



January 2010

Cape Fear Clippings

Cape Fear Garden Club

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

President's Message

Happy New Year! We all have hopes for a brighter year in 2010. Hope you were able to attend our Christmas Tea at Ann Richardson's lovely home last month. Shirley Hardee and Anne O'Malley and our Flower Arranging Committee did an outstanding job decorating and giving us so many beautiful ideas. January means our garden tour is just a little over three months away. Azalea Belle applications will be available at our meeting this month. Please plan to purchase your required two tickets for the garden tour at the meeting also. Our program is on enabling injured wildlife to recuperate and return to the wild by the director of the Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter. I am looking forward to learning about this organization and its work and hope to see you at the meeting.

Looking Back

On January 20, 1925 the Tuesday Book Club held its regular meeting at the Young Women's Christian Association at 206 North 2nd Street. There were twelve members of the book club and they decided on that January day to organize a garden club. The first meeting was planned for February 11, 1925 at Saint James Parish House. The twelve book club members became the charter members of Cape Fear Garden Club. They were Mrs. John Bolles, Mrs. Platt W. Davis, Mrs. W.E. Elliott, Mrs. W.A. Graham, Mrs. A.M. Hall, Mrs. R.H. Hubbard, Mrs. William Latimer, Miss Sarah Lippitt, Mrs. N.M. Martin, Mrs. Hugh McRae, Miss Jeanie Strange and Mrs. Martin S. Willard. Next month we will celebrate the eighty-fifth anniversary of this historic first meeting of Cape Fear Garden Club.

Elaine Henson, President

General Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

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

Mini Flower Arrangement Workshops: 9:10 am

Coffee and horticulture judging 9:30 am

Program 10:00 am

Program Title: **Friend to the Feathered**

Presenter: Mary Ellen Rogers, Director of Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter

Devotional: Nancy Cameron

Refreshment Table Arrangement: Janet Warren

Horticulture Theme: camellias, early bulbs

Day Clerks: Charlotte Dexter and Ann Hutteman

Judge: June Sweeny

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

- **January 22 & 23 -TreeFest** Tree seedlings will be given away. Independence Mall Trees are free, but donations are accepted. Details: cchensley@nhcgov.com.
- **January 27- Festival of Flowers Benefit** for Cape Fear Hospice Lonnie Taylor, designer Fiore Fine Flowers 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Wilmington Hilton Riverside \$30.00 For reservations call 796-8099 ext. 6.
- **January 28 - Ikebana International** Bonnie and Ruth Ikenebo School Demo and workshop 10:00 until Noon Arboretum Call Carol Price for more information 395-2681
- **February 13 & 14 - 17th Annual Wilmington Garden Show** Schwartz Center, Cape Fear Community College, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost: Adults \$7. Children under 12 are free. Details: glevsque@nhcgov.com or www.nhcgov.com
- **February 19 - Cape Fear Bonsai Society Demonstration** by Arthur Joura, curator of the N.C. Bonsai Collection at the N.C. State Arboretum 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Arboretum auditorium Cost: Free. Details: www.capefearbonsaisociety.org.
- **February 27 - 60th Tidewater Camellia Club Show** Arab Shrine Club Building 4510 South College Rd. Noon until 5:00 pm. Free admission and camellias for sale. Visit the web site at www.tidewatercamellioclub.org for more details.
- **March 16 - New member orientation** 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Arboretum auditorium
- **May 12 - May luncheon (note new date)** - Figure Eight Clubhouse

Committee Announcements

- **Battery Island Committee:** The committee will hold a planning session for the Bird Islands Cruise in May, over lunch at Carraba's following the January meeting on the 26th. Please let Melinda Stewart know if you plan to attend.
- **Garden Therapy Committee** will meet on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. (do not come early) at Elderhaus. Linden Boone, Nancy Cameron, and Anita Duren-Swain will be presenting the craft. Next meeting will be in February. For more call Eugenia Griswold (799-3629) or Julie Futrell (256-2639).
- **Hospitality Committee:** Please bring refreshments at 9:15 am for our general meeting. All refreshments should be placed on a serving plate ready to be placed on the table. Contact Alma Fennell 350-0130 with questions.

