



# *Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs*

## *Newsletter - October 2018*

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

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### *From the President's Pen*

Fall has begun even though Summer is resisting with all its might. Hang in there, cooler weather is just around the corner.

Thanks to all the club Presidents and representatives who were able to attend the President's Reception on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your continued loyalty to the council, and your individual clubs. I wish to also thank the Board members and the Trustees who provided our delicious refreshments.

Barbara Miller, our council vice-president, and Director of District 3 is expecting our support at the District meeting Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Basic information can be found in Council News below, but full details will be forwarded by e-mail. If you do not receive additional information via e-mail please contact Barbara at [bbmiller@carolina.rr.com](mailto:bbmiller@carolina.rr.com).

This year's theme is "Let's hear it for the birds" to honor the "Year of the Birds". What an excellent time to do projects that benefit our feathered friends, and also educate our members about their habits. We look forward to clubs sharing what they are doing in their monthly meetings with each other through our newsletter.

*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.

**September 29, 2018 - Iris Society Meeting and Fall Plant Exchange** at 10:00 at the Betty Little House

**October 7, 2018 - The Charlotte Herb Guild** invites you to their annual tea at 3 PM on Sunday at The Charlotte Museum of History.

**October 15, 2018 – Charlotte Garden Club - Doug Ruhren – A Place for Everything** – 6:30 refreshments, 7:15 Program.

**October 17, 2018 - District 3 Meeting**, 10:00 at Southern Gourmet, 9101 Monroe Rd. Charlotte, NC

**October 19-20, 2018 - Elizabeth Home Tour** – The Elizabeth home tour will include the Betty Little House (Council house) Friday evening from 6:00 to 10:00 and Saturday from 10:00 to 6:00. Tickets for the tour can be purchased at the house.

**October 22, 2018 - Sedgfield Garden Club – Camellia Basics** with Caroline DeJesus of the Charlotte Camellia Society - 7:00 at the Council House.



## *Officers and Trustees*

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

**Vice President** – [Barbara Miller](#), Flower Power Garden Club

**Recording Secretary** – [Anne Sheffield](#), Sedgfield Garden Club

**Treasurer** – [Dorothy Chin](#), Carmel Country Gardeners

**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](mailto:igrieswell@carolina.rr.com)

## **Cards were sent to the following people.**

"Thinking of You" note to Kathryn Martin – Davidson Garden Club

"Thinking of You" note to Sue Sams – Carmel Country Club



## Trustees – Jill Rogers, Chair, Sardiswood Garden Club



Last year the Trustees found a treasure in Sally Brown, our gardener. With help from Susan, she has been staying on top of weeds, pruning, and planting. She also does other jobs that she sees need doing to keep the Council House garden and grounds looking great. She has cleaned the front porch, raked gravel in the drive, and raked the sawdust from the grinding of the tree stump.

Sally works at Winghaven as coordinator for social events and takes care of much of the Elizabeth Lawrence house.

Sally really cares about the house and garden and takes personal time to stop and see what needs doing. Be sure to give Sally a big thank you if you see her out in the garden.

Dry Pro will be remediating the water intrusion in the crawl space all day November 28th. Please note this date. They will only be working in the basement and crawl space, but the parking lot will have work vehicles in it and the servicemen will be coming and going.

Remember, the house will be decorated for the holidays, so you might want to consider hosting your Christmas or New Year party there. The weekends and some week days are already filling up so be sure to let Carol Glasshoff know as soon as you can if your club wishes to use the house for any reason.

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*

**District III Meeting – October 17, 2018** - The **Charlotte council of Garden Clubs** is sponsoring the District III meeting this year. It will be held at Southern Gourmet on 9101 Monroe Rd. Charlotte, NC. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00. The meeting will include short reports about what clubs in our district are doing so remember to get those reports to Barbara Miller by October 10. Clubs are asked to bring a decorated birdhouse for display to honor the Year of the Birds and our speaker Kim Brand of the North Carolina Audubon Society. It should be a fun, interesting and delicious occasion. Send your registrations in by October 12. **Full information can be found at the end of this newsletter.**

**Elizabeth Home Tour – October 19-20, 2018** - The Elizabeth home tour will include the Betty Little House (Council house) Friday evening from 6:00 to 10:00 and Saturday from 10:00 to 6:00. Tickets for the tour of some beautiful homes in the Elizabeth neighborhood can be purchased at the house. There will be a raffle at the Council house for a displayed arrangement and a Holiday arrangement or wreath. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each. This will be our fall fundraising project instead of a garage sale. Raffle tickets can also be ordered via the website.

