



Cape Fear Garden Club

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President's Message

GENERAL MEETING: April 24, 2024

Cape Fear Country Club

9:15 to 9:45 am

Drop-In Time with the
President

9:15 am

Horticulture Judging

9:30 am

Hospitality & Social

10:00 am

General Meeting

Devotional:

Barbara Downing

Program:

"Cape Fear Garden Club Garden Tour 2024"

Presenters: Signa Stalvey,
Tour Chair; Photography
Committee

Refreshment Table

Arrangement:

Heda Waldrep

Horticulture Theme: *Tulips,
Azaleas and Spring Blubs*

Day Clerks: Sherri Chisholm,
Colleen Ginna

Judges: Marcia Doering,
Barbara Howard or Karen
Root.

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

Social 11:30am

Lunch: noon

Cape Fear Country Club

Devotional Sherry O'Daniell

Table Arrangements by the
Flower Arranging

Dear CFGC Member,

I hope everyone enjoyed their time with the infamous garden tour! I loved every minute I got to spend outdoors last week.

It was a packed calendar, beginning with the executive meeting on Monday. On Tuesday, I am told we planted 100 azaleas at Airlie in 33 minutes!

Wednesday was the coronation, Thursday was a visit to the hospital, Friday was the ribbon cutting and all those beautiful cookies, Saturday was touring all the gardens, and Sunday was attending the artists' sale. My body did not move on Monday.

My dear friend, from my days in Boone 33 years ago, came to go to the festivities with me. Her name is Judy Haas and she is the current Dean of Students at Appalachian State University. We have laughed, cried, and held each other's hand throughout the years. She was a godsend as she ended up being my driver after my fall down the stairs in my home on Good Friday, which resulted in two fractured toes. A girl cannot drive with a post-op boot on her foot.

So, the first garden we went to was in Sunset Park on Northern and Adams. We walked around, oohed, aahed over everything, and met the garden owner and artist in the backyard. As we came around the front, I noticed another artist in the front corner of the yard. I walked over and asked if I could view her work. She had painted enormous live oak in acrylics. While complimenting her, she informed me she had taken my picture while I was standing by the tree and said she intended to paint me in the scene. I was surprised, to say the least, and thanked her for coming to Wilmington. We came home at the end of the day, had a good dinner, and watched the ballgames.

Sunday, Judy informed me we didn't have to go anywhere except to the Artists' Sale on Hawthorne to find the picture. So, off we go, and sure enough, Galena was there. She was so excited to see us, greeted us with a smile, and told us to come see the picture. She did exactly what she said she would do as





she painted me right in that landscape.

Galena had a slight accent that I couldn't figure out, but when I talked to her, I found out she came to the US from Russia. She now lives in Raleigh; this is the second year she's been to Wilmington to paint in the gardens. She loves coming. We stood by the painting, and Judy took our picture. I then wrote the check to purchase the painting. I intend to give it to Brad for Father's Day. He better love it as much as I do!
Fondly,

Deb

Debbie Reid

President

Cape Fear Garden Club 2023-2024

April's Appetizing Lunch RSVP



Last month, many enjoyed getting lunch "to go." If you need to get to your next place, you can prepare your own "to-go" tray and take off!

Thank you to those who are having their committee meetings after our general meetings at CFCC. The club asks that committee members staying at the club for their meeting also have lunch.

April lunch will be "A Lighter Fare" - Grecian chicken, with soup of the day, pasta salad, tossed salad, and fresh fruit and rolls. \$25.00

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You should have received an invitation to the May luncheon asking you to send an RSVP.

Please see Penny at the table in the lobby to pay for your May lunch. If you have not responded to the invitation, you may choose your lunch in the lobby and pay Penny.

May Luncheon Choices Are:

1. Poached Pear Salad- \$20
2. Salad + Chicken- \$26
3. Salad + Shrimp - \$30
4. Sauteed Chicken Piccata - \$28
5. Southern Shrimp and Grits - \$32

Coffee, tea, and lemon squares for dessert are included.

Delores Hawes

This month, it is very important that you email Penny at PjandMark@bellsouth.net to let her know you plan to stay for lunch. We expect more people than usual to stay and we want to give the club the correct count, especially if there are more than 40. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Be Included in Historic Picture!!



