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## GARDEN CLUB

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GARDEN TIPS FROM  
SUZANNE WILKERSON



NEW MEMBERS AND  
UPCOMING EVENTS

## President's Welcome



**Linda Carroll**  
President

As I step into this role, I'm excited about what's ahead for our organization! Our entry into the second century has positioned our club as North Carolina's oldest and largest garden club, which provides us with a rich legacy to build upon. Together, we must focus on community stewardship, education, and strengthening our internal connections. We all realize that to make this a more robust organization, it will require strong leadership and governance.

As we look to the future, strategic planning will be key in setting clear three- and five-year goals that strengthen our organization. A committed board and engaged leaders are essential to guiding us forward, but leadership alone is not enough—**we need you**. Our club's future critically depends on an active membership that is willing to invest the time, talent, and resources. Currently, less than 8% of the club's membership dedicates volunteer time - this level of effort is not sustainable.

By stepping up—whether through volunteering or financial support—**you** help ensure that our mission thrives for years to come.

A stronger, responsive, and more vibrant community is possible – but only with **your help!** Let's make this an exciting and rewarding chapter for all of us!

I look forward to working together to create a bright and thriving future for our organization. With your support and involvement, we can accomplish great things!

Best Wishes,  
*Linda Carroll*

# Planting Seeds



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!

### ART IN THE GARDEN: MAY 3 AND MAY 4

Get ready to dive into the excitement of our 2025 Art in the Garden Tour! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3rd, and Sunday, May 4th, because this is your chance to join the action and connect with the vibrant Charlotte Garden Club community! We're buzzing with final preparations, and we need YOU—our amazing volunteers—to make it all happen. This isn't just about lending a hand; it's your ticket to mingle with fellow garden enthusiasts, swap ideas, and forge new friendships with club members while engaging with the wider community in a fun, meaningful way.



Whether you're sharing your time or pitching in financially, your energy keeps our club thriving—fueling top-notch speakers and impactful local projects that make a difference! Ready to jump in? Join one of our dynamic committees leading up to the big event or roll up your sleeves in the gardens during the tour. Volunteer with [SignUp Genius](#) or reach out now at [charlottegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:charlottegardenclub@gmail.com) and let's make this year's event the best yet—together!



### VOLUNTEER WITH SIGN UP GENIUS!

SignUpGenius is a user-friendly app that simplifies group organizing, making it perfect for the Charlotte Garden Club! By downloading it from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), members can easily explore a variety of exciting activities, sign up for events like the Art in the Garden Tour, and connect with fellow garden enthusiasts—all in just a few taps. After download, you can "[Find a Sign Up](#)", use the email address [charlottegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:charlottegardenclub@gmail.com) to view all of our activities.



# Seasonal Gardening Tips

*From the desk of Ambiance Garden Design*



By Suzanne Wilkerson, CGC Member /  
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## Spring Garden Guide: Prune, Feed & Plant!

Spring is here, and it's time to get your garden in top shape! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned gardener, this month-by-month guide will keep your landscape thriving. Plus, check out the most stunning fast-growing perennials, shrubs, and dwarf trees to add instant color to your garden!

### April: Time to Get Growing!

**Selective Pruning.** · Prune spring-flowering shrubs like Azaleas and Big Leaf Hydrangeas (Macrophylla) right after blooming to maintain shape.

**Deadheading:** Deadheading makes your beds look tended to and calms the visitor. Above all, it is good for your plants!

