



Cape Fear Garden Club CLIPPINGS

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President's Message

GENERAL MEETING: No meeting in December



Hello, lovely ladies of the Cape Fear Garden Club,

I hope you all are having a joyful advent season as we all get ready for Christmas and lots of celebrations. Since we last met, I have attended both workshops offered by our club with many of you and learned how to make a darling centerpiece for our Thanksgiving table and a festive wreath for our kitchen door as well. I love learning new skills together and having something beautiful to bring home for the holidays too!

Our club just celebrated our annual Christmas Tea at Beth Trice's beautiful home, and it was just wonderful to see so many of you. It's one of my favorite events where we get together just to celebrate, be together, strengthen friendships and make new ones. In a time that can seem less personal and more corporate, getting together in a member's home, eating homemade treats, and celebrating together is just the best. Here is a short excerpt about how our Christmas Tea started and the history behind it...

"Christmas time in the late '50s was filled with the homes of members decorated to illustrate the change in Yule decorations over the last 300 years. Another interesting Yule activity was the introduction of an 'Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest' among the club's members.

The first official Christmas Tea was held in 1959 and was also a goodbye to the club members who were leaving Wilmington because the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad was moving its headquarters to Jacksonville, Florida. The railroad was Wilmington's largest employer.

The late '60s saw the Christmas Tea grow in stature as more club members offered their homes for use during the Yule season."

Don't you just love the traditions in our club? I know I do and want to continue to honor them alongside each of you. I also want to wish you a Christmas, full of celebrations,



decorating, and time well spent with friends and family. See you in January!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Meredith

Meredith Lewis
President
Cape Fear Garden Club 2022-2023



Images from the Christmas Tea at Beth Trice's House



"Garden Club members posed in front of Santa's sleigh, on loan from Bob King Autohaus for the tea. From left, Paige Walker, Barbara Barbee, Meredith Lewis, Margaret Sify, and Lynn Turner."





"Christmas Tea Hostess Beth Trice and club president Meredith Lewis enjoying a rest in Santa's sleigh."



"Pink was a cheerful, recurring theme throughout the decorations the Flower Arranging committee created for Beth Trice's home."

Pumpkin Spice Candied Pecans

Pecan recipe graciously shared by Pia Ann Robinson from September 2021 Southern Living

Preheat oven at 250 degrees.
Whisk, one large egg white
in a large bowl until foamy.
Whisk in 1/2 cup packed
light brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp kosher salt
3/4 tsp pumpkin spice

Stir in 6 Cups of pecan
halves into brown sugar
mixture until thoroughly
coated.

Place pecans in a single layer
on a large rimmed baking
sheet lined with parchment
paper and lightly sprayed
with cooking spray.

Bake, stirring every 15
minutes, until pecans have
browned and coating has set
and started to harden. -
about 45 minutes. Store in
airtight container up to 5
days.



Upcoming CFGC Workshops

Monday, January 16, 2023

NHC Arboretum Auditorium- 1:30-3:00

Debbie Reid (1st VP) 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.

Monday, February 27, 2023

NHC Arboretum Auditorium- 1:30-3:00

Thurston Pope and Brandon McKeown of Coastal Succulent

The Coastal Succulent offers a unique guided “DIY” succulent experience! Workshops begin with interactive and detailed succulent care instruction, followed by guiding participants in potting a variety of succulents selected by participants in a vessel of their choosing. The creations are finished off with moss or rock. Participants take home a succulent care card along with a wooden stick for testing the soil. The cost per participant is \$45.00 if we have at least 10 people at the workshop. Please email deloreshawes@yahoo.com to register for the workshop by January 20th and send a check to Penny, made out to Cape Fear Garden Club, to pay the \$45.00 for your succulent arrangement. Penny Allison 1323 Futch Creek Rd. Wil.,NC 28411

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

NHC Arboretum Auditorium- 1:30-3:00

Bees, Bees, Beautiful, Beneficial Bees!

Susan Warwick of Pine Grove Beeworks

Susan and her live bees will show us the bee products she makes from bee wax such as honey and propolis. She'll share her PowerPoint presentation about basic bee information. We'll learn about how very important bees are to the pollination process.

All Workshops are from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium. Email Delores Hawes at deloreshawes@yahoo.com to sign up to attend a workshop.