Monday, April 22
11 am - 1 pm
Cape Fear Country Club

Please come out and join the drone group photo for our 100 celebrations and wear a pink top. Monday, April 22, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm at Cape Fear Country Club.

We need at least 100-130 people to show up!

Be included in our historic photo!

Gardening for Wildlife

The Gardening for Wildlife Committee (GFW) has been busy doing and planning towards our goal of City-wide Community Certification for Wilmington! April had GFW teaming up with the Arbor Day Committee to plant trees at Eden Village. It rained, but we were able to plant the trees that we hope will be a home to wildlife as Eden Village is a home to the homeless.

As we continue planning many activities, our next one will be Earth Day at Long Leaf Park on Saturday, April 20th, from noon until 5 pm. We will be giving out hand-painted "ladybug" rocks (by Marion Kreh), and there will be displays featuring wildlife-friendly plants, bee baths, birdhouses, and literature on certifying your garden. We will share our table with the Lower Cape Fear Wildlife Chapter, so please come and support us!

Delores Hawes will be at our table (with her computer) at the April General Meeting to help you sign up your garden to be wildlife certified! You only need to identify the four basic areas of your garden that provide wildlife food, water, cover, places to raise young, and integrate sustainable garden practices (i.e., using rain barrels, removing invasive plants, and using native plants). Please go to www.nwf.org/CommunityWildlifeHabitat/Home/about to see the criteria and how easy this is to do! Questions? Please reach out to Delores, Becky Hardy, or Mary Smith!

[Becky Hardy](#) and [Mary Smith](#) Co-Chairs
Garden for Wildlife Committee



Arbor Day/Gardening for Wildlife Tree Planting

On Thursday, March 28th, the CFGC Arbor Day and Gardening for Wildlife committees

planted six trees along the entrance to Eden Village, a sanctuary for people in need of housing.

The trees will be a wildlife sanctuary. The trees planted were all native to North Carolina: three brandywines, a white oak, a riverbirch, and a serviceberry.

The Cape Fear Alliance donated the trees for Trees through the National Arbor Day Foundation. It was a rainy, chilly day, but we had our Club represented by our current president (Deb Reid), incoming president (Delores Hawes), and past president (Sherry O'Daniell), plus several other Club members. Thank you all so much for turning out!!

We look forward to doing a large project involving not one, not ten, but ONE HUNDRED trees for the Club Centennial.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Hunter



Plant an Azalea



The Civic Improvements committee partnered with New Hanover County Parks Conservancy on April 2 to plant over 100 azaleas at Airlie Gardens for an Azalea Ceremony.

Cape Fear Garden club members, our Azalea ambassadors, the parks and conservancy staff, and county commissioners came out to support this event.

It was a beautiful day in the garden, and all of these azaleas were purchased through the greeting card that our promotions committee sells, which is also sold at The Airlie Gardens gift shop.



Horticulture Committee

Plant a Native Azalea in April

Rhododendron



canescens (Mountain Azalea) and this is grown locally. (photo taken in Marcia Doering's garden)



Also, see these Certified Wildlife Habitat gardens on the Rose Tour on Saturday, May 4, from 10-5 pm.

Cape Fear Garden Club members represented on this tour are:
Debbie Caulder, 6206 Mallard Drive
Marcia Doering, 6309 Pin Tail Court
Denise Miller, 1148, Edgewater Club Road

March Horticulture Table



At our beautiful table today, 45 specimens were brought in from our members' gardens. It was an absolutely stunning display.

Thank you,
Barbara Howard
co-chair Horticulture Committee

Beauty Spots



Nominations Deadline is May 10th for 2024 Beauty Spot Awards

WE NEED YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 BEAUTY SPOT AWARDS
As a reminder, please submit Beauty Spot nominations for Residence, Neighborhood, and Business to Judith Sheridan at jksheridan528@gmail.com or Pia Ann Robison at piaann55@gmail.com.

Thanks to those who have submitted nominations.....we need more nominations!! The deadline is May 10, 2024.

