!

Linda Watson Snider
CFGC President
2021-2022



Past President's Report

The 2020-2021 fiscal year started on the cusp of a Global Pandemic that shut down our country and world. We were thrust into a world "Beyond the Garden Gates" not of our choosing and forced to confront and address difficult issues. Every facet of our lives, including how we live, work, eat, play and socialize, was impacted. We were conflicted with the need to connect with others and with the fear of connecting. Our distress and fear were made tangible as we bore witness to more than a half million of our fellow citizens losing their lives.

Many projects and our beloved Garden Tour, our trademark enterprise, were not spared the scourge. Because of safety precautions ordered by our governor, our club and many committees within the club had limitations placed upon them. Despite these, we still held meetings through Zoom, partnered with the city in expanding our tree canopy through the Wilmington Tree Initiative, and collaborated with the Coastal Federation as we protected our vulnerable waterways through the care and management of raingardens. We received the Pelican award from the North Carolina Coastal Federation for this endeavor. With the outdoors being one of the few "safe" places to visit, we kept our showcase garden at Airlie manicured and even planted a record number of azalea bushes. We also produced a series of films demonstrating the benefits of and how to create a wildlife habitat, which the NCWF recognized with their "Affiliate of the Year" award. We contributed \$15,735 of the \$35,000 we will grant, over a two-year period, to the Riverfront Park, which will go to a garden designed and supported by our club, and through careful financial management we were also able to continue with the distribution of standing grants. We ventured further into edible gardening by partnering with Willowdale Farms. Please read through the committee reports in this yearbook to get a more thorough report on our club's accomplishments and additional awards we received in spite of the unavoidable constraints.

That we survived is testament to the wisdom of those constraints, and that is something to cling to, yet we lost so much, not least the fellowship between our members. Let us not forget this past year but rather examine and embrace the teachings and "silver linings" so that we may be a better club and human beings. Our method of communications has evolved thanks to the "techie" members behind the curtain, who helped us to navigate a virtual world that was strange to so many of us. We were forced to alter the way to achieve our goals, and these new skills we developed will aid the progression and success of the club. Changes can be stressful, but they are a constant in our natural world. The destruction that is left from wildfires and the lava/ash of volcanic activity leaves also HOPE, as parts of plants and seeds hidden beneath the ground and lava flow nooks, crannies, and crevices can collect dirt, water, and seeds. The "regrowth" is reliant upon the climate, the amount of water and even human interaction.

Though changing the style of dress of our Azalea Ambassadors wasn't without adversity, as a club we saw an opportunity to find common ground "regrowth" that will be more reflective of our ever-changing community. Members, I congratulate you on your strength and positive demeanor despite our situation, capabilities, and ability as you proved that you have the courage to adapt to change. I pray that we never have to experience another Global Pandemic, but I know you have the strength and courage to endure, if that should come to pass. I thank you for your perseverance and support as we tackled a year like no other.

Keep exploring "Beyond the Garden Gates"

May peace, love and good health be a forever presence in your life.

Sherry O'Daniell
Cape Fear Garden Club President
2020-2021



2021-2022 General Information

General Meetings – (September through May, except December)

Location: LifePoint Church, 3534 S. College 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.

CFGC 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 or may be mailed to the Treasurer; past due and \$20 late fee applied if not paid by October 31st. Membership will be cancelled if not paid by December 15th.

Active Member Dues - \$85.00

Associate Member Dues - \$95.00

Emeritus Members - Dues are waived; optional \$12 dues to GCNC, SAR and National Garden Club are payable to the CFGC 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 will receive one (1) non-refundable ticket. Additional tickets are available for purchase 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 83 for instructions on gaining access to the Members Only section of the website. Contact Rahel Haley, Webmaster, for password and login questions: webmaster@capefeargardenclub.org

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 ClippingsCFGC@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 **2021-2022 Calendar**

AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINES

October 1, 2021	District Yearbook Submission Deadline
December 1, 2021	The Garden Club of North Carolina Award Application Deadline
January 25, 2022	South Atlantic Region Award Application Deadline
March 1, 2022	Youth Gardener Award Deadline

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September 11-12, 2021	The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Fall Board Meeting Browns Summit, NC
October 28, 2021	District 11 Fall Meeting New Bern Golf and Country Club Trent Woods, NC
September 22-24, 2021	National Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting St. Louis, MO
November 19-20, 2021	Flower Show sponsored by New Hanover GC and Harbor Island GC, Blockade Runner Resort, Wrightsville Beach, NC
January 7-9, 2022	Art & The Bloom Blockade Runner Resort, Wrightsville Beach, NC
March 18, 2022	North Carolina Arbor Day
March 20 – 22, 2022	South Atlantic Region Annual Meeting Berea, KY
April 2022 - TBA	The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Annual Meeting Concord, NC
April 22, 2022	Earth Day
May 17-22, 2022	National Garden Club Annual Convention Orlando, FL
May 24, 2022	District 11 Presidents, Committee Chairmen & Members Meeting Whiteville, NC
June 6-12, 2022	National Garden Week

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

2021-2022 Programs and Events

General Meetings

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9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Horticulture Judging

9:30 a.m. Hospitality & Social Period

10:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

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

September 22, 2021 – General Meeting

Devotional: Mary Kathryn Turner

Program: ***“Welcome Back Garden Party”***

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Jan Halderson

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

Day Clerks: Jina Shea Norwood, Pia Ann Robison Judge: Jenene Smith

- *Dues are to be paid at this meeting. Active - \$85, Associate - \$95*

October 27, 2021 – General Meeting

Devotional: Karen Kistler

Program: ***“Beautification Endowment”***

Presenters: Kim Ball and Beth Boney will present information to help each of us better understand the Beautification Endowment

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Penelope Allison

Horticulture Theme: *Roses and Chrysanthemums*

Day Clerks: Sheri Chisolm, Marcia Doering Judge: Jenene Smith

- *New! A \$20 late fee will be incurred if dues are not paid by October 31*

November 11, 2021 – Blue Star Memorial Dedication

Veterans Park, Wilmington, NC

November 17, 2021 – General Meeting

Devotional: Annie Anthony

Program: ***“Let’s Gather!”***

Presenter: Wendi Fayad, Design Manager, Julia’s Florist

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Kristi Williams Turlington

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

Day Clerks: Samantha Nguyen Judge: Jenene Smith

- *Unpaid Annual Dues will result in CFGC membership cancellation on 12/15/2021*
- *Awards: GCNC Awards Books of Evidence are due by December 1, 2021*

Thursday, December 2, 2021 – 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 26, 2022 – General Meeting

Devotional: Janet Farrior

Program: ***“The Gardens of Southeastern North Carolina”***

Presenter: David Johnson, Johnson Nursery Corporation.

David will share his vision for the 300-acre destination garden under development in Willard, N.C.

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Susan Nettleman

Horticulture Theme: *Camellias and Early Bulbs*

Day Clerks: Katherine Sartarelli, Irene Shea

Judge: Jenene Smith

- *Azalea Garden Tour Tickets for sale*
- *Garden Sitters Sign-up begins*
- *2022 - 2023 Committee selections begin*

February 23, 2022 – General Meeting

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

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 16, 2022 – New Member Orientation

All Committees participate

New Hanover County Arboretum

Set Up: 9:00 a.m.

Program: 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

March 23, 2022 – General Meeting

Devotional: Darlene Tyndall

Program: ***“Proven Winners Plants”***

Come delight in their inspirational and info-packed garden lecture. This presentation is just in time to fill your mind with wonderful ideas for all of your spring plantings!