**Blue Star Memorial Update:** Please let Jill Rogers know at [jill.rogers@newchurch.org](mailto:jill.rogers@newchurch.org) if you would like to help with fall planting and clean-up some time in middle October.

**Garden Tours** – The Council board will continue to provide garden tours.

Please let Mary Hollins 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 North Carolina Audubon Society Website. [ncaudubon.org](http://ncaudubon.org)

**Audubon North Carolina's Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year program** is working to create more availability of native plants that specifically benefit birds, but also our environment and our local economy. We're partnering with local plant nurseries and growers to offer more bird-friendly native plants to add to your garden to help our birds with food and shelter as their natural habitats continue to disappear.



Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year is all about LOCAL - local plants, local businesses and local gardens. By supporting local growers in North Carolina, you are helping to lay down roots to buy and plant more bird-friendly native plants.

By signing up to participate in this program, you're pledging to add more bird-friendly native plants to your yard and you'll get the following benefits:

- Bird-Friendly Native Plants of the Year Updates
- Listing of local retailers with Bird-Friendly Plants.
- Invites to educational events at local nurseries

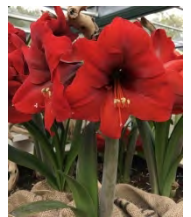
## *Club News, Invitations and Announcements*

**Charlotte Herb Guild – Herb Garden in the Council Garden** - [Please join The Charlotte Herb Guild for our annual tea at 3 PM on Sunday, October 7th at The Charlotte Museum of History.](#) The guest fee is \$10. Please make a reservation by October 1st to [charlotteherbguild@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteherbguild@gmail.com). Questions? Contact Mary Beth Collins at [mbcollins2024@gmail.com](mailto:mbcollins2024@gmail.com).

**Landscrapers Garden Club** - The Landscrapers Garden Club has changed it's meeting time, we are no longer an evening group. We now meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 28th (due to the Thanksgiving Holiday). We will tour the Elizabeth Lawrence House & Gardens located at 248 Ridgewood Avenue at 2:00 PM. We would like to have other club members join us. Please RSVP to [dimetryloren@gmail.com](mailto:dimetryloren@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

**Sardiswood Garden Club** Sardiswood will be selling amaryllis and pecans again this year. We will be selling two varieties of amaryllis – Red Peacock and a White Double Amaryllis. We will also be selling the mammoth pecan halves, chocolate covered pecans and, new this year, cinnamon pecans. Please keep an eye out for the order blank on the website, email and at the Council House. An order form can be found at the end of this newsletter.



### **Sedgefield Garden Club**

**Garden Successes:** Garden Success Stories was the topic for the September meeting of the Sedgefield Garden Club. For Nancy Higginson, it's buying a Root Slayer Shovel from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). At \$50, it wasn't cheap, but it has helped her tackle several difficult garden projects, including digging up old Nandina plants. From the steel blade with the saw-tooth edges to the "O" handle for an easy grip, it's become her favorite tool. Nancy's story was one of several Sedgefield members shared during the meeting.

**Sedgefield Garden Club Invitation:** Join the group on Monday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. to learn about Camellia Basics. The speaker is Caroline DeJesus from the Charlotte Camellia Society. The South is the heart of camellia country. Although it seems these beautiful plants were born here, they actually come from eastern and southern Asia. The Sedgefield Garden Club meets at the Council House on 7th Street. CCGC members are welcome to attend!



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

The following review is from ‘Publisher’s Weekly’. Jill Rogers included this review because she found the book intriguing and educational. It deepened her appreciation of nature and its interdependence.

**The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate**

*Peter Wohlleben, trans. from the German by Jane Billingham. Greystone*

“This fascinating book will intrigue readers who love a walk through the woods. Wohlleben, who worked for the German forestry commission for 20 years and now manages a beech forest in Germany, has gathered research from scientists around the world examining how trees communicate and interact with one another. They do so using a variety of methods, including the secretion of scents and sound vibrations to warn neighboring plants of potential attacks by insects and hungry herbivores, drought, and other dangers. The book includes a note from forest scientist Suzanne Simard of the University of British Columbia, whose studies showed that entire forests can be connected by “using chemical signals sent through the fungal networks around their root tips” and led to the term “the wood-wide web.” Wohlleben anthropomorphizes his subject, using such terms as *friendship* and *parenting*, which serves to make the technical information relatable, and he backs up his ideas with information from scientists. He even tackles the question of whether trees are intelligent. He hopes the day will come “when the language of trees will eventually be deciphered.” Until then, Wohlleben’s book offers readers a vivid glimpse into their secret world.”

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.

**Charlotte Garden Club** - All programs are open to the public unless otherwise noted. Guests are welcome and encouraged to join and/or make a donation. Meetings are held at the **Mint Museum of Art, 2730 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211** ([click for map and directions](#)). Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m., programs begin at 7:15 p.m.

