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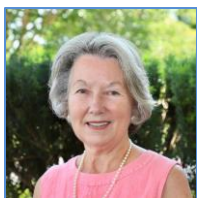


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2024 Azalea Garden Tour



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Yearbook 2023 - 2024

MEMBERSHIP

Active: 234 Associate: 76
Emeritus: 49 Honorary: 10
Total Membership: 369

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 11, 1925

Federated with The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. 1929
Federated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. 1930
Member of the South Atlantic Region (SAR) 1933
Member of District 11
Affiliated Member of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation 1999

MOTTO: "*And the Lord God planted a Garden... and there He put Man*"
Genesis 2:8. Adopted September 9, 1953

COLORS: Green, Yellow and Pink
Green and Yellow Adopted September 9, 1953
Pink Adopted May 22, 2018

FLOWER: Carolina Yellow Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)
Adopted September 9, 1953, and
Rhododendron x 'George Lindley Taber', Adopted May 22, 2018

CFGF SEAL was adopted March 25, 1997
Designed by Myrta W. Spence, CFGC, and updated 2016

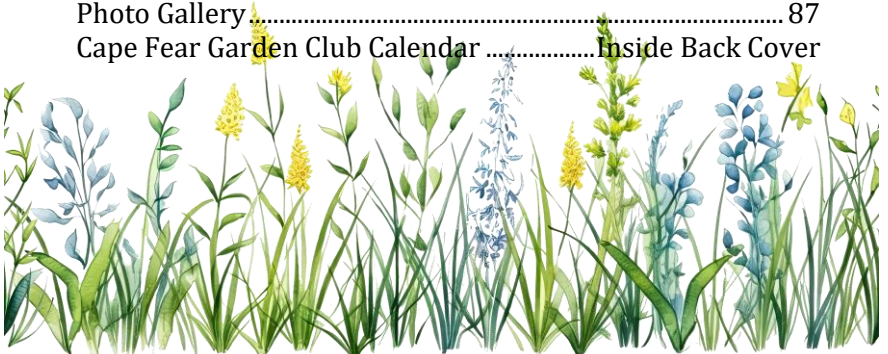
Established North Carolina State Butterfly (SB236):
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail on June 18, 2012

Credits: Cover: Artwork by Anne Sinclair, Art Teacher at Hoggard High School
commissioned by Debbie Reid.
Photography by Donna Thompson, Bernadette Baker, Eric Kozen,
and other members of the Garden Club.



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“Commit, Fascinate, Scatter”

Welcome back to a new year in the Cape Fear Garden Club! We have been working behind the scenes all summer with updating registration, moving forward with the 2024 Garden Tour, scheduling dates for meetings, arranging for an outstanding array of speakers, and planning what I hope will be a year to find your niche and commit to this wonderful club of hard-working members. I have enjoyed going to lunch with many of you, and being a part of the group to present the Beauty Spot Awards was so rewarding! Remember, it takes everyone to step up to the plate and do their part.

Our focus this year will be on three words.....commit, fascinate, and scatter. Have you found a fascinator or your favorite hat to wear for the first meeting? I have mine ready to go. There could very possibly be a prize, so come decked out for the meeting.

The last word is scatter.....do you still have your red marble? If not, I have plenty more I can share. The story of the red marble needs to be remembered as we can scatter not only plants, seeds, trees, but also kindness and smiles. Reach out to a new member and ask them to sit with you and your friends, ask them to sit with you if they are staying for lunch. Forgive someone who may have offended you in the past. Let bad feelings go. It is not good to keep those taking up your waking hours.

The year can be long and tedious with everything our club does year in and year out, but it is some of the most rewarding work I have gotten to be part of. I want to say thank you to all of you that sent messages and cards during my husband's surgery. He is doing remarkably well. Our daughter also had emergency surgery this summer. She, too, is on the recovery bus and doing great! Remember I am here to listen and offer my help to each of you. Please ask if I can help you. My number and email are in the book!



Fondly,
Debbie Reid
Cape Fear Garden Club President
2023-2024

Past President's Report

Oh how I enjoyed being President of the Cape Fear Garden Club in 2022-2023! I had more fun with y'all keeping our club's wonderful traditions going and creating some new ones along the way. My assignment here is to recap our year together and what a wonderful year it was. I've loved watching you all incorporate my theme of "Gather, Grow and Give" in your own, lovely ways.

My personal goal as president was to tighten up our meetings so that they run more efficiently and smoothly. I also incorporated a paper agenda/announcements at our meetings to make it easier to follow along and help keep members informed. I do hope that everyone enjoyed the quicker pace and shorter meetings, as I know I did.

I also asked Elaine Henson to provide us with a Centennial Minute at the start of each meeting, so that we can all learn more about the Club's wonderful history from our expert historian. She has done a fabulous job with this and it's become one of my favorite parts of our meeting.

Although I began our "Workshops" during my year as 1st Vice President, as a new way for members to learn together and strengthen friendships, it's continued to grow during my year as president. Our club now has an additional monthly opportunity to learn from each other, whether it's making a special family recipe, flower arranging or bow making. Our workshops have brought me new skills and great joy and I hope they have you as well.

At the very beginning of my year as president, I met with the Chairs of our Special Events committee, and asked them to think of new ways to plan special events for our club members, so that we may "Gather, Grow, and Give" together. Bobby Jean Harvey and Beth Trice had no trouble running with the idea and making it their own, planning a fun field trip, learning opportunities and even hosted a fabulous speaker program for our club. I am most grateful for their creativity in finding new ways to provide fun opportunities for us to learn and enjoy being a part of this fabulous club together.

Finally, I was so excited to host and honor our past presidents at a luncheon in my home, and hope that this becomes a tradition that continues. We have so much to learn from the members who have come before us and a "Past Presidents' Luncheon" is a special way for us to get together, share memories, and honor them for their years of service.

Last year at this same time, I promised to work diligently, cheerfully, and to the very best of my abilities and I hope that I have. I believe that my job as President has been merely as a steward of the club, to encourage all of you, to continue the traditions of our garden club, and have fun while doing it. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our club and all of you in this most special way.

Best,
Meredith Lewis



2023-2024 *General Information*

General Meetings – (September through May, except December)

Location: Cape Fear Country Club, 1518 Country Club Road

Dates: See *Programs and Events* section or *Calendar*

Times:

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Horticulture items and arrangements set up

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Hospitality & Social Period

10:00 a.m. Meeting called to order

Resident Guests: Accompanied by a member, may attend a maximum of three (3) meetings. Guests must register with the Registrar prior to meeting.

CFGF Waiting List Members: Welcome at all General Meetings. Must register with Registrar prior to each meeting.

Executive Committee Meetings – (September through May, except December)

Dates and Locations: See *Programs and Events* section or *Calendar*

Annual Dues – Are due in September and may be paid at the General Meeting or mailed to the Treasurer; a \$20 late fee will be applied if not paid by October 31st. Membership will be cancelled if not paid by December 15th.

Active Member Dues - \$100.00

Associate Member Dues - \$110.00

Emeritus Members - Dues are waived; optional \$12 dues to GCNC, SAR and National Garden Club are payable to the CFGF Treasurer in September.

Christmas Tea & May Installation Luncheon – For members only

The May Luncheon is counted as a general meeting.

Garden Tour Tickets – Active & Associate Members will receive one (1) non-refundable ticket. Additional tickets are available for purchase beginning in January.

Membership Directory Information – Please contact Eileen Haley, Computer Registrar, with all changes to member contact information. Changes will be communicated to all necessary committees. For the most up-to-date member information go to the directory in the members area at capefeargardenclub.org

The Cape Fear Garden Club Website – www.capefeargardenclub.org

Please see page 85 for instructions on gaining access to the Members Only section of the website. Contact Webmaster, for password and login questions: webmaster@capefeargardenclub.org

The Cape Fear Clippings – The Cape Fear Garden Club's newsletter is published monthly. Please contact Laurie Taylor, *Clippings* editor, with any Club related items for inclusion or send to ClippingsCFGF@gmail.com

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit (May 23, 2016).

Officers, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs are required to sign a Conflict-of-Interest Policy statement each September. A copy of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy can be found on The Cape Fear Garden Club website.

National, Regional, State, and District **2023-2024 Calendar**

AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINES

December 1, 2023	The Garden Club of North Carolina Award Application Deadline
January 25, 2024	South Atlantic Region Award Application Deadline
March 1, 2024	Youth Gardener Award Deadline

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September 10-11, 2023	The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Fall Board Meeting Blowing Rock, NC
September 21, 2023	National Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting Virtual
October 10, 2023	District 11 Fall Meeting Jacksonville Country Club
March 17-19, 2024	South Atlantic Region Annual Convention Embassy Suites Golf Resort, Greenville, SC
March 22, 2024	North Carolina Arbor Day
April 2024	The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Annual Meeting TBD, NC
April 22, 2024	Earth Day
June 2-5, 2024	National Garden Club Annual Convention Westin Westminster, Denver, CO
TBD	District 11 Presidents, Committee Chairmen & Members Meeting
June 2-8, 2024	National Garden Week

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

2023-2024 Programs and Events

Executive Committee Meetings

(For all Officers and Committee Chairs, open to all members)

**Tuesday, September 5; Monday, October 2; Monday, November 6, 2023,
January 8, February 12, March 11, April 1, May 13, 2024
1:00 p.m. Meetings called to order**

All Executive Committee Meetings are scheduled at the
New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium, 6206 Oleander Drive,
E-mail reports to the President and Recording Secretary the Thursday before each meeting.

General Meetings

Cape Fear Country Club, 1518 Country Club Rd

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

9:30 a.m. Hospitality & Social Period

10:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

Members are encouraged to bring arrangements or horticulture specimens
to all general meetings.

September 27, 2023 – General Meeting

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*

October 25, 2023 – General Meeting

Devotional: Rebecca Hardy

Program: **Presentation of 2023 CFGC Grant Awards**

Presenter: Sandy Cyphers – Grant Disbursement Chair

Recipients will receive their awards and have a moment to speak to
our membership.

Refreshment Table: Lynnea Mallalieu

Horticulture Theme: *Roses and Chrysanthemums*

Day Clerks: Jina Shea Banner, Marcia Doering

Judges: Marcia Doering, Barbara Howard or Karen Root

• *A \$20 late fee will be incurred if dues are not paid by October 31*

November 15, 2023 – General Meeting

Devotional: Ann Marquino

Program: ***"Nesting Birds of the Cape Fear River"***

Presenter: Lindsay Addison, Coastal Biologist for Audubon, NC

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Cathy Poulos

Horticulture Theme: *Camellias, Bulbs for Spring & Flowering Branches*

Day Clerks: Samantha Nguyen, Jill Wilson

Judges: Marcia Doering, Barbara Howard or Karen Root

• *Unpaid Annual Dues will result in CFGC membership cancellation on 12/15/2023*

Thursday, December 7, 2023 – Christmas Tea

For members only

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

At the home of Teresa Hill

2240 South Canterbury Road, Wilmington

Holiday decorations by the Flower Arranging Committee

Refreshments by the Hospitality Committee

January 24, 2024 – General Meeting

Devotional: Frances Parnell

Program: ***“Wake Up Winter with Wildlife”***

Presenter: Gardening for Wildlife Committee

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Kiplyn Duffy

Horticulture Theme: *Camellias and Early Bulbs and Native Plants*

Day Clerk: Morgan Chapman

Judges: Marcia Doering, Barbara Howard or Karen Root

- *Azalea Garden Tour Tickets for sale*
- *Garden Sitters Sign-up begins*
- *2024 - 2025 Committee selections begin*

February 28, 2024 – General Meeting

Devotional: Valerie Robertson

Program: ***“Presidents & Yearbooks, 1925-2024”***

Presenter: Elaine Henson,

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Stephanie Hendrickson and Elizabeth Dunn

Horticulture Theme: *Camellias, Spring Bulbs and Flowering Branches*

Day Clerks: Lolita Bryant, Linda Pyle

Judges: Marcia Doering, Barbara Howard or Karen Root

March 13, 2024 – New Member Orientation

All Committees participate

Cape Fear Country Club, Wilmington Room

Program: 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

March 24, 2024 – Mary Lou McEachern Ambassador Tea

Special event for Ambassador Committee only

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

March 27, 2024 – General Meeting

Devotional: Marlene Eader

Program: ***“Creating and Maintaining a Lovely Water Garden”***

Presenter: Lorrisa Canady, Owner of Canady Landscapes

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Nan Caison and Julie Fisher

Horticulture Theme: *Tulips, Daffodils & Flowering Shrubs*

Day Clerks: Martha Blacher, Bettye Broadwater

Judges: Marcia Doering, Barbara Howard or Karen Root

April 5-7, 2024 – Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour®

Annual Fundraiser: All members required to participate

(North Carolina Azalea Festival April 3-7, 2024)

April 18, 2024 – Garden Owner’s Luncheon

Special Event: Open to all members, reservations required

11:30 a.m.

Surf Club, One Mallard Street, Wrightsville Beach, NC

April 24, 2024 - General Meeting

Devotional: Barbara Downing

Program: **“Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour® 2024”**

Presenters: Signa Stalvey, Tour Chair; Photography Committee

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Heda Waldrep

Horticulture Theme: *Azaleas and Spring Bulbs*

Day Clerks: Sheri Chisholm, Colleen Ginna

Judges: Marcia Doering, Barbara Howard or Karen Root

May 2024 – Battery Island/Birds of the Lower Cape Fear Cruise

The exact date and time to be announced

Special Ticketed Event – Open to the public

Tickets may be purchased at Wild Bird and Garden beginning March 15, 2024

May 22, 2024 - May Luncheon & Installation of 2024-25 Officers

Social: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: Noon

Cape Fear Country Club, Wilmington, NC

Devotional: Sherry O’Daniell

Table arrangements by the Flower Arranging Committee

2023-2024 Workshops

Location: New Hanover County Arboretum Auditorium, 6206 Oleander Drive
See Clippings for supply and sign-up information as it becomes available.

September 19, 2023 – 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program: TBA - Presenter: Mari Carl Fisher from Rise Up Community Farm

October 17, 2023 – 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program: Creating a Beautiful Christmas Tree Ornament – Presenter: Beth Trice

November 21, 2023 – 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program: A Creative Christmas Surprise - Presenter: Hillary McNeir

January 16, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program: Flower Pot Luck - Presenter: Michelle Poulos Woo

February 20, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program: Growing an Edible Garden Indoors – Presenter: Sherry O’Daniell

March 19, 2024 - 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program: Creative Napkin Folding for Holidays and Special Occasions
(Bring Your Napkins) – Presenter: Elizabeth Trice

May 14, 2024 – 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program: TBA - Presented by Bees, Birds and Butterflies Committee

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Budget

2023 – 2024

Income

Dues – Active - 250 (assumed)	\$25,000
Dues – Associate - 60 (assumed)	7,150
Dues Allocated to Garden Tour	(15,750)
New Member Applications	400
From Garden Tour	15,000
Budget Deficit to be met with prior years surplus	865

Total Budgeted Income **\$32,665**

Expenses – Fixed

Accounting	\$1,300
Insurance	1,200
Media and Communications (Includes website)	1,250
National and State Dues – Member and Youth Clubs	4,000
P. O. Box	175
Rent and Resources for Meetings	4,650
Safe Deposit Box	50
Storage Unit	3,300

Total Expense -Fixed **\$15,925**

Expenses – Variable

Airlie Showcase Garden	600
Arbor Day	150
Awards	150
Battery Island	100
Beautification Endowment	400
Bees, Birds and Butterflies	800
Centennial	200
Civic Improvement	1,500
Clippings (Newsletter)	100
Conservation	1,000
Disbursements (Garden Tour)	50
Edible Gardening	300
Flower Arranging	2,600
Garden Therapy	275
Gardening for Wildlife	750
Historian	200
Horticulture	50
Hospitality	700
May Luncheon	300
Membership	210
Memorials	200
Miscellaneous	200
New Members	225
Officers Expense	200
Oral History	100
Registration	100
Speakers Fees (Honorarium)	180
Special Events	1000
Special Committees	50
State, District, SAR Meetings	1,000
Photography	100
Transportation	50
Yearbook	2,000
Youth Gardeners	900