Garden Therapy

The Garden Therapy Committee

held an Easter egg hunt for the clients at Elderhaus on the Lake on April 1st. Before the hunt began, participants decorated bags with ribbons and Easter-themed decals to collect eggs in. Once the bags were complete, the eight committee members and one club volunteer made their way to the Rotary Wheel Garden, where more than 200 eggs had been hidden. As per usual, only a handful of Elderhaus clients chose to participate. Egg hunters could be seen eyeing eggs as they approached the garden! The fresh air, the temptation of chocolate, and the thrill of the hunt did not disappoint. Another Garden Therapy activity is in the books.



Before the April activity began, committee members could view the courtyard garden, which would be the location of May's activity. Committee members and club volunteers will pull weeds and recondition soil in several raised beds before inviting Elderhaus clients outside to plant various annual flowers and root vegetables. Committee members and interested volunteers should mark their calendars for Monday, May 6th, at 12:00. We will meet in the parking lot of Elderhaus at Greenfield Lake.

Respectfully submitted by:
[Wendy Giannini-King](#)
910-233-716

2024 Azalea Garden Tour

Thank you for a beautiful and successful 2024 Azalea Garden Tour



Garden Tour Committee chairs, please email your invoices to Betty Norris, Tour Treasurer, at bvnormis55@gmail.com, as soon as possible.

The Badge Committee will collect Garden Tour Badges at the April 24th General Meeting. Please see Cheryl Meitrodt or Fran Summerlin.

Garden Tour chairs/co-chairs are invited to a wrap-up luncheon at 11:30 am on Thursday, April 25th, at Olympia restaurant, located at 5629 Oleander Dr. Please email Signa Stalvey if you have yet to contact her.

It has been such a pleasure to work with you. Thank you ALL for your Support.

[Signa Stalvey](#), Chair
2024 Azalea Garden Tour



Airlie Showcase Garden



Our new sign is in, and we are “over the moon” thrilled! Many thanks to Marylou’s husband, Joe, for helping with the installation! We couldn’t have done it without him!!



When you visit Airlie Gardens, make sure you take a look at our beautiful garden and the AWESOME NEW SIGN!

Respectfully submitted,
[Marylou Moeller](#) and [Mary Beth Farrior](#)
Co-Chairs

Peony Envy Lecture
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Johnston County Center
2736 NC Highway 201, Smithfield NC



Join us for a fun and informative session all about Peonies! Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this Lecture will cover a brief introduction to Peonies, their planting, Care, and Propagation. Free and open to the public

Our Speaker, Kathleen Gagan, owner and founder of Peony Envy Nursery located in Bernardsville, NJ, will give a vibrant pictorial introduction to the different types of peonies, available colors, flower shapes, and growth habits. There will be an in-depth pictorial on how to plant, care for, and propagate peonies. Scouting planting locations, planting methods, spring and fall care, recognizing and treating diseases, dividing herbaceous peony roots, grafting tree peony scions, and growing peonies from seed will also be covered. Our expert will share her tips and tricks to help you achieve the peonies of your dreams. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from one of the best!

To register for this free lecture, please call 919-989-5380

For more information about Peony Envy or Kathleen Gagan, please visit her <https://peonysenvy.com/>

Rose Garden Tour
Saturday, May 4th, 2024
9 am - 5pm FREE



Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society

Invites you to celebrate our
21st Anniversary

***Rose Garden
Tour***

Saturday May 4th, 2024

9 am to 5 pm

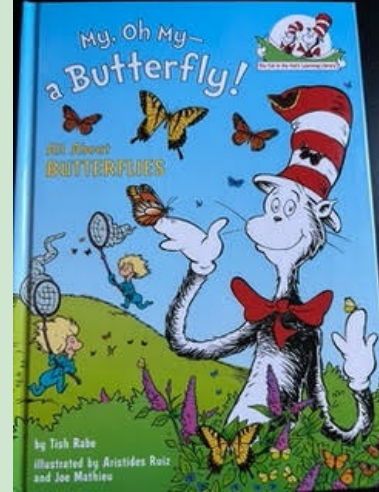
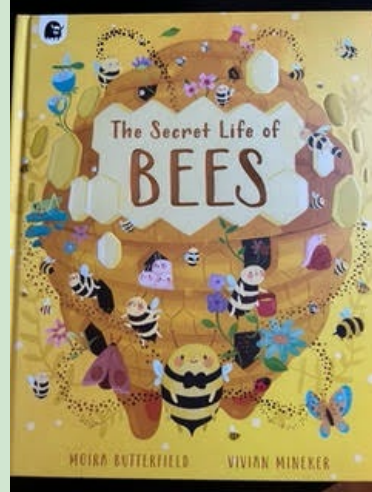
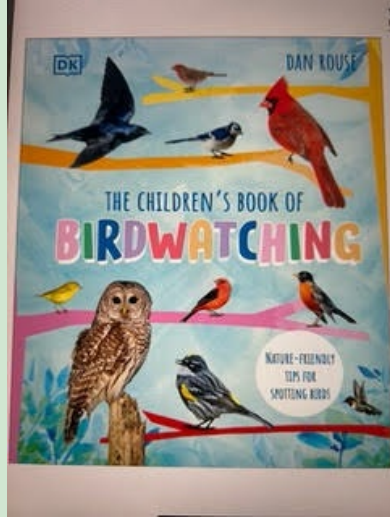
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speak with garden owners about
growing roses in the South.

