

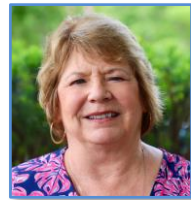
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2023 Azalea Garden Tour



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The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.



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Yearbook 2022 - 2023

MEMBERSHIP

Active: 241 Associate: 69
Emeritus: 48 Honorary: 5
Total Membership: 363

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, CFGC, and updated 2016

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

Credits: Cover: Artwork by Shanna Masters, commissioned by Meredith Lewis
Photography by Donna Thompson, Bernadette Baker, Eric Kozen,
and other members of the Garden Club.

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“Gather, Grow, Give”

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Cape Fear Garden Club! I am humbled and honored to serve as your president this year and cannot wait to have a wonderful year with all of you! It is my sincerest desire that we spend this year continuing the traditions of our garden club, having fun gatherings where we can get to know each other better, and supporting your amazing ideas for ways we can contribute to our lovely community and make it even more beautiful. Please know that I will be our club’s and your greatest cheerleader and will always encourage us to work together, bring new ideas to the table, continue to grow together and give back to our beautiful city.

My theme for this upcoming year will be “Gather, Grow, Give”. I look forward to “Gathering” with you all often, not just at meetings, but on Zinnia Day at the Henry’s home, our fabulous Soirée this fall, our gorgeous Christmas Tea, lunches at the club after our meetings, and sitting together in gardens on our “Tour”. I can’t wait to “Grow” together, as we attend workshops and learn from each other, things like floral arranging, bow and wreath making, and putting together beautiful oyster wreaths and charcuterie boards. Finally, as a club, we are able to “Give” so much back to our community, whether it’s distributing a large amount of funds from our tour for beautification grants, cleaning up Battery Island, planting gardens, cheering up the elderly and students, preserving and protecting our environment and so much more. I look forward to Gathering, Growing, and Giving alongside each of you. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our club and all of you in this most special way!

Best,
Meredith Lewis
Cape Fear Garden Club President
2022-2023



Past President's Report



Our theme for 2021-22 was “Plant a Seed” and look at all we have planted and grown; earning awards from the Garden Club of North Carolina; conducting small workshops where members learned new skills; questioning our purpose and goals and strengthening our By-Laws; and learning to be friends again after the Pandemic tried to separate us.

I am so impressed with the Cape Fear Garden Club and all that it does. This past year I was able to be present and participate in the opening of Riverfront Park, work on the planting teams for the CFGC garden at the

Riverfront Park, plant azaleas at the River Road County Park during ‘Plant an Azalea Week’, help present the Beauty Spot Awards, and more. By earning awards from the NC Coastal Federation and the NC Wildlife Federation, we received state-wide recognition. With the most successful Azalea Garden Tour we will be able to again give grants to other non-profits in New Hanover County for beautification and environmental improvement. Our Edible Gardening Committee, Airlie Showcase Garden Committee, and Battery Island Committee made significant impacts on our community. We have worked hard this past year to fulfill our objectives of providing education for our members, stimulating the love of gardening, participating with other horticultural agencies and encouraging environmental improvements through civic development and conservation of native trees, plants and birds. The highlight for me this past year was the installation of the Blue Star Memorial Marker on the waterfront of downtown Wilmington. The support of club members for funding and installing this marker was heartwarming.

I ask you to continue to “Plant a Seed” within our garden club and within your own lives. Start a new tradition and enable it to grow. Work on your garden club committee and make it grow into an award-winning committee. If called upon, answer yes to participate in the leadership of the Cape Fear Garden Club. You never know how much you are really capable of doing until you are called to step up.

I sincerely and humbly thank you for the opportunity to have served as President of the Cape Fear Garden Club, 2021-2022.

Love and peace to you,

Linda

2022-2023 *General Information*

General Meetings – (September through May, except December)

Location: Cape Fear Country Club, 1518 Country Club Road

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

Times:

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

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

10:00 a.m. Meeting called to order

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

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 – Are due in September and may be paid at the General Meeting or mailed to the Treasurer; a \$20 late fee will be 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 Penelope Allison, 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 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 **2022-2023 Calendar**

AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINES

December 1, 2022	The Garden Club of North Carolina Award Application Deadline
January 25, 2023	South Atlantic Region Award Application Deadline
March 1, 2023	Youth Gardener Award Deadline

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 1-2, 2022	The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Fall Board Meeting Browns Summit, NC
September 20-22, 2022	National Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting St. Louis, MO
October 18, 2022	District 11 Fall Meeting 985 Johnson Nursery Road Willard, NC
March 17, 2023	North Carolina Arbor Day
TBD	South Atlantic Region Annual Meeting
April 2-4, 2023	The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Annual Meeting Hotel Ballast, Wilmington, NC
April 22, 2023	Earth Day
May 2-5, 2023	National Garden Club Annual Convention The Greenbrier Resort, West Virginia
TBD	District 11 Presidents, Committee Chairmen & Members Meeting
June 4-10, 2023	National Garden Week

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

2022-2023 Programs and Events

General Meetings

Cape Fear Country Club, 1518 Country Club Rd

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 28, 2022 – General Meeting

Devotional: Bobby Jean Harvey

Program: ***“Planning for Spring Blooms This Fall”***

Presenter: Matthew Collogan, Horticulture Agent,
New Hanover County Cooperative Extension

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Alma Fennell

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

Day Clerks: Samantha Nguyen, Pia Ann Robison, Martha Blacher

Judge: Karen Root

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

October 26, 2022 – General Meeting

Devotional: Susan Nettleman

Program: **Presentation of 2022 CFGC Grant Awards**

Presenter; Signa Stalvey – Grant Disbursement Chair

Recipients will receive their awards and have a moment to speak to our membership.

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Kathie Wheeler

Horticulture Theme: *Roses and Chrysanthemums*

Day Clerks: Jina Shea Banner, Marcia Doering

Judges: Karen Root, Barbara Howard

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

November 4, 2022 – CFGC Soirée, ‘Oysters & Pearls’

Special ticketed event for members, friends & community

Fundraiser for the CFGC Beautification Endowment

6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Surf Club, One Mallard Street, Wrightsville Beach, NC

November 16, 2022 – General Meeting

Devotional: Sandra Kittinger

Program: ***“Winter Designs and Decorations”***

Presenters: Chelsea and Ashley of Fiore Design House will enlighten us with ideas for enchanting our personal areas for the season

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Bonnie Faler & Joyce Galloway

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

Day Clerks: Sheri Chisolm, Samantha Nguyen

Judges: Karen Root, Barbara Howard

- *Unpaid Annual Dues will result in CFGC membership cancellation on 12/15/2022*

December 1, 2022 – Deadline to submit applications for GCNC Awards

Thursday, December 8, 2022 – Christmas Tea

For members only

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

At the home of Beth Trice

3100 Welcome Lane, Wilmington

Holiday decorations by the Flower Arranging Committee

Refreshments by the Hospitality Committee

January 25, 2023 – General Meeting

Devotional: Bobby Jean Harvey

Program: *“Downspouts and Rain Barrels”*

Presenter: Bonnie Mitchell with the NC Coastal Federation will teach us about responsible water conservation practices

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Roberta Quarton

Horticulture Theme: *Camellias and Early Bulbs*

Day Clerk: Samantha Nguyen, Marcia Doering

Judges: Karen Root, Barbara Howard

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

Thursday, February 23, 2023 – General Meeting

Devotional: Jenene Smith

Program: *“The Azalea Garden Tour. 1953-2023”*

Presenter: Elaine Henson, CFGC and Centennial Committee Member

A history of the Azalea Garden Tour from its inception in 1953 by Bess Smith to the present

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Jan Halderson

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

Day Clerks: Lolita Bryant, Linda Pyle - Judges: Karen Root, Barbara Howard

- *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 15, 2023 – 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 22, 2023 – General Meeting

Devotional: Eric Kozen

Program: *“Flower Care, Arrangement and Judging”*

Presenter: Kathy Gresham from Harbor Island Garden Club will share ideas for flower care and arrangement. She will also share some guidelines and hints for flower judging

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Marlene Eader & Marylou Moeller