**Fertilization:** Side-dress perennials with compost for a nutrient boost.

**Pest & Fungal Treatment:** Apply neem oil to control aphids and spider mites before they take over.

**Diagnostic:** Watch for powdery mildew or other fungal issues and remove affected leaves immediately.

**Future Prep:** After the last frost, start planting warm-season annuals to bring color to your garden.



### May: Growth Mode Activated!

**Selective Pruning:** Lightly prune Boxwoods / Hollies to keep them dense and shapely.

**Deadheading:** Remove spent Rose and perennial blooms to keep them reblooming.

**Fertilization:** Give annuals and perennials a mid-season boost with liquid seaweed or fish emulsion.

**Pest & Fungal Treatment:** Introduce ladybugs to naturally control aphids (Mother Nature's tiny exterminators!).

**Diagnostic:** Monitor for nutrient deficiencies—yellow leaves? Droopy plants? Time to adjust feeding!





# Continued: Seasonal Gardening Tips

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## Bonus: Spring Fertilization Quick Guide!

With a little TLC, your garden will be bursting with life! So grab your gloves, get in the dirt, and let's make this spring spectacular!

#CharlotteGardenClub #SpringGardening  
#PruneFeedProtect #GardenGlowUp

**Holly-tone** → 1 cup per foot of plant height  
(Hydrangeas, Camellias, Hollies, Laurels, etc.)

**Plant-tone** → ½ cup per foot of plant height  
(Boxwood, Sweetbox, Conifers, Yew, Perennials, Grasses)

**Gypsum** → ¼ cup per foot of plant height  
(Boxwood, Sweetbox, Pachysandra)

**Roses** → Specialized rose fertilizer for the queens of the garden!

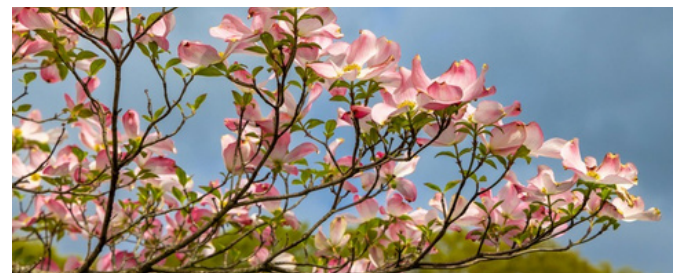


## Show Stopping April Bloomers



**Perennials:** Creeping Phlox (Pink, Purple, White) | **Shrubs:** Forsythia (Golden Yellow), Azaleas (Pink, Red, White) | **Dwarf Trees:** Redbud (Purple-Pink)

## Show Stopping May Bloomers



**Perennials:** Salvia (Purple, Blue, Pink), Coreopsis (Yellow, Orange) | **Shrubs:** Viburnum (White, Pink), Mountain Laurel (Pink, White) | **Dwarf Trees:** Dogwood (White, Pink, Red)

# Upcoming Events



## MAY 3 AND MAY 4

### ART IN THE GARDEN

Final preparations are underway for our 2025 Art in the Garden Tour! To join one of the many committees leading up to the event or to volunteer in the gardens during the tour [please sign up here on SignUp Genius](#) or contact [charlottegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:charlottegardenclub@gmail.com)



## APRIL 10, 11 AND 12

### UNCC SPRING PLANT SALE

Sell AIGT tickets AND buy plants! We need one person at each shift. [Please click here](#) to select the time(s) that work for you during this wonderful annual event!

**Location:** UNCC Plant Sale at 9303 Martin Village Rd. Charlotte, NC 28262

## SATURDAYS, APRIL 5, 12, 19 AND 26

### AIGT FARMER'S MARKET TABLE VOLUNTEERING

Join us at the CGC Table to sell tickets for the Art in the Garden Tour. [Sign up here!](#)

**Location:** Farmer's Market on Yorkmount Road



## SATURDAY, APRIL 26

### THE AFTER PARTY! | 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MINT MUSEUM 'COVETED COUTURE' GALA

Dance the night away while benefitting CGC affiliate, The Mint Museum!

