



Cape Fear Garden Club CLIPPINGS

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President's Message

GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY

April 26, 2023

Cape Fear Country Club

Devotional:

Frances Parnell

Program: Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour 2023

Presenter: Goldie Stetten,
Tour Chair, Photography
Committee

Refreshment Table

Arrangement:

Shirley Hardee

Horticulture Theme:

Azaleas and Spring Bulbs

Day Clerks: Marcia

Doering and Colleen Ginna

Judges: Karen Root &

Barbara Howard

Upcoming Events:

May 4, 2023 **Garden
Owners Appreciation
Luncheon**

Reservations required
Surf Club, Wrightsville
Beach

Hi all!

Hello all and happy Spring! We are in the prettiest and busiest time of year for our Garden Club and I hope y'all are as excited about it as I am!

This is the time when we gather at our many Garden Tour festivities and we sit together in the lovely, blooming gardens on the tour.

We have beautiful Ambassadors who are excited to be part of the festivities and the program is growing and thriving!

With all of the funds raised, we are able to support so many beautification and educational projects throughout our community.

We have so much to be proud of and to be thankful for, and I am most thankful to be serving alongside each one of you.

Below, I am sharing a recipe that was printed in our Clippings newsletter way back in March 2012. I have kept my copy all of these years and have made these cookies more times than I can remember. Many times, I have adapted the recipe and used a Strawberry Cake mix to make strawberry cookies. This is what was served and enjoyed at the recent Ambassadors' Tea, and I hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

Let's finish this year strong as we "Gather, Grow and Give" together!



May 24, 2023 **May Luncheon & Installation of 2023-2024 Officers**
Cape Fear Country Club



Best,

Meredith

Meredith Lewis
President
Cape Fear Garden Club 2022-2023



Ambassadors Tea



Queen Martha's Garden Party Cookies



1 Box Lemon Cake Mix
2 C. Cool Whip
1 medium egg
2 tbs. lemon juice (bottled is fine)

Mix all ingredients together. Put powdered sugar on your fingertips to make balls.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

Ladies Who Lunch

The menu will be Grilled Chicken Caesar with Soup of the Day, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad with a selection of Dressings, and Fresh Seasonal Fruit and Rolls.

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



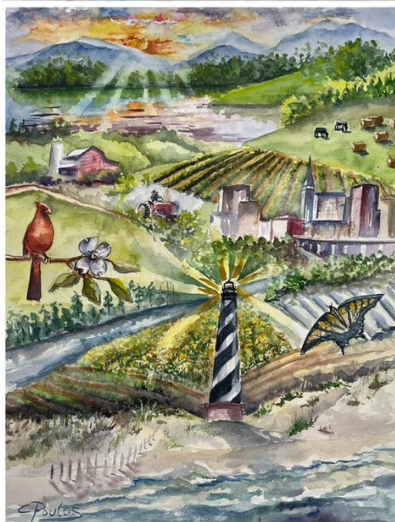
2023 Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of North Carolina

Raffle Winners Are...

Our raffle was well received by all of the members at the GCNC Annual Meeting and in fact, one of the state members brought a beautiful tea set to add to our raffle.

Do you want to know who won? YES!

The lovely painting by our very own Cathy Poulos went to our own Penny Allison; the beautiful tea set went to our own Phyllis Goodson; the MacKenzie Childs birdhouse was well received by Vickie Dull of the Harbor Island Garden Club, AND the lovely ring is now being worn by Eileen Haley! Congratulations Ladies!



Thank you to all of you who helped with the
2023 Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of NC!



Whether you were stuffing gift bags, sitting at the Registration Table, selling your goodies at vendor's tables, or using your voice to educate the state members about the aspects of wildlife gardening certification.

You helped to provide a great state meeting; one at which everyone seemed happy and having a good time.

Thanks also go out to Harbor Island Garden Club for the lovely table arrangements, the most educational flower arrangement workshop, and lovely name tags.



Special thanks go out to Dianne Lynch, Cathy Poulos, and Stephanie Hendrickson for the lovely arrangements honoring three of our state officers.

Gloria Degnan and I could not have done this without your help and we so appreciate you all,

Linda Snider



Upcoming CFGC Workshops

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.

Email deloreshawes@yahoo.com to register for these workshop

Pictures from the Bees Workshop



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

Cameron Art Museum
3201 South 17th Stree | Wilmington, NC



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](#)

Arlie Showcase Garden Committee

Arlie Showcase Gardeners once again gathered on March 27th to grow our friendship and garden for spring and the Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour, while giving back to our community.

We planted 5 pollinator-friendly Abelia shrubs, which are in the honeysuckle family. They produce beautiful white and pink blooms which will attract butterflies and hummingbirds to our garden. Also added were 2 coral Crepe Myrtle bushes, an Amethyst Dwarf butterfly bush, along with some trailing purple and white petunias.

Lots of mulch was distributed while we munched on goodies to refresh our hardworking souls!! Marylou and I want to thank these “Gardeners” for always giving 100%!! It definitely takes a TEAM to keep our little slice of heaven beautiful all year!! We could not do this job without you all!! Plans are in the works for another gathering, but this time to relax and celebrate our hardworking TEAM!!

Marylou Moeller & Mary Beth Farrior



Garden Therapy

The Garden Therapy Committee would like to thank the following CFGC members who donated their much-loved Easter Eggs to our efforts of organizing the Egg Hunt at the Elderhaus facility.