Total Expenses – Variable **\$16,740**

Total Budgeted Expenses **\$32,665**

2023 - 2024 *Appointed Officers*

Chaplain	Sherry O'Daniell	910-538-9747
Computer Registrar	Eileen Haley	910-368-1577
Historian	Dianne Lynch	910-538-7870
Librarian	Diane M. Smith	910-470-6238
News Director	Barbara Downing	910-231-9913
Newsletter Editor	Laurie Taylor	910-471-1378
Parliamentarians	Gloria Degnan	910-232-4778
.....	Morgan Chapman	919-815-5812
.....	Carolyn Augustine	910-791-1911
.....	Jenene Smith	910-799-0839
Photographer	Donna Thompson	910-279-4627
Projectionist	Mary MacPherson	703-623-4552
Registrars	Kathy Respet	910-620-9942
.....	Mary Kathryn Turner	910-231-2454

Departments

Conservation

Virginia Teachey & Marsha Seaton, Co-Chairs

Morgan Chapman, Maggie Curtis, Kathy East, Cathy Giannini, Gwendolyn Johnsen, Joan Lynch, Ann Marquino, Alma Moore, Connie Parker, Jill Wilson

Flower Arranging

Stephanie Hendrickson, Chair; Kiplyn Duffy & Hillary McNeir, Vice-Chairs

Jarrett Anderson, Addie Arato, Barbara Barbee, Shanda Bordeaux, Mary Rose Brantham, Caroline Butler, Dawn Byrnes, Nan Caison, Connie Carter, Michelle Caviness, Janice Dickey, Cathy Dotson, Marie Douglas, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy East, Laura Elliott, Gloria Ezzell, Bonnie Faler, Alma Fennell, Julie Fisher, Nancy Fitzgerald, Joyce Galloway, Wendy Giannini-King, Millie Griffin, Jan Halderson, Shirley Hardee, Bobbie Jean Harvey, Sharon Gray Hiles, Teresa Hill, Judy Hyatt, Sonda Jaffe, Harriet Kimbro, Lannie Kirby, Lisa Lloyd, Jackie Loney, Lynnea Mallalieu, Laurel Maultsby, Susan McGee, Becky McKeel, Perri Miley, Frances Moles, Ann Mueller, Lisa Murray, Susan Nettleman, Gray Nunnelee, Debbie O'Neil, April Pearson, Pat Plaskett, Cathy Poulos, Roberta Quarton, Ann Richardson, Jeannie Richardson, Angela Rigsbee, Loulie Scharf, Irene Shea, Kimberly Shipley, Margaret Sifly, Becky Tidd, Jan Trask, Elizabeth Trice, Kristi Williams Turlington, Lynn Turner, Mary Kathryn Turner, Paige Walker, Janet Warren, Frances Wells, Kathie Wheeler

Garden Therapy

Sherrel Sholar Bunn & Wendy Giannini-King, Co-Chairs

Edna Batounis, Martha Blacher, Carol Black, Nancy Cameron, Julia Davis, Schorr Davis, Jan Halderson, Elizabeth Haley, Betty Lou Henderson, Johnnie Howard, Harriet Kimbro, Betsy Knowles, Cindy Lopez, Pat McConahey, PJ Middleton, Elizabeth Moore, Shital Patel, Cheryll Schramm, Rhonda Sweeney, Courtney Thomas, Ann Weaver, Cassie Williamson, Rose Zimmer

Horticulture

Karen Root, Chair; Barbara Howard, Vice Chair

Bettye Broadwater, Lolita Bryant, Morgan Chapman, Sheri Chisholm, Marcia Doering, Kathy East, Colleen Ginna, Jina Shea Loftin, Samantha Nguyen, Linda Pyle, Frances Wells, Jill Wilson

Standing Committees

Airlie Showcase Garden

Mary Beth Farrow & Marylou Moeller, Co-Chairs

Addie Arato, Nancy Batounis, Martha Blacher, Bettye Broadwater, Beth DurJava, Jolene Erdmann, Eugenia Griswold, Joanne Hamilton, Stephanie Hendrickson, Lannie Kirby, Joan Lynch, Pat McConahey, Lisa E. Phelps, Jenny Rippy, Karen Smith, Suzanne Triplett

Arbor Day

Cheryl D. Hunter, Chair

Barbara Downing, Teresa Mayo, Melissa Talley

Awards

Meredith Lewis, Chair; Sandy Cyphers, Vice-Chair

Azalea Garden Tour

Signa Stalvey, Chair

Advisors: Elaine Henson, Susan Nettleman, Cathy Poulos, Gayle Ward

Art in the Garden Coordinator: Cindy Henry

Azalea Garden Tour Ambassadors: Stephanie Durner & Rachel Pace, Co-Chairs

Martha Blacher, Susan DeGroote, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes, Linda McCall,

Mary Nix, Becky Philips, Cathy Poulos Mary Smith, Babs Sutton,

Mary Kathryn Turner, Kathie Wheeler

Badges: Cheryl Meitrodt, Fran Summerlin

Committee at Large: Carol Earey, Sharon Escales, Laurel Maultsby, Marylou Moeller, June Sweeny

Funds Disbursement: Goldie Stetten, Chair

Garden Descriptions and Plant Labels: Marcia Doering, Barbara Howard & Karen Root, Co-Chairs

Garden Hostess Coordinator: Dawn Byrnes & Wendy Simmons, Co-Chairs

Garden Owners Luncheon: Hillary McNeir & Kathie Wheeler, Co-Chairs

Garden Owners Wine & Cheese: Addie Arato, Stephanie Hendrickson, Sandra Kittinger, & Heda Waldrep, Co-Chairs

Garden Search: Sarah Anderson & Elaine Henson, Co-Chairs

Hospitality: Karen Greene, Chair

Susan DeGroote, Julie Duclos-Greenwood, Allison Graham, Lannie Kirby,

Linda McCall, Roberta Quarton, Diane M. Smith, Linda Tinga, Marianne Wayne,

Catherine Lee Williams

Invitations: Mary Kathryn Turner, Chair

Photography: Bernadette Baker, Chair

Printing: Cathey Luna

Proof Readers: Sandra Kittinger & Pia Ann Robison, Co-Chairs

Publicity, Media and Website: Barbara Downing & Kathy Maland, Co-Chairs
Nina Brown

Queen's Bouquet: Cathy Poulos

Ribbon Cutting: Karen Smith, Chair

Mary Kathryn Turner, Gayle Ward

Ribbon Cutting Decoration: Sandy Cyphers, Chair

Gloria Ezzell, Carolyn Jefferies, Frances Moles, Susan Rogers

Ribbon Cutting Nurses and Special Needs: Cheryl Meitrodt, Marsha Seaton

Secretary: Rachel Pace

Signs: Martha Blacher, Chair

Tabletops and More: Addie Arato, Stephanie Hendrickson & Heda Waldrep, Co-Chairs

Debby Allen, Annie Anthony, Caroline Butler, Kiplyn Duffy, Bonnie Faler,

Betty Lou Henderson, Debby Hopper, Laurel Maultsby, Hillary McNeir,

Cheryl Meitrodt, Beth Scott, Marsha Seaton, Karen Smith, Claire Stanley,

Goldie Stetten, Kristi Williams Turlington

Ticket Sales: Martha Blacher & Karen Root, Co-Chairs

Ticket Sales (On-Line): Penelope Allison

Treasurer: Betty Norris

Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement – October, 2023

Chair, Sandy Cyphers

Martha Blacher, Mary Ellen Black, Meg Davenport, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes,

Dianne Lynch, Betty V. Norris, Pat Plaskett, Cathy Poulos, Signa Stalvey,

Goldie Stetten, Gayle Ward, Janet Wessling

Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement – October, 2024

Chair, Goldie Stetten

Sandy Cyphers, Meg Davenport, Sherri Grimes, Wayne Grimes, Laurel Maultsby,

Martin Meyerson, Betty V. Norris, Carey Reiser, Karen Smith, Signa Stalvey,

June Sweeny, Gayle Ward, Janet Wessling

Battery Island

Marlene Eader, Chair; Marylou Moeller, Vice-Chair

Annie Anthony, Marguerite Braddy, Nancy Burns Brewer, Dawn Byrnes,

Connie Carter, Debbie Caulder, Maggie Curtis, Beth DurJava, Kathy East,

Wendy Giannini-King, Eugenia Griswold, Rebecca Hardy, Stephanie Hendrickson,

Susan Hickman, June Knox, Marion Kreh, Joan Lynch, Patsy Mackmull,

Mary MacPherson, Lynnea Mallalieu, Ann Marquino, Teresa Mayo, Perri Miley,

Denise H. Miller, Ann Cope Mueller, Sherry O'Daniell, Rachel Pickett Pace,

Frances Parnell, Dianne Phillips, Ann Richardson, Valerie Robertson,

Susan Gregory Rogers, Michele Russell, Beth Scott, Irene Shea, Judith Sheridan,

Sandra Siemering, Lloyd Singleton, Diane M. Smith, Signa Stalvey, Claire Stanley,

Paula Stetler, Tracy Tate, Suzanne Triplett, Frances Wells, Kathie Wheeler,

Jill Wilson, Nixie Nunnelee Wilson

Beautification Endowment

Karen Smith, Chair

Margaret Barclay

Bees, Birds and Butterflies

Angela Rigsbee, Chair; LeNeve Duncan, Vice-Chair

Annie Anthony, Vivian Carter, Janice Dickey, Ann Grose, June Knox, Patsy Mackmull,

Brenda Moore, Sonja Perry, Kathy Respet, Jeannie Richardson, Jillian Rigsbee,

Cornelia Ruttkay, Nixie Nunnelee Wilson

Budget

Penelope Allison, Treasurer and Chair

Frances Moles, Assistant Treasurer; Debbie Reid, President;
Delores Hawes, 1st Vice President; Sandy Cyphers, 2nd Vice President

By-Laws Review Committee

Sandra Kittinger, Chair

Gloria Degnan, Martin Meyerson, Linda Snider

Civic Improvements

Cathy Poulos, Chair

Plant an Azalea Week: Janine Powell

Beauty Spot Program: Judith Sheridan

Sarah Anderson, Bernadette Baker, Alma Fennell, Joanne Hamilton, Rebecca Hardy, Teresa Hill, Rebecca Mahler, Kathryn Maland, Lynnea Mallalieu, Elizabeth Miars, Connie Parker, Judith Sheridan, Christine Vayo, Gayle Ward

Development Committee

Tanya Armour, Meg Davenport

Edible Gardening Committee

Cathy Giannini & Sherry O'Daniell, Co-Chairs

Devon Baldwin, Roberta Berg-Smith, Nan Caison, Delores Hawes, Kathryn Maland, Ann Marquino, Shirena Hardee O'Donnell, Rachel Pace, Julia Williams, Jill Wilson

Gardening for Wildlife

Rebecca Hardy & Mary Smith, Co-Chairs

Kristen Altman, Missy Banks, Marcia Doering, Barbara Downing, Delores Hawes, Sharon Hiles, Marion Kreh, Cindy Lopez, Sherry O'Daniell, Dianne Phillips, Lloyd Singleton, Paula Stetler, France Parnell, Janet Wessling

Hospitality

Susan L. Kraus, Chair

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Judge: Flower Arranging & Horticulture

Master Judge Jenene Smith, Chair

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Barbara Downing, Chair

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Membership

Linda Snider, Chair

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Elizabeth Trice, Chair; Stephanie Harris, Vice Chair

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Facilitators: Debby Allen, Annamarie Eakins, Julie Fisher, Kathryn Huffman, Meredith Lewis, Wanda Musselwhite, Darlene Tyndall

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Members at Large: Cynthia Henry, Elaine Henson, Susan Nettleman, Ann Weaver

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Carole Ellis, Chair

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Morgan Chapman, Chair

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Teresa Hill, Chair

Patsy Weinel

Yearbook

Delores Hawes, 1st Vice President & Penelope Allison, Co-Chairs

Youth Garden Clubs

Barbie Cowan, Eileen Haley & Jennifer Sturm, Co-Chairs

Devon Baldwin, Alice Diab, Barbara Downing, Laura Elliott, Pat Fitzgerald, Suzanne Huggins, Susan McGee, Nancy Jo Spear, Jill Wilson

- *Bradley Creek Elementary - Friends of the Earth*
- *Mary C. Williams Elementary - Wee Planters*

Special Committees

Centennial Planning Committee

Gloria Ezzell & Susan Nettleman, Co-Chairs

Annie Anthony, Addie Arato, Caroline Butler, Gloria Degnan, Marcia Doering, Barbara Downing, Kiplyn Duffy, Beth DurJava, Carole Ellis, Julie Fisher, Cathy Giannini, Bobby Jean Harvey, Betty Lou Henderson, Cynthia Henry, Elaine Henson, Schaum Hunt, Cheryl Hunter, Sandra Kittinger, Dianne Lynch, Laurel Maulsby, Betty Norris, Helen Pearson, Cathy Poulos, Diane M. Smith, Karen Smith, Mary Smith, Goldie Stetten, Courtney Thomas, Donna Thompson, Elizabeth Trice, Kristi Williams Turlington, Mary Kathryn Turner, Gayle Ward, Kathie Wheeler, Cassie Williamson



New and Continuing Projects Departments

The **Conservation Committee** had a busy and productive 2022-2023. We continued to work closely with the NC Coastal Federation to maintain two cells of one rain garden at Bradley Creek Elementary School, our multiyear project. This consisted of many spring, summer and fall weeding and mulchings to ensure that the rain garden continues to protect Hewlett and Bradley Creeks from stormwater runoff. In the latter part of 2022, we had help from Kevin Cassel, Grounds Supervisor at the NHC Arboretum, to prepare and install labels on the plants in the rain garden for educational purposes.

We worked with the Youth Gardeners Committee and Bonnie Mitchell of the NC Coastal Federation in the schoolroom at Bradley Creek to talk with the Friends of the Earth kindergarteners about rain gardens' help with stormwater runoff. We also shared work in the garden with members of the Edible Garden Committee. They helped us weed, and install cardboard and mulch. We returned the favor by helping weed at the Willowdale Community Garden.

This year we had the pleasure of working with 90 GE volunteers on a WORK ON WILMINGTON project which made major upgrades to the entire Bradley Creek Elementary School outdoor campus. We weeded, mulched, installed bluebird and owl houses, and painted the outdoor benches. It was wonderful to have so many people working together.

At the CFGC January meeting, Committee Co-Chairs Virginia Teachey and Marsha Seaton presented the committee report and introduced speaker Bonnie Mitchell of the NC Coastal Federation. She gave an informative talk on the importance of managing stormwater runoff. At the end of the meeting, our committee handed out downspout diverters along with rain barrel information to the members.

Virginia Teachey and Marsha Seaton attended most Zoom meetings with the Eagle Island Central Park Task Force one Friday a month in order to stay current on the progress of preserving this important environmental and historical area.

We ended the year with a trip to the Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Preserve to see the Venus Flytraps in bloom. We followed that up with a delicious brunch sitting by Morgan Chapman's pool.

Submitted by Virginia Teachey and Marsha Seaton, Committee Co-Chairs



The **Flower Arranging Committee** has been extremely busy throughout the calendar year 2022/2023. Each month members of our club supplied beautiful and creative flower arrangements for our General Meeting Refreshment Table, all worthy of Blue Ribbons! We thank all the ladies that volunteered to step up and share their talents with our members every month.

We also held 'hands on' classes at the Arboretum this year. The first class, held in the fall, focused on Wreath and Garland Embellishment for the holidays. The second class showed our members how to create Miniature Tabletop Landscaped Scenes using flowers, moss, branches, rocks and personal items in their designs. We are sure these tabletop arrangements, each unique to the designer, were a source of conversation when displayed in their homes.

December was again an opportunity to show the talents of our committee at the beautiful home of Beth Trice for our annual Christmas Tea. Weeks were spent designing and days were spent collecting evergreen cuttings. Wreaths and garlands were embellished and beautiful flower arrangements were created to present a

welcoming Christmas setting for our club members' enjoyment. Working the preparations for the Tea is always a valuable teaching experience for our committee members. Experienced committee members are eager to share their expertise with new committee members just beginning to experience the joy of flower arranging. In March we held a two day Flower Show at the Burgwin Wright House in Downtown Wilmington. The idea was presented to the staff of the historic site; the proposal was well received, and then put into action on a beautiful day in the most beautiful of settings. Members of the Flower Arranging and Gardening for Wildlife Committees combined their talents and presented a beautiful display for our community. Fifteen original cut flower arrangements were placed on display tables and a number of potted arrangements adorned the courtyard.

We completed our year with flower arrangements for our annual May Luncheon. The members of the Battery Island Committee collected driftwood from their trips to the island and those driftwood branches were used to create beautiful blue and white flower arrangements. Each arrangement was a unique work of art and well received by our club members. These arrangements were then gifted to the members of the Battery Island Committee in recognition of their hard work and the important job they perform throughout the year protecting birding habitats on our barrier islands. The Flower Arranging Committee will always be here to make every event more beautiful!

