



Cape Fear Garden Club CLIPPINGS

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President's Message

GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY

March 22, 2023

Cape Fear Country Club

Devotional:

Eric Kozen

Program: Flower Care, Arrangement and Judging

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

10am-5pm Burgwin-Wright
House and Gardens,
Wilmington NC

Hi all!

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather as much as I am! It's hard to think of a prettier time in Wilmington than springtime!

March is an exciting month as we welcome a new group of members into our wonderful Garden Club. Please make them feel welcome when you see them with their special name tags on (they will be the ones with a flower on them.) We are such a large club that I'm certain it can feel intimidating walking into our meetings or asking questions, but please always know that if you have a question, plenty of other people probably do too! The same goes for us Active members... always feel free to ask if you don't know something... ask your sponsor, ask the person sitting next to you at the meeting, or ask me! You can also find anything you need to know in our yearbook and website.

Thankfully, because our club is so large, we have many hands to make the work light, and with the Garden Tour coming up next month, it's all hands on deck! Please remember it is a requirement of membership to sit in a garden during the Tour. Sign-ups are at the General Membership meetings and it's always a fun time!

Whether you are out planting in your own garden, having your garden certified as a Natural Wildlife Habitat, or just listening to the birds, I hope you get outside and enjoy this lovely spring in our beloved Wilmington!

Best,

Meredith



Special Event: All members are encouraged to participate.

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

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

**April 14-16, 2023
CFGC Azalea Garden
Tour**

Parking for Landfall Gardens has been changed: Shuttle update: Behind 980 Town Center Drive Mayfaire

Meredith Lewis
President
Cape Fear Garden Club 2022-2023



Congratulations to the 2023-24 Newly Elected CFGC Officers

These new officers will be installed at the May meeting.
If case you missed the February meeting, our new officers are as follows:

President - Debbie Reid
1st Vice President - Delores Hawes
2nd Vice President - Sandy Cyphers
Recording Secretary - Annie Anthony
Correspondance Secretary - Irene Shea
Treasurer - Penelope Allison
Assistant Treasurer - Fran Moles
Vice Chair, Azalea Garden Tour - Pia Ann Robison
Members at Large - Cindy Henry, Elaine Henson, Ann Weaver, Susan Nettleman

From Linda Snider, Mary Kathryn Turner, Mary Beth Farrior, Beth Moore, LeNeve Duncan
2023 Nominating Committee

Ladies Who Lunch

The menu will be: Delicatessen: sliced turkey, ham, roast beef, and salami on white, wheat, or rye bread. Served with assorted toppings and condiments. Tossed salad, pasta salad, soup, and of course, to finish lunch off....freshly baked cookies!

The cost is \$28.00. Please join us to socialize after the meeting.

Please let me know if you are scheduling a luncheon committee meeting and the number of members so I can reserve a table(s) for your group.

Be sure to RSVP to the paperless Post Invitation, If you plan to join us for lunch. Remember we need 40 participants to stay and enjoy the wonderful food prepared by the chef.

Deb Reid
dmreid@ec.rr.com



Upcoming CFGC Workshops



Email deloreshawes@yahoo.com to register for these workshop

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023
3 pm - 5 pm**

NHC Arboretum Auditorium

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

SAVE THE DATE

May 17th, 1:30 pm to 3 pm

NHC Arboretum Auditorium

Options for Gardening for Wildlife
by Matt Collogan, NC Extension, and Tara Moore, Conservationist from NC Wildlife Federation, shares about the process and benefits of getting your property certified for wildlife and using native plants.

CFGC Flower Show March 24-25th 2023

There will be arrangements both inside the house in their gallery room as well as some outdoor arrangements for the gardens.

The show is free to attend but we want to encourage members to take advantage of your visit to the show and at the same time take a tour of this historical home.