Club News

- The **17th Annual Wilmington Garden Show 2010** is February 13 and 14th. The special events committee will be decorating a booth at the Schwartz Center on Friday, February 12th where we will be selling garden tour tickets on Saturday and Sunday. I will need other garden club members to work a three hour shift on Saturday or Sunday. If interested please call Karen Smith, Special Events chairman at 392-0941 or e-mail smithdk1@earthlink.net.
- Call Dorothy Gaither for transportation to the January meeting (791-0505 or dgaither@ec.rr.com).

- **GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE TOUR** - The Gardening for Wildlife Committee invites you to tour the property of Frances and Jim Parnell after the general meeting, Tuesday, January 26, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. You will have an opportunity to observe their certified wildlife habitat from inside the home or those who wish may walk the trails with Dr. Parnell as guide. Directions to the Parnell home will be in your seat at the general meeting. Animals need humans more in winter than any other season. Thus, the Parnells have intentionally planned a low key natural environment, providing the essentials for wildlife to thrive in the coldest months of the year. At 3:15 an opportunity will be provided to certify your own property as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat.
- Tuesday, March 2nd and Wed. March 3rd are the dates for Flower School New York. The classes are limited to 10 students and have been specially designed and arranged for the group from CFGC. The **nonrefundable tuition is \$775.00** and will be paid directly to Flower School NY. The two-day session will include 3 classes taught by Master Florists in New York, a guided tour of the Flower Market, and lunch at the famous La Grenouille restaurant. **Deadline for payment of tuition is February 1st, 2010.** Air fare and hotel arrangements are separate and Ida Newton is working on this. Those who signed up as interested in going have been notified by email. If you are interested in going and would like more detailed information, you may email June Sweeny at: mosweeny@aol.com or call her at 617-7687. This is sure to be an unforgettable experience centered in the Flower District of New York City!
- There will be a basket at each general meeting to receive any print material concerning Cape Fear Garden Club. Remember the club name **MUST** appear in the article to be used. The Historian and the Awards Chair will make use of the material.
- Plans are underway for the "Birds of the Lower Cape Fear Cruise". Sunday, May 2, 2010, has been selected as the date, leaving again this year from Carolina Beach aboard the Winner Cruise Queen. Price remains \$35 per person for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. Tickets available February 1, 2010.
- **From Susan Nettleman:** A big "thank you" to all officers and committee chairs for submitting your award information for the state, regional and national awards. Hopefully, all of our hard work will pay off in many awards for our hard working club.
- **From Millie Maready:** A reminder that if anyone taking pictures for a committee that you are on and you have some for

an event that took place this fall and haven't sent them to me, I would love to have them soon so I can pass them along to Marie Ashworth to put in our book of evidence (milliemaready@ec.rr.com)

- New class at CFCC "Study of the living art of Bonsai" January 26-February 18, 2010, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00-5:45 p.m., on the Wilmington campus. To pre-register call (910) 362-7199.
- Carrabba's for Lunch after the January general meeting--Let Shirley know if you can join the fun 686-7305 or sealady@bellsouth.net.
- 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!

Yearbook corrections and changes

Alicia Keith new address: 1633 Country Club Road, 28403

Paula Corbett new address: 6604 Spring Garden, 28403

Cindy Godwin correct address: 1532 Black Chestnut Drive, 28405

Carole Ellis new email address: cellis@ec.rr.com

RESIGNED

Active: Angie Canady, Nora Hargrove, Stephanie Lanier, Marilyn Patz, Jane Stentzel, Julie Terrell; Associate: Margaret Willetts

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

From Active to Associate: Lisa Galphin, Betty Mink, Teresa Andrews

MARK OFF MEMBERSHIP

Active: Robin Bush, Lil King, Elizabeth Perritt; Associate: Betsy Custer, Rose Deaton

RETURN TO MEMBERSHIP

Active: Mary Philbrick

DECEASED

Honorary: Jane Mitchell

Memorial

The following book has been donated by CFGC to the New Hanover County Library in memory of Jane Potts Mitchell - Gardens of North Carolina: A Traveler's Guide by H. Peter Loewer



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