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Becky McKeel

Horticulture Theme: *Tulips, Daffodils & Flowering Shrubs*

Day Clerks: Bettye Broadwater, Martha Blacher

Judge: Jenene Smith

April 3, 2022 – Mary Lou McEachern Ambassador Tea

Special event for Ambassador Committee only

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

April 8-10, 2022 – Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour®

Annual Fundraiser: All members required to participate

(North Carolina Azalea Festival April 6-10, 2022)

April 27, 2022 - General Meeting

Devotional: Eric Kozen

Program: "**Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour® 2022**"

Presenters: Sandy Cyphers, Tour Chair; Photography Committee

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Susan Gerl

Horticulture Theme: *Azaleas and Spring Bulbs*

Day Clerks: Wanda Canada, Colleen Ginna

Judge: Jenene Smith

May 2022 – 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, 2022

May 5, 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 25, 2022 - May Luncheon & Installation of 2022-23 Officers

Social: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: Noon

Cape Fear Country Club, Wilmington, NC

Devotional: Mary Kathryn Turner

Table arrangements by the Flower Arranging Committee

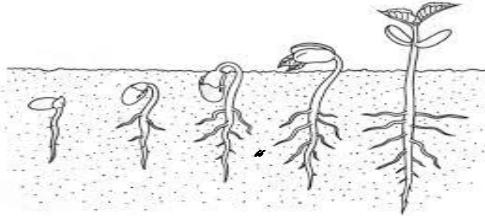
Executive Committee Meetings

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

**September 13, October 11, November 8, 2021
January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, 2022**

All Executive Committee Meetings are scheduled at the
New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium, 6206 Oleander Drive,
Except November 8, 2021 – scheduled for LifePoint Church

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



"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

--Audrey Hepburn

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Budget

2021 – 2022

Income

Dues – Active - 300 (assumed)	\$15,000
Dues – Associate - 70 (assumed)	4,200
New Member Applications	100
From Garden Tour – Interest	300
Budget Deficit to be met with prior years surplus	8,606

Total Budgeted Income **\$28,206**

Expenses – Fixed

Accounting	\$1,025
Insurance	500
Media and Communications (Includes website)	1,250
National and State Dues – Member and Youth Clubs	4,710
P.O. Box	106
Rent and Resources for Meetings (\$350 x 7 meetings)	2,500
Safe Deposit Box	50
Storage Unit (12 X 186)	2,300

Total Expense -Fixed **\$12,441**

Expenses – Variable

Airlie Showcase Garden	600
Arbor Day	150
Awards	150
Battery Island	100
Beautification Endowment	400
Bees, Birds and Butterflies	750
Centennial	200
Civic Improvement	1,500
Clippings (Newsletter)	100
Conservation	650
Disbursements (Garden Tour)	50
Flower Arranging	2,500
Garden Therapy	250
Gardening for Wildlife	750
Historian	200
Horticulture	50
Hospitality	700
May Luncheon	300
Membership	210
Memorials	200
Miscellaneous	200
New Members	225
Officers Expense	200
Oral History	50
Registration	100
Speakers Fees (Honorarium)	180
Special Events	500
Special Committees	50
State, District, SAR Meetings	1,000
Photography	200
Transportation	50
Yearbook	2,000
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 Expenses – Variable **\$15,765**

Total Budgeted Expenses **\$28,206**

2021 - 2022 *Appointed Officers*

Chaplain	Mary Kathryn Turner	910-231-2454
Computer Registrar	Elizabeth White Baker	336-618-1185
Historian	Dianne Lynch	910-538-7870
Librarian	Kristine Lewis	910-616-7278
News Director	Barbara Downing	910-799-3116
Newsletter Editor	Laurie Taylor	910-471-1378
Parliamentarians	Gloria Degnan	910-232-4778
.....	Morgan Chapman	910-790-8598
.....	Carolyn Augustine	910-791-1911
.....	Jenene Smith	910-799-0839
Photographer	Donna Thompson	910-395-5431
Projectionists	Elaine Henson	910-617-2606
Registrar	Roberta Berg-Smith	910-540-0567

Departments

Conservation

Virginia Teachey & Marsha Seaton, Co-Chairs

Bernadette Baker, Bette Bauereis, Morgan Chapman, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes, Jan Halderson, Cheryl D. Hunter, Gwendolyn Johnsen, Kristine Lewis, Kathryn Maland, Alma Moore, Connie Parker, Rebecca Philpott

Flower Arranging

Stephanie Hendrickson, Chair; Susan Gerl & Hillary McNeir, Vice-Chairs

Debbie Allen, Penelope Allison, Addie Arato, Bette Bauereis, Mary Rose Brantham, Dawn Byrnes, Nan Caison, Michelle Caviness, Beth Chadwick, Martha Coon, Janice Dickey, Cathy Dotson, Marie Douglas, Elizabeth Dunn, Laura Elliott, Sharon Escales, Gloria Ezzell, Bonnie Faler, Alma Fennell, Julie Fisher, Nancy Fitzgerald, Joyce Galloway, Millie Griffin, Jan Halderson, Shirley Hardee, Bobbie Jean Harvey, Sharon Gray Hiles, Teresa Hill, Debbie Hooper, Carolyn Jefferies, Harriet Kimbro, Lannie Kirby, Jackie Loney, Denise Matroni, Laurel Maultsby, Beverly McCarter, Pat McConahey, Becky McKeel, Perri Miley, Frances Moles, Susan Nettleman, Gray Nunnelee, April Pearson, Janie Peters, Pat Plaskett, Meredith Pollak, Cathy Poulos, Roberta Quarton, Carey Reiser, Ann Richardson, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Marian Saunders, Irene Shea, Margaret Sifly, Karen Smith, Goldie Stetten, Becky Tidd, Beth Trice, Kristi Williams Turlington, Mary Kathryn Turner, Peggy Vineyard, Gayle Ward, Emily Warren, Kathie Wheeler

Garden Therapy

Debbie Reid, Chair

Martha Blacher, Lolita Bryant, Sherrel Sholar Bunn, Nancy Cameron, Susan Gerl, Betty Lou Henderson, Charlotte Hardison, Johnnie Howard, Kara Johnson, Mia Johnson, Harriet Kimbro, Millie Maready, Joan Marshall, Pat McConahey, Lola Rivenbark, Amy Sanders, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Potter Sewell, Virginia Teachey

Horticulture

Karen Root & Barbara Howard, Co-Chairs

Jina Shea Banner, Bettye Broadwater, Lolita Bryant, Wanda Canada,
Sheri Chisholm, Marcia Doering, Colleen Ginna, Samantha Nguyen, Linda Pyle,
Pia Ann Robison, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Irene Shea

Standing Committees

Airlie Showcase Garden

Mary Beth Farrow & Kristi Turlington, Co-Chairs

Nancy Batounis, Martha Blacher, Marguerite Braddy, Bettye Broadwater,
Jean Campbell, Jolene Erdmann, Eugenia Griswold, Carolyn Jefferies, Lannie Kirby,
Joan Lynch, Ann Lyon, Joyce Maguire, Pat McConahey, Marylou Moeller,
Lisa E. Phelps, Beth Pottle, Jenny Rippy, Michele Russell, Patricia Ann Sheehan,
Wendy Simmons, Claire Stanley, Suzanne Triplett, Janet Wessling

Arbor Day

Cheryl D. Hunter, Chair

Alma Fennell, Eric Kozen, Teresa Mayo, Melissa Talley

Awards

Cathy Giannini & Meredith Lewis, Co-Chairs

Azalea Garden Tour

Sandy Cyphers, Chair; Theresa Everett, Vice-Chair

Advisors: Elaine Henson, Susan Nettleman, Gayle Ward

Awards: Frances Moles

Azalea Garden Tour Ambassadors Committee: Caroline Butler, Chair

Advisors: Karen Smith, Elizabeth Trice

Annie Anthony, Addie Arato, Martha Blacher, Jennie Dalton, Julia Davis,

Stephanie Durner, Gloria Ezzell, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes, Delores Hawes,