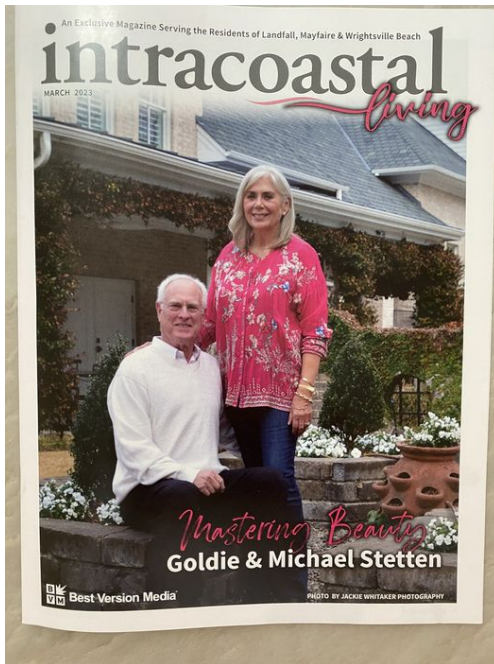


Please see Hillary or me if you are interested in doing an arrangement.

Thank you, [Stephanie](#) and Hillary
Flower Arranging Committee

The show will be held at the Burgwin-Wright House in downtown Wilmington. Hillary and I would like to encourage all garden Club members to create a flower arrangement for the show.

Azalea Garden Tour 2023



Tour Chair, Goldie and her husband Michael Stetten, were featured in recent issue of Intracoastal Living!



The Tour committee hosted another successful **Wine and Cheese party** on Sunday, March 5 at the home of Michael and Goldie Stetten. By all accounts, it was a huge success! Attendance was high, and Heda set a gorgeous and scrumptious table. Six Ambassadors attended, along with the Press, Garden Owners, their Hostesses, and our new Tabletop Committee Chairs, it was such a fun event!



The Azalea Garden Tour is fast approaching! We need all hands on deck. Your participation is crucial, and we are still in need of 91 Garden Sitter positions filled. All members are required to sit in a garden. Our garden Hostess Committee is very anxious to fill these spots. Please comply with your required duties as a club member and contact by text message, either Windy Simmons at 910-612-3387 or Dawn Byrnes at 910-512-1732.

There has been a change in our bus location for the Landfall Gardens. The buses will now be leaving from the back of Mayfair at the left of the theaters behind the fitness studio. Stickers have been added to unsold tickets to indicate this change. Sitters for Landfall gardens or Kenan Chapel will not be required to ride the buses. They will be carpooling from the North East Library parking lot with a group shift pass for their garden. This will be arranged in advance.

This year our tour is promoting two raffles.

- 1) A three hour boat cruise on a 65' yacht, donated by the Yacht Source for 12 people which includes appetizers and drinks provided by our club. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100.
- 2) The other raffle is donated by Proven Winners and Johnson's Nursery. It is a truckload of blooms which can be customized to your color preferences. Tickets for this raffle are \$10 each or three for \$20.

We would appreciate all Cape Fear Garden Club members to take part in selling raffle tickets to friends and acquaintances. This has the possibility of being a huge fundraising chance without much effort. Let's all get behind this opportunity! Please contact Hillary McNeir to obtain tickets at 910-431-1737.

Goldie Stetten
910.264.1343
GoldieStetten@gmail.com

DON'T MISS THE ART SALE!
Your Garden Tour Ticket includes admission to the
**Azalea Paint Out Benefit Art Sale on
Sunday, April 16, 10am until 4pm**
At Garden 7, Live Oaks 7527 Mansboro Sound Road
The public may enter the Art Sale & tour this property on
Sunday Only for a donation of just \$5.
A portion of all sales benefit the CFGC charitable grants
Full details are on the Artists' Website
www.AzaleaArtSale.com
Sponsored by: **Artful Events**
by Star Sea



