



CHARLOTTE
Garden Club
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Fall
2023
OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER

A word from our president



Paul Freeman

I'll be honest as a young fire sign I used to find Fall slightly depressing...I mean plants stop growing, and it gets dark, cold, ugh! Now with age comes wisdom, and I see Fall as another Spring. It energizes us after the oppressive heat and humidity of Summer.

I look forward to the rituals of the holidays and our monthly lectures! So open those windows and get outside . . . where we can actually enjoy gardening again!

Announcements

- **Speaker Presentations on demand!** Starting with last month's excellent presentation by James Golden on "Federal Twist", we are now providing our speaker presentations to you for viewing in your home and at your convenience. Please check our website to download your copy and don't forget to pick up a copy of his book. Any local bookshop should be happy to order the book or contact Bookshop.org at:
<https://bookshop.org/p/books/the-view-from-federal-twist-a-new-way-of-thinking-about-gardens-nature-and-ourselves-james-golden/17211665?ean=9781999734572>
- **Spring Bulb Sale:** Beautify your indoor and outdoor space by ordering your Spring Bulbs now! Orders are being accepted that will help fund our organization's mission of educational programming and community outreach. Support your club by clicking on the link and ordering today: **Fall 2023 Bulb Fundraiser for The Charlotte Garden Club – The Charlotte Garden Club**
- **Volunteers Needed:** The Charlotte Garden Club needs volunteers to sustain the value of the club as well as promote personal growth of our members within our organization. Offer your time and expertise to any one of our numerous committees. Please reach out to us at info@charlottegardenclub.com
- **Garden Search:** We are always searching for beautiful Charlotte Gardens to feature on our annual Art in the Garden Tour. If you would like to nominate a garden, please email Mary Griggs or Joey Pellegrin at info@charlottegardenclub.com
- **Looking for Creative Genius!:** our goal is to continue to provide award-winning presentations at our monthly meetings and continue our initiatives with community outreach - - both of which are underwritten by our fundraising. Are you aware of any unique fundraising events that will help support this effort? Do you have any ideas on how to expand our organization's reach in the community? If so, please share your thoughts at info@charlottegardenclub.com



**Dottie Hedberg
Garden Volunteer Lead**

“WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE GARDEN?”
MCGILL ROSE GARDEN
OCTOBER 2023



Now that the weather is finally cooling down and the days are getting shorter, the late-season blooms are abuzz with bees and butterflies in our perennial borders at McGill. I visit the garden often and I’m always amazed at the different flowers in bloom and the pollinators that they attract. If you were to visit now, you’d probably see yellow finches eating the seeds from Rudbeckia, Monarch butterflies hovering over the lantana, and bees fighting over the aster blooms. It’s truly a magical place to sit and watch all the wildlife action in this urban garden right in the middle of Charlotte.

The CGC is now in its 4th year of caring for this area of the garden and the fruits of our labor are really on full display. During our last workday a few weeks ago, we added more plants, added some much-needed compost and mulch to the borders, and of course, weeded our entire area. It’s really looking great and all because of your fellow CGC members who love to get their hands dirty, aren’t afraid of a little downpour, and dig in the dirt!

If you haven’t visited yet, please plan a trip anytime the garden is open (check the website, mcgillrosegardenevents.com, for garden hours). Our perennial borders are on the left as you walk in the gate from the parking lot. Most of the plants are labeled though we are still in the process of labeling our new additions. Take time to stop in Rosie’s Coffee and Wine shop for a refreshing drink as you enjoy walking through the entire garden. If you’d like to get your hands in the dirt and learn more about perennial gardening, please feel free to contact our committee (dkhedberg@aol.com) or go to the CGC website under McGill Rose Garden to get more information



Upcoming Events

October 11, 2023

Landscape Design Workshop

9 a.m. - 11 a.m

Pike Nurseries / Ballantyne

12630 N. Community House Rd.

Bring pics, measurements & light requirements of your space

**** Limited to 12 spots****

Call or Text Mary Griggs @ 910.439.5198

October 16, 2023

Member Meeting Speaker

New Plant Introductions: Better, or just New?

Paul Westervelt

October 28, 2023

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9 a.m. - 11 a.m

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November 4, 2023

Carolina Pottery Festival 2023

Shelby, NC

<https://festivalnet.com/21302/Shelby-North-Carolina/Art-Shows/Carolina-Pottery-Festival>

November 13, 2023

Member Meeting Speaker

A Bountiful Year: Six Seasons of Beauty from Brandywine Cottage

David Culp, Garden Designer

December 11, 2023

Orchids for Holidays

Linda Thorne

orchids will be available for sale