Pamela Lane, Linda McCall, Frances Moles, Susan Nettleman, Shital Patel,

Janie Peters, Jenene Smith, Mary Smith, Babs Sutton, Kristi Williams Turlington,

Mary Kathryn Turner, Gayle Ward, Cathy Williams

Badges: Annie Anthony

Committee at Large: Courtney Burrell, Cynthia Henry, Sandra Kittinger,

Heda Waldrep, Kristi Williams Turlington

Funds Disbursement: Signa Stalvey, Chair

Garden Descriptions and Plant Labels: Karen Root, Chair

Barbara Howard, Pia Ann Robison

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

Garden Search: Theresa Everett, Chair

Sarah Anderson, Gayle Ward

Hospitality: Karen Lynn Harding

Marguerite Braddy, Jennie Dalton, Susan DeGroot, Kay Fare, Janet Evans Farrow,

Allison Graham, Karen Greene, Laurel Maultsby, PJ Middleton, Susan Rogers,

Pamela Shumpert, Diane Smith, Peggy Ann Smith, Linda Tinga, Marianne Wayne

Photography: Bernadette Baker

Printing & Design: Catherine Ann Luna, Chair

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

Queen's Bouquet: Cathy Poulos

Ribbon Cutting: Rebecca Philpott, Chair; Theresa Everett, Vice-Chair

Mary Kathryn Turner, Gayle Ward

Ribbon Cutting Decoration: Coordination by the Flower Arranging Committee

Hillary McNeir, Chair

Ribbon Cutting Nurses and Special Needs:

Cheryl Meitrodt, Marsha Anderson Seaton, Rebecca Smith

Secretary: LeNeve Duncan

Signs: Martha Blacher, Chair

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

Ticket Sales (On-Line): Penelope Allison

Transportation: Sandy Cyphers

Anna Marie Allegretto, Janet Wessling

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, Chair

Annie Anthony, Dawn Byrnes, Connie Carter, Debbie Caulder, Morgan Chapman, Maggie Curtis, Julie Duclos-Greenwood, Kiplyn Duffy, Beth DurJava, Joane Furness, Wendy Giannini-King, Eugenia Griswold, Stephanie Hendrickson, Susan Hickman, Karen Kistler, Marion Kreh, Joan Lynch, Patsy Mackmull, Kathryn Maland, Teresa Mayo, Perri Miley, Denise H. Miller, Marylou Moeller, Brenda Moore, Sherry O'Daniell, Rachel Pickett Pace, Frances Parnell, Dianne Phillips, Rebecca Philpott, Susan Gregory Rogers, Beth Scott, Mary Jo Searson, Marsha Seaton, Judith Sheridan, Sandra Siemering, Diane M. Smith, Claire Stanley, Suzanne Triplett, Kathie Wheeler, Nixie Nunnalee Wilson, Ginny Woodruff

Beautification Endowment

Karen Smith, Chair

Margaret Barclay, Shanda W. Bordeaux, Gloria Degnan, Alma Fennell, Sandra Kittinger, Cathy Poulos, Nancy Scott-Finan

Bees, Birds and Butterflies

Annie Anthony, Chair; Kathy Respet, Vice-Chair

Mary Ellen Black, Betty Carter, Vivian Carter, Janice Dickey, Julie Duclos-Greenwood, LeNeve Duncan, Ann Grose, Jan Halderson, Debbie Hopper, June Knox, Patsy Mackmull, Elizabeth Miars, Shirena O'Donnell, Jeannie Richardson, Angela Rigsbee, Loulie Scarf, Fran Summerlin, Becky Tidd, Kristi Williams Turlington, Elizabeth Vernon

Budget

Penelope Allison, Treasurer and Chair

Betty Norris, Assistant Treasurer; Linda Snider, President;

Meredith Lewis, 1st Vice President; Dana Cook, 2nd Vice President

Civic Improvements

Cathy Poulos, Chair

Committee: Beth DurJava, Gloria Ezzell, Tracy Geschickter, Rebecca Hardy, Teresa Hill, Martin Meyerson, Connie Parker, Judith Sheridan, Linda Smits, Gayle Ward

Plant an Azalea Week: Janine Powell

Beauty Spot Program: Pia Ann Robison

Riverfront Park Urban Garden Sub-Committee: Sarah Anderson, Chair

Annie Anthony, Martha Blacher, Barbara Downing, Marlene Eader, Gloria Ezzell, Eileen Haley, Sandra Kittinger, Susan Nettleman, Frances Parnell, Karen Root, Karen Smith, Mary Smith, Signa Stalvey

Development Committee

Catherine Ann Luna, Chair

Meg Davenport, Beverly Gay McCarter, Hillary McNeir, Martin Meyerson, Nancy Scott-Finan, Mary Smith

Gardening for Wildlife

Marion Kreh, Chair; Paula Stetler, Vice-Chair

Rachael Crawford, Barbara Downing, Rebecca Hardy, Delores Hawes, Sherry O'Daniell, France Parnell, Dianne Phillips, Sandra Siemering, Mary Smith, Fran Summerlin, Mary Wilkerson

Hospitality

Sonda Jaffe, Chair

Mary Ellen Black, Joyce Bradley, Barbara Bush, Michelle Caviness, Beth Chadwick, Candus Clarke, Angelia Cline, Martha Coon, Jackie Cooke, Joan Cunningham, Susan DeGroot, Kiplyn Duffy, LeNeve Duncan, Connie Edwards, Carole Ellis, Kay Fare, Karen Greene, Catherine Halligan, Barbara Hoenig, Schaum Hunt, Diane Kelly, Susan L. Kraus, Jackie Loney, Kary Massengill, Susan McGee, Elisabeth Mead, Marty Melton, Janie Peters, Marian Saunders, Sandy Smith, Kristi Williams Turlington, 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, Wendy Giannini-King, Janie Peters, Laurie Taylor

Membership

Beth DurJava & Joan Lynch, Co-Chairs

New Member Relations

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

New Members: Anna Marie Allegretto, Anna Marie Arp, Marguerite Braddy, Barbie Cowan, Tracy Geschickter, Wendy Giannini-King, Charlotte Hardison, Mia Johnson, Kathryn Maland, Lynnea A. Mallalieu, Denise Matroni., Laurel Maultsby, Teresa Mayo, Beverly Gay McCarter, Elizabeth Miars, Marylou Moeller, Gray Nunnelee, Janie Peters, Angela Rigsbee, Pia Ann Robison, Susan Gregory Rogers, Michele Russell, Marian Saunders, Rebecca Smith, Linda Smits, Jennifer Sturm, Elizabeth Vernon, Emily Warren, Mary Wilkerson

Facilitators: Debby Allen, Betty Carter, Julia Davis, Annamarie Eakins, Wanda Musselwhite, Terry Wilson, Rose Zimmer

Nominating Committee

Sherry O'Daniell, 3rd Vice President, Chair

Members at Large: Barbara Downing, Cathy Giannini, Rahel Haley, Frances Parnell

Oral History

Carol Ellis, Chair

Elaine Henson, Katherine Ann Sartarelli, Babs Sutton

Oversight

Morgan Chapman & Sherry O'Daniell, Co-Chairs

Morgan Chapman, Sherri Grimes, Sherry O'Daniell

Photography

Donna Thompson, Chair

Margaret Barclay, Eric Kozen

Programs

Dana Cook, 2nd Vice President, Chair

Promotions

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

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

Registration

Roberta Berg-Smith, Chair

Beth Chadwick, Sandy Cyphers, Janet Evans Farrior, Frances Moles, Ida Newton, Anne O'Malley, Shital Patel, Janie Peters, Kathy Respet, Suzanne Schoeppe, Pamela Shumpert, Mary Kathryn Turner

Scholarship

Lolita Bryant, Chair

Special Events

Beth Trice, Chair; Bobby Jean Harvey Vice-Chair

Addie Arato, Sandy Cyphers, Janice Dickey, Bonnie Faler, Wendy Giannini-King, Denise Matroni, Karen Smith

Transportation

Elizabeth Haley, Chair

Anna Marie Allegretto, Michelle Caviness, Teresa Hill, Joan Marshall, Beth Scott, Miriam E. Smith, Patsy Weinel

Yearbook

Meredith Lewis, 1st Vice President & Penelope Allison, Co-Chairs

Gloria Degnan, Colleen Ginna, Karen Lynn Harding, Sherry O'Daniell, Gayle Ward

Youth Garden Clubs

Eileen Haley & Sandra Kittinger, Co-Chairs

Tara Burrell, Barbie Cowan, Barbara Downing, Pat Fitzgerald, Tracy Geschickter, Elizabeth Haley, Suzanne Huggins, Jennifer Strum, 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*



"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies."

