



Cape Fear Garden Club CLIPPINGS

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President's Message

GENERAL MEETING:

November 16, 2022

Cape Fear Country Club

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

9:30 a.m. Hospitality & Social
Period

10:00 a.m. Meeting Called to
Order

Devotional:

Sandra Kittinger

Program: Winter Designs and Decorations

Presenter: Chelsea and
Ashley of Fiore Design
House will enlighten use
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

Judge: Karen Root &
Barbara Howard



Dear CFGC Member,

Hello and happy
November!

This month (and every
month) I am so very
grateful for the opportunity
to “Gather, Grow and Give”
alongside each of you!

We’ve been able to “gather”
this month at our lovely Soiree, where we danced
the night away while raising money to give back to
our beautiful community. We also honored our
deserving member and past president, Elaine
Henson for her many years of service to our club.

We are able to “grow” this month as we attend
workshops and learn more about flower arranging
and how to make beautiful, natural decorations for
our homes for the holidays.

We also can grow during a field trip with Bees,
Birds, and Butterflies to Skywatch Bird Sanctuary
and learn about their important work.

We “give” all year round but especially this month
as Garden Therapy spends time cheering up the
residents of Elderhaus, we make fun projects at
Bradley Creek Elementary through Youth
Gardeners, and work with Civic Improvements to
keep our downtown Urban Garden in the Live Oak
Pavilion looking its best.

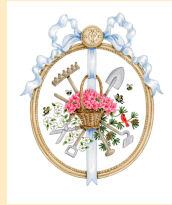


We are an active, productive, and wonderful garden club of which I'm very thankful to be a part. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Best,

Meredith

Meredith Lewis
President
Cape Fear Garden Club 2022-2023



**Unpaid Annual Dues Will Result in
CFGC Membership Cancellation on 12/15/2022**

Pay Your Dues Online

Ladies Lunching

Reservations are still available for the November Luncheon

Cape Fear Country Club
November 16th begins at 12noon

The cost is \$28 which is payable at the meeting by check or cash. Please RSVP using the paperless post or to dmreid@ec.rr.com by Thursday, November 11 by noon.

Lunch menu for after the November General Meeting will be.....
Delicatessen - Sliced turkey, ham, roast beef, and salami served with white, wheat, or rye bread. Assorted condiments, tossed salad, pasta salad, soup, and cookies for dessert. Come design your own sandwich and enjoy the after-meeting fun! The cost is the same as always \$28.00.



Remember, if you reserve a table for a lunch committee meeting please email that info along with the number so I can get a sign made for your group. Should you decide to change your mind about meeting elsewhere please let me know. Thanks! We had 58 individuals stay for lunch after the September meeting! Remember if you are lunching with your committee or bringing a guest(s) you must make a reservation.

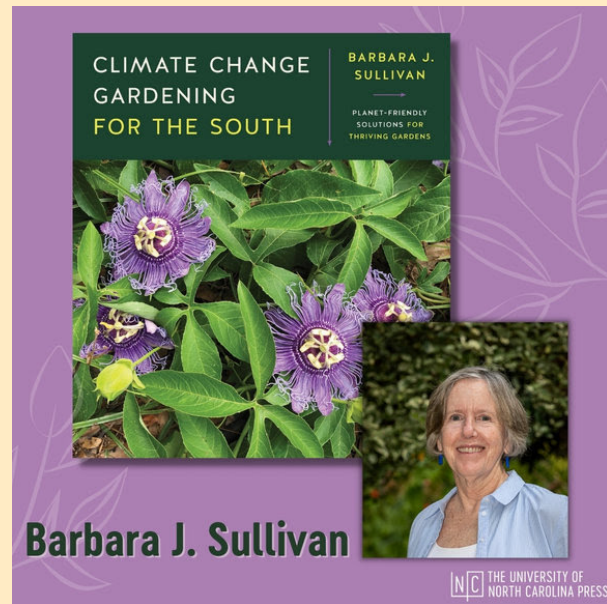
If you are planning to hold a committee meeting over lunch you must meet/eat in the room where lunch is served. Two large tables at the back are reserved for you to meet. Please let me know via email so I can accommodate all parties. Thanks. Debbie Reid, my email is dmreid@ec.rr.com

To attend please RSVP to the emailed **Paperless Post invitation**

Climate Change Gardening Event You're Invited to this Special Event

You're invited
to the New Hanover County
Arboretum on *Friday, December 9th*
at 6:30 pm,
for a special event with the Island
Wildlife Chapter of the
North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

We're hosting an evening with
Barbara J. Sullivan,
whose most recent book is *Climate
Change Gardening for the South*.
Please pre-register [here](#).
Pre-registrants may also pre-
purchase a signed book for \$30 each
by visiting the VIP site [here](#).