**October 15, 2018 - Doug Ruhren – A Place for Everything** - Doug has over 30 years of experience working with gardens that include Chatwood Camellia Gardens, Montrose, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens and the American Camellia Headquarters. He is currently the Gardens Manager at JC Raulston Arboretum on the campus of NC State University. As an independent garden designer, Doug’s work is on display at numerous gardens and nurseries around the country. More detailed information can be found at [charlottegardenclub.com](http://charlottegardenclub.com).

## Charlotte Iris Society - Affiliate Of the American Iris Society

**September 29, 2018 Meeting and Fall Plant Exchange** at 10:00 at the Betty Little House of the Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs (CCGC) Following light refreshments and a brief business meeting, Ingrid Bray will present the program on "Gardens of Singapore ". Ingrid recently visited the area and was very impressed with the gardens so she will share some of the visual charm and beauty she experienced.

Iris Grieswell will conduct the plant exchange. You may bring as many plants to share as you choose, but you will only receive 3 tickets, that is one ticket per plant up to 3. Due to the generosity of members bringing extra plants, everyone seems to go home with more than they brought to the meeting – even visitors can go home with "vegetation". Irises are always welcome, but you are not limited to iris. Remember if you are sharing beardless irises they **MUST** be kept moist from the time the rhizomes are dug until they are replanted. Wrap in wet paper toweling and then wrap with plastic. Each plant should be labeled with botanical and common name along with cultural requirements.

**Iris Society News:** August 25 was warm, but still the coolest afternoon of that week, 48 CIS members their friends along with a group of Charles' friends enjoyed a delightful afternoon picnic strolling his beautifully maintained garden, renewing friendships and making new ones, all while enjoying a delightful picnic meal. As always the Prices's Chicken was great and the side dishes provided by members and others attending were exceptional. Thanks to each of you who participated. Charles is a gracious HOST and we are appreciative that we were invited back for an Encore Visit. Thank you Charles!!!

**Piedmont Daylily Club** invites CCGC members to attend their meetings on the third Saturday of the month 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](mailto:mhagler3@carolina.rr.com)

## *District, State, Regional and National Announcements*

**Garden Club of North Carolina** – Remember to purchase your 2019 calendars to help fund scholarships for deserving horticultural students. Please contact your club president or a Council board member to purchase one.

### **National Garden Club** – **President's Projects**

President Nancy Hargroves' theme for the 2017-2019 administration is "**Plant America**", a singularly focused effort to encourage the entire NGC community to focus on what attracts most members to a garden club in the first place - a desire to learn about gardening! A new grant program will be started for National Garden Clubs that will provide funds to local garden clubs in support of projects in their respective communities. The Plant America Community Projects Grant program will be a focus of President Hargroves administration creating a self-sustaining source of funds for ongoing NGC member club projects.



# Charlotte Area Garden Events of Note

## UNCC Botanical Gardens – Fall Plant Sale

October 5-6, 2018 9am-3pm

*Members preview sale- Thursday, 10/4, noon – 3 pm*

Many interesting programs and educational experiences are ongoing throughout the month. Go to [gardens.uncc.edu](http://gardens.uncc.edu) to find out where and when.



## Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary –



**Wing Haven Fall Plant Sale** - Shop our wide variety of local favorite and unusual plants, Wing Haven legacy plants, trees and shrubs assisted by our knowledgeable staff and volunteers. All proceeds benefit Wing Haven gardens, programs and educational outreach. Member's Only Day on Wednesday, October 3. Renew your Wing Haven membership online or at the door. Open to the public October 4-6. Hours are 9:00 to 5:00.

## **November 14, 2018 - 10:00 – 12:00 - Susan Hooper** will be giving a program on **Holiday Designs:**

Holiday design can start with a simple container, filled with plant material from your own garden, arranged in a creative way and then be ready to use for multiple seasons. You will receive information about plants you can grow in Charlotte to use in design. Learn what designers know about how to put it all together for a beautiful and unique design.

## **Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens – COMING THIS FALL – THE DRY PIEDMONT PRAIRIE GARDEN!**

This garden will focus on over 130 different plant species that benefit pollinators and habitat restoration. There is also a **Fall Music Fest** coming October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> featuring talented musicians with roots in bluegrass and beyond. The concerts take place in the Lost Hollow Hillside Theater during regular visiting hours.

## **Moonlight in the Garden = JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University**

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA – For seven-nights in November, the magical lighting exhibition *Moonlight in the Garden* will illuminate and showcase JC Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University. Along with the colorful and festive lighting exhibition, *Moonlight in the Garden* is a chance to bundle up, welcome the fall season to North Carolina, dine at the best food trucks, enjoy the live music, have some hot cider, and roast marshmallows over the fire pits.

