



Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs Newsletter - April 2018

*By working together, our gardens grow, our friendships grow
and our Council grows.*

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From the President's Pen

Ah! Spring! The season of the year those of us who like to plant and see things grow has finally arrived. Being in a beautiful garden is the best way to experience spring. Thank you, Bob Rosier for a most enjoyable tour of your gardens. Our club members were most impressed with the manner in which plantings were layered to form the most artistic use of shrubs, roses, and other perennials. We were often surprised to see things like irises or roses peeking out from large shrubs that ordinarily would not allow enough sun in to be able to bloom. My personal favorites were the many cozy quiet places in the garden to sit and take in the views, stop and chat with a friend, or just to hide out for some soul searching! Gardeners, if you missed this outing please contact Mr. Rosier to arrange a tour, you will be glad you did.

Some reminders to our clubs and associates:

- Our annual celebration will take place on Wednesday May 23. Please secure your place as soon as possible: Contact Vice-President Barbra Miller.
- **N.B.** Send in your applications for Awards to Ann Levine by May 1st
- Pick up the 2019 Calendars from the Council House...Put your check in an envelope addressed to CCGC; in memo: ___# of calendars and your club name on the envelope. Please support this project as the funds raised are used to help provide scholarships for deserving horticulture students.

Finally and most important as our 2017-2018 Council year nears an end, the board members and I wish to **Thank You** all for your support this year.

Thank you members of the board for all the support you have given me this year.

Mary Hollins

Calendar of Upcoming Events – Dates, place and times are given on the calendar. Additional information is found in the appropriate sections. Any events placed in the newsletter are open to all Council members. If there is a fee it will be noted. Flower and garden related events in the Charlotte area are noted at the end of the newsletter.

May 5, 2018 Charlotte Herb Guild Bus Trip to the Asheville Herb Festival - Saturday, May 5, 2018
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May 21, 2018 Sedgefield Garden Club will close out its 2017-2018 program year with the installation of new officers followed by a pot-luck dinner at the Council house on East 7th Street at 6:30 PM.

May 23, 2019 Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs Awards Tea/Luncheon Where: Southern Gourmet Garden Room 9101 Monroe Road.

June 16, 2018 - The Piedmont Daylily Club will hold its much-anticipated Summer Daylily Show and Plant Sale. The theme for the 2018 show is "*CAROLINA GEMS.*"



Officers and Trustees

President – [Mary Hollins](#), University City Garden Club

Vice President – [Barbara Miller](#), Flower Power Garden Club - Remember to let Barbara know if you will be attending the luncheon on May 23rd.

Recording Secretary – [Dorothy Chin](#), Carmel Country

Treasurer – [Linda MacDonald](#), Landscapers Garden Club and Herb Guild –

Corresponding Secretary – [Iris Grieswell](#), Green Thumb Garden Club - If you know of someone in the Council who is sick, has had surgery or has passed away, please contact Iris with person's name, garden club affiliation, type of card needed, and name of person making request.

- Land line 704-365-1539 (can leave a message)
- Cell phone 704-577-0658 (can text me)
- E-mail igrieswell@carolina.rr.com



Cards have been sent to the following people:

Doris Creason - Thinking of You
Gwen Moses - Thinking of You
Mike Patterson - Thank you (good renter)

Trustees – Jill Rogers, Chair, Sardiswood Garden Club

Correction from last newsletter: Beth Burgin is a Rolwing, not Reiki, Massage Therapist. The additional room she will be renting has been painted and she will move in in May.

When you are at the Council house please note the deconstruction of the rotting wall in the basement. Theresa Bock's husband, Frank, took it down and made the place cleaner than it ever has been. Thank you Frank! He also put up a new (donated from Susan Hooper's house) chandelier. It seems to fit into the décor better. Hope you like it. We will be selling the lovely brass chandelier with shades that used to be there. If you are interested, please let us know before we take it to a consignment shop.

We have been told that the huge Willow Oak at the back of the parking lot needs to come down. We are getting estimates.

We are also looking at the best way to fix the cracking and peeling of the ceilings in some of the rooms. This may have to wait until we take down the tree.

Please notify Jill Rogers (704-441-5612) with any large house issues (ex: plumbing, heating etc.), Gerry Blake (704-454-5890) with smaller house issues (ex: dead batteries, cleaning etc.), and Carol Glasshoff (704-553-8207) with any rental requests.

Council News and Announcements

Officers to be Installed at the May Luncheon – the names of the following people are presented for the positions noted. We ask that all Presidents and Council Reps send their vote to affirm or not to Jill Rogers, Nominating Chair by May 5th at jill.rogers@newchurch.org. All interested members are also invited to vote.

Mary Hollins – President

Barbara Miller – Vice President

Dorothy Chin – Treasurer

Anne Sheffield – Recording Secretary

Iris Grieswell – Corresponding Secretary

Annual Awards/Installation Gathering for Tea/Luncheon Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM

Where: Southern Gourmet Garden Room, 9101 Monroe Road

Speaker: Kim Carlisle former owner of Wellspring Nursery

Topic: Succulents

Cost: \$20.00 a person The venue can accommodate 100 people so be sure to get your reservation in as soon as possible. You can bring a guest.