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Bees, Birds and Butterflies



Calling All Book Lovers! Won't you help us reach 100 Books for the Centennial!

Share your love of reading with the elementary school children in New Hanover County! The Bees, Birds, and Butterflies Committee is collecting new hardback books to distribute to each elementary school library next year to celebrate our 2025 centennial.

We are attempting to collect 100 books (or more). If you'd like to help, please find your favorite title on Amazon that teaches children about the importance of these creatures and preserving their habitats.

We will have a table at the general meeting on April 24th to collect the books you purchase Click on the photos for a link to purchase. Thank you so much for your attention and participation.

[Angela Rigsbee](#)

Battery Island Bird Cruise Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Join us on Sunday, May 19th, for an educational boat cruise to the Cape Fear River Bird Islands, nesting sites of Brown Pelicans, White Ibis, Royal Terns, Great Egrets, American Oystercatchers, and other water birds. We will cruise on the Henrietta Riverboat, docked in downtown Wilmington (at Dock Street), traveling to Battery Island across from Southport.

Lindsay Addison, a Coastal Biologist for Audubon NC, will narrate the cruise. In addition, Jill Peleuses of Wild Bird & Garden will be available onboard during our return trip to answer any songbird-related questions you may have.



The Henrietta Riverboat features an air-conditioned lower level with tables and chairs and a canopy-covered upper deck with chairs. The riverboat is wheelchair accessible, restrooms are available, and the Henrietta crew provides a cash bar and snack bar. Boarding will begin at 10:30 a.m., departure will be at 11:00 a.m., and we will return at approximately 4-5 p.m. The ticket price includes a deluxe box lunch from Jason's Deli. Fun activities are planned during the return trip, including Bird Bingo! Additional details are provided with your ticket.

Tickets are limited this year...and sell out quickly, so buy yours as soon as possible! Tickets are \$100 each (check or cash) and include a deluxe box lunch from Jason's Deli.

The Battery Island Committee will have tickets for sale at the March General Meeting. Tickets will go on sale to the public at the Wild Bird & Garden Store located in Hanover Center on **March 15**. Buy your ticket right away, as tickets are limited and sell out quickly!

If you need additional information or have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Marlene or Marylou, the Battery Island Committee's co-chairs.

See you on the cruise!

[Marlene Eader](#)
[Marylou Moeller](#)



Conservation Committee

Eagle Island Cruise 10 - 11:30 am Tuesday, April 23, 2024

The Conservation Committee invites you to a narrated cruise along Eagle Island on April 23, 2024, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

In 2022, the CFGC voted to support the development of Eagles Island Nature Park. Now is your opportunity to see and hear about the natural and cultural resources we want to preserve. Learn about rice plantations, Gullah Geechee history, shipbuilding, naval stores, and sunken ships. See the natural flora and fauna, perhaps even a bald eagle. Hear about the current status of different plans for the island. Our narrators will be Captain Doug Springer of Wilmington Water Tours, Lloyd Singleton, NHC Extension Director and CFGC member, and Jim McKee, Site Manager of Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson. The cost is \$45, which includes a \$5 gratuity for the crew. We will be on the "Wilmington," a weather-protected non-rocking boat. The "Wilmington" is handicap accessible and has all ABC permits, snacks for sale, and an on-board restroom. For more information on Wilmington Water Tours, visit their website at wilmingtonwatertours.net.