Horticulture Theme: *Tulips, Daffodils & Flowering Shrubs*

Day Clerks: Bettye Broadwater, Martha Blacher

Judges: Karen Root, Barbara Howard

March 24 -25, 2023 – CFGC Flower Show

Special Event: All members are encouraged to participate

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Burgwin-Wright House and Gardens, Wilmington, NC

April 2, 2023 – Mary Lou McEachern Ambassador Tea

Special event for Ambassador Committee only

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

April 2-4 2023 - The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Annual Meeting

CFGC is hosting this event at the Hotel Ballast, Wilmington, NC

April 14-16, 2023 – Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour®

Annual Fundraiser: All members required to participate

(North Carolina Azalea Festival April 12-16, 2023)

April 26, 2023 - General Meeting

Devotional: Frances Parnell

Program: “*Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour® 2023*”

Presenters: Goldie Stetten, Tour Chair; Photography Committee

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Shirley Hardee

Horticulture Theme: *Azaleas and Spring Bulbs*

Day Clerks: Marcia Doering: Colleen Ginna

Judges: Karen Root, Barbara Howard

May 2023 – 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, 2023

May 4, 2023 – Garden Owners Appreciation Luncheon

Special Event: Open to all members, reservations required

11:30 a.m.

Surf Club, One Mallard Street, Wrightsville Beach, NC

May 24, 2023 - May Luncheon & Installation of 2023-24 Officers

Social: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: Noon

Cape Fear Country Club, Wilmington, NC

Devotional: Bobby Jean Harvey

Table arrangements by the Flower Arranging Committee

Executive Committee Meetings

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

September 12, October 10, 2022 - 1:00 p.m. Meetings called to order

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 - 10:00 a.m. Meeting called to order

January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, 2023

1:00 p.m. Meetings called to order

All Executive Committee Meetings are scheduled at the

New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium, 6206 Oleander Drive,

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

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Budget

2022 – 2023

Income

Dues – Active - 260 (assumed)	\$22,100
Dues – Associate - 60 (assumed)	5,700
Dues Allocated to Garden Tour	(11,200)
New Member Applications	200
From Garden Tour	5,000
Budget Deficit to be met with prior years surplus	9,465

Total Budgeted Income **\$31,265**

Expenses – Fixed

Accounting	\$1,200
Insurance	1,000
Media and Communications (Includes website)	1,250
National and State Dues – Member and Youth Clubs	4,300
P.O. Box	150
Rent and Resources for Meetings (\$600 x 7 meetings)	4,200
Safe Deposit Box	50
Storage Unit	2,800

Total Expense -Fixed **\$14,950**

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	1,000
Disbursements (Garden Tour)	50
Edible Gardening	300
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	100
Transportation	50
Yearbook	2,000
Youth Gardeners	<u>1,200</u>

Total Expenses – Variable **\$16,315**

Total Budgeted Expenses **\$31,265**

2022 - 2023 *Appointed Officers*

Chaplain	Bobby Jean Harvey	910-471-8224
Computer Registrar	Penelope Allison	910-686-0888
Historian	Dianne Lynch	910-538-7870
Librarian	Diane Smith	910-470-6238
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
.....	Mary MacPherson	703-623-4552
Registrars	Elizabeth Moore	910-262-3878
.....	Shital Patel	910-538-8747

Departments

Conservation

Virginia Teachey & Marsha Seaton, Co-Chairs

Bernadette Baker, Morgan Chapman, Maggie Curtis, Cathy Giannini, Charlotte Hardison, Cheryl D. Hunter, Gwendolyn Johnsen, Joan Lynch, Kathryn Maland, Lynn McRoy, Alma Moore, Connie Parker

Flower Arranging

Stephanie Hendrickson, Chair; Hillary McNeir, Vice-Chair

Addie Arato, Devon Baldwin, Barbara Barbee, Rebekah Barnhill, Mary Rose Brantham, Dawn Byrnes, Nan Caison, Connie Carter, Michelle Caviness, Janice Dickey, Marie Douglas, Kiplyn Duffy, Elizabeth Dunn, Laura Elliott, Gloria Ezzell, Bonnie Faler, Alma Fennell, Julie Fisher, Nancy Fitzgerald, Joane Furness, Joyce Galloway, Millie Griffin, Jan Halderson, Shirley Hardee, Bobbie Jean Harvey, Sharon Gray Hiles, Teresa Hill, Debbie Hopper, Suzanne Huggins, Sonda Jaffe, Harriet Kimbro, Lannie Kirby, Karen Kistler, Jackie Loney, Lynnea Mallalieu, Denise Matroni, Laurel Maultsby, Susan McGee, Becky McKeel, Perri Miley, Frances Moles, Susan Nettleman, Gray Nunnelee, April Pearson, Sonya Perry, Pat Plaskett, Cathy Poulos, Roberta Quarton, Ann Richardson, Jeannie Richardson, Angela Rigsbee, Louie Scharf, Irene Shea, Kimberly Shipley, Margaret Sifly, Karen Smith, Goldie Stetten, Becky Tidd, Jan Trask, Elizabeth Trice, Kristi Williams Turlington, Lynn Turner, Mary Kathryn Turner, Heda Waldrep, Paige Walker, Gayle Ward, Kathie Wheeler

Garden Therapy

Debbie Reid, Chair

Martha Blacher, Carol Black, Lolita Bryant, Sherrel Sholar Bunn, Nancy Cameron, Julia Davis, Wendy Giannini-King, Elizabeth Haley, Johnnie Howard, Harriet Kimbro, Cindy Lopez, Pat McConahey

Horticulture

Karen Root, Chair; Barbara Howard, Vice Chair

Jina Shea Banner, Martha Blacher, Bettye Broadwater, Lolita Bryant,
Sheri Chisholm, Marcia Doering, Colleen Ginna, Samantha Nguyen, Linda Pyle,
Pia Ann Robison

Standing Committees

Airlie Showcase Garden

Mary Beth Farrow & Marylou Moeller, Co-Chairs

Nancy Batounis, Martha Blacher, Bettye Broadwater, Jolene Erdmann,
Eugenia Griswold, Joanne Hamilton, Lannie Kirby, Cindy Lopez, Joan Lynch,
Joyce Maguire, Pat McConahey, Rachel Pace, Lisa E. Phelps, Beth Pottle, Jenny Rippy,
Suzanne Triplett

Arbor Day

Cheryl D. Hunter, Chair

Joanne Hamilton, Teresa Mayo, Melissa Talley

Awards

Linda Snider, Chair; Delores Hawes, Vice-Chair

Azalea Garden Tour

Goldie Stetten, Chair

Advisors: Sandy Cyphers, Marcia Doering, Elaine Henson, Susan Nettleman,
Cathy Poulos, Gayle Ward

Azalea Garden Tour Ambassadors: Stephanie Durner & Lynnea Mallalieu, Co-Chairs

Susan DeGroot, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes, Linda McCall, Lynn McRoy,
Mary Nix, Janie Peters, Becky Philips, Cathy Poulos, Jeannie Richardson,
Mary Smith, Babs Sutton

Badges: Annie Anthony

Committee at Large: Mary Kathryn Turner, Kathie Wheeler

Funds Disbursement: Sandy Cyphers, Chair

Garden Descriptions and Plant Labels: Karen Root, Chair

Marcia Doering

Garden Hostess Coordinator: Wendy Simmons, Chair

Garden Search: Sarah Anderson, Marcia Doering, Elaine Henson

Hospitality: Karen Greene, Chair

Susan DeGroot, Allison Graham, Sharon Gray Hiles, Lannie Kirby,

Laurel Maultsby, Linda McCall, Roberta Quarton, Diane Smith, Laurie Taylor,

Linda Tinga, Marianne Wayne, Janet Wessling, Catherine Lee Williams

Photography: Bernadette Baker, Donna Thompson

Printing: Cathey Luna

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

Queen's Bouquet: Cathy Poulos

Ribbon Cutting: Karen Smith, Chair

Mary Kathryn Turner

Ribbon Cutting Decoration: Hillary McNeir, Chair

Bobby Jean Harvey, Betty Lou Henderson, Frances Moles, Susan Rogers,
Elizabeth Trice

