



# Cape Fear Garden Club CLIPPINGS

## news & updates

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### President's Message

#### GENERAL MEETING:

September 27, 2023

#### 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:

Sherry O'Daniell

#### Program: "Trees for Fall Color in the Cape Fear Region"

Presenter: Lloyd  
Singleton, NHC Extension  
Director

Refreshment Table

Arrangement:

Bobby Jean Harvey

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

Day Clerks: Kathy East,

Linda Pyle

Judges: Marcia Doering,

Barbara Howard or Karen

Root

*Dues are to be paid at this*

*meeting. Active - \$100;*

*Associate - \$110*

Dear CFGC Member,

Greetings from Illinois! My husband and I made our annual trek to our hometown for the month of August. We are obviously still here as I type. We have canned tomatoes, salsa, corn (Illini sweet), and beets, today we're doing tomato juice all from Dad's garden. It has been hotter than blue blazes, but it is supposed to cool off next week when we get ready to travel back to North Carolina. What a joy it has been for all of us to gather in the kitchen.



This time of year brings many new beginnings for our city. Churches will go back to regular Sunday services, UNCW will be starting another year with students coming from far and near, our public and private schools are gearing up for yet another academic year, and our very own CFGC begins our 99th year. As President I am sharing this picture that my mother still has in her bedroom. This is me on my first day of kindergarten in 1959. This picture represents to me my lifelong career choice of being an educator!

Please remember this year to commit, fascinate, and scatter your talents around Wilmington. Attend one of our many classes planned by Sandy. Stay for lunch after the general meetings that Delores has arranged. I look forward to seeing each of you at the general meetings. I want to say thank you to everyone who has worked behind the scenes assisting with committee assignments, and the yearbook, and to those committees that met this summer to plan ahead.

Please know I am here to listen to each of you with your ideas/concerns. I will only know what your concerns maybe if you speak up to me or one of the officers.

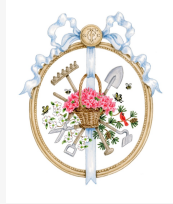


See you on the 27th in your hat or fascinator!

Fondly,

**Deb**

Debbie Reid  
President  
Cape Fear Garden Club 2023-2024



## Membership

As of 8/27/2024, our membership numbers are:  
Total Membership. 366; Active Membership, 232; Associate Membership, 76; Emeritus Membership, 48; Honorary 10.



Since we last met in May, the following status changes have occurred:

**Active to Associate Status** Becky Blacher Tidd, Nina Brown, Rose Zimmer, PJ Middleton

**Active to Emeritus** Mary Ellen Black

**Resignations** Joane Furness, Roberta Berg-Smith, Nancy Scott-Finan, Lynn McRoy, Marian Saunders, and Anita Duren Lewis

**Deceased** Joyce Christopher

There are 14 applications for new memberships in 2024. The deadline for new membership applications to be received by the Membership Committee is December 31, 2023. If you are considering sponsoring a new member, please invite her/him now. Applications can be downloaded from our website or contact me and I will provide you with an application.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

**Linda Snider**

Membership Committee Chair



The New Member Relations committee enjoyed a wonderful summer social at Bradley Creek Yacht Club this month and even adopted a new four-legged mascot!

Pictured L to R: Kathy East, Kathy Huffman, Joanne Hamilton, Darlene Tyndall, Alice Diab, Wanda Musselwhite, Debby Allen, Stephanie Harries, Debbie O'Neal, Becky Mahler, Beth Trice, Mary McPherson, and Meredith Lewis.

## Don't Forget to Pay Your Dues

### 2023 Cape Fear Garden Club Dues Notice

#### Annual dues are payable in September

Active Member dues are \$100  
Associate Member dues are \$110

Emeritus dues are \$12 (Optional, to cover State and National Membership).

Annual dues are payable in September and will be collected at the September and October General Meetings. This year, dues are increased by \$15 to cover the increased price of one non-refundable Garden Tour ticket that each Active and Associate member will receive in February. Payment accepted at the meetings is cash or check.

If you would like to mail your check please send it to our treasurer:  
Penelope Allison  
1323 Futch Creek Road  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Please make checks payable to Cape Fear Garden Club.

OPTIONAL - Add \$4.00 if you would like to receive your Yearbook via USPS.  
Dues may also be paid in the Member Area of our website via PayPal. Online payments will incur a \$3 convenience charge and there is an option included to pay the \$4 postage to have a Yearbook mailed to you.



[Pay Your Dues Online](#)

### 2023-24 Yearbooks

The Yearbook includes details about our meetings, programs, workshops, and events for the coming year, up-to-date contact information for all members, and the Club's most current By-Laws Policies & Procedures. If your contact information changes please notify [Eileen Haley](#).



Yearbooks will be available for pickup at the September Meeting and October General meetings. They are also available for pickup by arrangement from [Penny Allison](#) or [Linda Snider](#). If you would like to receive your Yearbook via USPS, just include \$4 with your dues payment.