Members of the Conservation Department will be selling tickets at the March meeting. We are happy to accept cash or checks. There are a limited number of tickets available. Step right up so you don't miss out on a really educational and delightful trip.

*For questions or more information, please contact
[Marsha Seaton seaton003@gmail.com](mailto:Marsha.Seaton003@gmail.com)*

Membership Report as of March 30, 2024

Total Membership 377
Active 217
Provisional (2024) 26
Associate 67

**Emeritus 55
Honorary 12**

Sandra Simpson Associate to Emeritus.
Martin Meyerson Active to Emeritus
Joan Lynch Active to Emeritus

The Membership Committee would very much like to welcome to full Active Membership Status as of March 30, 2024, the following Class of 2023 Provisional Members:

Jarrett Anderson
Missy Banks
Edna Batounis
Rebecca (Becky) Mahler
Nancy Brewer
Caroline Butler
Schorr Davis
Alice Diab
Nancy Jo Spear
Betsy Knowles
Brooks Lamm
Ann Marguino
Ann Mueller
Lisa Murray
Debbie O'Neal
Helen Pearson
Jillian Rigsby
Valerie Robertson
Lloyd Singleton
Tracy Tate
Courtney Thomas
Francis Wells
Julie Williams
Cassie Williamson
Jill Wilson

The Membership Committee would very much like to welcome to Provisional Membership Status as of March 27, 2024, the following Class of 2024 members:

Beth Adams
Kathy Alaimo
Margaret Bullock
Morgahan Collins
Hope Conway
Vickie Daughtry
Johanna Hamilton
Jennifer Henderson
Pat Hooper
Annie Johnson
Kay Lambert
Kate Leone
Laura Liles
Emily Mabry
Linda McKinney
Beth Mollozzi
Susie Murphy
Cher Pridgen
Sandra Ray
Lindsay Rhodes
Tanina Richardson
Diane Steelman
Jayden Sturm
Paula Waterfield
Lucy Whaley
Kelly Mack Young

Correspondance



A sympathy card was sent to Kimberly Shipley as she lost her mother on Easter Sunday.

A get-well card was sent to Debbie Reid, who fell and as a result, broke three toes and was terribly bruised.

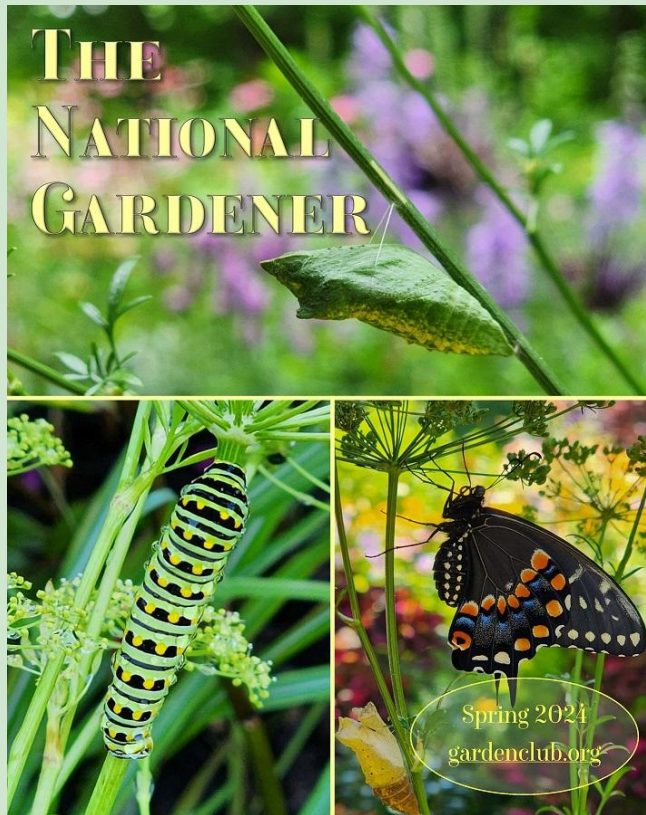
respectfully submitted,
Irene Shea

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Submissions for Clipping must be received by two weeks before the general meeting. Send all 2023-2024 submissions to clippingscfcg@gmail.com