--Gertrude Jekyll

Special Committees

Blue Star Memorial Committee

Gayle Ward, Chair

Eric Kozen, Mary Katherine Turner

Centennial Planning Committee

Gloria Ezzell & Susan Nettleman, Co-Chairs

Shanda Bordeaux, Rachael Crawford, Sandy Cyphers, Gloria Degnan, Barbara Downing, Carole Ellis, Julie Fisher, Cynthia Henry, Elaine Henson, Teresa Hill, Sandra Kittinger, Cathy Poulos, Wendy Simmons, Diane Smith, Jenene Smith, Karen Smith, Mary Smith, Rebecca Smith, Kristi Williams Turlington, Gayle Ward

Community Insight Committee

Rahel Haley, Chair; Elizabeth White Baker, Vice-Chair

Annie Anthony, Roberta Berg-Smith, Jennie Dalton, Marlene Eader, Alma Fennell, Tracy Geschickter, Karen Lynn Harding, Bobbie Jean Harvey, Jane Hyman, Carolyn Jefferies, Kristine Lewis, Beverly Gay McCarter, Susan McGee, Hillary McNeir, Samantha Nguyen, Sherry O'Daniell, Rebecca Philpott, Carey Reiser, Peggy Ann Smith, Becky Varner, Janet Warren, Patsy West, Mary Wilkerson, Terry Wilson, Ginny Woodruff

Edible Gardening Committee

Cathy Giannini & Karen Kistler, Co-Chairs

Addie Arato, Roberta Berg-Smith, Nan Caison, Julie Fisher, Stephanie Harris, Delores Hawes, Susan Kraus, Kathryn Maland, Sherry O'Daniell

Grants Committee

Patsy West, Chair

Anita Duren Lewis, Sherry O'Daniell, Wendy Simmons, Mary Smith

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

By-Laws Review Committee

Sandra Kittinger, Chair

Gloria Degnan, Barbara Downing, Elaine Henson, Meredith Lewis, Martin Meyerson

New and Continuing Projects

Departments

In keeping with our mission, "To encourage environmentally responsible practices with the Club and Community" the **Conservation Department** decided to collaborate with the NC Coastal Federation to help protect the water quality on our coast. The Coastal Federation is a non-profit whose mission is to restore and protect water quality and critically important natural habitats on the NC coast.

The project we participated in was developed with North Carolina Coastal Federation, the City of Wilmington, the Town of Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington's Heal Our Waterways, the NC Department of Transportation, New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District, and UNC Wilmington, who worked together to develop the Bradley Creek and Hewletts Creek watershed restoration plan in 2007. The purpose of the project focuses on reducing the amount of storm water runoff transporting bacteria and pollutants into the creeks. Construction of the Bradley Creek Elementary School rain garden began in 2010 and was completed in 2011. A total of 4 rain gardens were installed on the property to capture, filter, and reduce storm water runoff from polluting the nearby tributaries, Bradley and Hewletts Creek. The rain gardens are also used as an outdoor classroom for the students and educate homeowners and community volunteers during maintenance events. The Conservation Department of Cape Fear Garden Club began much needed maintenance on the first rain garden, a bioretention area with two cells totaling 3,400 square feet. This portion of the project treats storm water runoff from a portion of the school parking lot and front yard and was completed in May 2010.

The CFGC Conservation Committee began their collaborative project with North Carolina Coastal Federation on October 13, 2020, at Bradley Creek Elementary School. Our purpose is to keep one of the rain gardens in good condition so it will be able to catch the first 1 1/2" of rainwater that contains the most pollutants. Our task is to weed, trim bushes/trees, edge and clean the grates at this site. As of the end of the year, we have met 9 times and volunteered 74 hours. Bonnie Mitchell at Coastal Federation has been a wonderful support and our teacher and leader.

One month we were asked to help clean up the Arboretum's storm water run-off rain garden since the Bradley Creek rain garden was clean. We worked with Kevin Cassel, the Landscape Technician for the Arboretum, and Tracy Skrabal from NC Coastal Federation. We learned about other techniques for maintaining and filtering storm water run-off and assisted in clearing out weeds and unwanted debris.

Our money this year was awarded to NC Coastal Federation to assist in sustaining the rain gardens, and to Rise Up Community Farm. Rise Up was able to match our funds which lead to successful fund raising for their project.

We won two awards: Margaret Holton Environmental Award from the Garden Club of North Carolina and the 2021 Pelican Award from the North Carolina Coastal Federation. The Margaret Holton Environmental Award is for the most outstanding program/or project promoting protection of North Carolina water, land or air quality. The 2021 Pelican Award from the North Carolina Coastal Federation recognizes exemplary actions and achievements by people who have made significant contributions to the coast. We were honored!!

The **Flower Arranging Department** as always started out with great enthusiasm only to be stopped in our tracks by the pandemic like all other committees in Garden Club. We chose to remain patient and save our budget money for 2021. I am blessed to have such a large committee with so much talent. We learn from each other while always having fun. The frosting came in May when we got a go for our May Luncheon. I wanted to use our signature colors to bring some Spring joy back to our club and with help from my co-chairs, Susan Gerl and Hillary McNeir, we made that happen. Pink and white were so cheerful and I think made everyone happy. I'm looking forward to a full Flower Arranging Department year starting this September and looking forward to meeting and getting to know all existing members as well as new members who have chosen Flower Arranging.

Committees

The **Airlie Showcase Garden Committee** was able to work together outside throughout the year. We continued the tradition of dividing the committee into four teams and developing a weekly weeding schedule with one team assigned to weed each week. We met as a whole group in November to install the lights for Enchanted Airlie and to plant four camellias to replace the ones lost during Hurricane Florence. In April we met all together once again to tidy up the garden for the Azalea Festival. We are still working on replacing the birdhouse damaged by Hurricane Florence. We will continue our weekly weeding schedule throughout the summer months.



The 2020-21 CFGC season was a very unusual, yet productive one, for the **Arbor Day Committee**. Like most organizations we were affected by the pandemic situation, but still we had many accomplishments for the Club and the community.

Our work started in August when President Sherry O'Daniell, Past President/Arbor Day Committee member Rebecca Philpott and I drove around several downtown neighborhoods distributing doorknocker flyers about upcoming tree plantings. On Thursday, September 24, 2020, Mayor Bill Saffo's Wilmington Tree Initiative (WTI) kickoff ceremony was held at Empie Park. CFGC president, Sherry O'Daniell, was the first speaker of the ceremony, with several Club members in attendance, as well as many local dignitaries. The WTI goal was to plant at least 1,739 trees, by Fall 2021. As part of the Wilmington Tree Initiative, the Arbor Day Committee participated in three tree plantings during the fall/winter of 2020 and February 2021. Under the guidance of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees, the City of Wilmington, and other groups, hundreds of trees were planted in the downtown Wilmington area to replace trees lost during Hurricane Florence.

Besides assisting with a number of tree plantings, the Arbor Day Committee was an integral part of the Wilmington Arbor Day Activities held the week of March 15-19, 2021. The week started off with a tree sapling giveaway, about 3,000 saplings (graciously provided by Penton Development Co.) handed out to all comers! There were various other tree-related activities throughout the week by the New Hanover Co. Library, Cape Fear Museum and the 910 Rocks group. Our week culminated with a tree planting, led by our committee, at Williston Middle School on Friday, March 19th. The tree, a Pin Oak, was generously donated by Wil Massengill of Five Oaks Nursery. Our special guest was Mayor Bill Saffo (who announced the WTI goal of 1,739 trees had already been far exceeded!) The ceremony was attended by approximately twenty-five Williston students and staff, as well as several CFGC members. Many thanks to CFGC President, Sherry O'Daniell, the Mayor, Williston Middle School principal Chris Madden, Marion Doherty of the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department and all others who participated!

