



Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

member of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

April/May 2009

President's Message

Congratulations to the entire membership of the Cape Fear Garden Club for a fabulous Azalea Garden Tour! Brenda Moore and the Garden Tour Committee did a wonderful job in making this yet another outstanding Azalea Garden Tour. If you weren't able to make it to the Ribbon Cutting, you missed a spectacular setting, with the cherry trees in full bloom, gracious hosts, Myrna and Rick Willetts, beautiful belles and cookies and Brenda Moore smiling and then glowing when the sun broke through the clouds right on time at 9:30. It was perfect!

Our very first "Plant an Azalea Week" was proclaimed by the City of Wilmington and the Towns of Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach and Kure Beach. Thanks to LeNeve Duncan and Cindy Godwin for stepping up and helping with the great publicity we received.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next General Meeting where we will get to see Millie Maready's compilation of photographs she and her committee took during the entire Azalea Festival. This program has become a wonderful way to share and document what has become one of the most important events of the Azalea Festival - the Azalea Garden Tour!

It is hard to believe that this is my last "President's Message".

It seems that just as you begin to feel comfortable in the role of President it is time to "pass the gavel". I can't tell you what an honor and a privilege it has been to serve you this past year. Thank you for all of your support and words of encouragement throughout the year. See you on April 28th,

Teresa Hill

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Cameron Art Museum, corner of South 17th & Independence Blvd.

**Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops: 9:10 am

Coffee and horticulture judging 9:30 am

Program 10:00 am

Program Title: **2009 Azalea Garden Tour**

Presenter: Cape Fear Garden Club Photographers

Devotional: Kathy Warren

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Sarah O'Brien

Horticulture Theme: azaleas, spring bulbs

Day Clerks: Joyce Christopher and Paige Williams

Judge: Regina Coscarelli

You are encouraged to bring horticulture specimens and/or arrangements to all monthly meetings.

They should be labeled and in place by 9:15 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 19 -21** The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Annual Meeting, Hickory, NC. For more information check the Winter/Spring 2009 issue of *The North Carolina Gardener*
- **May 1** Club Picnic @ Airlie Gardens - Noon
- **May 3** Cruise of the Bird Islands of the Lower Cape Fear 1:00 - 4:00 pm **SOLD OUT!!**
- **May 15** Wrightsville Beach Garden Club House Tour May 15 from 9-5 Get tickets reserved by calling Linda Brown at 256-8472.
- **May 19** Installation of Officers and Luncheon - Cape Fear Country Club

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Battery Island Committee** will meet after the regular meeting on April 28th at Katy's Restaurant. We will be making final plans for the Bird Islands Cruise on May 3.
- **Hospitality Committee:** Please bring refreshments at 9:15 for our general meeting. All refreshments should be placed on a serving plate ready to be placed on the table. Also, please, include your name and the recipes for the food you bring. Contact Alma Fennell Ivey 350-0130 with questions.
- **Flower Arranging Committee** will meet at Shirley Hardee's house (409 Highgreen Drive) to work on arrangements and table decorations May 18th at 11:00. If you would like to help, please, call Shirley at 686-7305. These decorations are very simple and only a few people are needed to help.
- **Azalea Garden Tour Committee** wrap up luncheon is on April 30 at the Masonboro Forest Clubhouse. Please let Brenda Moore know if you are attending, if you have not done so already.
- **Cook Book Committee:** Tasting parties will continue through the summer. Recipes are still needed and may be emailed or snail-mailed to Bonnie Faler. New members are welcome to join at any time. Call Bonnie Faler at 763-7592.

CLUB NEWS

- On behalf of the Azalea Garden Tour Committee, Brenda Moore would like to thank everyone for their participation in this year's tour. We appreciate you sitting in the gardens during the tour and baking cookies for the ribbon cutting. They were the most beautiful cookies we have ever had. We also appreciate all the financial support so many of you gave us by being a "Friend" of the tour. Your contributions helped offset the operating costs of the tour so that we can give our profits back to the community. It was a beautiful weekend, and though the numbers are not concrete yet, we made plenty of money!
- A special "thank you" to all officers and committee members for supplying the wonderful goodies that were enjoyed by

all of our new members at the 2009 orientation. Thanks to everyone who helped welcome the new members and make this event a success. From Susan Nettleman

- **Spring Litter Sweep** - The Conservation Committee is planning our participation in the Spring Litter Sweep. On Thursday, April 30, 2009 we will meet at Dunkin' Donuts on 17th Street at 9:00 a.m. for a brief safety meeting, then we will proceed to the Delaney Radiology parking lot to prepare for our roadside cleanup of Medical Center Drive. Please call Anita Duren-Swain @ 395-2103 or Becky Varner @ 395-4161 to confirm your participation. This project usually takes about 2 hours. Thanks for all you do.
- The Garden Owners' Luncheon is on April 23 at the Cape Fear Country Club. If you are planning to attend, please let Marty Melton or Ann Lyon know as soon as you read this. The cost is \$20 per person. (garden owners are free)
- **CFGC Grant Applications** are now available on our web site. Completed applications must be postmarked between April 1 and June 15, 2009, to be considered for the fall distribution of grants.
- This is the last issue of *The Clippings* for the 08-09 club year. Please email Beth Pottle (bpottle@ec.rr.com) if you would be interested in helping to work on this publication next year. It does not take much time.
- If you have any changes (name, address, phone, email) for the upcoming yearbook, please send them to Sandra Kittinger (skittinger@gmail.com). Also, if you want to change your committee assignment for next year, please complete page 49 of your yearbook and give it to Elaine Henson by the May luncheon.
- Please direct any changes or corrections to your name, address, phone, email during the year to Pat Plaskett at plaskett123@mac.com or 350-1149. Thanks!
- Call Dorothy Gaither for transportation to any CFGC event 791-0505. *****Dorothy Gaither wishes to thank those on the transportation committee who made special deliveries to very special CFGC members on more than one occasion this year.

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Memorial

Given in memory of Mary Jane H. Waterbury to the New Hanover County Library *Gaia's Garden* by Toby Hemenway

CAPE FEAR GARDEN CLUB INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

TUESDAY MAY 19 2009
11:30 A.M.
CAPE FEAR COUNTRY CLUB
\$18.00

We will pass an envelope at the meeting on Tues. April 28th to collect checks, no cash please. Your check is your reservation. You may mail your check to the Treasurer at the following address.

Suzanne Jenkins
8506 Hammock Dunes Drive
Wilmington, N.C. 28411

Make checks payable to Cape Fear Garden Club and on the memo line put May luncheon. Please come and support these club members who are volunteering their time to serve Cape Fear Garden Club.

Gardening tip of the month.... Fertilize azaleas after the last blooms fall off and before July 1st.

DATED MATERIAL: Please deliver by April 18, 2009