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## GARDEN CLUB

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GARDEN TIPS FROM  
MARY STATON



NEW MEMBERS AND  
UPCOMING EVENTS

## President's Welcome

Welcome Back, Gardeners!



**Linda Carroll**  
*President*

We're thrilled to kick off another exciting season with the Charlotte Garden Club and to greet so many familiar friends—plus a wonderful group of new faces.

This year brings fresh ideas and thoughtful updates designed to keep our club vibrant and relevant. Over the months ahead, you'll discover new programs, refreshed events and workshops, and plenty of chances to share your voice as we shape the club's future together. Membership renewals are off to a strong start, and we're delighted to welcome 42 new members to our growing community – whenever possible, please take the opportunity to welcome them as they become part of our team!

We remain committed to strengthening our connections beyond the club as well. Through our Outreach initiatives, we're finding meaningful ways to invest in our community's future—supporting new possibilities and helping dreams take root!

Looking for a rewarding way to get involved? Lend your time and talents by volunteering on a committee or helping with an upcoming event—your contributions truly make a difference. We also warmly invite members to share ideas and feedback on how we can better serve the club and our community. Please feel free to contact me or any board member with your ideas. Here's to new friendships, fresh blooms, and another inspiring year ahead!

Best Wishes,  
*Linda Carroll*

# Coming Up In The Garden



**Notice:** The opinions and views shared in these programs belong to the presenters and do not necessarily represent those of the Charlotte Garden Club or any affiliated organizations. Program details, including speakers, dates, and topics, are subject to change. With presenter approval, Charlotte Garden Club members can access recordings of the last two speaker events on the CGC website under "News & Events."

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

**BRYCE LANE:** *I'm Not From Around Here: Adapting to NC Conditions.* Bryce is an Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor Emeritus at NC State University. He will take us through the many challenges of the NC environment.

**Time:** 6.00pm to 8.30pm **Location:** Mint Museum Randolph



## THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

### URBAN PROMISE PARTNERSHIP DIGGING IN THE DIRT

Join us in supporting UrbanPromise Charlotte by maintaining their school gardens and guiding students in hands-on gardening. We're also gathering ideas for creating long-term educational opportunities for younger gardeners.

**Time:** Times vary **Contact** [melissa.chandler@charlottegardenclub.com](mailto:melissa.chandler@charlottegardenclub.com) **to sign up**



## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

### CREATE BEAUTIFUL HYPERTUFA PLANTERS

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll craft a rustic planter that resembles natural stone. Hypertufa is lightweight and durable. All materials and tools are included. [Register here!](#)

**Time:** 10.00am to 12.00pm **Pricing:** \$75.00 per person / \$37.50 for Ivey members



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

### FALL GARDEN ADVENTURE

Join our group on a daylong trip to the Mr. Maple and Raymond's Garden Center featuring the Shady Ladies! [Sign up and more information here!](#)

**Time:** 8.00am to 5.00pm ([detailed itinerary here](#))



## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**PAM BECK:** Learn how to enhance your garden's allure throughout the coldest months while exploring various possibilities for extending the excitement in your landscape from the first frosts of fall into late spring.

**Time:** 6.00pm to 8.00pm **Location:** Mint Museum Randolph





# Coming Up In The Garden ...continued

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

**DECK THE HALLS AT THE MINT MUSEUM, RANDOLPH:** Join fellow members to kick off the holidays with bagels, hot chocolate, and coffee as we deck the Mint Randolph halls! We'll decorate the atrium and outdoor lamps together to bring cheerful sparkle to the site!

**Time:** 10.00am to 1.00pm (more information [here](#))



## MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

**DR. MATT BORDEN:** *Plant pathology and identifying common garden pests.* Dr. Borden, a plant pathologist, will share his wealth of knowledge in orchard and botanical garden pest management and plant problem diagnostics

**Location:** Mint Museum, Randolph **Time:** 6.00pm to 8.30pm

## MEMBER BENEFITS



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Please join  
The Charlotte Garden Club  
and Windsor Jewelers for  
**An Exclusive Talk  
by Jewelry Designer  
Elizabeth Locke**

Friday, October 17  
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The Elizabeth "Pepper" Dowd  
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Coffee & pastries will be served

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# Seasonal Gardening Tips

*"Everyone must take the time to sit and watch the leaves."*  
- Elizabeth Lawrence (NCSU's 1<sup>st</sup> female Landscape Architect, 1929)



Mary Staton, CGC Member and  
Master Gardener



## October through December

Falling leaves, millions of them, are a phenomenon to observe and embrace each fall here in USDA Zone 8-A. It's time to pause and take in their changing colors - from vibrant yellows, reds and oranges to browns – while enjoying shorter days and cooler temperatures. Fall is also the time to assess your successes and the not-so's in your garden, prepare for winter, and begin planning next year's garden. So, let's get started!

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## Plantings

**Spring and early summer-blooming perennials** – like daylilies, hostas and shasta daisies - should be **dug up and divided** ideally before foliage dies.