Ribbon Cutting Nurses and Special Needs: Judy Hyatt, Cheryl Meitrodt
Secretary: Laurel Maultsby
Signs: Martha Blacher, Chair
Tabletops and More: Heda Waldrep, Chair
Addie Arato
Ticket Sales: Kathryn Huffman, Darlene Tyndall, Co-Chairs
Ticket Sales (On-Line): Penelope Allison
Transportation: Kiplyn Duffy, Chair
Treasurer: Betty Norris

Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement

Sandy Cyphers, Chair

Martha Blacher, Mary Ellen Black, Meg Davenport, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes, Dianne Lynch, Betty V. Norris, Pat Plaskett, Cathy Poulos, Signa Stalvy, Goldie Stetten, Gayle Ward, Janet Wessling

Battery Island

Marlene Eader, Chair

Annie Anthony, Marguerite Braddy, Dawn Byrnes, Nan Caison, Connie Carter, Debbie Caulder, Maggie Curtis, Beth DurJava, Kathy East, Julie Fisher, Wendy Giannini-King, Eugenia Griswold, Rebecca Hardy, Stephanie Hendrickson, Suzanne Huggins, Karen Kistler, Marion Kreh, Joan Lynch, Patsy Mackmull, Kathryn Maland, Lynnea Mallalieu, Theresa Mayo, Mary MacPherson, Lynn McRoy, Perri Miley, Denise H. Miller, Marylou Moeller, Sherry O'Daniell, Rachel Pickett Pace, Frances Parnell, Janie Peters, Susan Gregory Rogers, Michele Russell, Beth Scott, Mary Jo Searson, Marsha Seaton, Judith Sheridan, Sandra Siemering, Diane M. Smith, Signa Stalvey, Claire Stanley, Paula Stetler, Suzanne Triplett, Nixie Nunnalee Wilson

Beautification Endowment

Karen Smith, Chair

Margaret Barclay, Gloria Degnan, Cathy Poulos, Nancy Scott-Finan

2022 Fund Raiser - 'Oysters and Pearls' Kathie Wheeler, Chair

Penelope Allison, Addie Arato, Sandy Cyphers, Gloria Ezzell, Julie Fisher, Bobby Jean Harvey, Debbie Hopper, Sandra Kittinger, Susan Nettleman, Ann Richardson, Karen Smith, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Trice, Kristi Williams Turlington, Heda Waldrep

Bees, Birds and Butterflies

Annie Anthony, Chair; Kathy Respet, Vice-Chair

Vivian Carter, Janice Dickey, LeNeve Duncan, Ann Grose, Jan Halderson, Judy Hyatt, Cindy Lopez, Patsy Mackmull, Brenda Moore, Shirena O'Donnell, Jeannie Richardson, Angela Rigsbee, Cornelia Ruttkay, Marian Saunders, Mary Wilkerson, Nixie Nunnelee Wilson

Budget

Penelope Allison, Treasurer and Chair

Betty Norris, Assistant Treasurer; Meredith Lewis, President;
Debbie Reid, 1st Vice President; Delores Hawes, 2nd Vice President

Civic Improvements

Cathy Poulos, Chair

Plant an Azalea Week: Janine Powell

Beauty Spot Program: Pia Ann Robison

Sarah Anderson, Tanya Armour, Bernadette Baker, Cathy Dotson, Beth DurJava, Gloria Ezzell, Joanne Hamilton, Rebecca Hardy, Betty Lou Henderson, Teresa Hill, Lynnea Mallalieu, Martin Meyerson, Connie Parker, Jeannie Richardson, Judith Sheridan, Gayle Ward

Development Committee

Nancy Scott-Finan, **Chair**

Meg Davenport, Martin Meyerson,

Edible Gardening Committee

Cathy Giannini & Karen Kistler, Co-Chairs

Addie Arato, Devon Baldwin, Roberta Berg-Smith, Carol Black, Janice Dickey, Stephanie Harris, Delores Hawes, Kathryn Maland, Marylou Moeller, Sherry O'Daniell, Jan Trask, Mary Kathryn Turner

Gardening for Wildlife

Rebecca Hardy, Chair

Kristen Altman, Barbara Downing, Delores Hawes, Marion Kreh, Elizabeth Miars, Sherry O'Daniell, France Parnell, Sandra Siemering, Mary Smith, Paula Stetler, Frankie Trask, Elizabeth Vernon, Janet Wessling

Hospitality

Susan L. Kraus, Chair

Mary Ellen Black, Barbara Bush, Michelle Caviness, Beth Chadwick, Angelia Cline, Jackie Cooke, Martha Coon, Joan Cunningham, Susan DeGrootte, Carole Ellis, Karen Greene, Barbara Hoenig, Schaum Hunt, Sonda Jaffe, Diane Kelly, Pamela Lane, Cindy Lopez, Kary Massengill, Susan McGee, Elisabeth Mead, Marty Melton, Janie Peters, Potter Sewell, Sandy Smith, Frankie Trask, Kristi Williams Turlington, Diane Woodbury

Judge: Flower Arranging & Horticulture

Master Judge Jenene Smith, Chair

Media & Communication

Barbara Downing, Chair

Stephanie Durner, Laurie Taylor

Membership

Nan Caison, Julie Fisher, Co-Chairs

New Member Relations

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

New Members: Kristen Altman, Tanya Armour, Devon Baldwin, Barbara Barbee, Rebekah Barnhill, Carol Black, Kathy East, Joanne Hamilton, Cindy Lopez, Mary MacPherson, Lynn McRoy, Sonya Perry, Cornelia Ruttkay, Kimberly Shipley, Lynn Turner, Paige Walker

Facilitators: Debby Allen, Julie Duclos-Greenwood, Annamarie Eakins, Marty Melton, Elizabeth Miars, Wanda Musselwhite, Irene Shea, Rose Zimmer

Nominating Committee

Linda Snider, 3rd Vice President, Chair

Members at Large: LeNeve Duncan, Mary Beth Farrior, Elizabeth Moore, Mary Kathryn Turner

Oral History

Carole Ellis, Chair

Elaine Henson, Anita Duren Lewis, Babs Sutton, Janet Warren

Oversight

Morgan Chapman, Chair

Morgan Chapman, Martin Meyerson

Photography

Donna Thompson, Chair

Suzanne Huggins, Eric Kozen

Programs

Delores Hawes, 2nd Vice President, Chair

Promotions

Martha Smith Ward, Chair

Sue Bilzi, Bess Blackburn, Mary Beth Colwell, Susan Hickman, Sonya Perry, Nancy Scott-Finan, Miriam Burns Whitford, Nancy Zigler

Registration

Elizabeth Moore & Shital Patel, Co-Chairs

Jean Campbell, Beth Chadwick, Frances Moles, Ida Newton, Anne O'Malley, Kathy Respet, Suzanne Schoeppe, Patricia Sheehan, Mary Kathryn Turner, Miriam Burns Whitford

Scholarship

Julia Davis, Chair

Shanda Bordeaux, Lolita Bryant, Annamarie Eakins, Babs Sutton, Donna Thompson, Terry Wilson

Special Events

Elizabeth Trice, Chair; Bobby Jean Harvey Vice-Chair

Debby Allen, Penelope Allison, Annie Anthony, Addie Arato, Shanda Bordeaux, Nancy Cameron, Janice Dickey, Bonnie Faler, Julie Fisher, Wendy Giannini-King, Debbie Hopper, Marty Melton, Perri Miley, Susan Nettleman, Karen Smith, Heda Waldrep, Kathie Wheeler

Transportation

Teresa Hill, Chair

Joanne Hamilton, Patsy Weinel

Yearbook

Debbie Reid, 1st Vice President, Chair

Gloria Degnan, Colleen Ginna

Youth Garden Clubs

Eileen Haley & Sandra Kittinger, Co-Chairs

Barbie Cowan, Pat Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Haley, Suzanne Huggins, Jennifer Sturm

- *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*



Special Committees

Centennial Planning Committee

Gloria Ezzell & Susan Nettleman, Co-Chairs

Bernadette Baker, Sandy Cyphers, Gloria Degnan, Marcia Doering, Barbara Downing, Beth Durjava, Cynthia Henry, Betty Lou Henderson, Elaine Henson, Teresa Hill, Cathy Poulos, Diane Smith, Karen Smith, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Trice, Kristi Williams Turlington, Gayle Ward, Kathie Wheeler

By-Laws Review Committee

Sandra Kittinger, Chair

Gloria Degnan, Barbara Downing, Elaine Henson, Martin Meyerson, Linda Snider

New and Continuing Projects

Departments

In keeping with our mission, "To encourage environmentally responsible practices with the Club and Community" the **Conservation Committee** continued 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 The North Carolina Coastal Federation, City of Wilmington, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington's Heal Our Waterways, NC Department of Transportation, New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District, and UNC Wilmington who worked together to develop the Bradley 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, reducing the pollution of 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.