We'll bring the books to you at the event.
*Thanks to Pomegranate Books, which is donating a portion of book sales to
support Island Wildlife's efforts in the region.*

Upcoming CFGC Workshops



Tuesday, November 15, 2022
NHC Arboretum Auditorium
1:30-3:00 p

**Hillary McNeir "Creating and Embellishing
Garlands and Wreaths for the Holidays"**
How to use greenery and other natural items from
your yard to enhance your design.

Monday, November 21, 2022
NHC Arboretum- 1:30-3:00p
Stephanie Hendrickson - "Plantscapes"

Creating a centerpiece that is a small landscape with flowers, shrubs, and all things outdoors. Participants will need a raised cake plate, clippers, a knife to carve an oasis, and an ornament of either a small animal or possibly a little reindeer or even a Santa Claus that will fit into the scene. Stephanie will have some extras as well. I will get the flowers, mosses, and oasis.

Monday, January 16, 2023
NHC Arboretum Auditorium- 1:30-3:00p
Debbie Reid and her Dad "Making Daddy/Daughter Salsa"

Debbie and her dad spent the summer canning every tomato in the county, (says, Debbie). They will share their expertise in canning tomatoes and making tomato juice and salsa with us. Also, as an added treat she will bring salsa and chips for us to enjoy while we're learning to make our own. Bring your drink of choice to go with your snack and a jar for taking salsa home.

All Workshops are from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium.

Foraging For Flower Arrangements by Cathy Poulos

Save money by using **greenery** from your own backyard. My favs: Gardenia, Camelia, Ligustrum, Azalea leaves, ferns (Autumn, Holly, Asparagus*, Foxtail), Nandina, Viburnum, variegated Acuba Seasonal – Cypress; Pine Woody interest: Curly Willow branches, Pinecones; Berries – Holly, Nandina; Wildflowers: Queen Anne's Lace, and Goldenrod

IMPORTANT TIPS TO PREPARE BEFORE ARRANGING:

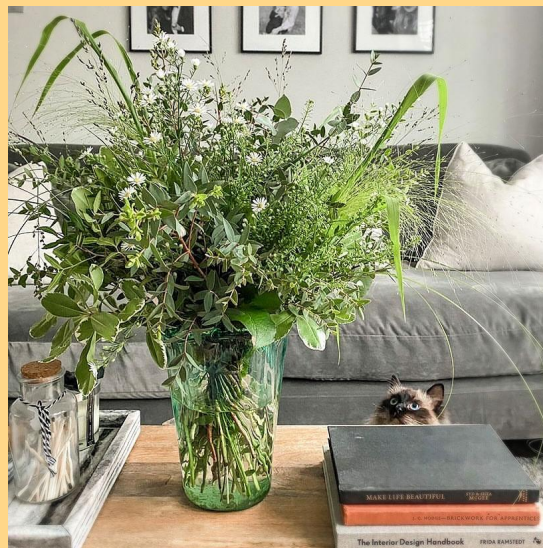
1. Put cuttings directly in water – carry a bucket with you in the yard
2. Cut in the early morning if possible after plants have rested overnight
3. Cut at an angle, if possible, to increase water absorption
4. Process stems – remove lower leaves – bacteria is your fiercest enemy, and leaves sitting in water are the worst culprit!
5. Let flowers & greenery hydrate for at least 8 hours or overnight for best results
6. Prepare the container – absolutely essential that it is clean! If not, bacteria will shorten the life of your arrangement. Use a little Clorox if needed to kill bacteria, then rinse thoroughly.
7. You can use a Cool Whip or another plastic container inside of a porous container if it is the right size and does not peek up above the top of your container
8. Decide on structure:
 - a. Oasis must be pre-soaked (lay it on top of the water to allow slow absorption and penetration throughout the oasis)
 - b. Chicken wire can be shaped into a crude ball and taped into the container
 - c. Taped grid – make sure you use good floral tape and tape onto a DRY container – add the water first; otherwise, you may wet the tape and cause it to come loose

ARRANGING THE FLOWERS:

1. Re-cut stems before you arrange and strip away any unwanted leaves that will interfere with the bloom
2. Form greenery for the base – use a variety of greens: glossy & dark (ligustrum, gardenia), wispy/airlike (ferns), color punch (coleus, variegated acuba or pittosporum)
3. Use greenery to form the basic shape of the arrangement
4. Place large focal flowers in first – again paying attention to the shape you are going for: oval, elliptical, horizontal, etc.
5. Add in medium size flowers and filler flowers
6. Keep negative space in mind to create an airy arrangement unless you are going for a very tight arrangement
7. Vary lengths of stems
8. Add in airy stems, grasses, wispy and lengthy