Submitted by Hillary McNeir, Committee Co-Chair



The 2022-2023 year was successful for the **Garden Therapy Committee** as we were able to return to Elderhaus on a regular schedule. In October six members helped forty three residents to create fall paper leaf wreaths. Nine members assisted forty six residents in creating large turkeys made from pine cones and pipe cleaners in November. December was time for our traditional coffee cup fresh greenery arrangements; we completed fifty three mugs with the residents and had a total of thirteen CFGC members to help the residents with this effort. We played holiday music and it looked like Christmas at the facility that day.

We resumed in February with a painting activity and March with St. Patrick's Day foam wreath construction. Nine committee members were present for both of those months to help the residents. In April we held the second annual Easter Egg Hunt at Rotary Park. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather and all 450 candy filled eggs were found.

The last activity has become a May tradition. We wear our gardening gloves, bring a few pairs to share, and we plant flowers in the raised beds on the patio at the facility. This year we planted one raised bed with vegetables at the request of the residents. The residents all join in with the digging, planting, and watering when finished. Some residents sat in rocking chairs and just enjoyed being outside with the committee members. We look forward to next year and being with the residents again!

Submitted by Debbie Reid, Committee Chair



The **Horticulture Committee** had a wonderful year displaying a wide and diverse group of blooms that were brought for display at our monthly meetings. We averaged more than 40 display items per meeting. Our day clerks thrived on completing the best displays possible in a very short amount of time. There was a wonderful meeting and champagne tour of Committee Co-Chair Karen Root's garden to bring the committee members together and explore and share our horticulture.

Submitted by Karen Root, Committee Co-Chair

Committees

Airlie Showcase Garden was first created in March of 2016. The **Airlie Showcase Garden Committee** members maintain our “southern garden” by dividing into four teams. We work on a weekly rotation to manage our garden throughout the year, one of the few committees that work year round.

This year all committee members gathered on several occasions to grow our friendships and give back to our community.

In September the four teams met and got to know the new committee members. We trimmed shrubs and added new mulch, giving our garden a refreshed look for the fall months.

Excitement was in the air as six newly purchased lighted spheres were installed in November, decorating for Enchanted Airlie. They were strategically placed in two Japanese Maples to enhance the beauty of the garden, along with lights on our birdhouse and arbor. The finishing touches of Christmas pillows on the garden bench gave this area a magical feel to share with our community.

April brought the committees together again to prepare for the Azalea Garden Tour. We planted 5 pollinator-friendly abelia shrubs, which are in the honeysuckle family. They produce beautiful white and pink blooms which attract butterflies and hummingbirds to our garden. Also added were 2 coral crepe myrtle bushes and 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!

Our teams will continue their weekly maintenance routine of gathering, growing, and giving throughout the summer.

Submitted by Marylou Moeller and Mary Beth Farrison, Committee Co-Chairs



The Cape Fear Garden Club **Arbor Day Committee** planted a Crimson Queen Japanese Red Maple tree on the campus of the Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington (GLOW). GLOW graduated its first class of 12th graders in May and the tree was planted in their honor.

There were approximately 50 students in attendance, seniors as well as 6th graders who will watch the tree grow through their remaining school years.

Submitted by Cheryl Hunter, Committee Chair



The **Azalea Garden Tour Committee** had planned for the 70th Ribbon Cutting, to be held at the home of Percy and Lillian Smith, 615 Forest Hills Drive, which was the setting of the first Ribbon Cutting 70 years before. Due to bad weather, it was moved that morning to the Life Point Church. Better weather then moved in and eleven private garden owners and two public gardens opened their beautifully landscaped gardens to be viewed by our community throughout a three-day weekend.

The Committee made lots of changes this year, beginning with an attractive, garden-inspired logo. We simplified the ticket, and created a QR Code that brought our visitors access to up-to-date information on our website, and we raised our ticket price to fall in line with other cities' garden tours. Decorative signs were placed throughout the gardens telling visitors the stories unique to each homeowner, as well as signs thanking our sponsors. We added a new committee called “Tabletops and More” which added visual interest as well as ideas for entertaining in the garden. We are happy to report that participation in the Ambassador Program doubled this year as interest grew within the community.

Sponsors **Proven Winners** and **Johnson Nursery** donated a truckload of flowers that was displayed in an antique pickup truck in one of the gardens and was used as a

raffle for the tour. Sponsor **Yacht Source** also donated a cruise for twelve as a raffle item as well. Both raffles were an additional source of income for the tour.

Plein air artists painting in each garden added visual interest to each location. On Sunday the artists wrapped up a week of painting with an art sale at the Live Oaks Estate and a percentage was donated back to the tour.

Total tour proceeds were \$126,213.48 and net proceeds came in at \$83,604.72.

Thank you to all committee members, club members, homeowners, public gardens, sponsors, artists and spouses that made this year's Azalea Garden Tour a success.

Submitted by Goldie Stetten, Committee Chair



The **Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement Committee** for 2022 awarded grants totaling \$75,104.63 to 18 New Hanover County nonprofit organizations from the proceeds of the 2022 Azalea Garden Tour.

Our club has standing grants of \$1650 to both UNC-Wilmington and Cape Fear Community College for endowed scholarships at each of these institutions. We also contribute \$6000 each year to North Carolina Audubon Society for the conservation and management of islands in the Lower Cape Fear River that provide nesting sites for thousands of migrating water birds annually.

The grants were awarded to nonprofit organizations in Wilmington and New Hanover County based on applications submitted between May 1 and June 14, 2022.



The **Battery Island Committee** of the Cape Fear Garden Club has over a 27-year relationship working closely with the Audubon NC Coast Office and its biologists to maintain safe habitats for the migratory birds and the islands where they nest in the Lower Cape Fear River. Battery Island is considered a "Globally Important Bird Area" as thousands of water-birds nest on Battery Island each Spring.

Nine species of water-birds nested on Battery Island in 2023 including White Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Brown Pelicans, Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Cattle Egrets, Tri-Color Herons, Little Blue Herons, and Black-crowned Night Herons. American Oystercatchers, Royal Terns, Sandwich Terns and a variety of Gulls are additional species that nest on the Cape Fear River islands.

BATTERY ISLAND FALL & SPRING CLEANUPS

The Battery Island Committee assists Audubon NC with scheduled cleanups on Battery Island in the Spring before nesting season begins and the Fall after the nesting season is complete. Our main concern is to remove the debris that floats onto the island from the Cape Fear River. The most critical debris to remove from the island is fishing line (monofilament) because of the danger of entanglement of Brown Pelicans and other birds.

Battery Island is a federally-protected habitat. No one is allowed to be on the island unless they are with the appropriate Audubon or government official. The Battery Island Committee travels to the Southport Marina to meet the Audubon staff and travel to the island by boat.

The dates of the island cleanups are determined by the Audubon biologist, with the goal of having one cleanup on a weekday and the other cleanup on a weekend. During the 2022-23 CFGC year, the Battery Island Committee conducted the Fall cleanup on November 2, 2022 with 14 members and collected 140 lbs. of debris. The Spring cleanup took place on March 17, 2023 with 15 members and collected 117 lbs. of debris. Committee members enjoyed the morning on the island followed by lunch together in Southport at Oliver's Restaurant.

THE BIRD CRUISE

The Battery Island Committee has planned and sponsored an educational cruise and fundraiser for Audubon NC entitled a "Cruise to the Bird islands of the Lower Cape Fear River" since 1996. The cruise is planned for nesting season on a Sunday in May. The Cape Fear Riverboat HENRIETTA was chartered, leaving from downtown Wilmington on Mother's Day, May 14, 2023. The date was determined by the boat captain based on favorable tides and weather. The cruise is an educational program and ornithology experts share their knowledge and experience by narrating the cruise and viewing. Lindsay Addison, Coastal Biologist for Audubon NC and responsible for the river islands, narrated the cruise this year.

The Battery Island Committee members plan and coordinate the cruise including ticket sales, greeting guests and speakers, coordinating the boarding of the river boat, 50/50 ticket sales, creating & selling notecards, photography, games and distributing box lunches. We have a great time!

All expenses for the bird cruise are funded by ticket sales and donations. Any profit from the cruise is donated to Audubon NC's Coast Office supporting the efforts of the Audubon biologist on the Cape Fear River islands.

Submitted by Marlene Eader, Committee Chair



Members of the Battery Island Committee after a successful Island clean-up



The **Beautification Endowment Committee** held its biannual Soirée on November 4, 2023 at the Surf Club. The theme of the event was "Oysters and Pearls" and it brought in \$12,109.08, which was deposited into the Endowment. Kathie Wheeler was the event chair and Elaine Henson was the honoree for the evening.

A beautiful quilt made by member Brenda Moore was given to the committee and auctioned off at the April meeting. The amount made was \$410.00 which was also deposited into the Endowment. Annie Anthony was the lucky winner of the quilt. The purpose of the Endowment is to award grants that support the beautification and maintenance of public areas in the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County. At present the Endowment has a balance of \$172,688.00. Interest in the amount of \$8,150.00 will be available to give as grants for 2023. We continue to work with the Civic Improvements Committee and the Centennial Committee for future disbursement opportunities.

Submitted by Karen Smith, Committee Chair

In the fall of 2022, the **Bees, Birds and Butterflies Committee** met at the home of Co-Chair Kathy Respet, to discuss the plans for the coming year. We decided to continue to support Skywatch Bird Rescue. In November some committee members enjoyed a field trip to Skywatch Bird Rescue where Amelia Mason, founder and director, shared her story and vision for its future. This was followed by lunch and fellowship to support our Club President's theme of Gather, Give, and Grow. At November's general meeting we had a slideshow to showcase the animals and work of Skywatch, and our CFGC members gave generously to help fulfill Skywatch's wish list for food for their animals during the approaching winter. We also supported Skywatch with our budgeted allowance to help with the construction of a pollinator garden, which they hope to open to the public when completed.

In December all club members were invited to our workshop at the Arboretum, where we enjoyed making holiday gnomes to decorate our homes.

In the spring, we attended a workshop at the Arboretum to learn about bees. Susan Warwick, beekeeper from Pine Grove Bee Works, gave a presentation that included a hands-on beehive and also bee products to purchase. We look forward to see what activities next year's Bees, Birds, and Butterflies Committee will include.

Submitted by Kathy Respet, Committee Co-Chair



The **Civic Improvements Committee** had an active year, working with the city and county on beautification projects, in addition to our annual Plant an Azalea Week in April and Beauty Spot Awards in June. Our committee also coordinates work in the Urban Garden in Riverfront Park, which is sponsored by the CFGC.

We applied our budgeted funds to help the Wilmington Municipal Golf Course plant 234 azaleas in beds along Pine Grove Road. This is a project that we facilitated by working and partnering with the City Parks and Municipal Golf Course Staff, encouraging them to apply for an Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Grant. Their application was approved and this funding was added to our budgeted funds to order the azaleas.

Wilmington City Parks staff asked for input from our committee on designing a new planting for a prominent median at Market and 3rd Street in downtown Wilmington. Our committee came up with an idea of a tiered fountain-like planter to be mounted onto the concrete base that had previously supported a Civil War Statue. We worked with Nina Brown of the Stone Garden to order the planter, which was made possible through a generous donation from CFGC member Martin Meyerson. We suggested to the city to apply for an Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Grant for the planting material, which was approved. In April 2023, our committee worked alongside the Wilmington Parks Staff to install the plantings in the median.

Plant an Azalea Week was coordinated by Janine Powell and a planting ceremony was held at Airlie Gardens during the first week of April. County Commissioners attended and participated along with committee and club members to plant azaleas at Airlie.

Pia Ann Robison coordinated the annual "Beauty Spot – Outstanding Landscape Awards" that are sponsored by Civic Improvements as a part of National Garden Week. The following properties were recognized and awarded on June 8, 2023:

Business: Kipos Hellenic Cuisine, 1900 Eastwood Road, Ste. 2, Wilmington

Residential: June and Chuck Sweeney, 221 Beech Street, Wilmington

Neighborhood Entrance: Trinity Landing, 5450 Trinity Landing Way, Wilmington

Submitted by Cathy Poulos, Committee Chair



The **Development Committee** of the Cape Fear Garden Club was organized in 2020 to be a source of additional fundraising for the Garden Club since it was not able to hold the annual Azalea Garden Tour during the Covid-19 pandemic. A survey was sent to all garden club members and 89 percent were in favor of direct donations to the Cape Fear Garden Club, if there could be a way to designate where the donations would go. 84 percent supported fund raising through plant sales.

The Committee took small steps and enrolled in the Brent and Becky's Blooming Bucks Program during the fall of 2022, whereby the garden club receives a percentage of the bulb and garden supply purchases by the club members.

The Committee also created a Gather, Grow, Give Annual Giving Campaign which was rolled out to members only on Giving Tuesday. Now that CFGC has an exemption from having a North Carolina Solicitation License, we are hopeful that this can become an online giving campaign beyond the Cape Fear Garden Club membership.

This is a small committee, and we would welcome the new members joining this committee as we see potential for this committee to assist other CFGC committees in their fundraising efforts.

Submitted by Nancy Scott-Finan, Committee Co-Chair



The **Edible Gardens Committee** worked in partnership with Wilmington Green Community Gardens and the CFGC Conservation Committee.

The Edible Gardens Committee helped lay out and plant vegetables, fruit trees and berry shrubs at Eden Village, a residential community for the chronically homeless in the City of Wilmington.

We restored and refreshed the overgrown Annie Nixon Garden ("Annie's Garden") on Dock and 9th Streets so that neighborhood gardeners could start up their plots again.

We also helped prepare the soil and planted collards on a plot used by the Wilmington Police Department to work with and mentor intercity youth.

The Committee continues to use Willowdale Urban Farm as our home base by helping with planting, weeding and hosting plant sales to raise money for their farming needs.

In union with the Conservation Committee we worked on Bradley Creek Elementary School's rain forest garden to control intrusive vines and weeds.

Submitted by Cathy Giannini, Committee Co-Chair



The club year 2022-2023 began with members of our **Gardening for Wildlife Committee** assisting with the Hoggard High School Planting Initiative. River Oaks and other plantings were purchased and students were shown how to plant grasses and other perennials, with the goal of having Hoggard High School become a certified wildlife habitat.

The Committee's main goal for the year was to encourage and help club members to have their personal gardens certified by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation (NCWF). Committee members made themselves available to assist with the certification process, as it is an online process. To get members excited about certification, a door prize was given away at each General Meeting to a member whose garden was newly certified.

Following our main goal of certification, our project for the year was our May Workshop entitled "Options for Gardening for Wildlife, at which we had two presentations. Matt Collogan, Extension Agent from the NHC Arboretum and Tara Moore from the NCWF spoke to our members and members of other garden clubs from the area about their respective certification processes, as well as the importance of native plants and pollinators. Mr. Collogan introduced the Master Gardener certification program entitled "Nature at Home" and Ms. Moore spoke

about the certification process available through the NCWF. Many native plants and pollinators were given as door prizes for workshop attendance, as well as bee boxes and a bird bath.

Prior to the May workshop, the Gardening for Wildlife Committee was busy with flower arrangements at the Burgwin-Wright House flower show, and a presentation of pollinator plants and literature at the Garden Club of North Carolina Annual Meeting in Wilmington at the Ballast Hotel. This Committee continually strives to create awareness about gardening for wildlife in our fast growing community.

Submitted by Becky Hardy, Committee Chair



Media and Communications Committee: During the 2022-2023 club year, the paradigm for club publicity has evolved. Examples of this paradigmatic switch are print editions to online editions, free PR to paid PR, and the need for personal follow-ups when requesting television coverage of a club event.

Other helpful improvements to club communications include using Constant Contact for internal club correspondence, using the new online forum created by The Garden Club of North Carolina to share intrastate garden club activities, and adopting the QR code for use on our Azalea Garden Tour ticket.

The volume of news pertaining to the Cape Fear Garden Club has increased exponentially. The 2021 Press Book entry had 93 filled clear sheet protectors. The 2022 Press Book entry had 207 filled clear sheet protectors. The 2023 Press Book entry already has 73 pieces of publicity that need marking and dating.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. has compliance regulations pertaining to the use of names, information, and/or photographs in their publications or on their websites for all adults and youth under 18. The Media & Communications Committee is making a concerted effort to fulfill this requirement. A notebook holding all signed releases has been created. The Azalea Garden Tour Ambassadors and the New Member Relations Committees have been diligent in their efforts to procure signatures from the parents of Ambassadors and from new members.