In the Fall of 2020, the Conservation Committee 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. The project treats storm water runoff from a portion of the school parking lot and front yard. This project was completed in May 2010.

The Conservation Committee began their collaborative project with North Carolina Coastal Federation on October 13, 2020, at Bradley Creek Elementary School (BCES). 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 5 times and volunteered 50 hours. We had one Zoom meeting for planning purposes. Bonnie Mitchell at Coastal Federation continues to be a great support.

Our committee presented a PowerPoint presentation about the Conservation Committee's activities this year, which was well received by the members of the CFGC. Virginia Teachey and Marsha Seaton presented another PowerPoint on the Eagle Island Nature Park and the detailed planning that has taken place so far by the Eagle Island Central Park Task Force. We submitted a motion for CFGC to support the preservation of Eagle Island as a Nature Park and stop the commercial development. It was unanimously passed by the members and a letter was sent to the Task Force. We went on an educational tour of Eagle Island with Doug Springer of Cape Fear Water Tours. He informed us of the activity a company is planning for condo/apartment development on Eagle Island.

Our budgeted money this year was awarded to NC Coastal Federation to assist in sustaining the rain gardens at Bradley Creek and also to the Cape Fear Tree Alliance. We have identified our projects for the 2022-2023 year.

Projects for 2022-23

- Downspout Diversion Project
- Bradley Creek Elementary Rain Garden
- Labeling Native Plants in BCES Rain Garden
- Preservation of Eagle Island Nature Park
- Conservation Field Trips

Submitted by Virginia Teachey and Marsha Seaton, Committee Co-Chairs

The **Flower Arranging Committee** has had a full and fun year. With such a large group of members we can always count on our members to come through when needed. The Hospitality table was beautiful every month that meetings were held. Our largest project was the Christmas tea which was so beautiful this past December at the home of Michelle Caviness. The whole Committee stepped up for this project and after having been in lockdown for so long it was so great to get together. In March we had our own Garden Club flower show. Members of the whole club were invited to do their own arrangements and we were all wonderfully surprised at how much talent we have in our club. I hope we can do this again next March. We stepped up to help the Azalea Garden Tour in April and put together baskets for our Ambassadors to hold at the Ribbon Cutting and in the gardens. The May meeting was as beautiful as ever, with inspiration from the Edible Garden Committee. In all, this past year has brought us more appreciation for our time together. We are grateful for all members who have helped out this year.

Submitted by Stephanie Hendrickson, Committee Chair



During a normal year, the **Garden Therapy Committee** meets seven times; however, the 2021-2022 year was no normal year with the pandemic still looming over us. We usually begin in October, and complete the year with November and December; we begin again in February, and continue through May. We meet monthly at the Elderhaus Facility by Greenfield Lake; the residents there are adult individuals with cognitive decline and various stages of dementia. Their health status, coupled with the pandemic and residents' confusion about masks, posed challenges for our members and their own health issues. The number of reported cases in New Hanover County was too high for us to return in the fall. After a phone conversation with the Director of the facility and the chair of this committee, it was decided to return in February of the new year. In January, these two individuals met in person and the case numbers were even higher, so, it was decided we would not return in February and March. However, we decided to plan an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for Good Friday in April outside at Rotary Park (across the street from the facility) for the residents. With our limited budget, committee members each donated a dozen candy-filled plastic eggs and one door prize to supplement supplies for a successful hunt. Six members were present for the hunt and a total of nine donated for the cause. The weather was glorious and the residents appeared happy to participate; they all certainly remembered hunting Easter eggs in their younger days. Many residents shared that they were glad we were back! Coming off that successful event, we were determined to plant flowers in May at the facility, another outdoor event that we do every year. There is an enclosed patio with several raised beds and pots that had not been attended to since our last planting in May of 2019, due to the pandemic. Things were overgrown, unruly, and unkempt. Seven members reported on the first Monday of May with garden tools, gloves, trash bags, topsoil, and plants in tow to transform the patio space for the residents. Male residents helped to unload the car with the supplies, and those that wished to help donned gloves and assisted with the planting of the flowers. We had many beautiful spring flowers, and the chair of the committee brought 21 baby spider plants from her personal plant that were transplanted in the pots. Two big leaf bags of trash were collected and disposed of from the space. In the end, you could certainly tell the Garden Therapy Committee had made their mark that afternoon. This was a difficult year to coordinate this committee due the constraints of the pandemic. Not everyone attended the general meetings for information, and communication was difficult, but we did what we could for the residents outside of the facility and provided fresh air and sunshine for everyone.

Submitted by Debbie Reid, Committee Chair

The **Horticulture Committee** had a fantastic time organizing the specimens that our members contributed from their gardens for display and judging. This year more than 228 specimens were brought in for exhibition. If the name of the plant is not known, we help with the correct nomenclature. Judging of the plants and awards are announced at each meeting with a total of 218 blue ribbons awarded. Our members love looking at all the flowers and asking questions, taking pictures and sharing plants and information. The end of the year was celebrated with a champagne tour of Karen Root's garden. Plants were shared and all of us had a wonderful time getting to know each other better.

Submitted by Karen Root, Committee Co-Chair

Committees

Airlie Showcase Garden was first created in March of 2016. Since then the committee maintains our "Southern Garden" by dividing into four teams and developing a weekly schedule. The schedule rotates with one team working in the garden each week throughout the year.

This year our whole group met in September for our "Fall Kick Off". We used that day to install a replacement birdhouse for the one that was damaged by Hurricane Florence. It was also a wonderful time to get to know our new group members.

Two other whole group workdays were held in November and April. In November we decorated for Enchanted Airlie and replaced our potted hibiscus with a gardenia surrounded by pansies. In April we were able to tidy up our garden for the Azalea Festival.

Our plan for the fall is to purchase several gardenias to replace azaleas and camellias that are struggling to thrive in our garden, and to begin purchasing new Christmas decorations for Enchanted Airlie.

Submitted by Kristi Turlington and Mary Beth Farris, Committee Co-Chairs



The **Arbor Day Committee** held a tree planting on Friday, March 18, 2022, at Trask Middle School to commemorate North Carolina Arbor Day 2022. Two 7-gallon Red Maples (*Acer Rubrum*) that were provided by David Johnson of Johnson Nursery in Willard, NC, were planted on behalf of the Cape Fear Garden Club. The trees were very much needed to replace trees lost by the school during Hurricane Florence in September 2018.

There were 25 to 30 people in attendance, including New Hanover Co. Commissioner Rob Zapple, New Hanover Co. Board of Education Vice-Chair Stephanie Walker, New Hanover Co. Board of Education member Pete Wildeboer, and Plastic Ocean Project Executive Director Bonnie Montelone. The Cape Fear Garden Club was represented by six Club members. Our photographer, Donna Thompson, took many great pictures! The New Hanover Co. School publicity and communications representatives were also in attendance, as well as WWAY TV. Interviews were held with the Trask School principal Kimberly Clark, three students from the school 4-H Club, and with Club President Linda Snider and Arbor Day Committee Chair Cheryl Hunter.