Over 450 eggs were hidden in the Rotary Garden across from Elderhause, and ALL were found by the residents. We had a beautiful day in the Rotary Garden as evidenced, by the smiles on the residents' faces. Next month on May 1st, we will meet to plant the raised beds on the patio with the residents.

A special thanks to the following: Martha Blacher, Schaum Hunt, Beth Trice, Elaine Henson, Mary Lou Moeller, Rhonda Sweeney, Penny Allison, Johnnie Howard, Delores Hawes, Cynthia Henry, and Gloria Degnan. All of you had the biggest smiles when you brought your eggs to us.....must be part of the magic of springtime

[Debbie Reid](#) & [Martha Blacher](#)





Correspondence Report



Deaths

Illnesses*

Annie Anthony (March 27)

Contributions sent to memorialize
Denise Matroni-Rakes (March 27)

Ms. Phyllis Casey
Ms. Brenda Durbin
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Long
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Taylor

*Dates recorded indicate the date the note was mailed.

The family of Denise Matroni-Rakes
(March 27)

The family of Elizabeth Bauereis
(April 11)

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.

Welcome New Members



Plant an Azalea at Airlie Gardens



**WECT Covered
planting event at Airlie
Gardens**

NEW HANOVER COUNTY, N.C. (WECT) - County officials and local groups kicked off Plant an Azalea Week with an official planting on Tuesday, April 4 at Airlie Gardens.

The planting began at 10 a.m. in support of the Airlie Gardens' continued efforts to maintain and enhance its azalea collection, according to an announcement by the county.

New Hanover County Parks and Gardens and the Parks Conservancy of New Hanover County partnered with the Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.'s Civic Improvements Committee to hold the event. County officials, parks staff and members of the Cape Fear Garden Club planted the azalea.

“We got hit with a lot of storms every hurricane season, and so while the azaleas could have lasted through the storm, some trees fell on them and damaged them. So that’s why we are always continuously planting to keep our azalea collection healthy and available for generations,” said Janine Powell with NHC Parks and Gardens.

The annual Plant an Azalea Week celebration is an effort by the Parks Conservancy of NHC and the county to promote the planting of azaleas throughout the community to return the Wilmington area to a “city of a million azaleas.”

Battery Island



Audubon NC Thanks CFGC!

Thanks to the **Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.** for a great clean up at our Battery Island nesting sanctuary on the Cape Fear River!

We hauled out trash just in time for nesting birds, including pelicans and egrets that are already tending to eggs.

YEARBOOK

Active

Meredith Lewis – New address: 1642 Country Club Drive, Wilmington, 28403

Elisabeth Mead – New email address: elisabethritzmead@gmail.com

Beth Pottle – Resigned

New Members' contact information has been added to the online directory found in the members' area.

Corrections or changes in member contact information: Email Computer Registrar, Penelope Allison: pjandmark@bellsouth.net

Horticultural Minute Gardening Tips for April

Most of the azaleas have already bloomed in and around Wilmington.

I thought it would be nice to share some insight into a new series of azaleas that you will see in garden centers.

Thank you to Marcia Doering for the below information: The Perfect Azalea developed at NC State University by Dr. Tom Ranney.

The Perfecto Mundo® series of reblooming azaleas currently come in eight pure rich colors from Double White to Double Purple, the only reblooming azalea with double blooms. Ranging in size from 2-3' high to 3-4' wide, these compact azaleas with glossy leaves can thrive in a half day of full sun and will bloom for an extended period in both spring and fall.



These beautiful azaleas are available at [Johnson's Nurseries](#), a Platinum sponsor for the CFCG Azalea Garden Tour.

And a note about last month's tree, our native redbud, cultivar Flame Thrower®, it is available at [Blooms and Branches](#) also a Platinum Sponsor of the Garden Tour.

Happy Planting!

[Pia Ann Robinson](#)

Reminder 2023 Beauty Spot Nominations Due May 15



Please submit 2023 Beauty Spot nominations for Residential, Neighborhood, and Business to Pia Ann Robison at piaann55@gmail.com by **May 15, 2023**.

Please include the address, contact information, and picture of your submission, if available.

Winners will be announced during National Garden Week (June 4-10, 2023).

Thanks so much. Pia Ann

Gardening for Wildlife

After installing two informative flower displays at both the Burgwin-Wright House and GCNC, the Gardening for Wildlife Committee is at work putting the finishing touches on our workshop

Both speakers will promote ways of having your garden certified, no matter what the size! Door prizes featuring native plants will be offered so make plans to sign up early for this workshop!

“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.

[Becky Hardy](#), Chair GFW

Flower Arranging Committee Request

The flower arranging committee is looking for any short round vases or short square vases that you may have acquired from receiving flowers.

We plan to use them for the May Luncheon arrangements.

Please call me, [Stephanie Hendrickson](#), and I can pick up or get them from you at the April meeting. Thank you in advance. 910-470-0052



Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society
Rose Garden Tour
Saturday, May 6th, 2023
9am to 5pm



Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

Invites you to celebrate their 20th
Anniversary

Rose Garden Tour

Saturday May 6th, 2023

9 am to 5 pm

Come tour our rose gardens &
speak with garden owners about
growing roses in the south.

Scan QR code, or see website : www.Wcfrs.org

For gardens locations



Rose Tour 2023 - Google My Maps



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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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