The **2020 Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Committee** had limited funds due to the cancellation of the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour. The decision was based on executive orders from Governor Roy Cooper due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Everyone who had purchased a garden tour ticket had the option to request a full refund or donate the price of the ticket to the Azalea Garden Tour. The funds were applied to expenses that occurred prior to the cancellation and funding our endowed scholarships to Cape Fear Community College and UNC at Wilmington and to the N. C. Audubon Society. The total awarded was \$9,300.

The City of Wilmington, Parks and Recreation requested a grant in the amount of \$35,000 for a CFGC sponsorship in the Riverfront Park. The request was over a two-year period: Tier I for \$20,000 and Tier II for \$15,000. The garden club voted to honor the \$35,000 grant request. The club also approved using funds in the Disbursements Committee "Rainy Day Fund" and the Beautification Endowment for this project. In October 2020, a check was issued to the City of Wilmington in the amount of \$15,730 from the "Rainy Day Fund" and \$4,270 was granted from the Beautification Endowment for a total of \$20,000. In 2021, Tier II in the amount of \$15,000 will be funded.



The **Battery Island Committee** of the Cape Fear Garden Club has over a 25-year relationship working closely with the AUDUBON NC Coastal Office and its biologists to maintain safe habitats for the migratory birds and the islands where they nest in the Lower Cape Fear River. Audubon considers Battery Island a "Globally Important Bird Area" because of the thousands of White Ibis that nest on the island each Spring. Brown Pelicans, Great Egrets, Great Blue Herons, and Royal Terns are some of the waterbirds that nest on the river islands.

ISLAND CLEAN-UPS -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 waterbirds.

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 Battery Island Committee travels to the Southport Marina to meet the Audubon staff who takes committee members to the island by boat.

Unfortunately, the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 clean ups were unable to be planned with the Audubon staff because of strict COVID protocols that the National Audubon Society mandated concerning volunteers and boat restrictions.

We look forward to beginning the clean-up activity again once Audubon lifts the COVID restrictions and are hopeful to have a clean-up in the Fall 2021. Generally, we conduct one clean-up on a weekday and the other clean-up on a weekend.

Committee members enjoy a great morning on the island followed by lunch together with our Audubon friends in Southport at Oliver's.

BIRD CRUISE - 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 is planned for a Sunday in May during nesting season. We charter the Cape Fear Riverboat HENRIETTA leaving from downtown Wilmington and we anticipate a cruise in May 2022. The Battery Island Committee members do all of the detailed planning & coordination for the cruise. Committee member involvement includes ticket sales, greeting guests and speakers, coordinating the boarding of the river boat, 50/50 raffle ticket sales,

creating & selling notecards, photography, and distributing box lunches. We have a great time!

The cruise is an educational opportunity for the public and ornithology experts share their knowledge and experience with us and narrate the cruise and viewing.

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



The **Bees, Birds and Butterflies Committee** had a somewhat quiet year due to the pandemic. Our biggest news is adding Bees to our committee title and mission. We are very excited to add in projects with bees in the years to come to help our very important pollinator friends. Our bluebird houses and trails were checked thanks to one of our wonderful committee members. We hope to be able to address any needs and additions to the houses and trails in the coming year.

Our biggest project, continued over from last year, with Heather Kelejian and the Ability Garden for J.C. Roe Center unfortunately did not get very far this year. With the ongoing pandemic and the inability to get into the school, a firm schedule was hard to get in place. Mrs. Francis Parnell graciously donated quite a few beautyberry bushes from her garden towards this project. We hope to continue to help and make much more progress with the project in the coming year.



The **Beautification Endowment Committee** continued working this year with the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) representatives. On April 22, Kim Ball, Donor Engagement Officer and Beth Boney Jenkins, Senior Development Officer spoke to members of the club and answered their questions about how the Endowment works via a Zoom meeting.

The purpose of the Endowment is to award grants that support the beautification and maintenance of public areas in the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County.

The chair of the Soiree for 2021 and the Committee have decided to wait a year and hold the fundraiser for the Endowment in November of 2022 due to current Covid restrictions.

At present our Endowment has a balance of \$175,000; interest for 2021 in the amount of \$5,630 will be granted to the City of Wilmington to complete our two-year commitment with them for the North Waterfront Park project.

With much anticipation the Waterfront Park opened July 4th weekend to the citizens of Wilmington with a ribbon cutting ceremony by our mayor and city officials.

The CFGC should be very proud that money from the Garden Tour "Rainy Day Fund" and Endowment funds helped make the dream a reality. The Beautification

Endowment will have granted the City of Wilmington \$10,000 by the end of 2021.

The committee will continue to work with Civic Improvements and the Centennial Committee for future disbursement opportunities.

The **Civic Improvements Committee** had a busy year despite the lockdown from Covid-19. We officially met via a Zoom format, but still managed to host our annual events including:

1. **Planting of 100 Longleaf Saplings at Long Leaf Park on February 17th.**
Civic Improvements committee members and other CFGC members attended to complete the planting with the help of the NHC Parks Staff.
2. **Plant an Azalea Week on April 1** at Airlie Gardens led by committee member Janine Powell, who is also the Director of Development at Airlie Gardens. Janine coordinated the planting of seventy azaleas which were all purchased through the sale of the Civic Improvements sponsored greeting cards. CFGC members were assisted by Airlie Garden Volunteers and three of the New Hanover County Commissioners.
3. The annual **“Beauty Spot – Outstanding Landscape Awards”** were celebrated during National Garden Week on June 10th. The winners are as follows in three different categories:
 - **Business:** The Courtyard at Masonboro won the award for a business property. Located at the intersection of Masonboro Loop Road, Piner Road and Masonboro Sound, this property is landscaped with live oak trees, grasses, and shrubs throughout the property, lining the street fronts and in the parking area. In addition, a bridge over a retaining pond hosts families of geese and natural bog plants. The number of trees planted across the property supports Mayor Bill Saffo’s initiative to restore the tree canopy after the destructive impact of hurricanes in our area.
 - **Neighborhood Entrance:** Helms Port on Masonboro Loop Road was the winner in this category. This property was selected for the outstanding plantings along the road and leading up to the gated entrance. Wide berms support grasses, shrubs and flowering trees and vibrant annuals are featured on each side of the entrance and in a central median. The property was developed by Logan Homes on an eighty-five-acre tract of land that used to be Aqua Vista Christmas Tree Farm, owned by the Emmart family for over 160 years.
 - **Residential:** 10 Oxford Street, in Wrightsville Beach, was recognized as the residential property winner. Carolyn and Jim Thomas of Gardens by Design installed and maintain this gorgeous and unique garden, which is easily observed by beach-goers as they walk to the beach at this beach access. Unique borders of colorful annuals and perennials line a large side yard, showcased behind a rock wall and a garden gate. Joan Gillings was the owner until her death on 2/18/21 and her children have kept her joy alive in this special garden.

Perhaps the most exciting event this year was the culmination of years of planning with the City of Wilmington as a major sponsor of the new Riverfront Park. Civic Improvements kept the focus of the Club on the park and worked with the Executive, Disbursements and Endowment Committees to see this project through. A special Riverfront Park Task Force was created that included leaders from each committee in the club, joining Civic Improvements in overseeing the development of the CFGC’s urban garden space. Sarah Anderson, club member and owner of Joyscapes Garden Design, helped lead the effort for plant selection and some design tweaks as she and Cathy Poulos took ideas from the committee to the city engineers and contracted landscape designer during regular Zoom meetings. CFGC officers and members were invited to attend the official Ribbon Cutting of the park on 7/2/21. On 7/10/21, several officers and members gathered to work with Freeman Landscaping to install the final plants in the urban garden.