Principal Clark opened the program at 10:15 a.m. by welcoming everyone on behalf of the school and introducing Cheryl Hunter. Everyone was again welcomed, with a plaque to commemorate Arbor Day 2022 being presented to Ms. Clark. She thanked the CFGC, and invited Commissioner Zapple, Ms. Walker and Ms. Montelone to say a few words before beginning to plant the trees. The trees were planted by members of the Trask 4-H Club, with help from Scott Childs of the New Hanover County Parks and Gardens Department and some of the special guests.

The Alliance for Cape Fear Trees also gave two trees for the 4-H members to plant as part of a full day of activities (thank you CFGC member Connie Parker!) The schools

also arranged for The Plastic Ocean Project to help all of the school's students do a big clean-up of the grounds during their recess periods.

A big thank you to Allison Childs, parent volunteer at Trask who coordinated things on behalf of the school, the other parent volunteers in attendance, the school principal and staff, Johnson Nursery, and special guests, as well as our Cape Fear Garden Club Media and Communications Chair, Barbara Downing.

Submitted by Cheryl Hunter, Committee Chair



History is made every day in our lives and history was made during the 69th **Azalea Garden Tour** in several ways.

The garden tour finally became reality, having been cancelled for two consecutive years (2020 and 2021) due to Covid.

The Azalea Belles, who were part of the tour for over 50 years, had a name change to Azalea Garden Tour Ambassadors. They were a small group this first year as were the first Belles in 1965. In addition to the young girls, we had our first young man to serve as an Ambassador. These young people truly did a remarkable job representing the garden tour and marked a new modern, and diverse look.

The beautiful gardens showcased on the tour reflected a wide variety of different garden styles and types. Another first this year was having speakers in the gardens sharing ideas on planting flowers and shrubs, outdoor floral design with plant size, sun or shade and other factors to consider in our gardens. These presentations within the gardens were well received by the attendees as were the local artists who painted in the gardens.

The Ribbon Cutting was lovely and truly showcased a beautiful family estate for the special event. It was enjoyed by the public, the Azalea Festival entourage and dignitaries from the city, county, and state. In keeping with pandemic protocol, we served bottled water and individually wrapped cookies instead of our usual punch and plates of homemade cookies.

As the 2022 Azalea Garden Tour ended and the receipts and expense calculations were done, the total amount raised from the tour was **\$98,000.00**, making it the second highest income producing tour to date.

Thanks to each member of the Cape Fear Garden Club for making the 2022 Azalea Garden Tour a huge SUCCESS!

Submitted by Sandy Cyphers, Committee Chair



The **Battery Island Committee** of the Cape Fear Garden Club has over a 26-year relationship working closely with the AUDUBON NC Coast Office and its biologists to maintain safe habitats for the migratory birds and the islands where they nest in the Lower Cape Fear River. Battery Island is considered a "Globally Important Bird Area" as thousands of White Ibis nest on Battery Island each Spring. Brown Pelicans, a variety of Egrets, a variety of Herons, and Royal and Sandwich Terns are some of the water birds that nest on the river islands.

BATTERY ISLAND FALL & SPRING 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 birds.

Battery Island is a federally-protected habitat. 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 and travel to the island by boat.

The Battery Island Committee conducts one clean-up on a weekday and the other clean-up on a weekend. During the 2021-22 CFGC year, the Battery Island Committee conducted the Fall clean-up on November 1, 2021, with 12 members and collected 160 lbs. of debris. The Spring clean-up took place on March 13, 2022, with 6 members and collected 380 lbs. of debris. Committee members enjoyed a great morning on the island followed by lunch together with our Audubon friends in Southport at Oliver's Restaurant on the waterfront!

THE BIRD CRUISE

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 is sponsored by the Cape Fear Garden Club and has 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. Following a two-year break during the COVID pandemic, the cruise took place on Sunday, May 15, 2022, and was sold out in just four weeks. The Battery Island Committee members plan and coordinate the cruise, which includes selling tickets, greeting guests and speakers, coordinating the boarding of the riverboat, selling 50/50 raffle tickets, creating & selling notecards, taking photographs, and distributing box lunches. We have a great time!

The cruise is an educational program and ornithology experts share their knowledge and experience by narrating the cruise and viewings. Lindsay Addison, the Coastal Biologist for AUDUBON NC, who is responsible for the river islands, narrated the cruise this year. The profit from the cruise enabled the Battery Island Committee to donate \$1,905.60 to AUDUBON NC's Coast Office for its important work on the nesting river islands.

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 to support the work of the Audubon biologist on the Cape Fear River islands nesting colonies.

Submitted by Marlene Eader, Committee Chair



In March the **Beautification Endowment Committee** held a raffle for the Endowment to help make up for the lack of fundraising activities in 2021. A beautiful quilt was made by member Brenda Moore for the raffle. \$1,380.00 was raised from that event. Cheryl Hunter was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt.

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. At present the Endowment has a balance of \$190,259.40. Interest in the amount of \$7,010.00 will be available to give out in grants for 2022. We continue to work with the Civic Improvements Committee and the Centennial Committee for future disbursement opportunities.

Submitted by Karen Smith, Committee Chair



In the Fall of 2021 the **Bees, Birds and Butterflies** Committee hosted a presentation by Andy Fairbanks of Wilmington Parks and Recreation. We learned that Wilmington is an official Bee City. There are requirements to keep this designation (see BeeCityUSA.org). The New Hanover County Beekeepers Association helps Halyburton, a county park, be a pollinator friendly park. Bees pollinate within a 4 to 5-mile radius. The beekeepers hope that we will add native plants to existing butterfly gardens. He also introduced us to the "I Naturalist" app and "Citizen Scientist" app that can help identify plants and animals while geotagging their location.

In Winter 2021 projects to create edible ornaments for birds were led by Vice-Chair, Kathy Respet. The committee provided the ingredients.

In the Spring of 2022 Committee member Loulie Scharf taught us how to create a Butterfly Craft. While a little messy, it was fun to get our hands dirty while creating butterfly projects.

In May of 2022, Chair, Annie Anthony and Vice-Chair, Kathy Respet went out to Skywatch Bird Rescue to present them with an \$800 check. The money will be used for the creation of a pollinator garden that schoolchildren can walk through to learn more about bees and pollinator flowers. The wonderful markers that were used at the Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour 2022 will be used in the pollinator garden at Skywatch Bird Rescue. Members will be invited out for several days of hands-on work to move the garden forward. We look forward to making another donation in 2022/2023.

Submitted by Annie Anthony, Committee Chair



The **Civic Improvements Committee's** annual planting project this year was in partnership with New Hanover County Parks Conservancy. We worked with the county staff to fund and plant beautiful landscaping around the restroom and picnic area at River Road Park. The project was completed in 2 phases: the first planting occurred on March 9 when we planted a variety of trees and flowering shrubs. The final phase was celebrated during Plant an Azalea Week on April 4, coordinated by club member Janine Powell. New Hanover County Commissioners attended and joined committee members to help plant 16 azaleas. The project was funded by the sale of the "Plant an Azalea" greeting cards, sponsored by the Civic Improvements Committee and sold by the Promotions Committee at CFGC meetings and also sold at Airlie Gardens' gift shop.

A focus of Civic Improvements this year was the refurbishing of our "Beauty Spot" signs that have functioned well for us since the awards were initiated in 2011.

Committee member Pia Ann Robison was the coordinator for selecting this year's "Beauty Spot-Outstanding Landscaping Awards" for three categories of street front landscaping. The winners for 2022 are as follows:

Business:	Wendy's House at 126 Sebrell Avenue
Residential:	Lisa and David Nieves at 112 Colonial Drive
Neighborhood Entrance:	River Lights Development

Our committee submitted 2 award applications to the Garden Club of North Carolina which described our efforts to sponsor an urban garden at Wilmington's Riverfront Park and our coordination of the National Garden Week event in 2021, which was the Beauty Spot Ceremony held that year. We won blue ribbons for both submissions.

We have continued to keep an eye on the CFGC Urban Garden at Riverfront Park, which was just installed last year during the month of July. The garden is filled with native plants and pollinator plants and is still a young garden alongside other areas within the park.

Submitted by Cathy Poulos, Committee Chair

In March of 2022 the **Edible Gardening Committee** became a standing committee with a budget of \$300. We meet at least once a month throughout the year on various projects.