Silent Auction: we're asking each club to contribute an item for this event...can be purchased, handmade, baked, etc. HINT....Someone's pound cake 🍰.

Come sit, sip, eat, chat and enjoy. No set up or cleanup duties! WooHoo!!!!!!

For questions, comments and to sign up please contact Barbara Miller

Blue Star Memorial Volunteering: Please let Jill Rogers know at jill.rogers@newchurch.org if you would like to help. We have some planting to do some time during the week of May 8th to May 13th.

Garden Tours – The Council board hopes to continue to provide garden tours next year, possibly including a full day tour to gardens in Asheville. Please let Mary know if you have a particular garden you would like to visit.

Year of the Bird - Join the National Audubon Society, National Geographic, Bird Life International, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in a yearlong celebration of birds. The following is from the Mecklenburg Audubon Website.



Bigger is Better – Bird Vision - Thursday, May 3rd Tyvola Senior Center | 7:15 PM

Think about what birds see when they are looking at you. Most appear to have tiny eyes compared to humans. Are we as clear to them as they are to us? Or, perhaps, are they seeing more than we suspect? It turns out that many birds have vision that surpasses ours in acuity, light perception, and color sensitivity. Very intelligent birds such as crows and ravens can even recognize and remember individual human faces.

Mecklenburg Audubon board member Jim Pugh has had a long-term interest in bird brains and bird vision. His presentation will look into the ways various bird species pack excellent visual processing into small spaces. Besides a slide show, Jim promises to have a number of skulls and eyeballs to pass around to illustrate why size is relative. Bigger eyes can be better, but as we shall see, they require a high-energy diet for their support!

Sharp-eyed birders should arrive early (6:45 PM) for refreshments. The program will begin at 7:15 PM at the Tyvola Senior Center (2225 Tyvola Rd.)

Club News, Invitations and Announcements

Charlotte Herb Guild Bus Trip to the Asheville Herb Festival - Saturday, May 5, 2018

Would you like to go on The Charlotte Herb Guild Bus Trip to the Asheville Herb Festival? **We have a few spaces left! The bus will leave the Council House at 8:00 AM and Asheville at 3:00 PM.**

More details are at www.ashevilleherbfestival.org/. We will not be stopping for lunch, but there will be two food vendors on site as well as snacks and drinks on the bus. We will use a 31-seat bus from Rose Transportation that has a bathroom.

Cost: The guest fee is \$30. To reserve your seat, contact Lana Andrew soon at LAndrews114@carolina.rr.com and mail a check made out to The Charlotte Herb Guild as soon as possible to Lana Andrews, 7101 Rothmore St, Charlotte NC 28215.

Sedgefield Garden Club will close out its 2017-2018 program year with the installation of new officers followed by a pot-luck dinner. The meeting is Monday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Council house on East 7th Street. These garden club members know how to throw a good party with lots of great food and fun. Any Charlotte Council member is welcome to join the festivities! You can RSVP to anne.sheffield@gmail.com.

The Sedgefield club has some field trips scheduled over the summer. Additionally, some of its members will begin planning for the club's 70th anniversary that's coming up in 2019. More details will be shared later this year.

Sedgefield Garden Club Report: Heavy rains in Charlotte did not dampen the attendance or gardening spirit of Sedgefield club members who turned out to hear Bill and Linda Gluck speak about the care and maintenance of daylilies during the club's April 23 meeting.



Bill and Linda grow about 600-named cultivars of daylilies. Bill has 67 of his own that he has introduced, plus hundreds of seedlings that he's currently watching to see if they meet the cut. They also have a collection of all the Stout winners (the highest award that a daylily gets) from the very beginning in 1950.

[Council members are invited to attend their 18th annual Garden Party on Saturday, June 30, from 8 am to 3 pm at 3130 Rea Road.](#)

Library Corner Remember that you can e-mail grace@hootorial.com if your club would like a selection of books pulled to use at a meeting – Thank you, Grace.

THE ART OF GARDENING, Inspiration and innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer By R. William Thomas Copyright 2015

While the Davidson Symposium always provides a wealth of gardening inspiration, I was delighted this year to be introduced to Chanticleer during the presentation by Kerry Ann Mendez. Chanticleer is a public garden in Wayne, Pennsylvania that promotes dynamic contemporary designed gardens within a historic setting. Next to a visit to this garden, which is now on my bucket list, this book is like a personal tour of these innovative garden settings. The gardening staff is given free rein to create new gardens each year demonstrating how to create with color, shape, scent and texture using plant materials. The spectacular results are shown along with practical lessons for re-creating similar effects in your home landscape. Whether you are looking for ideas for woodland, wildflower, drought tolerant, wetland, vegetable or border designs you will find a wealth of design and planting information in each chapter. Flipping through the pages of THE ART OF GARDENING will surely bring out the artist within and encourage you to create unique spaces using your own personal palette.

