

## **Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs Newsletter**

Greetings to you all. Congratulations to our associate club, the Charlotte Camillia Society, for their great Flower Fair at the Council House last Saturday. Our next scheduled Council meeting for Wednesday, **March 22**, 2017 at 9:30am will be a greeting card workshop led by **Mary Ann Grimmer**, a stamping up consultant. Past attendees have been effusive about the results of their work. The fee for the workshop is \$10.00. There are still a few slots open and we'd like to fill the workshop. If you wish to attend, call **Barbara Miller** at **704-847-8210** no later than March 17th. Then send your check to her, **3620 Plantation Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270**.

For a limited number of attendees there is a field trip **March 21st** to **Metrolina Greenhouse** at 16400 Huntersville Concord Road, Huntersville, NC 28078. The Greenhouse rarely opens up for tours, and other garden clubs that managed to schedule a tour raved about the number of different plants they saw and the amount they learned. We will be given a guided tour of their facilities beginning at 9AM. The tour will last for an hour and a half. We are allowed no more than **20 participants** that can walk without assistance and be on their feet the entire time. There is no charge: however, you must however let **Mary Hollins** know at **704-377-4445** that you plan to attend, no later than March 17th.

Our April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will be **Planting Beautiful Pots with Pat Linton**. Pat is a popular presenter and will talk to us about the newest trends in container gardens. She will also bring plants and talk us through the process as she prepares one large sun-loving pot and another large pot for shade. You can have a chance at taking one of these pots home! (See below). Refreshments start at 9:30am with our business and program portion starting at 10am, at the Council house.

Save the date – **Wednesday May 24** will be our annual luncheon, catered this year as a high tea by one of our neighboring businesses, La-Tea-Da's.

### **Fund Raisers for the Council:**

Due to the high costs of removing two trees from the council's lot, a chimney cap replacement, and some other housekeeping items, the council will have several fund raisers.

- On Saturday April 22nd the Council and the Trustees will have an Attic and Plant Sale. We need your assistance in the following ways: Contribute perennials from your gardens or good clean used and/or new household items that you no longer need. We'll have a boutique with scarfs, hats, purses and jewelry, but we will not be selling other clothing. Kitchen items and other functional pieces sell especially well. You can leave your items in the upstairs yellow room or in the garage – check you're your club president or council representative to drop off items. Secondly, we need volunteers to help set up the attic and plant sale on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> after 10am; and helpers to man the sale on Saturday. Hours of the sale 8AM-1PM for the Attic Sale and 9AM-1PM for the Plant Sale . If you can work only two-three hours, please know that we can use you!! Please let Jill Rogers at [jill.rogers@newchurch.org](mailto:jill.rogers@newchurch.org) or Mary Hollins at [turbogranna@yahoo.com](mailto:turbogranna@yahoo.com) know.

- The second fundraiser is an opportunity for you to take home a beautifully arranged shade loving or sun loving planter following our April meeting. The arrangements will be done by our guest presenter: Pat Linton. You do not want to miss this opportunity so please ask your President or council representative how you can participate. The date of that meeting is April 26, 2017.

### **Member and Associate Club News**

**The Charlotte Garden Club**, which meets in the evenings at the Mint Museum has two upcoming programs: **March 20, 2017 Sizzling Succulents** and **April 17, 2017 Plants: Purposeful Landscape Attributes Naturalizing the South**. They are also having their **Art in the Garden Tour on April 22-23**. Members of our organization can attend the Charlotte Garden Club programs for free. For details, visit [charlottegardenclub.org](http://charlottegardenclub.org)

The **Iris Society** will be having a **show and sale** at the Council House on Saturday **April 8, 9-2**.

### **News from the Garden Club of North Carolina and the National Garden Club**

Cape Fear Azalea Festival April 7-9. Homes and Gardens open 10:00 am to 6 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 + \$1.25 postage. Tickets may be purchased in Wilmington. See [capefeargardenclub.org](http://capefeargardenclub.org) for further information.

SAR (South Atlantic Region) Meeting at the Greenbrier, March 26-28

GCNC Annual Meeting and Flower Show in Greensboro, April 9 - 11.

National Garden Club Annual Convention Richmond VA. May 16-21. Those not involved in pre-convention meetings come on the 18th. Info at [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org). Our own Judy Barnes will be installed South Atlantic Region Director at this meeting.