Our “home” location is Willowdale Farm where we tend the entrance, which we designed as a foodscape garden for the neighborhood, and we help with their plant sales.

With the guidance of David Brenner and Dolores Williams of Wilmington Green Community Gardens, we spent two days at Eden Village planting fruit trees and a vegetable garden in the community for the chronically homeless. Currently, we are working on the revival of Annie’s Garden downtown on Dock Street.

We have had field trips to other community gardens, such as Rise Up Community Garden that offers a full range of educational activities for youth based on working in their garden and selling harvest over the internet.

Submitted by Karen Kistler and Cathy Giannini, Committee Co-Chairs



One of the **Gardening for Wildlife Committee’s** highlights for the Cape Fear Garden Club’s 2021/22 season was the nomination for the NC Wildlife Federation’s 57th Annual Governor’s Conservation Achievement Award. The committee earned this award by creating an educational video about the certification of wildlife habitats; this was done during the 2020/21 pandemic shutdown. This virtual tour of the garden of Dr. James and Frances Parnell illustrates the categories for wildlife certification: food, shelter, water, a place to raise young, and sustainability. The video can be viewed on our club’s website, www.capefeargardenclub.org

The Parnell’s garden, which is a wildlife habitat, was chosen by the Gardening for Wildlife Committee as an “educational” garden for the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 shutdown, the Azalea Garden Tour was canceled for two consecutive years. With the dedicated work and patience of the Gardening for Wildlife Committee members and volunteers, the ongoing project for the last three years finally came to fruition, with the Parnell’s garden being showcased in its natural setting during the 2022 Azalea Garden Tour.

To complete the Gardening for Wildlife Committee’s mission, we presented our instructional videos on how to certify one’s garden as a wildlife habitat to the Wilmington Hobby Greenhouse Club; the videos are also available to other organizations to encourage future wildlife habitats.

Submitted by Marion Kreh and Paula Stetler, Committee Co-Chairs



The club year 2021-2022 for the **Media & Communications Committee** started with the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions. First on the agenda was publicity for the 2021 “Beauty Sport Awards” during National Garden Week in June. WWAY TV covered the awards of the Beauty Spot signage on June 10th during their evening news broadcast. The *StarNews* featured an article with pictures on July 3, 2021, in their “Home and Garden” section. *IntraCoastal Living* magazine included a story about our Beauty Spot home at Wrightsville Beach in their July issue.

On August 7, 2021, a picture and story were featured in the *StarNews* pertaining to the finishing touches at the Riverfront Park project by the Civic Improvements Committee.

Cape Fear Garden Club won the 2021 Pelican Award from the NC Coastal Federation. The Pelican Award story appeared in *Our Coast Magazine* and the online edition of *The National Gardener* magazine in the fall, 2021.

In August Rachel Boyd from Spectrum News interviewed the Gardening for Wildlife Committee after they were notified that Cape Fear Garden Club was chosen for the Governor’s Conservation Achievement Award as the NC Wildlife Federation Affiliate

of the Year for 2021, and this also appeared in *The National Gardener's* online edition in October.

The Blue Star Memorial Marker dedication received great publicity. *WILMA* magazine's weekly digital edition interviewed Coast Guard Rear Admiral Laura Dickey. The *StarNews* carried a story on Monday, October 25, 2021, "Dickey to speak at Blue Star dedication!" All three local TV news channels covered the dedication on Veterans Day!

Randy Aldridge of WWAY TV 3 ran a story in early November about the rollout of the Azalea Ambassadors. The story included links to the Ambassadors Information Sheet and the Ambassadors Application.

The club finally received a copy of the last "Gardening & Nature" episode filmed just before the Covid shutdown in 2020. It was scheduled to be shown on the NHCS TLN TV Network's "Morning Show" just before the 2020 Azalea Garden Tour. The episode covered the history of the Longleaf pine. It was filmed in Marcia Doering's garden (Garden #5 on the 2022 Azalea Garden Tour).

In December, local reporter, John Staton, publicized the upcoming Garden Tour with the headline, "Garden Club tour set for April, ending Covid hiatus", along with a photo of the Azalea Ambassadors.

An annual Press Book was created and submitted for the 2021 club year.

March was the month for Azalea Garden Tour publicity. It was exciting to find that as the publicity increased, so did the online ticket sales. The *StarNews* started the publicity off with a "Port City Life" front page article on February 25, 2022. The March edition of *IntraCoastal Living* featured a story about the Parnell's participation in the tour. April editions of *Wrightsville Beach Magazine* and *WILMA* highlighted the Tour and the Ambassadors.

The CFGC's celebration of Arbor Day at Trask Middle School on March 18, 2022, received great TV coverage on WECT and WWAY.

The Ambassadors Tea had coverage in *WILMA* and *WILMA* online. The red-carpet rollout was seen on WWAY TV. Pat Bradford from *Wrightsville Beach Magazine* came to the tea and also sent a magazine photographer to the tea.

The "Plant-an-Azalea" activities received great TV coverage. John Staton mentioned the Azalea Garden Tour in two front page articles in the *StarNews* leading up to the Azalea Festival. Also, the only male Azalea Ambassador had a solo interview on WWAY TV at the NHC Arboretum.

Submitted by Barbara Downing, Committee Chair



The **Membership Committee** reports that our current Membership numbers as of May 30, 2022, are: 5 Honorary, 252 Active, (including 16 new members who joined the club in March 2022), 64 Associate, and 46 Emeritus. The names of the 16 new members are: Tanya D. Armour, Devon Baldwin, Barbara Barbee, Rebekah Barnhill, Carol Black, Kathy East, Joanne Hamilton, Cindy Lopez, Mary MacPherson, Lynn McRoy, Sonya Perry, Cornelia Ruttikay, Kimberly Shipley, Lynn Turner, and Paige Walker. The New Member Relations Committee, along with their sponsors, will be helping them keep up with CFGC activities.

There are currently 13 people who have applied in 2022 for CFGC membership. Their names and any others who apply in 2022 will be presented in January 2023, voted on in February 2023 and become Provisional Members in March 2023.

Submitted by Beth Durjava and Joan Lynch, Committee Co-Chairs



The **New Member Relations Committee** welcomed the 29 new members at a coffee at PJ Middleton's home in September 2021 prior to the first General meeting; 13 new members attended.

Monthly emails were sent prior to each General Meeting. Lunch options were offered in September and October, with no one attending.

In December we offered to meet for coffee and go the Christmas Tea together; however, no new members joined the committee.

In March 2022 sixteen new members were welcomed to the Club and an Orientation was held at the Arboretum. Guidelines for membership were explained and committee chairs shared duties to introduce the new members to the Club.

Submitted by Ann Weaver, Committee Chair



The **Promotions Committee** sold calendars, note cards, Club pins, and several clothing items in addition to the new flower totes. We sold over fifty 'Plant-an-Azalea' cards with all proceeds going towards the planting of azaleas in our county parks. We are looking forward to setting up our table at the September Garden Club meeting...stop by and shop to support our Club.

Submitted by Irene Shea, Committee Chair



The **Special Events Committee** was challenged with Covid restrictions during most of the year, but we were able to come together in May. Our committee created 38 table arrangements for the Carousel Center's annual fundraiser. We also helped in-coming president, Meredith Lewis, host the inaugural Past President's Luncheon. Eighteen past presidents attended a lovely luncheon of chicken salad sandwiches, while sharing stories and passing along tips for Meredith. This beautiful luncheon was so appreciated by the past presidents, that we decided to make it an annual tradition.

Submitted by Elizabeth Trice, Committee Chair



The **Yearbook Committee** began the work of gathering information and compiling the 2021-2022 Yearbook in April 2021. The incoming President selects the coming year's theme and has the honor of selecting the cover art for the Yearbook. Linda's cover featured a sunflower photo that Linda had taken. Quotes and artwork throughout followed her theme for the year 'Plant a Seed'.

Committee reports for the previous year are submitted by the committee chairs.

Plans for our meetings and events are gathered by the Yearbook Committee for the calendar, to guide the club 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 are 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. 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 proofreaders. 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 a drive-by event where members could pick up their Yearbook and drop off their dues in advance of the September meeting, where the Yearbooks were also distributed.