**Location:** Mint Museum Randolph | **Time:** 9.30pm to midnight | **Cost:** \$50 per person ([tickets here](#))

## THURSDAY, MAY 8

### DUKE MANSION SPRING SPRUCE UP

Join a team of CGC volunteers to refresh and revitalize these stunning grounds. Please bring your own work gloves. [Sign-Up Genius link here!](#)

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. | **Where:** Duke Mansion (400 Hermitage Road Charlotte, NC)



# To Every Season



## ASPIRING HORTICULTURALIST AND CGC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

### **BAILEY DE ROSE**

Bailey DeRose is currently pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Horticulture Technology at Central Piedmont Community College. She is dedicated to making a positive impact on the environment and improving access to fresh produce in urban areas. Bailey has been awarded a prestigious scholarship from the Charlotte Garden Club which has provided financial support and opened doors to networking opportunities within the horticulture community. Bailey is excited about the chance to attend Garden Club meetings and to participate in programs to connect with employers and mentors in her field.



Grateful for the scholarship, Bailey says, "I was surprised and thrilled to receive this scholarship. It has given me the financial stability to focus on my studies and explore opportunities in horticulture that I might not have been able to pursue otherwise."

Looking ahead, Bailey hopes to graduate in the spring of 2026 and would like to work in urban agriculture, promoting the use of native plants and sustainable gardening practices.

Bailey's journey is a testament to her dedication and passion for horticulture, and she is excited about the future opportunities that lie ahead. With the support of the Charlotte Garden Club and her professors at Central Piedmont, Bailey is well on her way to achieving her dreams and making a meaningful impact in her community.



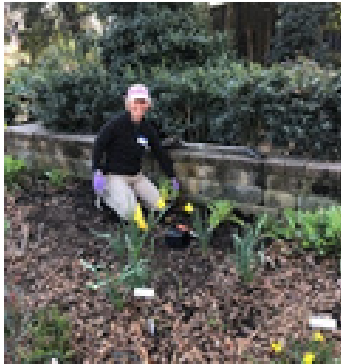
### **MEMBER IN MEMORIAM**

Thank you to Sherry Williams for the generous donation in loving memory of her husband, Samuel Sykes Williams.



# Garden Clippings

Photos below are from the outreach committee's volunteer activity day at the McGill Rose Garden, the CGC Bread Making Class and a CGC Member Meeting.





# Garden Trends for 2025

credit: Stylus.com



Outdoor living continues to reflect aesthetic sensibilities as an extension of the home, cues for S/S 2026 are taken from interior trends and fused with functionality to offer something for every consumer. The following directions are 4 of 10 offered by Stylus.com for garden product development, comprising outdoor furniture, tableware and garden accessories. Trend duration is projected to last through 2027.



## MODERN MEDITERRANEAN

### SUMMARY: MAXIMALIST AND BRIGHT

An uplifting aesthetic that embraces bright colors and craft influences and patterns like jacquard.

photo from Orlebar Brown / La Double J



## GRAPHIC RETRO

### SUMMARY: SIMPLE AND NOSTALGIC

Simple construction with lasting quality. Retro designs with new materials.

photo from Niwaki



## CLEAN AND CONTEMPORARY

### SUMMARY: MODERN AND STREAMLINED

Influenced by contemporary interior design, this trend is defined by cool functionality and freedom from flourishes. The idea is to reduce clutter.



## ON THE GO OUTDOOR LIVING

### SUMMARY: FUNCTIONAL AND PORTABLE

Inspired by the clean design of easily portable camping gear, think clean lines and easy to pack down and carry home.



## THE CHARLOTTE GARDEN CLUB NEEDS YOU!

The Charlotte Garden Club is looking for volunteers. We need assistance in our community gardens, with our committees and on the Art in the Garden Tour. To get involved contact us at

***CharlotteGardenClub@gmail.com***

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## Check out the website for ways to get involved and for upcoming events!

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## Welcome



## *New Sprouting Members*

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MICHELLE BAUMGARTNER  
PATSY BOWYER AND MIKE SMITH  
KAREN GOSSELIN  
HANNAH GUNTER  
JILL HALAS  
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