Youth Gardeners Christmas Cardinal Keepsake Project

One of our favorite projects with the kids at Bradley Creek Elementary and Mary C Williams Elementary is our annual Christmas Cardinal Keepsake. We read books about our state bird, the Cardinal, and use the kid's handprint as the Cardinal on canvases. The kids love to give their Christmas Cardinal Keepsake to their parents or other special loved ones. We have so much fun being in the classroom for all the Christmas excitement and joy with these kids. Come join us anytime! Eileen Haley





The committee got together at Barb Cowan's house one evening to prep the canvases. That's Barb Cowan, Jennifer Sturm, Liz Haley, Eileen Haley, and Jayden Sturm, Jennifer's delightful daughter.

Gardening For Wildlife

The Gardening for Wildlife Committee has been busy planning the "How to Certify your Garden for Wildlife with Native Plants Workshop" which is scheduled for May 17th at the Arboretum.

Matt Cologan from the Arboretum will be featured as one of our speakers. He wanted to pass along to the CFGC members that "As far as individualized site reports and design recommendations for members' yards, participants can submit an application and pay the \$25 fee to receive a site visit from a pair of trained Master Gardeners who will generate a personalized site report that educates and encourages you to make sustainable landscaping decisions. [Learn more here](#)

At this time, only residents in New Hanover County can apply. Any size yard, ranging from the porch to the backyard, is eligible. Site visits are scheduled from April 1 through October 31, so that observations can be made in the growing season when foliage is abundant for identification.

Please note that Gardening for Wildlife Committee members are still "on call" if you need technical help in having your garden certified. We are willing to make arrangements for a home visit to assist you with this process as our goal is to have as many members' gardens wildlife certified as possible!

The next meeting for the Gardening Wildlife Committee will be on Tuesday, January 3rd at 4 pm at the home of Frances Parnell. Please let Frances know if you plan to attend. Tel: 910 791-1365

Thank you and Happy Holidays!



Becky Hardy, Chair

Wild Bird & Garden Store Holiday Social and Shopping Event

Marylou Moeller and Marlene Eader (Chairs of the Battery Island Committee) planned a holiday social and shopping event for the Battery Island Committee on Monday, December 5th. The social took place at the Wild Bird & Garden store...after store hours... with good wine, light refreshments and music...and Jill provided a generous discount off our total purchases.

All members of the Cape Fear Garden Club were invited. Jill Peleuses and staff are good friends to the CFGC and the Battery Island Committee selling tickets to the Azalea Garden Tour and all the local tickets to the spring CFGC Bird Cruise to the Lower Cape Fear River.

Peace to you and yours this holiday season...
Marlene Eader



Bees, Birds, and Butterflies

We want to thank everyone that was at the November General Meeting who contributed to the Birds, Butterflies and Bees Give event for Skywatch Bird Sanctuary. Your generosity blew us away! Because of your generosity, we were able to send \$476 to Sky Watch for their use. You may recall, she told us it was \$450 a week in grain just to feed the birds that eat that kind of food.

Some photos below from Birds, Butterflies, and Bees December gather event making Gnomes



Correspondance

Condolences were sent to:

Family of Percy Glaspie

Family of Susan Taylor Block

Family of Joan Andrews

Illnesses

Denise Matroni

Thank-you Notes

Margaret and Edward Barclay made a generous donation to the Beautification Endowment Fund

Fiore Design House presented the November Program

[Frances Parnell](#), Corresponding Secretary

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

NOTE: Please report need for notes, with addresses when possible, from Cape Fear Garden Club to Frances B. Parnell at fbparnell1937@gmail.com



Yearbook Updates 2022

Active

Debby Allen – Email address correction: debbyallen2022@gmail.com

Rebekah Barnhill – Resigned

Sue Bilzi – Moved to Associate

Connie Carter – Moved to Associate

Jackie Cooke – Moved to Emeritus

Jan Halderson - Email address correction: janmhaL46@gmail.com

Sonda Jaffe – Moved to Associate

Pamela Lane – Resigned
Suzanne Schoeppe – Resigned
Elizabeth Vernon - Resigned

Associate

Dana Cook – Resigned
Pat Ford – Resigned
Phyllis Goodson – New address: 215 S. 5th Street 28401
Libby Holladay - New address: 246 River Ridge Drive, Wilmington, NC 28466
Mary Nix – New email address: marybnix45@yahoo.com
Bette Parrett – Resigned
Mary Jo Searson - Resigned
Peggy Vineyard – New address: 2136 Bay Colony Lane 28405
Porter Young - Resigned

Emeritus

Joan Andrews – Died November 16, 2022

Honorary

Percy Glaspie – Died November 22, 2022

Corrections or changes in member contact information:

Please Email Computer Registrar, Penelope Allison: pjandmark@bellsouth.net

Horticultural Minute

Gardening Tips for December

On a cool afternoon sitting by the fire and thinking about gifts for the gardener, here are some thoughts for your wish list:

Local Book: Gardening for the South by Barbara Sullivan. Barbara provided a brief summary of her book: “What climate change means for gardeners in the South. Ways we can adapt to the challenges and how we can make gardening choices that will mitigate the harm while benefiting our gardens and our fellow creatures.” This book was mentioned in the November Clippings and can be bought at Pomegranate Bookstore. Thanks to Marcia Doering for reaching out to Barbara for brief summary of her book!