### Ladies Lunching

#### Reservations are still available for the September Luncheon

Cape Fear Country Club  
September 28th begins at 12noon

Please RSVP to the Paperless Post invitation sent by Penny Allison or to [deloreshawes@yahoo.com](mailto:deloreshawes@yahoo.com) if you would like to have lunch at Cape Fear Country Club, after the general session. Payment is due the morning of the meeting by cash or check made out to CFGC.



On the day of the meeting, Sept. 27th, I will be out of town. Members should see Sandy Cyphers or Debbie Reid with questions about the lunch or the table reservations. I have passed along all the details for the meeting and luncheon to them and they will be able to help. Remember if you are lunching with your committee or bringing a guest(s) you must make a reservation.

Lunch will be served after the meeting. The selection choice for September comes from the “ Lighter Fare “ option offered by CFCC. The choice is Grecian baked chicken, soup of the day, pasta salad, tossed salad, fresh fruit, rolls, assorted cookies, and drink.



If you are planning to hold a committee meeting over lunch you must meet/eat in the room where lunch is served. Your committee members should RSVP to Paperless Post and pay for lunch on an individual basis before the general session with cash or check only.

Please send me an email if your committee needs a table(s) for the September meeting. My email address is [deloreshawes@yahoo.com](mailto:deloreshawes@yahoo.com) I already have tables reserved for Horticulture; Yearbook, Dues, and Luncheon; Scrapbook submissions; Promotions; and Gardening for Wildlife.

To attend please RSVP to the emailed **Paperless Post invitation**  
Please contact Penelope Allison with any questions at (910)686-0888.

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## Special Afternoon



Left to Right: Mary Smith, Annie Anthony, Cathy Poulos, Pia Ann Robison, Shirlee Hardee, Addie Arato, Caroline Butler, Meredith Lewis, Penny Allison, Linda Jane Holden (author), Gloria Ezzell, Susan Nettleman, Beth Trice, Hillary McNeir, Kathie Wheeler, Bobby Jean Harvey, Laurel Maultsby, Stephanie Hendrickson, Linda Snider.

What a very special afternoon we had with the talented Linda Jane Holden! She was such a lovely person with very interesting stories that kept us all mesmerized in our seats. How blessed we were to have this private time with her. Thank you Shirlee for opening your beautiful home to us, Beth Adams from Protocol for helping make this reception take place,

Bobby Jean for her lovely artwork for Linda Jane, Meredith for the hostess gift, and for all you wonderful committee members who brought delicious food for us to enjoy!! As they say...it takes a village! What a nice, memorable way to spend a Thursday afternoon in September.

Have a nice weekend perusing through your new autographed book by Linda Jane, *The Gardens of Bunny Mellon!*

[Beth Trice](#)  
Special Events

## It's Fall Y'all CFGC Workshops



### SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Come and join fellow CFGC members for "FUN & FELLOWSHIP" while creating a beautiful Christmas Tree. Presenter: The multi-talented CFGC member, Beth Trice

Where: NHC Arboretum 1:30 pm-3:00 pm Be part of the "FUN!" Door Prizes!

## Centennial "100"



The Centennial Committee is inviting all CFGC Committee Chairs to steer projects within your committees that have a theme of "100".

Wildlife and Gardening is working on trying to get 100 backyard habitats confirmed. Birds and Butterflies have put up birdhouses in the past - for example, Eden Village would love to have some birdhouses.

Garden Therapy and Youth Gardeners could join in by making crafts or planting/propagating small plants. And even if the project doesn't echo the 100 themes, there are so many things that our committees do that we need to highlight in our Centennial year as a part of publicity.

Please let me know of your thoughts and what your committee will work on if you choose to have a special project or want to share projects that could be highlighted in 2025!

Sincerely,

Cathy Poulos & Gayle Ward, Chairs, Gloria Ezzell committee member

*Have a great day!*  
[Cathy Poulos](#)

## Flower Arranging Committee

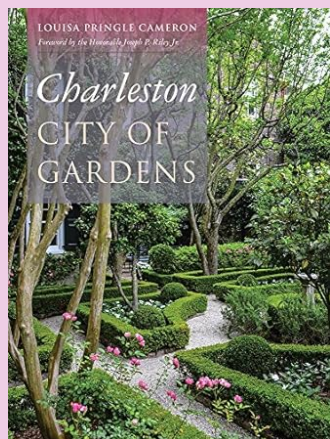


There will be a Flower Arranging Committee Meeting on September 28th at 1 p.m. at the Arboretum. All committee members are encouraged to attend to find out what our committee has lined up for our coming year.

Hope all can come.  
Happy Fall  
[Stephanie Hendrickson](#)



## In Memoriam



Joyce Audra Butterworth Christopher, Emeritus member of the Cape Fear Garden Club, passed away on July 25, 2023. She had been a member since 1979 and was club president from 1983-1985.

A book has been selected in her honor for the New Hanover County Public Library, "Charleston: City of Gardens" by Louisa Pringle Cameron.