Exhibition dates include a special Preview Night on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 7 to 9 PM; plus, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 15-17 from 6 to 9 PM.

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

## **Garden Club of North Carolina - District III Full Information**

October 17, 2018

**Meeting:** The Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs District 3 will host the Annual Meeting at the Southern Gourmet, 9101 Monroe Road, Charlotte on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. The theme for the meeting is, "Let's Hear It For The Birds." Our speaker will be Kim Brand from the Audubon of North Carolina. The deadline for reservations is October 12th.

**Reports:** Club and Council Presidents are asked to prepare a two-minute report. This report should highlight programs that your membership has enjoyed, suggestions for upcoming programs and any ideas for projects your club has done or is planning to do. You could include awards that you received. This is a great time to share and gather ideas. Please submit a copy of your report in paper or email form. They will be compiled into a booklet and distributed at the meeting. Please send your reports to my attention no later than October 10 at 3620 Plantation Road, Charlotte, NC 28270 or by email: [bbmiller@carolina.rr.com](mailto:bbmiller@carolina.rr.com).

**Memorials:** Please send information on club members who have died since October, 2017 to the Memorial Chair by October 10th: Faye Canupp 2616 Ladlev Court Charlotte, NC 28226

**Yearbook:** Please send two copies of your 2018-2019 Club Yearbook to the Yearbook Chair: Shirley Dromms 1021 Jericho Lane, Charlotte, NC 28270 Each entry must be accompanied by two properly completed applications. The winning yearbook will be sent to the State Awards Chair for consideration for the State Yearbook Award. You can obtain a copy of the application on the state website at [www.gardenclubofnc.org](http://www.gardenclubofnc.org). All Yearbooks must be sent to Shirley by October 10th.

**Calendars:** Please support the State Garden Club scholarship program by purchasing State Garden Club calendars which will be available for purchase at the meeting for \$8.00.

Come and enjoy the company of your fellow gardeners. I look forward to seeing you at the District meeting. If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to call or e-mail me. Barbara (704) 847-8210  
[bbmiller@carolina.rr.com](mailto:bbmiller@carolina.rr.com)

*Sardiswood Garden Club - Amaryllis and Pecan Sale*

Sardiswood Garden Club is selling two new species of amaryllis. Plant them together for holiday beauty. We are also selling mammoth pecan halves, chocolate covered pecan halves and, new this year, cinnamon pecan halves. The bulbs and pecans will be wonderful for personal enjoyment and as gifts. Please fill out the order form(s) below and give to your Sardiswood Representative (If you are ordering through a Sardiswood member) or send to Janet Porto **with your payment by October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7900 Byrchtmont Place, Charlotte, NC 28210. Please make checks out to Sardiswood Garden Club. The bulbs and pecans will be available for pick up at the CCGC Council House, 1820 East 7<sup>th</sup> St., Charlotte on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 6:00 and November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 1:00.

**Important - Name of Sardiswood Representative** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Red Peacock and White Double Amaryllis - \$20.00 per gift boxed bulb**



Flamboyant Red Peacock has lustrous deep red flowers with occasional, narrow white mid-veins. Royal Dutch Double Amaryllis **White Nymph** is the best double white Dutch Amaryllis ever...like a fluffy, puffy white party dress. With a full, exuberant double form, White Nymph is glistening bright white with very occasional raspberry streaks and a small green eye

Each Amaryllis Gift Box contains a beautiful 28/32 cm bulb, a green plastic pot, lid and saucer and potting medium. Detailed planting and care instructions are included on each box. (Amaryllis bulbs can be planted in the Piedmont Garden when they die back.)



**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of white amaryllis bulbs** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of red amaryllis bulbs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number of amaryllis gift boxes** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$20.00**      **Amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Important - Name of Sardiswood Representative** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pecans**



**Mammoth Halves – one pound bag – \$12.00 a bag**

**Milk Chocolate Covered Large Halves – 12 ounce bag - \$10.00 a bag**

**Cinnamon Roasted Large Halves – 12 ounce bag - \$10.00 a bag**

Since 1935, the Atwell brand has been providing customers with the most superior shelled meats available on the market. They use only select quality pecans for all of their selections. Packaged in one-pound cellophane bags, freshness is always guaranteed.

**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Mammoth Pecan Halves** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$12.00**      **Amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Chocolate Covered Halves** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$10.00**      **Amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Cinnamon Roasted Pecan Halves** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$10.00**      **Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount of money enclosed for pecans** \_\_\_\_\_