This year during our Covid pandemic, the **Gardening for Wildlife Committee** realized that the Garden Tour would be cancelled. again. Never to waste a good opportunity, the committee decided to create a video of the Parnell property illustrating the various requirements of a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Using information provided by the National Wildlife Federation and personal expertise, presentations were created. A professional videographer was found to direct the action and edit the finished video. After many starts and stops due to cold, wet, spring weather, the video is ready to be downloaded to the Cape Fear Garden Club's YouTube channel. The video will also be viewable on the club's website, www.capefeargardenclub.org. We hope the videos will be helpful to those eager to have their outdoor space named a Certified Wildlife Habitat. We are challenging the Cape Fear Garden Club to have 30% of our members certify their gardens. If your garden is certified but not listed in the yearbook, please email Delores Hawes at deloreshawes@yahoo.com.

What a beautiful place Wilmington will be with the increased number of gardens that are certified. Enjoy your gardens and the birds and butterflies they attract.



Media & Communications Committee: The 2020-21 calendar year for Cape Fear Garden Club started in the throes of the Covid-19 shutdown and ended in May with the first in-person meeting and luncheon! The first slated meeting for the Club year was a Zoom meeting, which had a steep learning curve, but eventually allowed the Club to conduct business as usual. Rahel Haley, Media & Communications Co-Chair created a Zoom tutorial for committees to use in order to carry on their Club work. Sadly, there were committees, including Garden Therapy, Azalea Garden Tour, Hospitality, Promotions, and Youth Garden Clubs, that never met this Club year because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Business as usual was not the norm for the 2020-21 Club year. For example, the yearbook distribution was a drive-by event at the Northeast Branch of the NHCPL. Also, members had to learn new protocols on how to behave and vote during Zoom meetings. In addition, there were new special committees created to deal with unforeseen issues like program funding and community needs.

The public face of the Cape Fear Garden Club was definitely under attack when the Club membership voted to eliminate and rename the Azalea Belles' program. In early October, Hunter Ingram of the Star News wrote the first article which had the following front-page headline "Azalea Belles no more: Cape Fear Garden Club ends N.C. Azalea Festival tradition." Of course, this initial article created a plethora of ill will in the local and even national media (The Washington Post, October 22, 2020). This story dominated headlines on social media (Facebook petitions to bring back the Belles), on-line media (interviews with the Club president), TV (interviews with the NHCPL Special Collections Librarian), and lots of "Letters to the Editor" in the Star News. Hunter Ingram also interviewed Jennifer LeZotte, an assistant professor of material culture and history at UNCW.

Because of all the media exposure about the Club, the Awards Committee asked Media & Communications to apply for the Ruth Yarbrough Publicity Press Book Award from the Garden Club of North Carolina. The Table of Contents for the Press Book entry contained 30 different entries pertaining to the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour and the Azalea Belles. The Press Book received a red ribbon at the Garden Club of North Carolina 2021 Annual Meeting in the spring.

A large portion of the budget for Media & Communications is used to guarantee privacy and safety of the Club's emailing list on the internet. When our members' email privacy is breached, changes to internet access must be reviewed. Only the

News Director and President are allowed to speak to the media on behalf of the Club. New directives will be written to make this rule abundantly clear.

Last, but not least, it should be noted that the Star News story, "Azalea Belles Program Canceled," was voted the No. 8 top story for 2020 in the Wilmington area.



The **Membership Committee** reported the following numbers as of May 10, 2021: 5 Honorary, 296 Active (including 29 new members who joined the Club in March 2020), 69 Associate, and 44 Emeritus. The names of the 29 new members are: Anna Marie Allegretto, Anna Marie Arp, Marguerite Braddy, Barbie Cowan, Tracy Geshickter, Wendy Giannini-King, Charlotte Hardison, Mia Johnson, Kathy Maland, Lynnea A. Mallalieu, Denise Matroni., Laurel Maultsby, Teresa Mayo. Beverly Gay McCarter, Elizabeth Miars, Mary Lou Moeller, Gray Nunnelee, Janie Peters, Angela Rigbee, Pia Ann Robison, Susan Rogers, Michelle Russell, Marian Saunders, Rebecca Smith, Linda Smits, Jennifer Sturm, Elizabeth Vernon, Emily Warren, and Mary Wilkerson, The New Members Committee (along with their sponsors) will be helping them keep up with GFGC activities.

There are currently six names on our Provisional Waitlist, meaning they were voted on in February 2021 and were approved to be added to the Club when there is space in the active membership. These names are Holly Annas, Lynne Brown, Ann Ipok, Mary McPhearson, Lynn McRoy. and Cornelia Rutkay, 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 three women who applied in 2021 for CFGC membership. Their names and any others who apply in 2021 will be presented to the Executive Board and General Membership to be added to the Provisional Waitlist in February 2022.



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. This past year this committee was able to assist with the New Member Orientation which was held on Zoom. We look forward to gathering in person in September, 2021.



The **Promotions Committee** was able to make sales this year even though we had no 'in-person' meetings. We sold calendars, note cards, Club pins, and several clothing items in addition to twenty-two 'Plant-an-Azalea' cards.

We are looking forward to setting up our table at the September Garden Club meeting...stop by and shop to support our Club.



The **Yearbook Committee** began the work of gathering information and compiling the 2020-2021 Yearbook in April. The incoming President selects the coming year's theme and has the honor of selecting the cover art for the Yearbook. Sherry commissioned a young multimedia artist, Juliet Furst, to create this year's cover. Information was received from Committee Chairs, both outgoing and incoming. Committee reports for the previous year are edited and published. and plans for meetings and events are gathered for the calendar, to guide us through the coming year. Every garden Club member participates as they choose their committee assignments and verify contact information with the Computer Registrar, all of which ends up in the Yearbook. Finally, the Committee Chairs were notified of their committee members for the coming year. All work was accomplished using Dropbox shared folders to store documents and edit the Yearbook Word document. Because of COVID-19 all meetings were held using Zoom. Due to Sherry's Zoom expertise, we

were able to share documents and edit in real time as we made our way through the 60 plus pages of text and photographs.

Hard copies for review were distributed to the committee via a contactless pickup in Sherry's driveway. Once the final corrections and additions were made the documents were submitted to the printer.

The Yearbooks were ready for distribution the week of September 14th. We had three drive-by events where members could pick up their Yearbook and drop off their dues. Members of the Yearbook Committee: Penelope Allison and Sherry O'Daniell, Co-Chairs and Colleen Ginna, Patty Kaufman, Meredith Lewis, Laurie Patterson, Linda Snider, Gayle Ward and hardcopy review editor Gloria Degnan.



Special Committees



The **Blue Star Memorial Marker Committee** is excited to announce that they have been able to secure the funds to sponsor a Blue Star Memorial Marker for placement in Wilmington on the waterfront, across from the Battleship USS North Carolina. The ceremony will be held on November 11, 2021.



The **Centennial Committee** continued to meet in order to prepare for our upcoming Centennial Celebration in 2025. This year we discussed the new Riverfront City Park and the area that the Club has been given in which to create a beautiful garden. We also discussed the possibility of installing a permanent statue that would represent our Club and the work we do for the betterment of our community. Susan Nettleman and Gloria Ezzell, our co-chairs, and a group of other committee chairs began discussing various ideas with a local sculpture artist. As we move into a new Club year, we plan on meeting more frequently and hopefully in person, to start more in-depth conversations as to how we would like to celebrate this major milestone for our Club.



This year the specially appointed **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** hit the ground running, facilitating the transition from the Belle Committee to the Garden Ambassador Program. While this motion was set forth and owned by the Garden Tour Committee, the Azalea Garden Tour Transition Subcommittee, a temporary subcommittee of the D&I Committee, facilitated the transition of the overall program. September – November: a motion presented by the Garden Tour Committee passed and the Azalea Garden Tour Transition Subcommittee sent communication to the Club regarding what to expect next. As part of this motion the following happened: Temporary renaming of the program was managed by the Azalea Garden Tour Transition Subcommittee. (This is the Committee formally known as the Belle Committee and led by Karen Smith, Beth Trice and Elizabeth Baker.)