Submitted by Penelope Allison, Committee Co-Chair



This year the **Youth Gardeners Committee** had two Youth Gardener groups, the Wee Planters at Mary C Williams Elementary School and the Friends of the Earth at Bradley Creek Elementary School. Both groups this year were kindergarteners. The committee members who worked with the Bradley Creek Elementary group were all new Garden Club members and they did a fabulous job, starting from scratch and running with it. Here are just a few of our favorite, fun projects with our students. At Mary C Williams we started the year with bats to go along with the teacher's lesson on bats! We read a book on bats, learned about what they ate and where they lived and made bat mobiles. For Christmas, the Wee Planters learned about the state bird, the cardinal, and made hand print cardinals on little canvases to give as gifts at home. They also learned about recycling and planting seeds with a milk jug recycled planter and marigold seeds project

At Bradley Creek we presented a lesson on our national bird, the turkey, and made turkey necklaces to take home for Thanksgiving. The Friends of the Earth sprouted sweet potatoes and discussed how Native Americans taught the pilgrims about growing food in their new home.

One of our favorite annual projects is to talk to the students about pollinators and how important they are to nature and the environment. Bradley Creek made "honeycomb" pollinator bulletin boards with bee facts. Both Wee Planters and Friends of the Earth watched butterflies grow from larvae to maturity to learn about the life cycle of the butterfly. This culminates in a butterfly release party at the end of the school year complete with the kids in butterfly wings.

Submitted by Eileen Haley, Committee Chair



"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 cards are \$15 each and can be purchased from the **Promotions Committee**, Airlie Gardens Gift Shop and Arboretum Gift Shop.

Special Committees

Blue Star Memorial Marker Committee: In 1945, the National Garden Club, Inc. began a program to install memorial markers along the highways and byways to show appreciation to the veterans returning from World War II. A few years later, it became a project to thank veterans and active-duty personnel for their service in the United States Armed Forces. In keeping with the National Garden Club, Inc. and the Garden Club of North Carolina, the Cape Fear Garden Club initiated a committee to result in the installation of a Blue Star Memorial Marker in Wilmington. This committee was formed in 2019 but stalled because of the pandemic of 2020. We were able to complete our fundraising in 2021 and installed our marker in Veterans Park on the waterfront of Wilmington, just across the river from the Battleship USS NORTH CAROLINA on November 11, 2021. Our great thanks go out to those who contributed to this effort and participated in our dedication program.

Submitted by Linda Snider, Club President



The **Centennial Committee** met during the past year to discuss the funds needed for our Centennial Celebration as well as a commemorative Statue to be placed in our garden in the new Riverfront Park. We have had several meetings to discuss what it should represent, and its size and design. We have met with and are working with a local sculptor with close ties to CFGC. He is working up sketches for presentation to our committee members so that we can discuss the pros and cons of the design, the size and the price. Our choices will be presented to the entire CFGC for approval. In the fall we will begin planning the celebration in detail. Plans for fundraising will be decided on and implemented this fall and spring.

Submitted by Gloria Ezzell and Susan Nettleman, Committee Co-Chairs



The **By-Laws Review Committee** was appointed by President Linda Snider to update our Club's operating procedures. We met monthly to address, clarify, correct and change some of our By-Laws and Policies & Procedures. We suggested several amendments to the Executive Board and then the General Membership for their input and approval. We consulted with other committees, including the Membership Committee Chairs, to amend our membership application process. A new membership category, Provisional, was developed and defined. We worked diligently throughout the year to protect and preserve our Club.

Submitted by Sandra Kittinger, Committee Chair



2021 Azalea Garden Tour

2021 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 Williams Turlington

The **2021 Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Committee** once again had limited funds due to the cancellation of the 2021 Azalea Garden Tour. That decision was based on executive orders from Governor Roy Cooper due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The limited funds came from a Reserve Fund that was established in 2014 for such an unforeseen catastrophe.

Funds were applied to our endowed scholarships to Cape Fear Community College and UNC Wilmington and to the N.C. Audubon Society. The total awarded was \$9,300. The City of Wilmington, Parks and Recreation received Tier II funds which completed our sponsorship in the Riverfront Park. The Disbursements Committee gave funds in the amount of \$9,370 and the Beautification Endowment Committee gave \$5,630 for a total of \$15,000.

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 2021	<hr/> \$9,300



Plaque marking our urban garden space at Riverfront Park

2022 Azalea Garden Tour

“Where Flowers Bloom, So Does Hope”

April 8 – 10, 2022

Sandy Cyphers, Chair

The Ribbon Cutting

&

Azalea Queen’s Garden Party©

6417 Quail Run Road

Home of Tom and Kate Fetzer

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| Garden 1 | James and Frances Parnell, 6451 Quail Run Road |
| Garden 2 | Lynn and Clinton McRoy, 6452 Quail Run Road |
| Garden 3 | Airlie Gardens with Lebanon Chapel, 300 Airlie Road |
| Garden 4 | Harbor Way Gardens, Wrightsville Beach |
| Garden 5 | Marcia Pendleton Doering, 6309 Pintail Court |
| Garden 6 | Lynn and Sam Leake, 20 Forest Hills Drive |
| Garden 7 | Debra and Sam Sundberg, 23 Forest Hills Drive |
| Garden 8 | Mary Russ and Daniel Norris, 102 Forest Hills Drive |
| Garden 9 | Meredith and Lance Lewis, 708 Forest Hills Drive |
| Garden 10 | Dan Thorpe and Anne Beck, 707 Colonial Drive |
| Garden 11 | Randy Aldridge and David Britt, 1305 Live Oak Parkway |
| Garden 12A | Chris Gore and Matthew TenHuisen, 512 Grace Street |
| Garden 12B | Josephine TenHusien, 510 Grace Street |

The 2022 Tour’s net proceeds were \$98,000

Congratulations to Sandy Cyphers, Chair and the entire Azalea Garden Tour
Committee and Club Members.

Grants will be presented at the October 2023 General Meeting

Awards

2021-2022

Garden Club of North Carolina District 11

Elma K. Porter Bowden Yearbook Award 1st Place

Garden Club of North Carolina State Awards

Received May 2022

Arbor Day Award 1st Place

Viola Kiker Civic Beautification 1st Place

National Garden Week 1st Place

Ruth Yarborough Publicity Press Book 1st Place

Slide, PowerPoint, Video Program 1st Place

Youth Garden Clubs Honorable Mention

South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Activities Award 1st Place

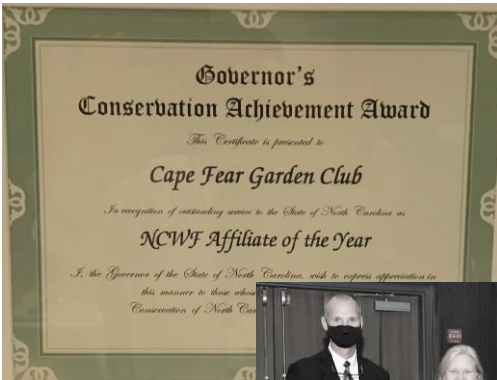
SAR Publicity Pressbook Award 1st Place

Programs with Slides, Video or PowerPoint Award 1st Place

Governor's Conservation Achievement Award

NCWF Affiliate of the Year

September 11, 2021



Pictured below accepting the award, Gardening for Wildlife members Mary Smith, Marion Kreh and Frances Parnell



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.