CARE OF THE ARRANGEMENT

1. Keep water levels up – flowers will drink the most in the first few days
2. Monitor the water's color - if you can see it – changing it out is recommended to decrease bacterial levels
3. Monitor flowers for hydration – you can still rescue some like hydrangeas if you catch them early
4. Pluck out dying flowers and replace them with new ones if you wish
5. Save dried features for the next arrangement, thoroughly washing the stems



Bees, Birds, and Butterflies Make Gnomes on December 5th



This year's overall focus for the Bees, Birds and Butterflies Committee is [Skywatch Bird Rescue](#) 3600 Lynn Avenue Castle Hayne, 28429. **Skywatch** raises public awareness through education and promotes preservation and conservation. To learn more about what Skywatch does [click here](#). Right now, we are helping them feed orphan baby birds from late summer and early fall nests. They very much need donations of live bugs to feed songbirds and baby birds, especially wax worms, super worms, and mealworms. *Did you know you can order them on Amazon and eBay??!!*

Check out the [Skywatch Bird Rescue Wishlist](#). Shopping on Amazon this holiday season? Use [AMAZONSMILE](#) and choose Skywatch Bird Rescue and you can add one of the items from their bug wish list to your shopping order, it would be very helpful.

By using AmazonSmile a % of your purchase will go to the charity of your choice at no additional cost to you. Thank you!!

Join us to Make Gnomes at the NHC Arboretum, 10 am to 12 noon

Materials list to bring:

Lots of greenery (soft evergreen), Wire to attach greens to the cage, Fleece fabric for a hat, Pair of child's mittens, Newspaper or tissue paper for stuffing, Spanish moss, Potato, Pruning shears/clippers, Gardening gloves if wanted

Tomato Cages will be provided. Please contribute \$5 each to participate. There is room for 20 participants. Please reserve your spot by texting Annie at 910-200-2201.

Join us anytime, RSVP by text to Annie at 910-200-2201 as soon as you know!

Correspondance

Our dear former member and author of Belles and Blooms, Susan Block, died. Her daughters, Taylor Cromartie and Catherine Gerdes may receive notes at 1908 Colleton Ct, Wilmington, NC 28403.

Condolences were sent to:

Susan Kraus for the death of her mother-in-law, Jackie Kraus.

The family of Andrea Humphries, a former member of CFGC.

Celebration

Percy Glaspie who turned 94 years of age.



[Frances Parnell](#), Corresponding Secretary

**Dates recorded indicate the date the note was mailed.*

Membership Report

Total= 358 Member
Active= 236 Associate= 68 Emeritus=49 Honorary=5

Julie & Nan, Membership

Horticultural Minute Gardening Tips for November

Do not fret if you have not yet planted fall/winter flowers (such as pansies, violas, ornamental cabbages, and snapdragons) and bulbs in containers or in the ground. Planting bulbs mid to late November and into early December can be done as long as the soil isn't frozen.....hopefully, that will not be a problem!

Leaving at least some of the leaves in your yard can help fertilize your grass and other plants, provide shelter for animals and even reduce emissions from landfills.



Reminders:

- Water your containers as well as your in-ground flower/vegetable gardens, especially if this month is dry
- Do your hand tools need cleaning and oiling?
- Keep growing food...garlic, favas, onion bulbs, herbs, etc.
- Continue to plant fruit-bearing trees, vines, and shrubs in your garden, if able. Your future spring tables will thank you for this fall proactivity.

Give thanks, recalling not only abundance from our flower and vegetable gardens but also generosity, hope, and joy.

Happy Thanksgiving! [Pia Ann Robinson](#)

RAFFLE! RAFFLE! WIN PRIZES!

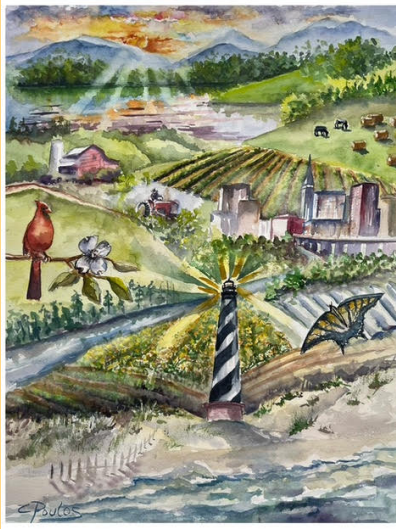
Pretty raffle prizes coming your way!