Art in the Garden Raffle!
Truckload of Plants from Proven Winners™
(valued at \$1,500 color specific to your yard)
\$10 per ticket | \$20 for 3 tickets
Raffle tickets sold in the gardens on Friday, Saturday, and
Sunday 10am – 5pm for cash only. Raffle tickets can also be
purchased online at www.capefeargardenclub.org
Drawing will be on
Monday, April 17, 2023
Winner will be contacted.
Proceeds benefit the CFGC's charitable grants.
TRUCK NOT INCLUDED



CRUISE RAFFLE!
5-hour Cruise on the Bluebonnet II
(for up to 12 people, refreshments included. Valued at \$2,500)
\$20 per ticket | \$100 for 6 tickets
Raffle tickets sold in the gardens on Friday, Saturday, and
Sunday 10am – 5pm for cash only. Raffle tickets can
also be purchased online at www.capefeargardenclub.org
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Donated by Yacht Source



WINNERS WILL BE POSTED ON WWW.CAPEFEARGARDENCLUB.ORG
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CFGC BEAUTIFICATION CHARITABLE GRANTS.

CELEBRATING SINCE 1948
NORTH CAROLINA
AZALEA FESTIVAL
in the
WILMINGTON
AREA

JOIN IN ON THE FUN!
Take part in the
2023 AZALEAS ON TOUR
Porch Parade
Decorate your home or business
in the Azalea Festival spirit




APRIL 10-16, 2023

- Free to enter; register by March 31
- First 100 entries get a Porch Parade yard sign
- All locations included on a Google Map for people to locate and see!
- Winners will receive a Festival Prize Pack!

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Benjamin Moore

SIGN UP HERE!





History of the Azalea Garden Tour

**Tuesday, April 11
6:00 PM
Main Library**



Join us for a presentation by Elaine Henson from the Cape Fear Garden Club about the history of the Azalea Garden Tour! Take a look at some of the garden tours over the last 70 years and key changes with the advent of Azalea Belles in 1969 and Azalea Ambassadors in 2022.



No registration required!
See the library calendar to learn more.



New Hanover County Library

201 Chestnut Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 | 910-798-6301
www.nhclibrary.org

Join us for a Morning at the Museum

The Special Events Committee invites you to join us for our
~ Spring Speaker Series ~

Morning at the Museum

Thursday, May 4, 2023
9:30 am to 12:30 pm



Margo Shaw
Editor of Flower Magazine



DeeDee Dalrymple
Effortless Entertaining

Muffins and Mimosas | Book Signings | Door Prizes
Tickets \$75

Purchase tickets online with a credit card at the link below
Or Purchase with a check at the General Meeting

[Purchase Tickets HERE](#)

Garden Therapy

Garden Therapy Committee met with the residents of Elderhaus on Monday, March 6th for our monthly activity. We were all pleasantly surprised by a ninety-three-year-old Irish lady of the facility who stood up and gave a commanding performance of the pledge to Ireland. What a round of applause she received! The activity was planned by Johnny Howard and Pat McConahey and we had nine members present to assist 42 residents with making their shamrock wreaths. They all had a great time completing their projects. Next month is the Easter Egg Hunt.



We Still Need Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt - we very much wish to recycle any plastic eggs you may like to give us. We currently have 342 eggs. Our goal is 450 allowing each resident to find ten eggs. We so very much appreciate the support that has been shown to our committee.

[Debbie Reid](#)



Scholarship Donor Banquet at UNCW

The ladies (in this picture) Debbie Reid, Julia Davis, and Lolita Bryant attended the Donor Banquet at UNCW on February 28, 2023.

Although our scholarship recipient Reba F. Treptau was unable to attend we were very proud to learn that because of our scholarship to get she will be graduating debt free in May. How wonderful that we could assist Reba in this milestone.