Submitted by Barbara Downing, Committee Chair



The **Membership Committee** reports that our current membership as of June 12, 2023 are: Active:249, Associate:69, Emeritus:47, and Honorary:10. The names of the 26 new members are: Jarrett Anderson, Missy Banks, Edna Batounis, Nancy Burns Brewer, Caroline Butler, Julia "Schorr" Davis, Alice Diab, Betsy Knowles, Brooks Lamm, Lisa Lloyd, Rebecca Mahler, Ann Marquino, Ann Cope Mueller, Lisa Murray, Debbie O'Neil, Helen Pearson, Jillian Rigsbee, Valerie L. Robertson, Lloyd Singleton, Nancy Jo Spear, Tracy Shuford Tate, Courtney Thomas, Frances Wells, Julia Williams, Cassie Williamson, and Jill Wilson. Applications for Membership are currently being accepted until December 31, 2023. These applications will be presented January 2024 then voted on in February 2024 to become Provisional Members in March of 2024.

Submitted by Nan Caison and Julie Fisher, Co-Chairs



The **New Member Relations Committee** welcomed the 16 new members at a coffee at PJ Middleton's home in September 2022, prior to the first General meeting; 6 new members attended.

Monthly emails were sent prior to each General Meeting. Lunch options were offered in September and 3 new members stayed for lunch.

In December we offered to meet for coffee and go the Christmas Tea together; however, no new members joined the committee.

In March 2023 twenty-six new members were welcomed to the Club with an Orientation held at the Arboretum. Membership guidelines were explained and

committee chairs shared committee duties to introduce and entice the new members to join their committee.

Submitted by Ann Weaver, Committee Chair



The **Oral History Committee** met in August of 2022 to plan for the Garden Club profiles. Assignments were given to our four members. During the Garden Club year we presented profiles on 8 members-some past presidents, at least one emeritus and one honorary member. We plan to meet in August to plan for the 2023-2024 Garden Club year.

Submitted by Carole Ellis, Committee Chair



The **Promotions Committee** sold calendars, note cards, Club pins, and several clothing items. We sold over fifty 'Plant-an-Azalea' cards with all proceeds going towards the planting of azaleas in our county parks.



The **Scholarship Committee** supports endowed scholarships at both Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW). Annual donations are made to the scholarships each year from the proceeds of the Cape Fear Garden Club (CFGC) Azalea Garden Tour. Grants of \$1650.00 were provided to each of the funds this year.

At the October 2022 General Meeting, both student honorees from CFCC and UNCW were invited to attend the CFGC Grant Awards Ceremony. However, due to academic scheduling conflicts, neither was able to attend. Kayla Reagan, the CFCC recipient sent her regrets and thanked the club for our generosity and commitment to education. Paris Roebuck, Development Officer for Leadership Annual Giving for UNCW, read a letter from Reba Treptau, the UNCW scholarship recipient. Ms. Treptau stated she was honored and humbled to be the recipient of the 2022-2023 CFGC Endowed Scholarship Award. The Scholarship Committee followed up with a personal note to both recipients.

Our scholarship committee continues to build relationships with the development offices at both UNCW and CFCC, as well as with scholarship recipients. The Vice President of the CFGC, Debbie Reid, and the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Julia Davis and club member Dr. Lolita Bryant attended the UNCW Donor Appreciation Dinner on February 28, 2023. We enjoyed meeting the Seahawk staff and hearing the honorees share their gratitude for their scholarships and educational opportunities. CFCC was unable to schedule a donor appreciation dinner this year but expressed their gratitude for our exceptional support.

The New Member Orientation was held in March and the Scholarship Committee shared with the new members the success and rewards of our endowed scholarship program. A poster board with thank you notes from our scholarship recipients, pictures of the Donor Appreciation and copies of the 2022 Fiscal Year Scholarship Endowment Activity Reports were displayed.

Additionally, we shared that we have established a scholarship to thank our Azalea Garden Tour Ambassadors. The funds for this scholarship have been given in memory of Mrs. Denise Matroni-Rakes and will honor one outstanding Azalea Garden Tour Ambassador with a five-hundred-dollar scholarship. The recipient must be a graduating senior planning to enter college in the fall.

Submitted by Julia H. Davis, Committee Chair



This year's **Special Events Committee** consisted of a wonderful team of 19 members. Our year started in August helping to host Zinnia Day at Cindy Henry's beautiful home. About sixty men and women enjoyed cutting colorful zinnias and sunflowers, consuming cool lemonade and cookies around the pool, watching a flower demonstration by Hillary McNeir and shopping Cindy's amazing homemade jewelry. The event was held on a very hot day, but deemed successful. After the Atlanta Show House was postponed and rescheduled during our Christmas Tea, we opted for a closer venue in Oriental, NC with the Southern Living Idea House. Morning at the Museum was the first in our speaker series as a fundraiser for our Past Presidents' Luncheon. We hosted this event at Cameron Art Museum on the morning of Thursday, May 4th with muffins and mimosas. The speakers were DeeDee Dalrymple, author of *Effortless Entertaining*, and key note speaker, Margot Shaw, author of *Living Floral* and editor of *Flower* magazine. The price per ticket was \$75 in advance and the event was attended by 60 people. Our committee hosted a cocktail party for DeeDee on Wednesday night, while Margot was entertained by Design NC. After the Morning at the Museum event, we treated both speakers to lunch at the Cape Fear Country Club. It was a lovely and profitable event that we will definitely want to host again.

Our final event of the year was our Past Presidents' Luncheon. This was our second annual luncheon and we held it at the City Club, with 21 Past Presidents in attendance. Our whole committee was invited and provided homemade pound cake and strawberries for dessert. Our oldest living president, Dot Bryant, attended and was honored with a corsage and recognition. We provided advice cards to be completed by the presidents to pass along to incoming president Debbie Reid. Gifts were presented to outgoing president, Meredith Lewis and Incoming president, Debbie Reid.

Submitted by Elizabeth Trice and Bobby Jean Harvey, Committee Co-Chairs



The **Yearbook Committee** began the work of gathering information and compiling the 2022-2023 Yearbook in April 2022. The incoming President selects the coming year's theme and has the honor of selecting the cover art for the Yearbook. This year President Meredith Lewis' theme was "*Gather, Grow, Give*" and to celebrate her theme she commissioned Shanna Masters to design a logo that incorporated all things gardening and North Carolina. In addition to gracing the Yearbook cover the beautiful artwork was used by the Garden Tour in this year's ticket design. Committee reports for the previous year were submitted by the committee chairs. Plans for our meetings and events are gathered by the Yearbook Committee for the calendar, to guide the club through the coming year. Every Garden Club member participates as they choose their committee assignments and verify contact information with the Computer Registrar, all of which end up in the Yearbook. Finally, the Committee Chairs are notified of their committee members for the coming year. All work was accomplished using Dropbox shared folders to store documents and edit the 60+ page Yearbook document.

Hard copies for review were distributed to the proofreaders. Once the final corrections and additions were made the documents were submitted to the printer. The Yearbooks were ready for distribution the week of September 14th. We had a drive-by event at the Arboretum where members could pick up their Yearbook and drop off their dues in advance of the September meeting, where the Yearbooks were also distributed.

Submitted by Penelope Allison, Committee Co-Chair



The **Youth Gardeners Committee** had an activity filled year with the Wee Planters at Mary C Williams Elementary School and the Friends of the Earth at Bradley Creek Elementary School.

Wee Planters: At Mary C Williams we brought back a classroom favorite for October - bats! We read a book on bats, learned about what they ate and where they lived, and made bat mobiles. In November, we sprouted sweet potatoes. December is an annual favorite class on our state bird, the cardinal. The Mary C Williams and Bradley Creek teams got together to prep small canvasses with a background painting; then in the classroom the students' hands were painted red and a cardinal was made out of their handprint. The parents love their "Happy Holidays" presents. For our recycling project in March, the Wee Planters used recycled gallon milk jugs and planted marigold and nasturtium seeds. April is another month of a classroom favorite -, butterfly larvae. The students observe and report on the larvae through the full life cycle. In May the butterfly release party is a highlight of the last week of school. In all our projects we read books about the subject and discussed the concepts.

Friends of the Earth: At Bradley Creek we were excited to add the other three first grade classes to our program, and had one join us each time we met. We began the year in October by making paper pumpkins and learning how important local crops are to our environment. In November we sprouted sweet potatoes and discussed how Native Americans taught the pilgrims about growing food in their new home; several of the plants are still on the school grounds. Their families, too, loved the Cardinal canvases the Friends of the Earth first graders created for the holidays as we learned about our state bird. One of our favorite annual projects is to talk to the students about pollinators and how important they are to nature and the environment. Bradley Creek made "honeycomb" pollinator bulletin boards with bee facts. February was a fun time as collaborated with the CFGC Conservation Committee and had a guest speaker from the North Carolina Coastal Federation lead us in conservation activities and games. Both Wee Planters and Friends of the Earth watched butterflies grow from larvae to maturity to learn about the life cycle of the butterfly. This culminated in a butterfly release party at the end of the school year complete with the kids in butterfly wings. Each of our programs included reading a book (which is then donated to the classroom), and a follow-up activity.

*Submitted by Eileen Haley and Sandra Kittinger, Committee Co-Chairs,
Mary C. Williams and Barb Cowan*

Special Committees

The **Centennial Committee** met often during this year to move forward with plans for our Centennial Celebration in 2025. We are currently working with our sculptor who has tweaked the design for a commemorative statue of a woman gardener, complete with a tied apron, large sun hat with ribbon, and a trowel in one hand and a butterfly in the other. Our committee voted unanimously for the revised design after working on it for 2 years. She will be placed on a base provided by the City of Wilmington in the Riverfront Park garden. Our club members voted to use funds from the Reserve Fund.

We are planning the celebration events which will include the installation of the statue and a celebratory luncheon at Airlie Gardens, which our Garden Club has continued to support.

Several subcommittees are working on various aspects of the Celebration and we would love new members to join in the fun!!

Submitted by Gloria Ezzell and Susan Nettleman, Committee Co-Chairs



“The Cape Fear Garden Club, District 11, was asked by the President of the Garden Club of North Carolina to host the **2023 GCNC Annual Meeting**. The meeting was held April 2 - 4 at the Hotel Ballast in Wilmington. This was a well-attended meeting by members of the GCNC from across the state and the programs consisted of reports from all state committees, special speakers Roy Pender of Southport, who was the recipient of the first scholarship given by the GCNC in the 1960s; David Johnson of The Gardens of Southeastern NC and Bonnie Monteleone from the Plastic Oceans Project. We had a most informative flower arranging demonstration by Kathy Griffin of the Harbor Island Garden Club and many of the attendees took a refreshing hour-long cruise with Wilmington Water Tours for a tour of the Cape Fear River. Generous supporters gave gifts for the fund-raising raffle. The 2023 Annual Meeting was also the time for celebrating past president Brenda Crocker for her service and welcoming Linda McLendon as the new president of the Garden Club of North Carolina. CFGC members Linda Snider, Gloria Degnan, and Penelope Allison served as Chair, Assistant Chair and Registrar with help from many CFGC and Harbor Island Garden Club members. Feedback from those attending reported a very fun and successful meeting for the GCNC.

Submitted by Linda Snider, Chair



Awards

2022-2023

Garden Club of North Carolina District 11

Elma K. Porter Bowden Yearbook Award 1st Place

Garden Club of North Carolina

B-6-B, Marcy Hege "Get Your Green On" Award – 1st Place

BBW-7, Garden for Wildlife Award – 1st Place

NGW-1, National Garden Week - 2nd Place

PB-1, Ruth Yarbrough Publicity Press Book - 2nd Place

(No 1st place was awarded, CFGC won first last year.

Can't win two years in a row)

T-3, Arbor Day Award – 3rd Place

Certificate of Appreciation of Service to the CFGC



Gardening for Wildlife members Delores Hawes and Frances Parnell selecting plants at Shelton Farms for the committee's educational exhibit of pollinator plants, which was displayed at the GCNC Annual Meeting in April.

2022 Azalea Garden Tour

2022 Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Committee:

Signa Stalvey, Chair

Betty V. Norris, Garden Tour Treasurer; Bernadette Baker, Martha Blacher,
Mary Ellen Black, Sandy Cyphers, Carol C. Earey, Dianne Lynch, Sydney Penny,
Pat Plasket, Cathy Poulos, Kristi Williams Turlington

The 2022 **Azalea Garden Tour Disbursements Committee** awarded the following Grants totaling \$60,805 at the General Meeting on October 26, 2022 from the proceeds of the 2022 Azalea Garden Tour.

Alliance for Cape Fear Trees	\$5000.00
Burgwin-Wright House	1,330.00
Cape Fear Clinic	3,150.00
Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity	7,500.00
City of Wilmington - Market St. & 3rd Median & Muni Golf Course	3,418.00
Community Enrichment Initiative-914 Dock, 1101 Castle, 301 N. 30th	4,724.88
DREAMS Center for Art Education	3,967.95
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	4,200.00
Friends School of Wilmington	1,810.00
Grace United Methodist Church	5,000.00
Historic Wilmington Foundation	3,185.50
Lower Cape Fear Historical Society, Inc.	1,750.00
Lower Cape Fear LifeCare (Hospice)	5,000.00
North Carolina Coastal Federation	2,000.00
Pine Valley Baptist Church	3,758.51
Pine Valley Elementary School	191.43
Rise Up Community Farm	4,200.00
Trask Middle School	<u>618.36</u>
	\$60,805.63

Standing Grants

North Carolina Audubon Society Grant	6,000
Cape Fear Community College Scholarship	1,650
University of North Carolina Wilmington Scholarship	<u>1,650</u>
Total Standing Grants awarded in 2022	\$9,300



October 26, 2022 - Azalea Garden Tour Fund Grant Recipients

2023 Azalea Garden Tour

“NATURE INSPIRED ARTISTRY”

April 14 – 16, 2023

Goldie Stetten, Chair

The Ribbon Cutting

&

Azalea Queen’s Garden Party©

615 Forest Hills Drive

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Robinson Smith, Jr

- Garden 1 Mr. and Mrs. Percy Robinson Smith, Jr. - 615 Forest Hills Dr
- Garden 2 Cynthia & George Boylan – 612 Forest Hills Drive
- Garden 3 Dalia and Israel Nir – 413 Forest Hills Drive
- Garden 4 Marc Long & Kurt Hursey – 2227 Parham Drive
- Garden 5 Gregg Thomas & Tom Faust – 2318 Blythe Road
- Garden 6 Judy and Glen Watford – 7005 Finian Drive
- Garden 7 Oak Forest Properties, LLC - 7527 Masonboro Sound Road
- Garden 8 Airlie Gardens – 300 Airlie Road
- Garden 9 Frank H. Kenan Chapel at Landfall -510 Arboretum Drive
- Garden 10 Karen Root – 602 Dundee Drive
- Garden 11 Jessica & John Spencer – 2017 Balmoral Place
- Garden 12 Brook & Peter Dorosko – 1516 Radian Road
- Garden 13 Jane and Jim Pierson – 1521 Radian Road

The 2023 Tour’s net proceeds were \$83,605

Congratulations to Goldie Stetten, Chair and the entire Azalea Garden
Tour Committee and Club Members.

Grants will be presented at the October 25, 2023 General Meeting

The Cape Fear Garden Club Collect

Our heavenly father, Who dost feed the birds and clothe the flowers, and Who knoweth and careth for every need of us, Thy children, so enlighten our minds to use wisely all the gifts of Thy Mighty Hand that we, being imbued with Thy Holy Spirit, may so work Thy will that those who come after may mark their path by our footsteps.

For all the beauty of the earth, Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For our families, our friends, our free and beautiful country, Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

We beseech Thee of Thy great goodness and tender mercy to forgive our sins and grant that we work together in fellowship that we may draw closer to Thee, Almighty God, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Marie Rehder Gerdes (Mrs. J. Henry Gerdes)
Member of The Cape Fear Garden Club 1943-1980

Written for The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. in June 1954
Adopted by The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. in August 1954



Credit: Butterfly Photo by Bernadette Baker

The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly is officially recognized as a state symbol and Governor Beverly Perdue signed the legislation into law on June 15, 2012. Member Frances Baynor Parnell and other members of the Cape Fear Garden Club were instrumental in the research and statewide outreach to bring this to realization.

