

The Charlotte Garden Club 2008 - 2009 Speaker Schedule

September 15, 2008	Frank Hyman Durham, NC	"Not Under the Tuscan Sun"
**Thursday, October 2, 2008 10 a.m.	Haskell Eargle	"All about Bulbs and Flowers" (\$25.00. Includes box lunch. Haskell will arrange bulbs and flowers featuring bulbs from Fall Bulb Sale. Some Christmas ideas too!)
		To reserve your spot, please print, complete and mail in THIS FORM .
** Saturday, October 18, 2008	--	Habitat Plant Sharing at Habitat ReStore, Wendover Rd.
October 20, 2008	Lindie Wilson and Ann Armstrong	"Beautiful at All Seasons, Southern Gardening and Beyond with Elizabeth Lawrence"
December 1, 2008	Haskell Eargle	"Christmas with Haskell Eargle"
January 9, 2009	Larrie Sweet Royal Gardens (owner), Charlotte	Larrie Sweet will lead a rose pruning workshop on Tuesday January 9, 2009 at 1 pm. Bring your clippers, shears and gloves and meet at the Mint Museum of Art, Randolph Rd. They will direct you to the rose garden. Cost - free.
January 19, 2009	Larry Mellichamp	"Gardens in Winter" Want to brighten up your garden between Dec. 1st and Apr. 1st? Larry Mellichamp will show us how to add color, texture and interest to the sometimes bleak winter landscape. Larry is Professor of Botany and Director of the Botanical Gardens at UNCC. He is co-author of "The Winter Garden: Planning and Planting for the Southeast." Learn about plants that grow in Charlotte's climate, particularly those that thrive during our often unpredictable winters.
February 16, 2009	Peter Loewer Asheville, NC	"Wild Gardener" Peter Loewer has written over thirty books on gardening and natural history, including the award-winning "The Wild Gardener" and "Thoreau's Garden." He is also a well-known and honored botanical illustrator. Loewer lives in Asheville and gardens on the shores of Lake Kenilworth, working on an acre of land featuring natural trails and a formal perennial garden. Many of the rare and more unusual plants in his garden are

grown from seed, usually supplied by membership in the American Rock Garden Society, the Royal Horticultural Society in London, and from trading with other gardeners.

Program entitled "The Wild Gardener" - For many years, the author has written and talked about the use of wild plants in the home garden plus a great deal of lore about their uses in medicine. Based on the book of the same name (*The Wild Gardener*, Stackpole, 1991), a number of rare, common, and unusual plants are covered. Illustrated with eighty color slides. Peter will inform and entertain us with his humorous, charismatic style. Bring a friend to this one!

March 16, 2009

Jeff Drum, Pam Crown and Noell Schepp

"What Works in Charlotte Gardens" Learn about the best plants and gardening techniques for Charlotte's weather and soil conditions from three local gardening experts and Charlotte Garden Club members: Pam Crown, Jeffrey Drum and Noell Schepp. Pam is both a Master Gardener and self-described "reality gardener," focusing on observations, results, and making adjustments as necessary. Jeffrey is the garden curator at Wing Haven and has over 20 years experience in some of Charlotte's best gardens. Noell is a Master Gardener, a volunteer at Wing Haven, and enjoys gardening with school groups and creating curriculum links between the classroom and the garden. Their personal gardens have been on tours multiple times. In addition to a panel discussion, we will leave plenty of time for questions from the audience.

April 20, 2009

Richard Flanagan

"It's Tough to be a Bee" Learn about the dangers that bees face, ranging from natural predators to pesticides, and why and what we can do to keep them safe and busy pollinating the plants in our gardens. Richard Flanagan has kept bees for 8 years in Mecklenburg County. He started out by taking a class that is taught every year by the Mecklenburg County Beekeepers Association. The class covers the basics of

beekeeping and concludes with a day trip to a local bee yard where students get a chance to open a hive and experience live bees. Most local club members raise bees for enjoyment and pleasure, although one member makes his living from beekeeping. Richard also removes bees from homes and businesses. Over the last four years he has taken bees from structures like churches, barrels, apartments, shacks, trees and other surprising locations. In addition, he gives demonstrations on beekeeping and visits various nursing homes, schools, churches, garden clubs, and other groups to show and discuss the benefits of bees and beekeeping. Please join us for an informative and entertaining presentation.

****Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26, 2009**

"Art in the Garden" Garden Tour and Plein Air Painting

**Sat., April 25 & Sun. April 26, 2009
Party/Auction on Sun. April 26, 5- 7 p.m., Mint Museum of Art**

Presented by the Charlotte Garden Club & Charlotte Art League

The tickets are \$15 for members of the Mint Museum, Charlotte Garden Club and Charlotte Art League, \$20 in advance for the public. The ticket price includes the Sunday party & auction.

Featured gardens are:

Jeffrey Drum (10135 Sardis Oaks Rd. 28270), deAnna and Tom McQuade (7511 Megington Dr. 28226), Jared and Paige Sweet (1101 Belgrave Pl. 28203), Keith Lehr (2014 New Hope Rd. 28203), Annie and Matt Bogdovitz (2106 New Hope Rd. 28203) and Wing Haven (248 Ridgewood Ave. 28209).



Sponsorships are available at four levels

of giving: "*Michelangelo level*" - \$1000 (1 Ivey membership to CGC + 6 tour tickets; \$220 cash value, \$780 tax deductible), "*Van Gogh level*" - \$500 (1 individual membership to CGC + 6 tour tickets; \$155 cash value, \$345 tax deductible), "*Picasso level*" - \$250 (4 tour tickets; \$80 cash value, \$170 tax deductible), and "*Warhol level*" - \$100 (2 tour tickets; \$40 cash value, \$60 tax deductible).

For more information, contact Janet Nelson, (704) 334-6018 or janetpn@carolina.rr.com.

Hours are from 10 - 4 p.m. on Sat., April 25 and 1 - 4 p.m. on Sun., April 26. Party at the MMA from 5 - 7 p.m. Sun., April 26, with a plein-air painting demonstration by the artists. There will be an art auction of plein air paintings and other artwork, and refreshments (wine & beer & non-alcoholic drinks & appetizers). Proceeds benefit the Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte Garden Club and the Charlotte Art League.

After the Tour begins, tickets are \$20 for members of the Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte Garden Club and Charlotte Art League, \$25 for the public. Tickets may be purchased at the Mint Museum of Art or individual gardens once the Tour begins.

Advance tickets at reduced pricing may be purchased at the following locations: The Royal Gardens, The Mint Museum of Art or The Charlotte Art League.

May 2, 2009

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"Habitat Plant Sharing"
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009
Time: Beginning at 9 a.m.
Place: Habitat Re-Store, Wendover Rd., Charlotte, NC
Please bring your divided plants or shrubs or a flat of annuals and help Habitat homeowners beautify their homes.

May 17, 2009

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"Annual Garden Club Member Picnic"
Date: Sunday, May 17, 2009

Time: Beginning at 5 p.m. -
Place: Garden of Haskell Eargle, 501 W.
South Main St., Waxhaw, NC 28173.
Please e-mail **Kate Reilly** and let her
know what dish you will be bringing.
Beverages are also appreciated.