**Leave the seed-bearing perennials** like ornamental grasses, coneflowers, and cardinal flowers to feed birds and pollinators and as a winter cover for beneficial insects.

**Plant your spring-blooming bulbs** from late October through December; refrigerate until planting. Garlic, onions and spinach do well, as do cool-season annuals like pansies for abundant flowering next spring. October is the best month to **plant new trees and shrubs**.



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## Maintenance

By December, **remove spent** chrysanthemums to about 6 inches, and dead leaves from dormant perennials. **Mulch** your garden beds, trees and shrubs for protection from freezes, to suppress weeds, and to retain moisture.

**Lawns should be aerated**; consider **planting cool-season grass** seeds like tall fescue. For an extended dry period of 3 weeks or more, **adding 1" of water** to the landscape may prevent cold injury to your lawn.

As you sit among autumn's falling leaves, in a vibrant city with ideal growing conditions, **appreciate your efforts** and **have fun** planning next year's **garden**. Elizabeth Lawrence would be so proud!





## *Welcome New Sprouting Members*



SHERRIE ANDREWS	MELANIE HAW	CASEY & ALLEN PRUITT
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THERESA BOYD	REBECCA LEO	KELLY ROSS
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GARDENING & LANDSCAPE	KATHY MURRAY	DENISE VOELKER
DESIGN	ELIZABETH NIELSEN	JAMES & ALLIE WYLER

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### **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: CHRYS RHODES, CGC MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Born in NC, Chrys grew up in the DC suburbs and graduated from the College of William & Mary. She spent many years in the insurance industry in New York and Baltimore before returning to her Southern roots. Now retired, her former passion for cultivating clients such as financial institutions, public entities, airports, and sports teams is devoted to gardening and volunteer service. Chrys generously handles membership for The Charlotte Garden Club!

# Blooming Trivia



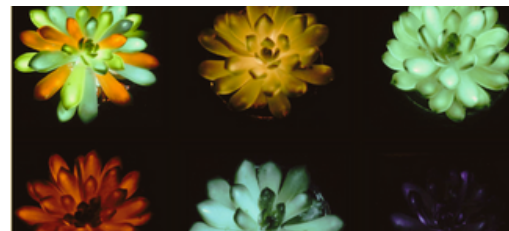
## UP AND AT 'EM

Your tall tasks today aren't going to be nearly as tall as the one awaiting Fort Wayne, Indiana, gardener Alex Babich: he's working on the world's tallest **sunflower, which clocked in at 32 feet, 5 inches**. The flower, named Clover, is taller than an average telephone pole, roughly four and a half times taller than Andre the Giant, and still growing.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Glow-in-the-Dark succulents could someday light up a street near you. [More information here!](#)



## A 'HOW TO' QUIZ TIME

### 1.) DEEP ROOTS

**When planting a tree in Charlotte's clay soil during October, what's more critical for long-term survival?**

- A) Adding fertilizer to the planting hole
- B) Planting at the correct depth with the root flare visible
- C) Backfilling with bagged garden soil

*Answer: B. The root flare should always be visible at soil level; improper depth causes long-term stress and decline.*



### 2.) BULB STRATEGY

**Daffodils: Which factor most influences how quickly a single bulb multiplies into a thriving clump?**

- A) Soil pH around neutral
- B) Adequate spacing and drainage
- C) Heavy mulching after planting

*Answer: B. Proper spacing and drainage prevent rot and gives room to grow.*



### 3.) LEAF LOGIC

**Shredded leaves are garden gold — but in what situation might using them as mulch be detrimental rather than beneficial?**

*Answer: When piled too thick (more than 3 to 4 inches) or left un-shredded, leaves can mat down, block airflow, and create water-shedding layers that suffocate roots.*



# Garden Clippings

PHOTOS FROM THE CGC  
VOLUNTEER DAY AT THE ROSE  
MCGILL GARDENS, THE CGC  
SEPTEMBER MEMBERS'  
MEETING AND A LEAF  
CASTING WORKSHOP!





# Harvest Season

THRIVE  
WHERE  
YOU'RE  
PLANTED!

## COME GROW WITH US!

Our club thrives when we share the work. Now is the perfect time to step in and make friends while sharing your time and talents. Whether it's helping with meeting hospitality, workshops, community outreach, marketing, IT or Art in the Garden, we have a place for you. Look for the [Volunteer Opportunities page on our website](#) as well as the Sign Up Genius link on the monthly meeting RSVP. ~ ***Gardeners Know All the Best Dirt!***

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

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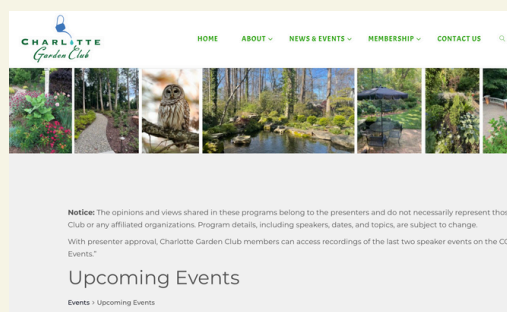


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