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In Memoriam

These books have been donated to the New Hanover County Library in memory of the following members of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

Joan Andrews

Emeritus Member 1957 – November 15, 2022

(Club President 1961-1963)

Orchid Muse: A History of Obsession in Fifteen Flowers
by Erica Hannickel

Percy Glaspie Jr.

Honorary Member 2001 – November 22, 2022

American Roots: Lessons and Inspirations from the Designers

Reimagining Our Home Gardens

by Nick McCullough, Allison McCullough and Teresa Woodard

*St. Andrews – The Greenkeeper’s Tale: Looking After the Most Famous
Golf Course in the World*
by Gordon Moir

Denise Matroni

Active Member 2021 – December 30, 2022

Flowers for All: Modern Floral Arrangements for Beauty, Joy, and

Mindfulness Every Day

by Susan McLeary

Elizabeth Bauereis

Emeritus Member 2003 – April 8, 2023

A Gardener’s Guide to Botany: The Biology Behind the Plants You Know,

How They Grow, and What They Need

by Scott Zora

Life Memberships

As of May 31, 2023

The GCNC Lifetime Membership was established to provide annual funding for the Daniel Boone Garden in Boone, Elizabethan Garden in Manteo and the Martha Franck Garden in Raleigh. This is a one-time contribution to the national, state and regional level.

National Life Members

Gloria Degnan	2014	Sherry O'Daniell	2021
Elaine Henson	2019	Jenene Smith	1993

SAR Life Members

Penelope Allison	2013	Hillary McNeir	2017
Carolyn Augustine	2006	Alma Moore	2012
Sue Bilzi	2006	Mae Omie Mosely	2011
Caroline Butler	2016	Susan Nettleman	2016
Angela Cline	2013	Sherry O'Daniell	2019
Regina Coscarelli	2010	Becky Phillips	2011
Sandy Cyphers	2018	Rebecca Philpott	2016
Gloria Degnan	2010	Pat Plaskett	2006
LeNeve Duncan	2015	Beth Pottle	2015
Kimberly Exum	2016	Cathy Poulos	2015
Alma Fennell	2016	Mary Schumacher	2014
Nancy Fitzgerald	2014	Irene Shea	2014
Shirley Hardee	2001	Jenene Smith	1999
Estell Lee Harrelson	2012	Karen Smith	2015
Cynthia Henry	2015	Mary Smith	2019
Elaine Henson	2010	Linda Snider	2015
Johnnie Howard	2014	Gloria Sprunt	2011
Teresa Hill	2010	Melinda Stewart	2011
Cheryl Hunter	2017	Fran Summerlin	2017
Caroline Jefferies	2015	Donna Thompson	2016
Patty Kaufman	2016	Frankie Trask	2011
Sandra Kittinger	2011	Becky Varner	2010
Eric Kozen	2016	Peggy Vineyard	2016
Anita Lewis	2006	Heda Waldrep	2017
Dianne Lynch	2012	Gayle Ward	2006
Ann Lyon	2015	Janet Warren	2010
Linda McCall	2013	Kathy Williams	2013

State Life Members

Carolyn Augustine	2015	Ida Newton	2012
Dot Bishop	2012	Sherry O'Daniell	2021
Joyce Bradley	2012	Rebecca Philpott	2012
Dorothy (Dot) Bryant	2002	Beth Pottle	2012
Gloria Degnan	2019	Jenene Smith	1993
Alma Fennell	1992	Linda Snider	2022
Cynthia Henry	2016	Gloria Sprunt	2012
Elaine Henson	2010	Melinda Stewart	2012
Meredith Lewis	2023	Donna Thompson	2019
Ann Lyon	2022	Janet Warren	2012
Millie Maready	2015		

Charter Members 1925

Mrs. N. M. Martin, President
Mrs. W. A. Graham, Recording Secretary

Mrs. John Bolles
Mrs. Platt W. Davis
Mrs. W. E. Elliott

Mrs. A. M. Hall
Mrs. R. H. Hubbard
Mrs. William Latimer
Miss Sarah Lippitt

Mrs. Hugh MacRae
Miss Jeanie Strange
Mrs. Martin Willard

Past Presidents

Mrs. N.M. Martin	1925-1927	Mrs. Elma Porter Bowden	1988-1990
Mrs. J. H. Hamilton	1927-1929	Mrs. Alma Fennell	1990-1991
Mrs. J. B. Cranmer	1929-1931	Mrs. William Pope	1991-1992
Mrs. James Sprunt Hall	1931-1932	Mrs. Jack Newton	1992-1993
Mrs. William Latimer	1932-1934	Mrs. Jenene Smith	1993-1994
Mrs. R.H. Hubbard	1934-1936	Mrs. Joseph C. Knox, Jr.	1994-1995
Mrs. C. D. Maffitt	1936-1938	Mrs. Grace Avery	1995-1996
Ms. Allie Morris Fechtig	1938-1941	Mrs. Bill Huffine	1996-1997
Mrs. A. H. Elliot	1941-1944	Mrs. Carolyn Augustine	1997-1998
Mrs. J.B. Cranmer	1944-1945	Mrs. Lilmar Taylor-Williams	1998-1999
Mrs. J. Henry Gerdes	1945-1947	Mrs. Leigh Hobbs Murray	1999-2000
Mrs. Daisy Page Hutaff	1947-1949	Mrs. Shirley Hardee	2000-2001
Ms. Allie Morris Fechtig	1949-1951	Mrs. Mae Omie Mosely	2001-2002
Mrs. P. R. Smith	1951-1952	Mrs. Dianne Lynch	2002-2003
Mrs. U. Lee Spence, Jr.	1952-1953	Mrs. Harriett Beauchamp	2003-2004
Mrs. P.R. Smith	1953-1954	Mrs. Gayle Ward	2004-2005
Mrs. Hugh Morton	Jan-May 1954	Mrs. Sue Bilzi	2005-2006
Mrs. Andrew Harris, Jr.	1954-1956	Ms. Marie Ashworth	2006-2007
Mrs. Roger C. McCarl	1956-1958	Mrs. Susan Nettleman	2007-2008
Mrs. James Lamberson	1958-1959	Mrs. Teresa Hill	2008-2009
Mrs. E.M. McEachern	1959-1961	Mrs. Elaine Henson	2009-2010
Mrs. R.C Andrews	1961-1963	Mrs. Sandra Kittinger	2010-2011
Mrs. A. W. Blount	1963-1965	Mrs. Becky Phillips	2011-2012
Mrs. Charles J. Blake	1965-1967	Ms. Janet Warren	2012-2013
Mrs. Harley E. Vance	1967-1969	Mrs. Gloria Degnan	2013-2014
Mrs. Allan D. Howland	1969-1971	Mrs. Marjorie Way	2014-2015
Mrs. W. K. Stewart, Jr.	1971-1973	Mrs. Cynthia Henry	2015-2016
Mrs. Conrad Schwartz	1973-1975	Ms. Eileen Haley	2016-2017
Mrs. O. Raymond Hunt	1975-1977	Mrs. Cathy Poulos	2017-2018
Mrs. Bruce Bryant	1977-1979	Mr. Eric Kozen	2018-2019
Mrs. J. J. Pence, Jr.	1979-1981	Mrs. Rebecca Philpott	2019-2020
Mrs. L. S. Wilkins	1981-1983	Mrs. Sherry O'Daniell	2020-2021
Mrs. A.D. Christopher	1983-1985	Mrs. Linda Snider	2021-2022
Mrs. Rosalind Barker	1985-1987	Mrs. Meredith Lewis	2022-2023
Mrs. Richard F. Flynn	1987-1988		

State Presidents

Mrs. J. B. Cranmer	1931-1933	Mrs. Jenene Smith	2013-2015
Mrs. J. Buren Sidbury	1939-1941		

By-Laws

As Amended May 2023

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of the Club shall be The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II – Objectives

The objectives shall be:

1. To provide a non-profit, philanthropic, and educational association for the members.
2. To stimulate knowledge and the love of gardening.
3. To study, in all its aspects, the art of gardening, particularly horticulture, and to cooperate with other agencies furthering such interest.
4. To encourage environmental improvement through civic development, beautification, restoration, and to aid in the protection and conservation of our native trees, plants, and birds.

ARTICLE III – Membership

SECTION 1

Any person maintaining a primary residence in New Hanover County, with the exception of any National Garden Club Inc. accredited judge, who is interested in the objectives for which The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. is formed and is willing to participate in its activities may qualify for membership.

SECTION 2

The active membership in The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be limited to a maximum of 300. The associate membership shall be limited to a maximum of 100.

SECTION 3

The membership in The Cape Fear Garden Club Inc. shall be Active, Associate, Provisional, Emeritus, and Honorary. All members are expected to work together cooperatively and respectfully for the good of the Club and community.

- A. An **Active Member** is required to attend three (3) general meetings and participate on at least one (1) committee during the year. Every member is expected to participate in the Azalea Garden Tour and is required to sit one shift in a garden during the Tour unless excused by the Azalea Tour Chair or her/his appointee. Each year Active members will be entitled to one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket. Any member who has not indicated her/his preference of committee or department will be assigned to one. Active members in good standing who change their residence from New Hanover County will be allowed to continue her/his membership only as long as she/he maintains the requirements of Active membership.
- B. An **Associate Member** shall evolve from the present membership provided she/he has been an Active Member for at least five (5) years and has applied in writing to the President for a change in membership status. An Associate Member may attend any Garden Club meeting and have all privileges except voting and presenting a name for membership. Associate members in good standing who change their residence from New Hanover County will be allowed to continue her/his membership only as long as she/he maintains the requirements of Associate membership. They will be required to sit one shift in a garden during the Azalea Tour unless excused

- by the Azalea Tour Chair or her/his appointee. Each year Associate members will be entitled to one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket.
- C. All new members are **Provisional Members** for the period of one year from Orientation to March the following year. Provisional membership requirements are serving on a committee, sitting one shift in a garden for the Azalea Garden Tour, purchasing an Azalea Garden Tour ticket, and attending 3 general meetings. Provisional Members may not Chair a committee or serve on the Executive Committee. Having fulfilled these requirements during the year of their Provisional membership, and upon majority vote of the Executive Committee at their March meeting, they will become Active Members with all rights and privileges. Provisional membership may be terminated at any time by 3/4 vote of the Executive Committee.
 - D. An **Emeritus Member** is one who has been a member 40 years or more or has reached the age of 80. She/he need not pay dues and has the same privileges as an Active Member.
 - E. An **Honorary Member** shall be one who has been honored for outstanding service to The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Names shall be presented through the Membership Chairman and be approved by the Executive Committee and the General Membership.

SECTION 4

Proposal for Membership and Responsibilities:

Both Active and Emeritus members may propose one applicant annually for membership. The sponsoring member must have known their applicant for a minimum of one year prior to the date of signing the membership application and must write a letter of recommendation with the application. The signed membership application along with the nonrefundable application fee is submitted to the Membership Committee. January 1st shall be the deadline for accepting applications. The Membership chairman shall present the name of the applicant and sponsor at the January meeting after approval by the Executive Committee. The membership shall vote on the applicants at the February meeting. Orientation meeting shall be mandatory. A makeup Orientation shall be held at the discretion of the Membership Chairman. New members shall be presented at the March meeting. The sponsoring member is responsible for mentoring their applicant during the application process, the waiting list period, orientation, and for the Provisional year of membership.

Applicants who are placed on a waiting list shall come under the purview of the New Member Relations Committee and shall be invited to attend meetings with their sponsors and attend other events not restricted by Club By-Laws.

SECTION 5

Members who have resigned and desire to be reinstated shall be presented and elected by the Garden Club in the same manner as a new member.

SECTION 6

Associate Members desiring to be transferred to the Active Members list will have precedence over new applicants for membership. All resignations and requests for change in membership status must be made in writing to the President by December 30. An associate member may be added to the Active Member list at any time during the year provided there is a vacancy.

SECTION 7

Transfers from federated Garden Clubs:

Members in good standing in other national Garden Clubs, (with the exception of federated Garden Clubs in New Hanover County) desiring to transfer membership to The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. must present a letter of recommendation from the

Club where active membership is held. Approval shall be by voice vote and current dues must be paid. A fee of \$10.00 shall accompany the transfer application. This transfer may occur at any time during the Club year. Application forms shall be provided by the Membership Chairman.

SECTION 8

No person holding membership in another federated Garden Club in New Hanover County may be a member of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

SECTION 1

The Officers of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 2

All Officers shall be elected at the February meeting for a term of one year. No officer shall be eligible to hold the same office for more than one term, except the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 3

Upon presentation of each nominee and/or slate of officers by the Nominating Committee, if there is only one nominee for each office the vote may be taken via voice for each nominee. A nomination must be approved by the nominee prior to being submitted.

SECTION 4

To be eligible for nomination for the office of President, First Vice President, or Second Vice President, the nominee must have served on the Executive Committee for one full term and must have been a Club member for three years.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

Unless otherwise provided by the Executive Committee, the General Meetings of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be held monthly from September through May. The annual Christmas Tea (for members only) will be held in lieu of a December General Meeting. The Installation of Officers will be held at the May Luncheon meeting.

In the event the Executive Committee, General Meeting, or Committee meeting cannot be held in person, an internet videoconference may be held.

- Unless otherwise published in Clippings or the yearbook, all members must be notified by email, mail, or telephone at least 2 days in advance.
- All members on the videoconference must be able to participate in aural communication.
- The videoconference monitor will mute everyone so that the recognized speaker can be heard.
- Any connection that is causing interference during the meeting may be disconnected by the President and will be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes
- A member will be recognized by the President with a raised hand whether by electronic hand or actual hand.
- Motions must be submitted in writing to the President, Recording Secretary, and approved through the Executive Committee before presented to the members.

- Each member is responsible for maintaining an internet connection during the meeting; no action shall be invalidated due to member's loss of or poor quality of their internet connection.
- Each member will be notified via email how to join the meeting and meeting start time.
- Votes will be conducted by poll sent to each member connected or by show of hands if feasible.
- Attendance can be verified by attendance report at the end of the meeting. In the event videoconferencing is available when a General Meeting is held in person, the meeting will also be available via live streaming.

ARTICLE VI – Duties of the Officers

SECTION 1

Officers elected at the February meeting shall take office at the close of the meeting in May or by June 1.

SECTION 2

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Garden Club and of the Executive Committee and shall perform such duties as regularly pertain to the office and shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She/he shall appoint the Chaplain, Computer Registrar, Historian, Librarian, News Director, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarians, Photographer, Projectionist and Registrar, and a current chair for all committees unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws. In the event that the current Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Azalea Garden Tour is unable to fulfill her/his duties, the President shall appoint a Chairman or Vice-Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall serve as Third Vice President following her/his term of office.

SECTION 3

The First Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to act. She/he shall accompany the President to District and State Garden Club meetings. She/he shall make arrangements for location, seating, and equipment for each monthly meeting. She/he shall become President. She/he shall serve as Yearbook Committee Vice Chair.

SECTION 4

The Second Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice President. She/he shall be Chairman of the Program Committee. She/he, with the help of the Program Committee, shall be responsible for programs for the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. She/he shall be Vice Chair of the Awards Committee for her/his year in office.

SECTION 5

The Third Vice President, who is the immediate past President, shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. She/he shall present an orientation program, assisted by the Membership Chairman, for the new members. She/he shall be chairman of the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 6

The Recording Secretary shall keep records of all meetings of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and the Executive Committee.

SECTION 7

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Garden Club, notify applicants by letter on official Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. stationary, to

be mailed immediately after applicants are approved by the general membership. The Corresponding Secretary shall order stationery as needed.

SECTION 8

The Treasurer shall handle all money of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and keep a record thereof; all monies pertaining to the Garden Tours are to be kept in a separate account. She/he shall pay all bills and file receipts for all such disbursements. She/he shall make a monthly report of all receipts and expenditures to the Executive Committee and to the Membership and give a full report for the year at the annual meeting in May. She/he shall collect dues and shall send to the Treasurer of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. the amount due by April 1. If dues are not paid by the October general meeting, she/he shall send a written notice to all delinquent members. If dues are not paid by November 15, a second notice shall be sent. She/he shall serve as chair of the Budget Committee. The Club will provide for a review of both The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and the Azalea Garden Tour financial records. Each year, the Treasurer shall be responsible for the Federal Form and State Form of Return of Organization Exempt from income tax on or before the date required.

SECTION 9

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist and become familiar with all the duties of the Treasurer and, if the need arises, the President and/or the Assistant Treasurer may sign checks in place of the Treasurer.