- Surveys were sent out and follow up interviews were scheduled by the Azalea Garden Tour Transition Subcommittee.
- Social media, and anywhere the “Azalea Belle” name was printed, was changed to “Azalea Ambassadors”.
- Outside community petitions were encouraged by some members and started on Change.org. These petitions were both for and against the Ambassador changes and the subsequent fallout and negative/threatening comments posted to our various online communication platforms were managed accordingly.
- The Azalea Garden Tour Transition Subcommittee continued to hold several concept meetings to determine the look of the Ambassador attire.

• With the passing of the motion, the connection between D&I and the Azalea Garden Tour Transition Subcommittee was dissolved, and the function of the new Ambassador Committee was absorbed back into the Garden Tour Committee.
November – May: with the focus no longer being on the transition of the Garden Ambassador Program, the D&I Committee focused on other opportunities within the Club:

- We worked with the Membership Committee to create a standard message for inquiries to the Club regarding new membership
 - We also identified future opportunities to look at for D&I in 2021-22:
- Ideas for fundraisers with the Development Committee.
 - Review of the Club's bylaws and
 - Beauty Spot Awards
 - Civic Improvement
 - Youth Garden Club
 - Garden Tour
 - General meetings – how we reach/broadcast to all our members, especially those who are not able to attend the meetings in-person?
 - At a future General Meeting presenting what D&I is and what it looks like beyond the Garden Gates: Changing the culture – to look beyond our Garden Gates and bring diversity to the Club.
 - Solicit innovative ideas from Club members.
 - Beautify our community – engage with more diverse locations in our community.



The **Edible Garden Committee** was formed in 2020 as a special committee to raise awareness of the many benefits for the community in creating edible gardens for the local citizens. Our first project was working with David Brenner and Delores Williams at the Willowdale Urban Farm Garden on 30th street. This developing urban garden is one of 11 community gardens throughout the city that are serving the needs of food insecure citizens.

Our biggest task so far at Willowdale has been to create an alluring entrance using native pollinator plants, vegetables and shrubs in a “foodscape” to entice locals into what can be picked both inside and outside the gate. The entrance, like the entire farm, will need to be continually weeded and changed as each growing season starts and ends. The entrance also holds a Little Library house and will have two benches under the shade of the live oak trees there.

This first year, besides developing the entrance way, we have also helped prepare and organize a plant sale for Willowdale, pot seeds, fertilize and weed as we continue to rotate the plants and prepare the harvest.

Our Edible Garden Committee meets at least once a month as a group at Willowdale, and more often depending on the season's crop planting and harvesting.

Our plans for the next year include locating neighborhood cooks who will show how to use fresh vegetables and herbs growing there and perhaps a youth gardening club that will provide more volunteers for the farm.

We feel that there is enough need and interest to continue this Edible Garden Committee as a full standing CFGC committee within our Club



2020 Azalea Garden Tour

2020 Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Committee:

Signa Stalvey, Chair

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

The **2020 Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Committee** had limited funds due to the cancellation of the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour. The decision was based on executive orders from Governor Roy Cooper due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Everyone who had purchased a garden tour ticket had the option to request a full refund or donate the price of the ticket to the Azalea Garden Tour. After funds were applied to tour expenses that occurred prior to the cancellation we were able to fund our Standing Grants, in the fall of 2020, to Cape Fear Community College and University of North Carolina, Wilmington and to the N. C. Audubon Society. The total awarded was \$9,300. Thank you to all who so generously converted their tickets to a donation.

Standing Grants

North Carolina Audubon Society Grant	6000
Cape Fear Community College Scholarship	1,650
University of North Carolina Wilmington Scholarship	1,650
Total Standing Grants awarded in 2020	<hr/> \$14,300



2021 Azalea Garden Tour

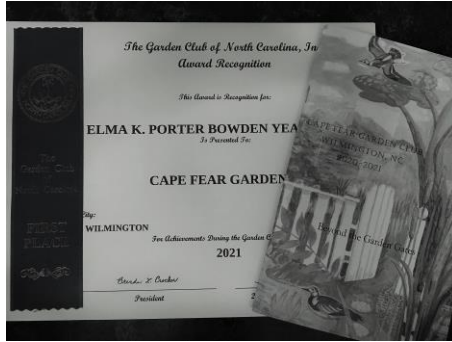
The 2021 Azalea Garden Tour, scheduled for April 9th-11th, will be another tour in the history of the Cape Fear Garden Club to remember. For the second time in the 67-year history of the tour it was cancelled due to Covid-19. Yes Covid-19 once again made history for the Club. Approximately 101 dedicated garden Club members serving on the tour committee continued to work diligently and gave unselfishly of their time and energy to make what would have been the 68th Azalea Garden Tour one to remember. Everyone was "OPTIMISTIC" and "HOPEFUL" that we would be able to have the 2021 tour and yes..." IT WOULD BE A GRAND SUCCESS" for the Club and for our community. Twelve lovely and beautiful gardens were scheduled to be showcased for the tour along with the gorgeous estate where the televised Ribbon Cutting event was to take place to kick-off the tour.

Yes, once again history was made within the Club in 2021. As garden Club members we will move forward with excitement, enthusiasm, and zeal as we work together for the good of the Club to have a financially successful 2022 Azalea Garden Tour for the benefit of the wonderful community in which we reside

Awards
2020-2021

Garden Club of North Carolina - District 11

Elma Porter Bowden Yearbook Award 1st Place



Garden Club of North Carolina State Awards

Received April 2021

Elma K. Porter Bowden Yearbook Award 1st Place

Margaret Holton Environmental 1st Place

Hannah McMillan Memorial Gardens 2nd Place

Ruth Yarbrough Publicity Press Book 2nd Place

North Carolina Coastal Federation

Pelican Award

Awarded to the Conservation Committee

The 2021 Pelican Award from the North Carolina Coastal Federation recognizes exemplary actions and achievements by people who have made significant contributions to the coast.

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.

A decorative border with intricate floral and scrollwork patterns surrounds the text.

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.

Marjorie Taylor Way

Active Member 2004 – June 20, 2020

Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History
by Bill Laws

Suzanne Ross Jenkins

Emeritus Member 1997 – November 4, 2020

House Beautiful Tablescapes: Setting a Stylish Table
by Lisa Cregan and House Beautiful

Betty Vincent Coghill Rose

Associate Member 1992 – October 26, 2020

Grow Great Vegetables in North Carolina
by Ira Wallace

Josephine Beatty Chadwick

Emeritus Member 1963 – January 24, 2021

In the Garden – An Illustrated Guide to the Plants of the Bible
By Whitaker House

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Life Memberships

As of May 31, 2021

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

Gloria Degnan	2014	Helene Pasin	2008
Elaine Henson	2019	Jenene Smith	1993
Sherry O'Daniell	2021		

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
Sandy Cyphers	2018	Pat Plaskett	2006
Gloria Degnan	2010	Beth Pottle	2015
LeNeve Duncan	2015	Cathy Poulos	2015
Kimberly Exum	2016	Mary Schumacher	2014
Alma Fennell	2016	Irene Shea	2014
Nancy Fitzgerald	2014	Jenene Smith	1999
Shirley Hardee	2001	Karen Smith	2015
Estell Lee Harrelson	2012	Mary Smith	2019
Cynthia Henry	2015	Linda Snider	2015
Elaine Henson	2010	Gloria Sprunt	2011
Johnnie Howard	2014	Melinda Stewart	2011
Teresa Hill	2010	Lydia Stokes	2010
Cheryl Hunter	2017	Fran Summerlin	2017
Caroline Jefferies	2015	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	Kathy Williams	2013
Hillary McNeir	2017		

State Life Members

Carolyn Augustine	2015	Ida Newton	2012
Dot Bishop	2012	Sherry O'Daniell	2021
Joyce Bradley	2012	Rebecca Philpott	2012
Dorothy (Dot) Bryant	2002	Beth Pottle	2012
Gloria Degnan	2019	Jenene Smith	1993
Alma Fennell	1992	Gloria Sprunt	2012
Cynthia Henry	2016	Melinda Stewart	2012
Elaine Henson	2010	Donna Thompson	2019
Millie Maready	2015	Janet Warren	2012