[Deb Reid](#)



Correspondence Report

Illnesses*

Joanne Hamilton for her daughter's serious illness. (February 11)

Carolyn Augustine for a recent procedure. (February 25)



Deaths

The family of Toppo Robinson
(February 11)
Rebecca “Becky Hardy “ and her
husband, for her sister-in-law’s passing.
(February 25)
Suzanne Schoeppe’s family (March 3)

Bonnie Faler for her serious surgery at Mayo Clinic
(February 25)
Cathy Poulos for a recent hip replacement that she
makes look too easy. She appears to be full speed
ahead now and we thank her for the
encouragement. (February 25)
Bobby Harvey for a repeated and serious
forthcoming surgery in March. (February 25)

*Dates recorded indicate the date the note was
mailed.

Frances Parnell, Correspondence Secretary

*NOTE: Please report needs for notes from Cape
Fear Garden Club to Frances B. Parnell and
include contact information when possible.*



Active

Pat Plaskett - Delete 916-408-8697

Associate

Kimberly Exum – Resigned

Corrections or changes in member contact
information:

Please Email Computer Registrar,
[Penelope Allison](#)

Horticultural Minute Gardening Tips for March

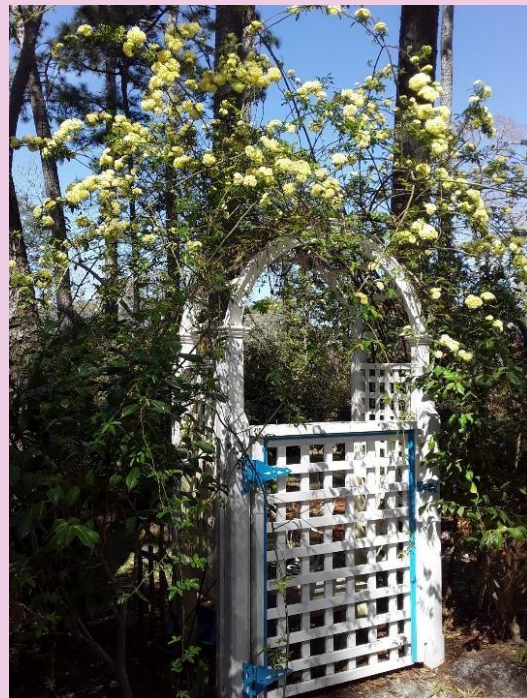
Prune your Hollies by end of the month. Once ALL
Hollies in your garden have been pruned, it is safe
to fertilize them.

Dill, Parsley, and Fennel can be planted for your
enjoyment and that of the Swallowtail Butterflies
that will be arriving soon.

Keep recently added plants/herbs in your garden
watered. We have been very warm and dry...don't
rely on your irrigation systems!! Use hose as
needed.

It is safe to prune any fall-blooming Camellias and
any winter bloomers that have finished blooming.
Feed them at end of the month.

A few words about Trees for your garden from
Marcia Doering: As redbuds are blooming all
around town, there is a new cultivar on the scene:
Flame Thrower. This native redbud was developed



at NC State and was awarded the 2021 Plant of the Year at the Chelsea Flower Show in London. Except in the UK, where it is named Eternal Flame! The botanical name for Flame Thrower is *Cercis canadensis*. It has light pink flowers followed by an ever-changing display of colorful foliage that continues into fall. New foliage emerges burgundy and yellow, displaying both colors at once for a stunning effect.

[Pia Ann Robinson](#)

Please send Pia Ann a picture if you have planted this redbud in your garden....would love to share it with everyone! Happy planting and enjoy the burst of spring (that has arrived early) in Wilmington!

Lady Banks, Top of Her Game!

Marcia Doering, these roses are in her garden.

*The botanical name is *Rosa banksiae lutea*- Yellow Lady Banks Rose*

She blooms the earliest of rambling roses and stays in bloom for almost a month.

Gardening for Wildlife



Spring has sprung! Our Committee is looking forward to the following activities!

We will be welcoming our new members with a gift of seed bags and a chance to win a wonderful book about nature gardening on March 15th at the New Member Orientation!

We plan to have exhibits featuring native plants at both the Burgwin-Wright House Flower Show and the NC State Garden Meeting on March 23rd and April 2nd, respectively.