SECTION 10

The Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional at all meetings.

SECTION 11

The Historian shall keep a scrapbook of all The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. activities.

SECTION 12

The Librarian shall select memorial books in honor of deceased members, who are currently members, to be placed in the Public Library. All past Presidents, whether current members or not, shall be so memorialized. An up-to-date list of these books shall be given each year to the President and Recording Secretary, Chaplain, 1st Vice President, and Newsletter Editor. She/he will be responsible for placing the current yearbook, annual Minutes (at the end of two years), and Historian's Book on file in the Public Library/North Carolina Room.

SECTION 13

The News Director shall approve all news releases of Garden Club activities and work with the media. She/he will oversee maintenance of all Club internet activities with the approval of the Executive Committee. The News Director shall chair the Media and Communications Committee.

SECTION 14

The Registrar shall keep a record of attendance at all general meetings.

SECTION 15

The Computer Registrar shall maintain the official membership list.

SECTION 16

The Newsletter Editor shall collect information, publish, and distribute "Clippings" prior to each general meeting.

SECTION 17

The Parliamentarian shall apply the rules of parliamentary procedure according to *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*. A parliamentarian shall attend all executive Committee Meetings and general meetings of the Club.

SECTION 18

The Projectionist shall accumulate and prepare information to be projected on the screen at General Meetings of the Club.

SECTION 19

The Photographer shall photograph and document activities of the Club, with exclusion of responsibility for Azalea Garden Tour as this committee has a separate appointed photographer.

ARTICLE VII – Executive Committee

SECTION 1

The Executive Committee shall be composed of Elected and Appointed Officers, Chair of Departments, Chair of Standing Committees, and Chair of Special Committees. Each Department, Standing and Special Committee will have one vote on the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall approve all proposals before they are presented to the Membership for approval. All expenses of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be approved by the Executive Committee and reported to the Membership for their approval.

SECTION 3

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month during the Garden Club year, except December. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. A vote may be allowed by email or mail if all Executive Committee members are contacted and a response has constituted a quorum. Record of this shall be made by the Recording Secretary and kept in her/his minutes.

SECTION 4

Twenty members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5

In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the First Vice President shall become President and preside at Executive Committee meetings. Vacancies occurring in any other office shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII – Dues

SECTION 1

The Annual Dues for each Member shall be established by the Budget Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee and the General Membership and will be published in the yearbook each year. The Budget Committee will take into account the price of the coming year's Azalea Garden Tour ticket when establishing Annual Dues. Emeritus Members have the privilege of not paying dues to the Cape Fear Garden Club but may maintain their state and national dues by reimbursing the Treasurer annually for that expense.

SECTION 2

Annual dues are payable in September for the ensuing fiscal year. If dues are not paid by September 30, the Treasurer shall send an email reminder. If dues are not paid by October 31 the treasurer will send a second email notice and a \$20 late fee will be incurred. If dues are not paid by November 15, a written notice shall be sent. Membership will be cancelled on December 15 for those who have not paid their dues. Reinstatement to membership in good standing may take place at the following January Executive Committee meeting by presenting a written request and full payment of dues and late fees.

SECTION 3

The operating funds of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be derived from annual dues of the Membership, grants received by the Club, and supplemental funds raised by Club activities.

ARTICLE IX – Quorum

Fifty Active and Emeritus members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE X – Guests

Resident guests, accompanied by a member, may be admitted to a maximum of three (3) general meetings per Club year.

ARTICLE XI – Departments

SECTION 1

The Departments of the Garden Club shall be: Conservation, Flower Arranging, Garden Therapy, and Horticulture.

SECTION 2

The Conservation Chair shall promote interest in conservation and aid in the preservation of natural resources, particularly native trees, plants, and birds. She/he shall cooperate with interested agencies and keep the Membership informed of pertinent legislation. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 3

The Flower Arranging Chair shall encourage the study, display, and arrangement of floral materials. Her/his committee shall decorate for the Christmas Tea and the May Luncheon. The Chair shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 4

The Garden Therapy Committee is responsible for planning garden activities conducted with and for handicapped persons as an aid to their recovery. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 5

The Horticulture Chair shall encourage the study and growth of all plant material and stress horticultural perfection in exhibition. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

ARTICLE XII – Standing Committees

SECTION 1

Standing Committees shall be: Airlie Showcase Garden, Arbor Day, Awards, Azalea Garden Tour, Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement, Battery Island, Beautification Endowment, Bees, Birds and Butterflies, Budget, By-Laws Review, Civic Improvement, Development, Gardening for Wildlife, Hospitality, Judges, Media and Communication, Membership, New Member Relations, Nominating, Oral History, Oversight, Photography, Program, Promotions, Registration, Scholarships, Special Events, Transportation, Yearbook, Youth Garden Clubs and Special Committees appointed by the President.

SECTION 2

The Airlie Showcase Garden Committee shall plant and maintain the designated garden space within the New Hanover County Airlie Gardens property.

SECTION 3

The Arbor Day Committee shall recognize, support and encourage the planting of new trees on this legal holiday by the Garden Club and in the community.

SECTION 4

The Awards Committee shall study all awards offered by the Garden Club of North Carolina, the South Atlantic Region, and the National Garden Clubs. She/he shall urge members to apply for awards by appropriate deadlines determined by SAR/State and National guidelines and give them assistance when needed.

SECTION 5

The Azalea Garden Tour Committee shall have charge of the Mary Lou McEachern Ambassador Tea, the Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour®, and The Ribbon Cutting & Azalea Queen's Garden Party®. This committee shall proceed under the direction of, and in concert with, the Azalea Garden Tour Chair and her/his Vice Chair. The Chair, assisted by the Vice Chair, shall keep records and appoint all sub-committees pertaining to the Azalea Garden Tour. The Vice Chair will assume the chairmanship of the Azalea Garden Tour in the ensuing year. The new or incoming Vice Chair will be selected by the Nominating Committee who will fulfill this obligation by consulting with the current Chair and Vice Chair to provide ongoing leadership and continuity.

- A. All garden tour expenses are to be paid from the proceeds of the garden tour.
- B. A budget will be submitted annually in September to the Executive Committee for approval.
- C. The balance from the Garden Tour proceeds is to be placed in a separate account and is to be used only for projects approved by the Executive Committee and the general membership.

SECTION 6

The Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement Committee shall recommend appropriate funds to be disbursed for community projects. The committee shall review all requests for funds received by The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc., and shall recommend to the Executive Committee requests which meet all criteria as set forth by the committee. If said recommendations are approved by the Executive Committee, they must then be approved by the general membership.

The Committee will reserve a minimum of 10% of the net proceeds after standing grants are funded, to be placed in a holding account. These funds will remain at the discretion of the Disbursement Committee and any future disbursements will be handled in the same way grants are currently approved: the Disbursement Committee would bring forward a recommendation to the Executive Committee and if approved would then go to the General Membership for approval.

The Committee, chaired by the prior year's Azalea Garden Tour Committee Chair, shall include the Azalea Garden Tour Chair from two years prior, the current Azalea Garden Tour Chair, the Azalea Garden Tour Treasurer and up to 10 members at large. Five (5) at large members shall be appointed by each Disbursement Chair for a two-year term. The current Azalea Garden Tour Chair shall serve on the committee for a total of three (3) years, the first year as a member, the second year as Chair, and the third year as a member and advisor to the new chair with specific duty to ensure that grants awarded from the previous year are completed. The Azalea Garden Tour Treasurer shall be a perpetual member of this committee. No at large member can serve more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 7

The Battery Island Committee shall plan and promote educational activities that increase awareness and interest in the preservation of Battery Island as a wildlife habitat. The committee will also actively work to provide funds in support of an Audubon warden who will post, patrol, protect, manage, and educate the public in or about the importance of Battery Island and other bird island habitats as a sanctuary for nesting birds.

SECTION 8

The Beautification Endowment Committee shall plan, promote and educate members, citizens, businesses, and organizations on the development of a source of perpetual and permanent funding to enable Cape Fear Garden Club to make a significant impact on the beautification of public places in the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County. This Fund is invested and administered through the North Carolina Community Foundation. The Committee shall recommend appropriate funds to be disbursed for community projects.

SECTION 9

The Bees, Birds & Butterflies Committee shall promote activities that increase interest in the knowledge and conservation of bees, birds and butterflies. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 10

The Budget Committee is chaired by the Treasurer. The committee shall be composed of the Assistant Treasurer, the President, the First Vice President and the Second Vice President. The committee shall present the budget for the coming year to the Executive Committee for approval. The budget must then be approved by the membership no later than the April General Meeting.

SECTION 11

The Civic Improvements Committee shall encourage the beautification of New Hanover County.

SECTION 12

The Gardening for Wildlife Committee shall encourage the Club and community on the aspects of maintaining a healthy environment for our wildlife.

SECTION 13

The Hospitality Committee shall provide refreshments for monthly meetings, the Christmas Tea, and other special events.

SECTION 14

Judges: Flower Arranging and Horticulture shall judge horticulture and flower arranging at the general meeting.

SECTION 15

The Media and Communication Committee shall provide all publication material to the media, (television, print, and internet) for all the Garden Club activities year-round locally, statewide, and nationally.

SECTION 16

The Membership Committee shall assist the Chair in her/his duties. Those applicants on the waiting list shall be given first consideration for membership. The chair shall receive and send to the President all status changes for review. The Chair will present all membership changes to the Executive Committee monthly. She/he shall assist the Third Vice President in the New Member Orientation Program.

SECTION 17

The New Member Relations Committee shall facilitate new member assimilation into the Club, using personal contact and educational opportunities to engage new members in all aspects of the Club and responsibilities of membership.

SECTION 18

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the 3rd Vice President, who shall serve as Chair, and four (4) members at large. This Committee shall select candidates according to requirements in ARTICLE IV Officers, SECTIONS 2-4. The Committee's slate shall be presented at the February Executive Committee meeting and at the February General Meeting. The slate will be presented for a vote at the March Executive Committee meeting and, subsequently, at the March General Meeting. The slate shall consist of candidates for the following offices: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a Vice Chair for the Azalea Garden Tour. The

Nominating Committee shall nominate four (4) at-large members for the Nominating Committee and no member shall serve consecutively on the Nominating Committee. In the event that the previous year's Azalea Garden Tour Vice Chair cannot, for whatever reason, move into the chairmanship, a Chair will also be nominated. Should the immediate past President be unable to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee shall appoint another past Membership Chair to serve.

SECTION 19

The Oral History Committee shall record a profile of past presidents and/or Emeritus members, illuminating the early history of each of these persons and highlighting contributions made by that person to the Cape Fear Garden Club and the community.

SECTION 20

The Oversight Committee shall maintain a general overview of the Club as a whole. to include all contracts and memorandums of understanding.

SECTION 21

The Photography Committee shall photograph and document the activities of the Cape Fear Garden Club, with the exception of the Azalea Garden Tour.

SECTION 22

The Program Committee shall provide programs for the monthly general meetings. The Committee, chaired by the Second Vice President, shall consist of the Chair of the Department of Conservation, Flower Arranging, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, and other members deemed necessary by the Chair.

SECTION 23

The Promotions Committee shall promote the sales of inventory and reprint (when necessary) all Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. sales material.

SECTION 24

The Registration Committee shall provide and maintain an annual permanent record of the sign in sheets for the entire membership from each General Meeting. She/he shall provide a list of the guests who attend the general meeting and copy it to the Recording Secretary at the General Meetings

SECTION 25

The Scholarship Committee shall have co-chairs, one to serve as liaison to UNCW and one to serve as liaison to Cape Fear Community College.

SECTION 26

The Special Events Committee shall receive and determine all special requests internally and from the community for flower arrangements for special functions.

SECTION 27

The Transportation Committee shall provide transportation to Cape Fear Garden Club functions to any member requiring it.

SECTION 28

The Yearbook Committee shall assist the Chair in the publication of the annual Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Yearbook.

SECTION 29

The Youth Garden Clubs Committee shall promote and assist in the organization of Garden Clubs among the young people from pre-school through high school age. The establishment, activities and operating guidelines shall include those described by The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and The National Garden Club.

SECTION 30

Special committees shall be appointed by the President as needed.

SECTION 31

The By-Laws Review Committee shall meet to add, correct, amend and oversee the By-Laws as needed.

ARTICLE XIII – Parliamentary Authority

Meetings shall be governed by *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* on all points not specified by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE XIV – Method of Amending the By-Laws

The By-Laws may be amended after being read at two consecutive General Meetings (in person or videoconferencing) of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. by two-thirds vote provided the amendment has been approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XV – Non-Profit Status

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activity not permitted to be carried on by (a) corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Upon dissolution of the Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc., assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Should there be a conflict between the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures, By-Laws take precedence.

Policies & Procedures

As Amended May 2023

I. GENERAL

The Cape Fear Garden Club Inc.:

- The club year shall be June 1 - May 31
- Name cannot be used to endorse any product, commercial, tour, lecture, event or organization unless approved by the Executive Committee.
- Does not participate in partisan political activities.
- Membership Directory is available only when authorized by the Executive Committee.
- Each member is responsible for the confidentiality of the membership list. The list shall not be used for the purpose of advertising or solicitation. Club-wide emailing may only be sent with approval of the President and through the protected email account.
- The Tax ID number, the Corporate Seal, and any and all copyrighted information belonging to The Cape Fear Garden Club Inc. may not be utilized without the express permission of the Executive Committee.
- Upon request of the President and/or Executive Committee, a Review Committee may be appointed to review new materials. Any change to established policy or procedures shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
- Does not pay for any member of the Executive Committee, except the President and 1st Vice President for reimbursement of District and State Meetings expenses.
- No expenditure of unbudgeted funds shall be authorized without the prior consent of the Executive Committee.
- Officers and Chairs of an incoming administration may take preliminary action necessary to the performing of the duties they will assume.
- Shall provide liability insurance coverage for officers (Added 2/2020).

II. MEMBERSHIP (Note By-Law Article III/Sections 1-8)

General

- The Cape Fear Garden Club has five membership categories: Active, Associate, Provisional, Emeritus and Honorary.
- Must be a resident of New Hanover County when applying and entering the CFGC. Members in good standing may reside outside the county after one year of service.
- Any member wishing to have their yearbook mailed to them should include the requested amount, along with their annual dues, for postage.
- Must maintain membership "in good standing" status by paying any required dues and meeting Club requirements specified under By Laws, Article III, Section 3.

Active

Dues for Active Members are determined annually by the Budget Committee and approved by the Executive Committee and General Membership and are payable by September 30. When dues are not paid by October 31, the member will incur a \$20.00 late fee.

- Required to attend three General Meetings out of seven meetings a year.
- Required to sign-in at every General Meeting with the Registrar.
- Has the privilege of voting on any business before the general membership of the Garden Club.
- Has the privilege of nominating individuals for new membership, one per year, and is encouraged to mentor them for one year.

- Required to sit in a garden once over the three-day weekend, and provide cookies for The Ribbon Cutting & Azalea Queen's Garden Party®.
- Will receive one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket each year.
- Required to actively serve on one department or committee annually; if one is not selected by the member, the Club will assign an active member to a department or committee annually.
- Active Membership shall be 300 members.

Associate

- Dues for Associate Members are determined annually by the Budget Committee and approved by the Executive Committee and General Membership and are payable by September 30. When dues are not paid by October 31, the member will incur a \$20.00 late fee.
- Required to sit in a garden once over the three-day weekend.
- Will receive one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket e year.
- Has completed five (5) years of service as an Active Member
- Not required to serve annually on a Department or Committee
- Not required to attend General Meetings
- By-Laws restrict Associate Members to 100 members.

Provisional

- Must pay dues.
- Must attend at least 3 General meetings.
- Must serve on a committee in addition to the New Member Committee.
- Must purchase an Azalea Garden Tour ticket and sit one shift in a garden during the Azalea Garden Tour.
- May not Chair a committee or serve on the Executive Committee.
- May attend both the Christmas Tea and May Luncheon Meeting.
- May vote.

Emeritus

- Emeritus members are eighty (80) years of age or have completed forty (40) years of service.
- Pay no CFGC dues.
- The CFGC does not pay state and national dues for Emeritus members, therefore any Emeritus member wishing to maintain the state and national membership must reimburse the CFGC Treasurer prior to these dues being paid to each organization.
- Maintain all the privileges of an Active member, except required meeting attendance and dues.
- May vote on any business before the general membership and nominate individuals for new membership.
- May attend the Christmas Tea and May Luncheon.
- By-Laws allow for unlimited Emeritus Members.