You all should have seen Gloria Degnan showing off the lovely, lovely sapphire and diamond ring, the oh-so-cute MacKenzie-Child's birdhouse, or the beautiful painting by our own Cathy Poulos. You may purchase Raffle tickets from Linda Snider at the next meeting.

This raffle is in support of the Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of North Carolina which will be held April 2-3, 2023, at the Hotel Ballast. You will be hearing much more about this meeting as time goes on BUT come get your raffle tickets now while they last! [Linda Snider](#)



Sapphire & Diamond Ring



Cathy Poulos' Painting



MacKenzie & Child's Birdhouse

Garden for Wildlife

The Gardening for Wildlife Committee (GFW) has been busy continuing to assist with plantings and purchases of plants for the Hoggard Planting Initiative. This is a request from the SGA and the Agriculture Club to help beautify and eventually certify their school grounds as a Wildlife Garden. All committees are invited to attend these plantings and we will keep you posted when the next plantings are planned. *(Picture below left with Marion Kreh assisting students at Hoggard).*

We want to remind all CFGC members that our goal is to have as many of your gardens as possible Certified this year. It is a very simple process to apply, but we realize that not everyone is computer literate and it is an online application. Any member who needs assistance with this application process can reach out to me, Becky Hardy at Rebecca.hardy3@gmail.com or any other GFW member, and we will come to your garden and assist!

After you received notification from the National Wildlife Service you will receive a certification number for your garden. Please share this information with Becky so that you can be registered for our monthly door prize and for recognition in our yearbook. *(picture below on right, of Becky Hardy and Delores Hawes at our Gardening for Wildlife table).*

The Gardening for Wildlife's next meeting will be Tuesday, November 8th at 4 pm at the home of Frances Parnell, 6451 Quail Run Road.

Becky Hardy, Chair



Azalea Garden Tour 2023

Jump & Run Day November 17th, 9 am



The Jump and Run Day date this year is Thursday, November 17th at 9 am. We will be meeting at the Hops Restaurant parking lot and then returning there for lunch before viewing our 5 stops in Landfall.

Our next tour meeting date at the Arboretum is

November 22nd at 10 am.

The tour committee is looking for members who would like to help with keeping track of collected funds for sponsorships, doing photography, and helping with publicity. Please consider joining the tour committee, we are a fun group!

Goldie Stetten

910.264.1343

GoldieStetten@gmail.com



“Live Oaks” The Parsley



Azalea Festival Garden Tour Sponsorship Packages

Name	Cost	Perk	Tickets
Diamond	\$3,500	Spot in garden, logo/name on posters in the gardens, name/ad on website, marketing materials and ticket	6
Platinum	\$2,500	Logo/name on posters in the gardens, name/ad on website, marketing materials and ticket	6
Gold	\$1,000	Logo/name on posters in the gardens, marketing materials, website and ticket	4
Silver	\$500	Logo/name on posters in the gardens, marketing materials, website and ticket	2
Bronze	\$250	Logo/name on posters in gardens and website	2
Friend	\$100	Tax deductible above value of ticket, as allowed by law	1

Sign the Petition

Stop Eagle Island Clear Cutting

[Sign the Petition HERE](#)

Developers are looking for a back door in on development AGAIN around Eagles Island! PLEASE consider reading and signing this petition to stop the permit to clear-cut trees for development through this eco-sensitive area. We were all drawn here because of the natural beauty and history, yet builders see only \$\$\$\$, not a healthy environment. There are wonderful, clear plans given to New Hanover County to create a nature-centered eco-friendly, historically rich, recreational area in this location and the County is voting soon to do away with a big stopgap for the development to spoil the area. This petition will ask the County Board to

restudy the request and hopefully vote no to clear-cutting all the trees around Eagles Island. If you're afraid of flooding now, just wait until all the land across the Cape Fear is built up!! PLEASE, read and sign BY MONDAY as the Board meets then for consideration.

[Cathy Giannini](#)

Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Festival of Trees



Tree Decorators are Needed!

Volunteer and be a Tree Decorator for the Festival of Trees. Decorators will assist with the setup and decorating on Wednesday, November 16, and Thursday, November 17, from 5 PM-8 PM each night at the NC Aquarium at Ft. Fisher.

If any of your members LOVE to decorate Christmas trees and would like to help with this important event, please contact [Cindy Cheatham](#) at Lower Cape Fear LifeCareCenter. 910-473-4142

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Submissions for Clipping must be received no later than 2 weeks prior to the general meeting. Send all 2022-2023 submissions to [**clippingscfgc@gmail.com**](mailto:clippingscfgc@gmail.com)



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