Lydia McKeithan Stokes

Emeritus Member 1993 – November 8, 2021

Garden Allies: The Insects, Birds, and Other Animals That Keep Your Garden Beautiful and Thriving
by Frederique Lavoiperre

Bonnie Young

Active Member 2013 – December 29, 2021

Growing Orchids at Home: The Beginner's Guide to Orchid Care
by Manos Kavellos and Peter White

Helene Delores Pasin

Emeritus Member 2008 – January 19, 2022

Drawing & Painting Flowers: A Step-by-Step Guide to Creating Beautiful Floral Artworks
by Jill Winch

Dorothy Gaither

Emeritus Member 1991 – May 24, 2022

The Garden Refresh: How to Give Your Yard Big Impact on a Small Budget
by Kier Holmes

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Life Memberships

As of May 31, 2022

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	Sherry O'Daniell	2021
Elaine Henson	2019	Jenene Smith	1993

SAR Life Members

Penelope Allison	2013	Hillary McNeir	2017
Carolyn Augustine	2006	Alma Moore	2012
Sue Bilzi	2006	Mae Omie Mosely	2011
Caroline Butler	2016	Susan Nettleman	2016
Angela Cline	2013	Sherry O'Daniell	2019
Regina Coscarelli	2010	Becky Phillips	2011
Sandy Cyphers	2018	Rebecca Philpott	2016
Gloria Degnan	2010	Pat Plaskett	2006
LeNeve Duncan	2015	Beth Pottle	2015
Kimberly Exum	2016	Cathy Poulos	2015
Alma Fennell	2016	Mary Schumacher	2014
Nancy Fitzgerald	2014	Irene Shea	2014
Shirley Hardee	2001	Jenene Smith	1999
Estell Lee Harrelson	2012	Karen Smith	2015
Cynthia Henry	2015	Mary Smith	2019
Elaine Henson	2010	Linda Snider	2015
Johnnie Howard	2014	Gloria Sprunt	2011
Teresa Hill	2010	Melinda Stewart	2011
Cheryl Hunter	2017	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

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	Linda Snider	2022
Cynthia Henry	2016	Gloria Sprunt	2012
Elaine Henson	2010	Melinda Stewart	2012
Ann Lyon	2022	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. Rosalind. Barker	1985-1987	Mrs. Linda Snider	2021-2022

State Presidents

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

By-Laws

As Amended May 2022

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, Provisional, Emeritus, and Honorary. All members are expected to work together cooperatively and respectfully for the good of the Club and community.

- A. An **Active Member** is required to attend three (3) general meetings and participate on at least one (1) committee 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. 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. All new members are **Provisional Members** for the period of one year from Orientation to March the following year. Provisional membership requirements are serving on a committee, sitting one shift in a garden for the Azalea Garden Tour, purchasing an Azalea Garden Tour ticket, and attending 3 general meetings. Provisional Members may not Chair a committee or serve on the Executive Committee. Having fulfilled these requirements during the year of their Provisional membership, and upon majority vote of the Executive Committee at their March meeting, they will become Active Members with all rights and privileges. Provisional membership may be terminated at any time by 3/4 vote of the Executive Committee.
 - D. 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.
 - E. 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 and Responsibilities:

Both Active and Emeritus members may propose one applicant annually for membership. The sponsoring member must have known their applicant for a minimum of one year prior to the date of signing the membership application and must write a letter of recommendation with the application. The signed membership application along with the nonrefundable application fee is submitted to the Membership Committee. January 1st shall be the deadline for accepting applications. The Membership chairman shall present the name of the applicant and sponsor at the January meeting after approval by the Executive Committee. The membership shall vote on the applicants at the February meeting. Orientation meeting shall be mandatory. A makeup Orientation shall be held at the discretion of the Membership Chairman. New members shall be presented at the March meeting. The sponsoring member is responsible for mentoring their applicant during the application process, the waiting list period, orientation, and for the Provisional year of membership.

Applicants who are placed on a waiting list shall come under the purview of the New Members Committee and shall be invited to attend meetings with their sponsors and attend other events not restricted by Club By-Laws.

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 President 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 May. 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 meeting.

In the event the Executive Committee, General Meeting, or Committee meeting cannot be held in person, an internet videoconference may be held.

- Unless otherwise published in Clippings or the yearbook, all members must be notified by email, mail, or telephone at least 2 days in advance.
- All members on the videoconference must be able to participate in aural communication.
- The videoconference monitor will mute everyone so that the recognized speaker can be heard.
- Any connection that is causing interference during the meeting may be disconnected by the President and will be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes
- A member will be recognized by the President with a raised hand whether by electronic hand or actual hand.
- Motions must be submitted in writing to the President, Recording Secretary, and approved through the Executive Board before presented to the members.

- Each member is responsible for maintaining an internet connection during the meeting; no action shall be invalidated due to member's loss of or poor quality of their internet connection.
- Each member will be notified via email how to join the meeting and meeting start time.
- Votes will be conducted by poll sent to each member connected or by show of hands if feasible.
- Attendance can be verified by attendance report at the end of the meeting. In the event videoconferencing is available when a General Meeting is held in person, the meeting will also be available via live streaming.

ARTICLE VI – Duties of the Officers

SECTION 1

Officers elected at the February meeting shall take office at the close of the meeting in May or by June 1.

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 or Vice-Chairman of the Azalea Garden Tour is unable to fulfill her/his duties, the President shall appoint a Chairman or Vice-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. stationary, 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, Development, 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 Gardens 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 Azalea Garden Tour 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. to include all contracts and memorandums of understanding.

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

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 after being read at two consecutive General Meetings (in person or videoconferencing) of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. by two-thirds vote provided the amendment has been approved by the Executive Committee.

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 Amended May 2022

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. Club-wide emailing may only be sent with approval of the President and through the protected email account.
- 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 five membership categories: Active, Associate, Provisional, 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 e 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.

Provisional

- Must pay dues.
- Must attend at least 3 General meetings.
- Must serve on a committee in addition to the New Member Committee.
- Must purchase an Azalea Garden Tour ticket and sit one shift in a garden during the Azalea Garden Tour.
- May not Chair a committee or serve on the Executive Committee.
- May attend both the Christmas Tea and May Luncheon Meeting.
- May vote.

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 letter of recommendation written by the sponsor along with a non-refundable \$20.00 application 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 inducted as Provisional Members in March for a period of one year.
- Approved applicants who cannot be invited for Active Membership due to numbers limitation in the by-laws have a Waitlist status and remain until the following January to determine their entry date for Provisional Membership.
- While in Waitlist 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 III/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.
- In the event the Executive Committee, General Meeting, or Committee meeting cannot be held in person, an internet videoconference may be held. Refer to Article V in By-Laws for complete information.

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.
- Videoconferencing see By Laws Article V Bullet 2.

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 and Provisional'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.

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.
- Shall serve as Awards Vice-Chair for her/his year in office.

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”.

Development Committee

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 confirm required activities of Provisional members with a report to the President before the March Executive committee meeting.

- 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.

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.

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 contains a series of asterisks. To the right of the "Password" field is a checkbox labeled "Remember Me" 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 another "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 at webmaster@capefeargardenclub.org

Native Plants for your Garden

<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

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

Penelope Allison	Shirley Hardee	Beth Pottle
Mary Alice Aluise	Jane Harshbarger	Cathy Poulos
Addie Arato	Delores Hawes	Lola Rivenbark
Carolyn Augustine	Cynthia Henry	Karen Root
Martha Blacher	C. C. Hensley	Mary Schumacher
Mary Ellen Black	Carolyn Jefferies	Irene Shea
Bettye Broadwater	Lannie Kirby	Judith Sheridan
Sherrel Bunn	Sandra Kittinger	Sandra Siemering
Debbie Caulder	Marion Kreh	Jenene Smith
Angela Chatham Cline	Meredith Lewis	Linda Snider
Sherria Crawley	Dianne Lynch	Signa Stalvey
Joan Cunningham	Pat McConahey	Paula Stetler
Susan DeGroot	Lynn McRoy	Melinda Stewart
Marcia Doering	Denise Miller	Fran Summerlin
Marie Douglas	Susan Nettleman	Melissa Talley
Barbara Downing	(2 gardens)	Donna Thompson
Julie Fisher	Mary Nix	Gayle Ward
Nancy Fitzgerald	Sarah O'Brien	Janet Warren
Karen Greene	Sherry O'Daniell	Patsy West
Ann Grose	Jan Oden	Mary Whitehurst
Eileen Haley	Frances Parnell	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



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: Brenda Crocker (Interim President)



District 11

Director: Frances Eder
Email: minfrances@gmail.com
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: Meredith Lewis
Club Theme: *Gather, Grow, Give*



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