We are most excited about our workshop entitled **“Options for Gardening for Wildlife”** to be held at the New Hanover County Arboretum on Wednesday, May 17th from 1:30 until 3:00. *Please mark your calendars!*

Tara Moore from the NC Wildlife Federation will present on how to certify your garden for wildlife. Also, from the Arboretum’s Master Gardener Program, Matt Collogan will speak about the certification process for the Nature at Home program.

Native plants will be a focus as well as where to find these plants and how to identify them. Bring your questions and find out how to enable our pollinators and other wildlife to survive in our fast-developing area of the state.

From Bonnie Mitchell, who presented the Conservation Program in January

Short, helpful video links:
Working Together For A
Healthy

Helpful Resources:
[The Community Conservation Assistance Program](#) (CCAP) i

Coast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knCAGcNWNrc&t=3s>

Instructions for downspout extenders:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2N4cMJv4_E

Benefits of Living Shorelines:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUmb5N2kIAA>

- is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to improve water quality through the installation of various best management practices (BMPs) on urban, suburban, and rural lands not directly involved with agriculture production. Eligible landowners may include homeowners, businesses, schools, parks, and publicly owned lands. Landowners may receive financial assistance of up to 75 percent of the pre-established average cost of the BMP.

New Hanover County Rain Barrel Program:

- <https://news.nhcgov.com/273/Rain-Barrel-Sales>

NC Coastal Landscape Designs:

- <https://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/program-areas/healthy-ecosystems/coastal-landscapes/nc-coastal-landscaping-designs/>

Civic Improvement

The Riverfront Task Force met to work in the CFGC Urban Garden. We met with Ron McMillan, Superintendent of Wilmington City Parks, Recreation and Forestry, David Pugh, Riverfront Park On-site Supervisor, and Shane Rivenbark, the person doing the maintenance of the gardens.

Sarah Anderson, Cathy Poulos, Mary Lou, Pia Ann Robison, Marlene Eader, Bernie Baker, and Linda Snider were present to work in the garden. We were able to discuss our garden with the city staff and made specific recommendations (plant advice was guided by Sarah Anderson) on what we would like to see:

- some evergreen shrubs to act as a barrier on the east front edge of the garden where several utility boxes exist,
- moving several of the existing Beauty Berries to make room for the evergreens and fill in space at the back east edge
- replacing a few dead plants
- adding in plants to bare spaces
- adding signage to educate the public about the native pollinator garden
- site of our proposed artwork



Dave was able to reserve parking spaces for our group, which made it very convenient. Sarah showed our group how to comb through the Muhly Grass as it had not been cut. This helped to shape it up. We will keep our eyes on weeds as the bloom season comes into play. Some species are already blooming due to the unseasonably warm weather. Mulch will go in after March 13, as the city spruces up the park for Azalea Festival. We were very pleased to meet with Shane and he is doing a great job of maintaining the space.

[Cathy Poulos](#)

picture by Bernie Baker



Plant an Azalea Ceremony, 10 am on April 4th at Airlie garden all club members are invited and encouraged to attend.



Beauty Spot Nominations are being accepted through the end of May. Please start looking for beautiful properties to nominate in the categories of Residential, Business, and Neighborhood Entrance, contact [Pia Ann Robison](#) with your suggestions. Thank you.

Hobby Greenhouse Spring Plant Sale in Forest Hills April 14-16, 2023



All plants are grown by members; a portion of the profits goes to scholarships for local community college horticulture students. 2318 Metts Ave. NO ADMISSION FEE.
Fri. and Sat. 9 am – 6 pm; Sun. 12 – 5 pm. Cash or Check ONLY. Rain or Shine.

2023 Azalea Children's Tea

Check out "Azalea Children's Tea 2023" on Eventbrite!

Date: Sun, Mar 19 • 2:00 PM EDT



Location: 1518 Country Club Road,
Wilmington, NC 28403

[For more information](#)



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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



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