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. Richard F. Flynn	1987-1988
Mrs. J. H. Hamilton	1927-1929	Mrs. Elma Porter Bowden	1988-1990
Mrs. J. B. Cranmer	1929-1931	Mrs. Alma Fennell	1990-1991
Mrs. James Sprunt Hall	1931-1932	Mrs. William Pope	1991-1992
Mrs. William Latimer	1932-1934	Mrs. Jack Newton	1992-1993
Mrs. R.H. Hubbard	1934-1936	Mrs. Jenene Smith	1993-1994
Mrs. C. D. Maffitt	1936-1938	Mrs. Joseph C. Knox, Jr.	1994-1995
Ms. Allie Morris Fechtig	1938-1941	Mrs. Grace Avery	1995-1996
Mrs. A. H. Elliot	1941-1944	Mrs. Bill Huffine	1996-1997
Mrs. J.B. Cranmer	1944-1945	Mrs. Carolyn Augustine	1997-1998
Mrs. J. Henry Gerdes	1945-1947	Mrs. Lilmar Taylor-Williams	1998-1999
Mrs. Daisy Page Hutaff	1947-1949	Mrs. Leigh Hobbs Murray	1999-2000
Ms. Allie Morris Fechtig	1949-1951	Mrs. Shirley Hardee	2000-2001
Mrs. P. R. Smith	1951-1952	Mrs. Mae Omie Mosely	2001-2002
Mrs. U. Lee Spence, Jr.	1952-1953	Mrs. Dianne Lynch	2002-2003
Mrs. P.R. Smith	1953-1954	Mrs. Harriett Beauchamp	2003-2004
Mrs. Hugh Morton	Jan-May 1954	Mrs. Gayle Ward	2004-2005
Mrs. Andrew Harris, Jr.	1954-1956	Mrs. Sue Bilzi	2005-2006
Mrs. Roger C. McCarl	1956-1958	Ms. Marie Ashworth	2006-2007
Mrs. James Lamberson	1958-1959	Mrs. Susan Nettleman	2007-2008
Mrs. E.M. McEachern	1959-1961	Mrs. Teresa Hill	2008-2009
Mrs. R.C Andrews	1961-1963	Mrs. Elaine Henson	2009-2010
Mrs. A. W. Blount	1963-1965	Mrs. Sandra Kittinger	2010-2011
Mrs. Charles J. Blake	1965-1967	Mrs. Becky Phillips	2011-2012
Mrs. Harley E. Vance	1967-1969	Ms. Janet Warren	2012-2013
Mrs. Allan D. Howland	1969-1971	Mrs. Gloria Degnan	2013-2014
Mrs. W. K. Stewart, Jr.	1971-1973	Mrs. Marjorie Way	2014-2015
Mrs. Conrad Schwartz	1973-1975	Mrs. Cynthia Henry	2015-2016
Mrs. O. Raymond Hunt	1975-1977	Ms. Eileen Haley	2016-2017
Mrs. Bruce Bryant	1977-1979	Mrs. Cathy Poulos	2017-2018
Mrs. J. J. Pence, Jr.	1979-1981	Mr. Eric Kozen	2018-2019
Mrs. L. S. Wilkins	1981-1983	Mrs. Rebecca Philpott	2019-2020
Mrs. A.D. Christopher	1983-1985	Mrs. Sherry O'Daniell	2020-2021
Mrs. James C. Baker	1985-1987		

State Presidents

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

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

By-Laws

May 2021

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.

- A. 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 and is required to sit one shift in a garden during the Tour unless excused by the Azalea Tour Chair or her/his appointee. Each year Active members will be entitled to one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket. New members received during the year before the Azalea Garen Tour will be required to purchase one 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.
- B. 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 sit one shift in a garden during the Azalea Tour unless excused by the Azalea Tour Chair or her/his appointee. Each year Associate members will be entitled to one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket.

- C. 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.
- D. 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 and will be published in the yearbook each year. The Budget Committee will take into account the price of the coming year's Azalea Garden Tour ticket when establishing Annual Dues. 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 September 30th, the Treasurer shall send an email reminder. If dues are not paid by October 31st the treasurer will send a second email notice and a \$20 late fee will be incurred. If dues are not paid by November 15, a written 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 and late fees.

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 the 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, Bees, 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 Mary Lou McEachern Ambassador 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 Bees, Birds & Butterflies Committee shall promote activities that increase interest in the knowledge and conservation of bees, 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.

Policies & Procedures

As of May 2021

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 a 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 \$3.00 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 \$85.00 payable by September 30th. When dues are not paid by October 31, the member will incur a \$20.00 late fee.

- 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 sit in a garden once over the three-day weekend, and provide cookies for The Ribbon Cutting & Azalea Queen's Garden Party®.
- Will receive one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket each year.

- 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 \$95.00 payable by September 30th. When dues are not paid by October 31, the member will incur a \$20.00 late fee.
- Required to sit in a garden once over the three-day weekend.
- Will receive one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket each year.
- 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: will be updated in the annual yearbook.
- 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, Old/Unfinished Business, New 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 \$85.00 determined by the Executive Committee and approved annually with the budget.**
- **Associate Member's Dues are \$95.00 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 due notices will be emailed by the Club Treasurer following the October and November General Meetings.
- Members who have not paid their dues by October 31st will incur a \$20 late fee.

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.

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 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 and subsequent General 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 Azalea 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.

Bees, Birds & Butterflies Committee

- Shall educate and encourage safe habitats for bees, 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.

“Positive thoughts and actions are seeds that will produce positive results”

--Anonymous

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.

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, NCGC Engagement Calendars
Stationery, Napkins, Prints, and Club Logo Apparel and
'Plant an Azalea' cards.

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 New Hanover County Parks. 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 and Arboretum 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 "Password" field is masked with asterisks. 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 webmaster@capefeargardenclub.org

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: Mary Warshauer
National Theme: *Plant America: Play Outdoors*



South Atlantic Region

Website: www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org
Email: martbw@gmail.com
Director: Mary Bowers
Regional Theme: *Reconnect, Plant, Grow, and Bloom*



The Garden Club of North Carolina

P.O. Box 33520, Raleigh, North Carolina 27636-3520
Website: www.gardenclubofnc.org
Email: theGCofNC1@aol.com
President: Darene Honeycutt
State Theme: *Sowing Seeds for Future Generations*



District 11

Director: Frances Eder
Email: minfranes@gmail.com
Vice Director: Paula Hartman
District Theme: "Seek Serenity in Your Garden"

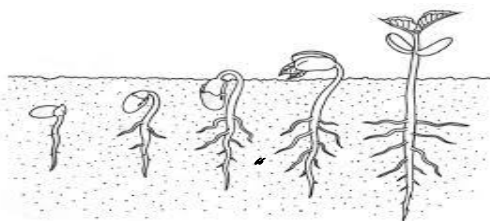
The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 4751, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403
Website: www.capefeargardenclub.org
Email: info@capefeargardenclub.org
President: Linda Snider
Club Theme: *Plant a Seed*



“Plant a Seed ...”

<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



“All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.”

-Chinese Proverb

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

Mary Alice Aluise

Addie Arato

Carolyn Augustine

Martha Blacher

Mary Ellen Black

Bettye Broadwater

Debbie Caulder

Angela Chatham Cline

Sherria Crawley

Joan Cunningham

Charlotte Davis

Susan DeGroot

Marcia Doering

Marie Douglas

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Dianne Lynch

Pat McConahey

Denise Miller

Susan Nettleman

(2 gardens)

Mary Nix

Sarah O'Brien

Sherry O'Daniell

Jan Oden

Frances Parnell

Rebecca Philpott

Beth Pottle

Cathy Poulos

Lola Rivenbark

Karen Root

Mary Schumacher

Irene Shea

Jenene Smith

Linda Snider

Signa Stalvey

Paula Stetler

Melinda Stewart

Lydia Stokes

Fran Summerlin

Melissa Talley

Donna Thompson

Becky Varner

Gayle Ward

Janet Warren

Patsy West

Mary Whitehurst

Kathy Williams

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



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