Please let Grace know if you have discovered a great book that you would like to share with the Council members. Summer is a great time to catch up on our garden book reading.

Associate Club News and Announcements – This section is for associate clubs to share information and announce events and sales.

Piedmont Daylily Club invites CCGC members to attend their meetings with free breakfasts starting at 9:00 at Carmel Road Presbyterian Church, 2048 Carmel Road, Charlotte. Questions contact Mitchell Hagler at mhagler3@carolina.rr.com

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Show. Linda Gluck will be giving us tips for grooming for the Flower Show, and Nancy Moore will show us how to create beautiful and winning arrangements for the Design Section of the show. Whether you are a novice or a veteran, you will not want to miss this presentation!

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National Garden Club - The Registration for the May, 20-24, 2018 NGC Convention located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is now online. It is located on the home page of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website at www.gardenclub.org under NEWS & EVENTS. Hotel information can also be found on the NGC Website.

Beginning March 1 and ending June 15, National Garden Clubs will be selling plants selected by P. Allen Smith. This promotion, entitled *Inspiring Gardens Across America*, includes three different collections of plants. Each item was chosen because of a special feature in its hybridization for performance or beauty or for its limited availability in the general marketplace.

1. **Peony Flowering Daylily Collection.** This collection includes three of the most prolific reblooming double-flowering daylilies.
2. **Sunpatiens® 'Razzle Dazzle' Collection.** SunPatiens® is a hybrid impatiens bred by Sakata. These remarkable plants represent a breakthrough in flower breeding: they are **sun-loving** and bloom from spring through frost. P. Allen Smith has grown these in containers and on the grounds of Moss Mountain Farm where they survive the hot summers of Arkansas with no wilting. Each of the four cultivars was picked as the one that is the most vigorous in the series.
3. **Whitewashed Wooden Stand with Succulents.** This selection is for succulent lovers and those who no longer have a garden! The whitewashed wooden stand of reclaimed wood holds three pots of succulents. It's also a great gift item for Mother's Day, Father's Day and other spring occasions.

Orders can be placed in two ways:

1. NGC Website Online Shopping - www.shopgardenclub.org/shop
2. Mail a check with the order form to NGC headquarters, 4401 Magnolia Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110. The order form in the brochure can be used, or the order form can be downloaded from the NGC website on the PLANT AMERICA page: www.gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america

Orders will be accepted **starting March 1. Please note:** some items will be shipped when it is appropriate for your growing zone. Order early while supplies last.

Charlotte Area Garden Events of Note

Wing Haven Gardens

Gardeners' Garden Tour - May 5, 2018 - 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Purchase your advance tickets for our 24th year of the Gardeners' Garden Tour. The tour features private, inspiring gardens as well as open visitation both days and live music on Saturday at Wing Haven. Go to winghavegardens.org to purchase your tickets and learn more about the tour.

Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens – Mother's Day 2018

Saturday, May 12 & Sunday, May 13

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (*ticket sales and entry end at 4 p.m. each day*)

Family Activities 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free Admission for Mothers & Garden Members or Free with General Admission

Celebrate the mothers in your life among the spring blossoms at the Garden! Mom deserves the very best and what better way to say thank you and pamper her than a relaxing day at the Garden? Lunch and snack options along with beverages including mimosas will be available for purchase in addition to live music, family crafts, horse-drawn carriage rides (additional fee) and more from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first 250 mothers admitted each day beginning at 9 a.m. will receive a free potted plant courtesy of Rountree Plantation Garden Center.

Garden admission applies. Mothers and Garden members are admitted free, \$12.95 per adult, \$11.95 per senior 60+, \$6.95 per child 2-12 and children under two are free. The Garden is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, but please note that ticket sales and entry end at 4 p.m. each day. Guests may reserve admission tickets online in advance at www.DSBG.org for the quickest entry.

[Learn more about the Mother's Day Weekend Wine Walk and register today!](#)

UNCC Botanical Gardens - City Walks / National Public Gardens Day

Walk Tall: Wander Among the Trees of University City's Green Heart, UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens
REGISTRATION REQUIRED- Register at: citywalksclt.org

Celebrate **National Public Gardens Day** with a tour of the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens

When: Friday, May 11, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

What: Join garden director Jeff Gillman for a walking tour through the 10-acre **UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens**. The walk will start at the McMillan Greenhouse and head into the Van Landingham Glen – a woodland garden of thousands of native plants and rhododendron. We'll follow winding paths below majestic trees, including a grove of bigleaf magnolia. The tour will continue to the Susie Harwood Garden through the Mellichamp Native Terrace and Asian Garden, and return to the greenhouse to tour its collection of carnivorous plants.

Where: The group will meet at the McMillan Greenhouse on the UNC Charlotte campus, 9090 Craver Road.

Accessibility: The outdoor botanical gardens are not wheelchair-, walker- or bicycle-accessible. All ages welcome.

Learn more at gardens.uncc.edu

Please send Jill Rogers any news, invitations or other important information you wish to include in the newsletter. Jill.rogers@newchurch.org