Honorary

- Individuals honored for exceptional service to the club.
- Pay no dues; have no meeting or committee requirements; no Garden Tour ticket purchase is required.
- May attend all General Meetings, Christmas Tea and May Luncheon as guests of the CFGC.
- Nominating process for new Honorary Membership is discussed in By-Law Article III/ Section 3/ Item D.

Membership Change Request

- A member may request to move their membership between categories anytime during the year but encouraged to do so by December 31 annually to allow for new members in January.
- An Active Member must have completed five (5) years of service in good standing before being considered for Associate Membership.
- All membership reclassification requests must be made in writing to the Membership Chair. (Note By-law Article III/Section 3/Item B)

New Member Application Process

- Active and Emeritus Members may propose an individual for membership throughout the year by completing an application form provided by the Membership Chair or located on the website.
- Application form must be signed by sponsoring member and include a letter of recommendation written by the sponsor along with a non-refundable \$20.00 application fee.
- New member applications are placed on file by the Membership Chair in the order in which they are received. Each are stamped and dated to reflect the date received.
- Applicants are proposed in January, voted on in February and inducted as Provisional Members in March for a period of one year.
- Approved applicants who cannot be invited for Active Membership due to numbers limitation in the by-laws have a Waitlist status and remain until the following January to determine their entry date for Provisional Membership.
- While in Waitlist status, applicants are kept up to date on Club activities and invited with their sponsors to attend a "get-to-know-you-coffee", attend general meetings and public events and to sit in a garden with their sponsors or an Active member. On-going communication is provided by the New Member Relations Committee to keep applicants informed on Club activities and responsibilities of membership.
- Note By-Law Article III/Section 4 for additional information.

Reinstate Memberships

For nonpayment of annual dues and garden tour tickets:

- All requests must be made in writing to the Membership Chair, copying the President and Club Treasurer, within 60 days of final payment due date (December 15).
- All outstanding amounts must be paid in full.
- The Membership Chair will request reinstatement consideration to the Executive Committee at the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting.

For renewal of previous membership within the Club:

- All members requesting re-entry into the Club must follow all the rules of a new membership applicant as discussed above in New Member Application Process.
- Note By-Law Article III/Section 5 for more information.

Transfer of Membership

Transfer of Membership within the Club classifications:

- Discussed above in Membership Classification Request.

Transfer of Membership from another Federated Garden Club:

- Written transfer request may be accepted throughout the year, accompanied by a \$10.00 fee, a letter of recommendation to the Membership Chair if the recipient is a current active member in good standing with the previous garden Club.
- The CFGC Membership Chair shall propose the new names for membership by a voice vote at the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting.

Membership Information updates

- It is the responsibility of each member to maintain current membership directory information with the Computer Registrar. Information must include name, address and telephone numbers. An email address, where applicable, should be provided since more information within the Club is released by email for cost savings, efficiency and speed of communication. Members not having email will be provided all required information.

III. MEETINGS

Executive Committee

- Time and Location to be determined by President.
- Dates: Second Monday of September, October, January, February, March, April and May. November meeting is held on the first Monday of the month.
- No meetings in December, June, July, and August unless called by the President.

General Meetings

- Location: will be updated in the annual yearbook.
- Dates: meeting dates will be updated in the annual yearbook to reflect actual meetings dates for each year.
 - Horticulture & Arrangements for Judging: 9:00-9:15AM
 - Program set up & Committee Promotions: 9:00AM -10:00AM
 - Hospitality & Registration: 9:30-10:00AM
 - Meeting Called to Order: 10:00AM
 - Guests: New Hanover County residents, accompanied by a member, may attend 3 meetings per Club year.
 - Individuals currently on CFGC new member waiting list are welcome without charge and without attendance limitations.
- In the event the Executive Committee, General Meeting, or Committee meeting cannot be held in person, an internet videoconference may be held. Refer to Article V in By-Laws for complete information.

Christmas Tea & May Luncheon. For members only.

Special Called Meetings (In Person & Email)

- Meetings may be called at any time by the President if all members are notified in writing five days in advance by email or mail for those not on email. An Agenda for the meeting must be provided with notice.
- A quorum must be maintained to proceed.

Quorums (Note By-Laws: Article VII/Section 1 & 4, Article IX and Article XIV)

- Executive Committee Meetings: Twenty members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a Quorum. In counting for a quorum and for voting at Executive Committee meetings, a Department or Committee Vice-Chair may represent that Department or Committee in absence of its Chair, provided advance notice is given to the Parliamentarian. (Revised 2/2020)
- General Meetings: 50 Active and Emeritus Members only.
- By-Law Revisions require a two-third vote for passage in Executive Committee & General Meetings.
- Associate Members are not allowed to vote.
- Proxy votes are not allowed.
- Videoconferencing see By Laws Article V Bullet 2.

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all meetings. A copy must be at all meetings.

IV. PROGRAMS

Content

- The Program Committee, chaired by the 2nd Vice President and the Department Chairs, determine the seven General Meeting Programs. The Chair can extend the invitation to join the committee to any committee chairs at her/his discretion.
- Program suggestions should be forwarded to the incoming 2nd Vice President by the end of May.

Honorariums

- Program speaker's fees are budgeted annually in the Club's approved operating budget.
- The budgeted funds are spent per speaker at the discretion of the 2nd Vice President.

V. BUSINESS (Note By-Law Article V/Section 1-4)

Order of Business (Executive Committee & General Meetings)

- Each Department and Committee chair should provide a written report to the President and Recording Secretary the Thursday prior to all Executive and General Meetings.
- Meetings will follow the order - Call to Order, Devotional, Pledge of Alliance & Program (General Mtg. only), President's Report, Officers' Reports, Department Reports, Committee Reports, Old/Unfinished Business, New Business and Adjournment.

Time Allotted

- Two minutes will be allowed per report unless otherwise approved by the President.

Contract, Agreement Submittal Process

- All binding documents must be reviewed and approved by the Oversight Committee prior to being presented to the Executive Committee.
- Submission to the Oversight Committee should be made at least ten days in advance of any scheduled Executive Committee Meeting to allow for review and modifications if required.

Budget/Operating Budget Restrictions

- The Budget Committee, chaired by the Club Treasurer, meets after the February Executive Committee Meeting to review all written requests for operating funds per department and committee for the next year.
- All written requests should include estimates, financial data and scope of work being considered and sent to the Club Treasurer prior to the February Executive Committee Meeting.
- The Budget Committee submits the proposed annual budget for review and approval at the March Executive Committee Meeting. Upon Executive Committee approval the budget must be presented to the General Membership no later than the April General Meeting.
- The approved Operating Budget must be adhered to.
- Any additional funds needed by the Club must be presented in writing to the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee prior to incurring any expenditure. Non-approved expenditures will not be reimbursed or paid by the Club.
- All reimbursable expenses must be presented to the Treasurer in writing with receipts and description of project prior to the end of May to be reimbursed based on the Club's calendar year and the restrictions of approved funds within a current year's budget.

VI. DUES

- **Active Member's and Provisional's Dues are determined by the Executive Committee and approved annually with the budget.**
- **Associate Member's Dues are determined by the Executive Committee and approved annually with the budget.**
- **Emeritus and Honorary Members' dues are waived.**
 - The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. does not pay state and national dues for Emeritus Members. If Emeritus members would like to maintain their memberships with the North Carolina Garden Club or the National Garden Club then they must reimburse the Club Treasurer for these dues prior to the organization's dues deadline.

Deadline for receipt of dues

- Annual dues are due by September 30.
- Past due notices will be emailed by the Club Treasurer following the October and November General Meetings.
- Members who have not paid their dues by October 31 will incur a \$20 late fee.

Loss of Membership

- Unpaid annual dues not received by December 15 will result in loss of membership. Any member losing her/his membership within the Club may request in writing within 60 days to be reconsidered for reinstatement upon receipt of all unpaid accounts to the Club Treasurer.

VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS (Note By-Laws Article IV, VI, VII for more information)

General

- All Officers, Appointed Officers, Department and Committee Chairs at the end of their term shall pass their successor written information and guidelines pertaining to the duties of the office.

President

- Shall preside at all meetings and may serve on all departments and committees except the Nominating Committee.
- Shall appoint the following Executive Committee Officers: Chaplain, Historian, Librarian, News Director, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarians, Photographer, Registrar, Department and Committee Chairs.
- Shall appoint replacement positions for all positions above plus Azalea Garden Tour Chair if a vacancy occurs.
- Receives, delegates, and responds to all Club communications received by mail or internet.
- Maintains a neutral and unbiased opinion on all aspects of the Club's activities.
- Shall sign all contracts and agreements on behalf of the Club after such contracts and agreements are approved by the Oversight Committee and the Executive Committee. (Added 2/2020)

1st Vice President

- Shall serve as Yearbook Committee Vice Chairman.
- Shall perform all the activities of the President in her/his absence and accompany the President to District and State meetings.
- Shall provide the equipment needs of the Executive Committee for the General Meeting location.
- Will set up the meeting space for all Executive Committee Meetings. Shall negotiate any new or renewal lease agreements for meeting locations.
- Will establish and confirm all meeting dates for Executive Committee Meeting, General Meetings, New Member Orientation and May Luncheon and copy the President and Yearbook Chair on these dates by June 1.

- Shall adhere to all the terms of lease agreements before, during, and after these events.
- Is responsible for the May Luncheon, excluding the flower arranging and program.
- Secures a member to conduct the installation of officers at the May luncheon.
- Shall serve as a member of the Budget Committee.

2nd Vice President

- Shall serve as the Program Chair and at her/his discretion invite Department Chairs to meet and discuss programs.
- Shall contact, organize and provide educational, interesting and relevant programs for the general meetings.
- Shall incorporate district, state and national garden Club subjects of interest.
- Shall contact, welcome, provide all necessary tools for each speaker and provide a copy of this information to the 1st Vice President prior to each General Meeting. Set up needs must be provided to the 1st Vice president at the previous Executive Committee Meeting
- Shall serve as a member of the Budget Committee.
- Shall serve as Awards Vice-Chair for her/his year in office.

3rd Vice President

- Shall chair the Nominating Committee.
- Works closely with the four Members at Large to propose qualified individuals for the Executive Committee in February of each year.
- Shall work with Membership Committee to present a New Member Orientation.

Recording Secretary

- Shall take all Executive Committee, General Meeting, and special meeting minutes. She/he will copy the President and Parliamentarians for proofing and approval of documents. After corrections are completed, the minutes will be placed on file in a three-ring binder maintained by the Recording Secretary during her/his term in office.
- Shall maintain the current year's minutes plus the two previous years' approved minutes at all meetings and bring those minutes to all Executive Committee meetings.
- All motions are to be read or provided in writing, as on file, upon request. At the end of the year, the Recording Secretary shall provide a list of all changes in By-Laws and Policies & Procedures to the Yearbook Chairperson to be documented in the new Yearbook.
- The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for delivering the previous year's Minutes to the Library at the end of each Club year in May or June.

Corresponding Secretary

- Shall provide written correspondence for the Club such as: thank you, get well, and sympathy notes and report monthly on this correspondence at the Executive Committee Meeting and subsequent General Meeting.
- Shall write all new member announcements and mail immediately after acceptance.
- Shall provide written invitations to the Honorary Members for the Christmas Tea and May Luncheon.

Treasurer

- The Treasurer shall be bonded by the Club.
- The Treasurer shall submit books to be audited yearly. The type of audit to be determined.
- Shall receive and pay all bills in association with the Club Assistant Treasurer.
- Shall maintain all bank accounts of the Club.

- Shall report at the Executive Committee and General Meetings on all financial aspects of the Club monthly.
- Shall collect all CFGC dues and pay any state and national dues owed by the Club and work closely with the Membership Chair and Computer Registrar on maintaining a current membership roster.
- Shall chair the Budget Committee meeting.

Assistant Treasurer

- The Assistant Treasurer shall be bonded.
- Shall assist the Club Treasurer as needed.
- Shall serve as a member of the Budget Committee.

Appointed Officers

Chaplain

- Shall provide devotions at all Club meetings.

Computer Registrar

- Shall maintain a current membership directory consisting of the members name, address, telephone numbers, email address, spouse name and date of entry into the Club.
- Shall provide a corrected year-end directory to the Yearbook Editor for use in the printing of the Yearbook.

Historian

- Shall maintain a bound documentation of all the Club's activities and news releases within a year (June 1 to May 31).
- Shall complete this work prior to the Awards submission deadline and submit the document for judging annually.
- Upon receipt of the judged document being returned to the Club she/he will provide the document for the Club to enjoy at two General Meeting then have the Librarian place it on permanent file at the New Hanover County Library.

Librarian

- Upon acknowledgement of a member's death, she/he will contact the New Hanover County Downtown Library to request a book to be placed in their memory.
- The Library should be provided a copy of the obituary, name and addresses of the family to whom a letter will be written acknowledging the gift from the Club.
- The book should reflect the interest of the deceased member and stay within budget determined by the approved annual budget. (Generally, under \$30 per book)
- Shall provide the Executive Committee with a copy of the Library's letter to the deceased members' family including title and author. Additional copies will be provided to the President, Recording Secretary, and Newsletter Editor for the Cape Fear Clippings and 1st Vice President to be included in the Yearbook the next year.
- Shall complete the state form acknowledging the death of a current member.

News Director

- Shall be the public spokesperson for and Chair of the Media and Communication Committee.
- Shall approve all news releases of the Club activities and work with the media.
- See Media Committee.

Newsletter Editor

- Shall provide "The Cape Fear Clippings" newsletter seven (7) times a year to the entire membership. The newsletter will include all corrections to the yearbook, directory changes, and current news for the members.

- All information for the upcoming clippings issue should be to the editor by the Executive Committee Meeting. The newsletter is released to the printer 24 hours after the end of the meeting.

Parliamentarian

- Shall attend all Executive Committee Meetings and General Meetings.
- Shall apply the rules of parliamentary procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Projectionist

- Shall accumulate and prepare information to be projected on screen at General Meetings.

Registrar

- Shall provide annual membership sign-in registration sheets and nametags for all General Meetings.
- Shall provide a copy of the sign-in sheets and an attendance recap at the end of each year to the incoming and outgoing Presidents, Recording Secretary for the minutes, Membership Chair and Treasurer.
- Shall greet and register all members and guests at General Meetings.
- Shall provide the Recording Secretary a written account of total attendance of members and guests at each general meeting. Guests list are composed of name of guest and member's name.

VIII. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES.

(Note: See By-Laws Article XI and XII for more information.)

General

- It is recommended that all chairs rotate on a three-year plan to allow new members to become more involved in the Club. A new chair should have been a co-chair or active on the department/committee prior to accepting the chair position.
- Each Department and Committee will be provided an annual approved budget. Requests for additional annual funds to the budget must be made in writing to the Treasurer prior to the February Executive Committee Meeting.
- Additional funds, non-budgeted, shall be requested in writing to the President and Treasurer at least five days prior to the next scheduled Executive Committee Meetings including an itemized list of estimated expenditures and scope of work.
- The Chair is required to attend Executive Committee Meetings, provide a monthly written report to the President and Executive Committee, and encourage involvement of committee members.
- The Department or Committee has one vote on the Executive Committee.
- The Chair is required to provide a written end-of-the year report to the President, 1st Vice President/Yearbook Chair, and Recording Secretary which includes "New and Continuing" Projects and budget information by the May Luncheon.
- All Officers, Appointed Officers, Department and Committee Chairs at the end of their term shall pass on to their successors written information and guidelines pertaining to the duties of the office.
- Each Department and Committee will consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, and members. The Chair position may be filled by two or more individuals ("Co-Chairs") when joint responsibility is appropriate as determined by the Department or Committee with consent of the President. Multiple Vice-Chairs may be appointed for a Department or Committee when necessary, to achieve purposes of that Department or Committee (Revised 2/2020).

- A Committee may form one or more Sub-Committees if warranted for the Committee's purposes and with consent of the President. A Sub-Committee shall have same structure as other Committees, except that the Sub-Committee Chair shall report to the parent Committee and shall not be a member of the Executive Committee. (Revised 2/2020).

Departments

Conservation Department

- Shall educate members and the community in the conservation of our resources.

Flower Arranging Department

- Shall educate, train, and encourage flower arranging workshops, presentation and judging based on the rules of the district, state and national garden clubs.
- Shall recommend and assist in a Standard Flower Show at least once every five years in compliance with the rules of the Garden Club of North Carolina.