Magazine/online subscriptions:

1. Fine Gardening Magazine
2. Flower Magazine



Do you need new **gardening shoes/boots**? Check out Muckbootcompany.com
Seed (flower and vegetable) stocking stuffers...shop local if available

Tickets to Brookgreen Gardens' Nights of 1000 Candles...hurry while tickets are still available! This garden is also beautiful to visit in mid-April/early May.

Happy Holidays to all!!

[Pia Ann Robinson](#)

The picture is in my back garden: Farfugium japonicum 'Gigantea' /Giant Leopard Plant in pot; Japanese maple 'Bloodgoode' (in all its glory!).

Airlie Showcase Garden

On Tuesday, November 15, the 4 teams of the Airlie Showcase Garden Committee gathered at our garden to decorate for the upcoming Enchanted Airlie. It was wonderful to catch up with everyone while enjoying hot coffee, homemade coffee cake, and mini blueberry muffins.

We then tackled the installation of some newly purchased lighted decorations to enhance the beauty of the garden. We will tell no tales about the hanging of our balls but they are a must-see!

Thanks go out to Joan, Eugenia, Martha, Beth, Bettye, Nancy, Joanne, Jolene, and Pat. Marylou and I appreciate your dedication to this garden.

Again we were happy to gather and grow as a committee and give to our community!

Thank you so much!

Mary Beth Farrior and Marylou Moeller



Azalea Garden Tour 2023



Everything is coming together for our new tour fundraiser the "Azalea Artists Affair". We are still looking for a photographer for this event, please consider volunteering for this. We are also looking for a few more \$250 sponsors for this event from our membership which will include a ticket to this event.

Please bring your calendars! It's time to sign-up to be a Garden Hostess, and/or Garden Sitters for the tour. We are looking for garden hostesses, 2 for each garden. We will need two garden sitters for 3 shifts each day for all gardens. If anyone wants to sign up before the January meeting please email Wendy Simmons at wendywsimmons@aol.com.

RAFFLE Win 3- Hour Cruise or a Truckload of Blooms!

We will have a table at the January meeting selling Raffle Tickets for a 3-hour 65' Yacht Cruise owned by Yacht Source located at Seapath. It will include food and drinks for 12, those tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. And we are also raffling off a truckload of blooms donated by Proven Winners worth \$1500. Those tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. The drawing for the

cruise will be Saturday, April 15 at 8:30 pm at the Azalea Artists Affair. The drawing for the truckload of blooms will be on April 16 at 7 pm. Winners will be notified.

We are happy to announce our **Platinum and Diamond sponsors** this year are **Johnson Nursery, Blooms and Branches, Stone Garden,** and the **Yacht Source**. We appreciate these contributions and hope you support them. **Kenan Chapel** has donated \$1500 as a Gold Tour sponsor this year.

Please consider being a friend of the tour for \$100 which will include a ticket to the tour. Our next tour committee meeting is January 3rd at 10:00 at the Arboretum.

Goldie Stetten
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Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Veterans Memorial Gardens Groundbreaking Ceremony

Bobby Jean Harvey and two other CFGC members attended the Veterans Memorial Gardens Groundbreaking Ceremony at Lower Cape Fear Lifecare/Hospice yesterday. CFGC granted them the funds for this project. It is a blessing seeing our grant monies make this kind of difference in our community for our veterans who are a large number of our area's population!



Garden Therapy at Elderhaus

The Garden Therapy Committee met on December 5th at the Elderhaus facility to create 44 Christmas coffee mug centerpieces with the residents. The holiday spirit prevailed in the activity room that day as the following ladies from our club joined us to help us out: Mary Smith, Delores Hawes, Paula Stetler, Sherri O'Daniell, and Cathy Giannini. Thank you ladies. I am quite sure we'll never look at a holiday mug without remembering our shared experience at Elderhaus.
Debbie Reid



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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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