Diane Smith  
CFGF Librarian

## Civic Improvements



In honor of National Garden Week, June 2023, the Civic Improvements Committee awarded Beauty Spots to the following:



### Residential:

June and Chuck Sweeny- 221 Beech Street-nominated by Pia Ann Robison. Both June and Chuck work in their garden and enjoy the peaceful setting they have created.

There are many flowing plants, shrubs, and trees during each season. Their inviting front porch



### Neighborhood:

Trinity Landing- 5450 Trinity Landing Way-nominated by Judith Sheridan and Barbara Downing. Trinity Landing is a new senior living development/community in Wilmington. The entire property has beautiful mature trees that were not removed during the building process. Their front entrance is very inviting with new plantings



### Business:

Kipos Hellenic Cuisine- 1900 Eastwood Road- nominated by Laurel Maultsby. Kipos means "garden" in Greek. This business has created a beautiful outdoor space with many features including a pergola, stonework throughout the garden, water features, inviting spaces to sit and eat dinner, and swings for children to use. The many colorful flowers, plants, and

gives them the perfect view of their lovely front garden.

of shrubs, trees and flowers. Golf carts are very visible to take you around this large property that goes back to the Intracoastal Waterway.

shrubs are visually beautiful! The mature trees provide a beautiful canopy over the garden area.

## Horticultural Minute Gardening Tips for September

Fall is the time for planting trees in the landscape. Please plant native trees! Let's try something different than Crepe Myrtles!

Some larger native trees that are valuable in our coastal habitat for the ability to withstand hurricane-force winds are Live Oak, Southern Magnolia, and Bald Cypress. Planting in groups helps to buffer strong winds. Avoid planting in wet areas.

Smaller native trees are redbud, fringe tree, and dogwood. Benefits are numerous: Native species provide food for a variety of wildlife and increase stormwater uptake. Fall planting allows time for roots to begin growing in their new environment without the stresses of summer heat and sometimes drought. Remember: *Right Tree Right Place*

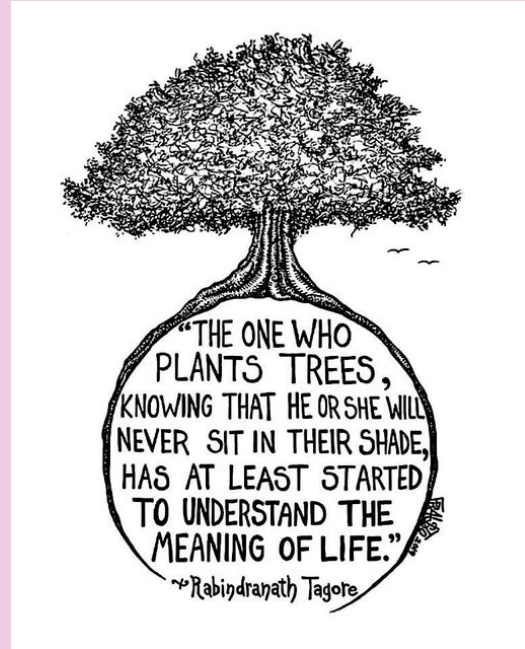
A selection of native trees may be found at two nurseries that have been our Platinum Sponsors for the Azalea Garden Tour and will again support our 2024 Tour.

Please let's support them. Garden club members receive 10% off.

Call for Availability: Blooms and Branches 910-350-6772

The Garden Center at Johnson's Nursery 910-285-1944

[Marcia Doering](#)



## Gardening for Wildlife Winners!!



Our exciting news is that our committee won a National Award from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. in category EC-3, Wildlife Survival. Thank you to Delores Hawes who wrote and assembled the award application.

The Gardening for Wildlife Committee (GFW) met on Tuesday, September 5th for their first meeting of the year. Here are some important points that were discussed:

- The GFW Committee will continue to hold drawings for Door Prizes at each General Meeting for those garden club members who have had their gardens certified by the National Wildlife Federation. The only change this year is that the member must be present to win or we will draw again for a winner. Remember, we are here to assist you in having your garden certified!
- GFW members were given an option to attend the Native Plant Festival at the NHC Arboretum and as a group attend the Key Note speakers presentation.
- We have begun planning for the January program entitled “Wake Up Winter with Wildlife.”
- GFW has also begun research and planning into how we may start the process of having our community as a whole wildlife certified. A long-term, strategic plan will be needed to achieve this goal.
- When looking over the horticultural specimens brought in each week for judging, be sure to look for a green sticker denoting whether or not this flower/plant is native to our area. We are working with the Horticulture Committee to identify as many “natives” as possible so that you can add them to your home garden.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Delores Hawes, 214 Quail Ridge Road (in the Masonboro Sound area), on Tuesday, October 3rd at 4 pm.

[Becky Hardy](#)

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## Connecting You with People, Plants and Programs



Cape Fear Garden Club | [www.capefeargardenclub.org](http://www.capefeargardenclub.org)

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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