Garden Therapy Department

- Shall meet with seniors to provide companionship and simple crafts.

Horticulture Department

- Shall receive specimens at meetings and judge them.
- Shall award ribbons for winning specimens

Standing Committees

Arbor Day Committee

- Shall recognize, support and encourage the planting of new trees and plant a tree on a day designated by the Garden Club.

Airlie Showcase Garden Committee

- Shall plant and maintain the designated garden space within the New Hanover County Airlie Garden property.

Awards Committee

- Shall be knowledgeable and encourage all officers, departments and committees to apply for district, state and national garden club awards based on the submission deadline of December.
- Shall maintain a list of all submissions; be responsible for assisting any members with their award documents and mailing (if necessary) and track award documents while at judging.
- The Chair will be responsible for returning all award documents to the proper party at the end of the year.
- The Chair will provide a complete list of awards winning recognition to the Yearbook Chair/1st Vice President to be inserted in the upcoming yearbook by June 15th. Information should include name of award and number, who submitted the documents, type of win, and brief description of the award.
- Shall familiarize themselves with all awards.
- Shall encourage any and every group/committee within the Club to apply for any and all awards for which they are eligible.
- A Committee that wins a monetary award shall be the recipient thereof.

Azalea Garden Tour Committee

- Shall organize and provide the Azalea Garden Tour during the annual Azalea Festival each year as the major fundraising event of the Club.
- Note By-Law Article XII/Section 5 for additional information.
- The Azalea Garden Tour Treasurer shall be bonded.

Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement Committee

- Shall maintain and review applications and guidelines for grants and select eligible recipients.
- Shall present a list, with project information and amounts, for approval at the September Executive Committee and the general membership meeting.

- Shall disburse funds to recipients at the October meeting.
- Shall report to the club on the completion of projects and present signage to the grant recipient for the project.
- Will reserve a minimum of 10% of the net proceeds after standing grants are funded to be placed in a holding account. These funds will remain at the discretion of the Disbursement Committee and any future disbursements will be handled the same way the grants are currently approved: The Disbursement Committee would bring forward a recommendation to the Executive Committee and if approved would then go to the general membership for approval.

Battery Island Committee

- Shall work closely with NC Audubon Society to maintain safe habitats for the migratory birds in the area and assist NC Audubon Society in funding through education and the annual cruise in the spring.
- Shall support Audubon with cleanups and the planting of new plant material for habitats.

Beautification Endowment Committee

- Shall develop fundraising plans and coordinate with other Club fundraising events that benefit the Beautification Endowment.
- Shall promote and manage a variety of means by which interested citizens, businesses, and organizations can donate to the Endowment.
- Shall have a clear understanding of the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) and their Charitable Giving Guide and maintain a close working relationship with the local NC Community Foundation representatives.
- Shall present selected recipient(s) for approval at the September Executive Committee and the general membership meeting.
- Shall recognize recipient(s) of endowment funding at the October general meeting.
- Shall direct NCCF to disburse funds to recipient(s) in October.
- Shall report to the Club on the progress and/or other completion of community projects and present signage to the recipient(s) for the projects.

Bees, Birds & Butterflies Committee

- Shall educate and encourage safe habitats for bees, birds and butterflies.

Budget Committee

- Shall provide an annual proposed budget in March and submit the document to the Executive Committee in March. The budget shall be approved by the Executive Committee and General Membership by the April General Meeting.
- All written submittals requesting budget amounts from departments and committees must be received by the Treasurer prior to February 1st. The Budget Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, meets following the February Executive Committee Meeting.

Civic Improvements Committee

- Shall encourage beautification projects within the community by working with local businesses, clubs, local and state agencies and developers.
- Shall encourage and acknowledge beautification projects through "The Beauty Spot Program" established in 2011.
- Shall encourage the planting of azaleas during "Plant an Azalea Week".

Development Committee

Gardening for Wildlife Committee

- Shall encourage, educate, and support activities that maintain healthy habitats for wildlife in the area.
- Shall support and encourage membership in the National Wildlife Federation and the certification of wildlife habitats. The committee shall maintain a current list of all Club members and their properties that have been certified.

Hospitality Committee

- Shall provide refreshments to the General Meetings, Christmas Tea, and special Club events.

Judges: Flower Arranging & Horticulture Committee

- Shall identify and encourage Club members to complete necessary qualifications to be a certified judge.
- Shall provide a written list of all district, state and national schools to the general membership during the Club year and encourage attendance.
- Shall organize and sponsor a Standard Flower show every five years. The Flower Show may be done in conjunction with other Federated Garden Clubs in New Hanover County.
- Committee shall strive to maintain five to seven qualified judges within the Club at all times.

Media and Communication Committee

- The News Director shall be the appointed public spokesperson for the Committee and shall provide all publication material to the media (television, print, and internet) for all Club activities.
- Shall provide all media for all the activities and functions of the Club, including but not exclusive of the Azalea Garden Tour.
- Shall maintain the Club's website, keeping it current.
- Shall obtain proper release form for all photos published.

Membership Committee

- Shall receive and maintain a current list of all proposed new members. Application forms should be available at all meetings for distribution upon request.
- All applications should be dated when they are received, placed on file and proposed in the order of receipt. Envelopes should be attached as confirmation of date received.
- Shall encourage members to reclassify themselves based on age, lack of attendance, or personal problems throughout the year by personal contact, telephone, email and newsletter, The Cape Fear Clippings.
- Shall be responsible for reviewing, recommending, and contacting members prior to December 1 to consider membership reclassification based on the Registrar's Sign-in Sheets & Recap and prior to the first reading of proposed new members at the January Executive Committee Meeting.
- Shall propose new members for membership if space allows.
- Shall receive all membership reclassification requests and propose the acceptance of changes at the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting. She/he will notify the President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Computer Registrar and Newsletter Editor of all changes.

New Member Relations Committee

- Shall utilize personal contacts through small group settings to build relations among new members and the Committee members.
- Shall confirm required activities of Provisional members with a report to the President before the March Executive committee meeting.
- Shall maintain ongoing email communication to increase familiarity with upcoming events at general meetings and/or special events during the Club year.
- Shall arrange special workshops to increase confidence on membership responsibilities associated with the Garden Tour or participation in various Standing Committees.
- Shall work with Membership Committee to prepare for New Member Orientation each year.

Nominating Committee

- Shall nominate in good faith, without bias, and for the betterment of the entire Club.
- All nominees should be asked and accept the proposed positions prior to being presented for nomination.

Oral History Committee

- Shall record a profile of each of our previous Presidents and/or Emeritus members, illuminating the early history of each of these persons and highlighting contributions made by that person to the Cape Fear Garden Club and the community.
- Shall prepare the profile through a personal interview and obtain a photo.
- Shall present a written profile to be displayed at meetings and, also, to be filed in a notebook created for this purpose.

Oversight Committee

- Shall maintain a general oversight to the financial well-being of the Club and assure all necessary tax filings are completed and filed timely.
- Shall review all contracts and agreements and approve each prior to being presented to the Executive Committee for approval.
- Shall monitor all legal and financial auditing of the Club.
- Shall consider and review any sites being considered for acquisition.

Photography Committee

- Shall photograph and document the overall activities of the Club. Committees are responsible for photographing their activities except when requested by the President.
- Shall provide a permanent file of each year's activities in an orderly and convenient format to be used by the entire Club when necessary.
- Shall work closely with the News Director, Yearbook Chair, and Department/Committee Chairs.

Program Committee

- Shall provide seven (7) educational General Meeting Programs a year, September thru April except December.
- Shall encourage program input from the general membership, as well as, the Department Chairs.
- Shall include district, state and national garden Club subject matter into the programs to enhance their annual focus, fundraisers, programs, scholarships, etc.

Promotions Committee

- Shall promote the sales of all Club sales materials, including the Belles & Blooms book, Cookbook, note cards & stationery, prints, etc.
- Shall provide an itemized list of all sales materials including inventory, cost, and units sold yearly to the President and Treasurer.
- All reprinting of Club sales materials will be the responsibility of this committee with the approval of the Treasurer. Major expenditures must have Executive Committee approval prior to authorizing work.
- Shall provide adequate storage for all inventoried materials.

Registration Committee

- Shall provide membership sign in sheets and nametags for all general meetings. Shall welcome and encourage members to sign in at general meetings.
- Shall welcome and sign in all guests. Provide nametags and copy the Recording Secretary the name of the guest and sponsoring member attending each general meeting.
- Shall read this information to the general membership during the Program and welcome each.

- Shall provide a copy of all membership sign-in sheets and recap at the end of the year to the incoming President, Treasurer and Membership Chair.

Scholarship Committee

- Shall liaison with both Cape Fear Community College and UNCW
- Shall maintain contact with recipients if recipient desires.

Special Events Committee

- Shall provide special educational experiences and social events determined by the Committee Chairs annually.

Transportation Committee

- Shall provide transportation to any Club function when needed.
- Shall organize and distribute refreshments from Club activities to members no longer able to attend Club functions.
- Shall assist Yearbook Committee with the delivery of Yearbooks to shut-in members.

Yearbook Committee

- The Yearbook Committee shall assist the Chair in the publication of the annual The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. yearbook.

Youth Garden Clubs Committee

- Shall support the activities of all Youth Garden Clubs in their scheduled activities.
- Shall work with children to educate, enlighten, and encourage a better understanding of the earth sciences and how it relates to them.
- Shall encourage the establishment of new registered state youth garden clubs.
- Shall provide documentation of all activities and submit annually for related awards.

Special Committees

- Special committees may be formed by the President annually. The Executive Committee and incoming Presidents may adopt the established Special Committees or dissolve any such committee as she/he sees fit.

Horticulture Exhibition Rules

Horticulture is the art or science of growing flowers, fruits, vegetables, and plants. In order to share and expand our knowledge into all areas of horticulture and to gain experience in exhibiting specimens for flower shows all members are invited to bring horticulture specimens for display at any of the regular meetings. Specimens will be judged and awarded ribbons for educational purposes when judges are available. The following rules are a guide in the selection and preparation of horticulture specimens for judging:

1. All entries in the horticulture division must have been grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of three months.
2. All entries must be correctly labeled on an accompanying card with the botanical and common names, if possible. The exhibitor's name should be written on the back of the entry card.
3. Horticulture specimens must be displayed in suitable containers: a bottle or vase for cut specimens and the container in which grown for potted.
4. Cut flowers (any bloom) must have six-inch stems. If flowers are small, such as pansies or violets, bring five violets or five pansies, all alike or each different; otherwise, cut flowers should be displayed as a single specimen to a container.
5. A specimen bloom should have at least two leaves attached to the stem.
6. In the arboreal category for trees and shrubs, branches should be a minimum length of ten inches and a maximum of thirty-six inches; vines, such as clematis, bougainvillea, etc., should be a minimum of eight inches and a maximum of thirty-six inches.
7. All specimens should be well groomed.
8. A horticulture specimen that produces flowers must be exhibited in bloom.
9. Entries should be in place for judging fifteen minutes prior to the meeting.
10. Index cards and exhibiting vases will be supplied at meetings by the Horticulture Committee for those who need them.

What Do Your CFGC Dues Include?



Payment of annual dues to The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. includes membership in the garden club organizations listed below. All members are encouraged to attend district, state and even national garden club meetings.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Website: www.gardenclub.org

Email: bmoore@gardenclub.org

President: Brenda Moore

National Theme: *Go Green...Plant America*



South Atlantic Region

Website: www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org

Email: carcillecburchette@hotmail.com

Director: Carcille Burchette

Regional Theme: *Go Green ... Plant Natives!*



The Garden Club of North Carolina

P.O. Box 33520, Raleigh, North Carolina 27636-3520

Website: www.gardenclubofnc.org

Email: theGCofNC1@aol.com

President: Linda McLendon

Theme: *Cultivating Inspiration*



District 11

Director: Paula Hartman

Email: paulahartman1947@gmail.com

Theme: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 4751, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403

Website: www.capefeargardenclub.org

Email: info@capefeargardenclub.org

President: Debbie Reid

Club Theme: *Commit, Fascinate, Scatter*



Our Website

CapeFearGardenClub.org

Our website has a wealth of information from a listing of upcoming events on the home page to 'Favorite Links' where you can learn about gardening in North Carolina or plan a visit to various botanical gardens and arboretums. You will find links to our Club-related Facebook pages and YouTube. We have a web page dedicated to the Eastern Swallowtail Butterfly complete with a video and lesson plans prepared by our members. Here are some key areas to visit:

About Us - This is where you find a consolidated view about the Cape Fear Garden Club.

- History & Purpose - provides an overview of the Club and its rich history.
- Officers - View the present year's officers, appointed officers and past leaders.
- Profiles in the Garden - Features members interviewed by our Oral History Committee.
- Awards - See how hard the Club is working and our many awards.
- Endowment History - Read about our endowment that provides for perpetual funding towards the beautification of the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County.

Committees - Look at all the various committees and what they do, join or visit them for one of their events and get to know firsthand what they are all about.

Gallery - What would we be without all the fabulous pictures documenting our events?

Secure Members section - This site can only be accessed by active members using their username and password.

What do you find behind this curtain?

- *Cape Fear Clippings*
- The Current Yearbook & current directory
- Bylaws and Policies & Procedures
- Ribbon Cutting Cookie Recipes
- Documents & Forms

How do you get to the Members area?

1. Once you become a member you will be assigned a password – your username will be the email address you provided.
2. You cannot change your username. Please submit username change requests to the webmaster.
3. If you lose your password, go to the password reset section by selecting 'Need to Update Your Password?' in the Members Only dropdown.
4. Under 'Reset Forgotten Password' enter your email address/user-id and a new password will be emailed to you by WordPress. If you do not see it in a matter of minutes, please check your spam/junk mailbox. Open the email that contains the password and copy the password.
5. Return to the website

<http://www.capefeargardenclub.org/members-area/> and enter your username.

6. Copy and paste or type in the new temporary password – it is case sensitive so make sure you enter it exactly – Do NOT check the box to remember the temporary password.
7. Once you are into the member section, make sure you update the password to something you will remember. This now becomes your new login information,
8. If all else fails or if you have any questions, please contact the webmaster at

webmaster@capefeargardenclub.org



The image shows a login form titled "Existing Users Log In". It contains two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Both fields have a yellow background and a small arrow icon on the right side. Below the password field, there is a checkbox labeled "Remember Me" and a "LOG IN" button.

Gardening for Wildlife Committee's Continuing Project Certified Wildlife Habitats

Affiliated member of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation since 1999

A Wildlife Habitat requires a food source, water, shelter, hiding places and a place to raise the young. Register your garden with The National Wildlife Foundation at www.nwf.org and please inform the chair of this committee for the CFGC files.

Cape Fear Garden Club Members

Penelope Allison	Eileen Haley	Jan Oden
Mary Alice Aluise	Shirley Hardee	Frances Parnell
Addie Arato	Rebecca Hardy	Cathy Poulos
Carolyn Augustine	Jane Harshbarger	Lola Rivenbark
Martha Blacher	Delores Hawes	Karen Root
Mary Ellen Black	Cynthia Henry	Mary Schumacher
Bettye Broadwater	C. C. Hensley	Irene Shea
Sherrel Sholar Bunn	Carolyn Jefferies	Judith Sheridan
Debbie Caulder	Lannie Kirby	Sandra Siemerling
Angela Chatham Cline	Sandra Kittinger	Jenene Smith
Sherria Crawley	Marion Kreh	Linda Snider
Joan Cunningham	Meredith Lewis	Signa Stalvey
Susan DeGroot	Dianne Lynch	Paula Stetler
Marcia Doering	Pat McConahey	Melinda Stewart
Marie Douglas	Lynn McRoy	Fran Summerlin
Barbara Downing	Denise Miller	Melissa Talley
Julie Fisher	Mary Lou Moeller	Donna Thompson
Nancy Fitzgerald	Susan Nettleman	Gayle Ward
Wendy Giannini-King	(2 gardens)	Janet Warren
Karen Greene	Mary Nix	Mary Whitehurst
Eugenia Griswold	Sarah O'Brien	Kathy Williams
Ann Grose	Sherry O'Daniell	

Public Spaces

Bellamy Mansion
 Bradley Creek Elementary School
 Cape Fear Museum
 Hanover Center
 New Hanover County Arboretum
 New Hanover County Parks:
 Airlie Gardens
 Halyburton Park
 Smith Creek Park
 Oakdale Cemetery
 The Plaza Garden in Arequipa, Peru
 Wee Care Pre-School at Pine Valley,
 United Methodist Church



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