



The Chapel Hill Garden Club

February Happenings

Last month we celebrated our 84th Anniversary with a cake and other refreshments and each member received a copy of the revised History of the club. All of the living ex-presidents were recognized and the ones who could not attend the meeting were mentioned. The program from Mr. George Barrett, owner of Stonybrook Metal Shop was well received by the attendees and the examples of his artistic work showed the wonderful quality of his original creations.

Chapel Hill Carrboro Chamber of Commerce

We have been a member of this organization for over 2 years and our current Community Relations Chairman, Judi Lilley has been busy attending the monthly Non-Profit Roundtable discussions. She recently attended the annual luncheon meeting with 400 members and business of the year awards were given to 4 groups; non-profits, large business, mid-size business and micro-enterprises. Every CHGC member is a Chamber of Commerce member and entitled to attend meetings and save money by using the discounts and promotions for members. These discounts range from Lenovo computers and accessories to Office Depot office supplies. To explore these discounts, sign on to carolinachamber.org, click on save money and then check the company you are interested in and sign on to the company's portal. Follow the instructions and then proceed to shop.

ART in BLOOM

The North Carolina Museum of Art is having an inaugural festival of art and flowers from March 19-22, 2015. There will be 45 floral masterpieces by the NCMA's permanent collection and created by world-class designers. There will be master classes, demonstrations and speakers. The speakers are Shane Connolly, floral designer for the Royal Family; Hitomi Gilliam,

internationally renowned floral artist; Bryce Lane, from UNC-TV's In the Garden with Bryce Lane; and Steve Taras, owner of Watered Garden Florist. Additional information is available from ncartmuseum.org; schedule, details, and tickets.

CHGC Floral Design

Members are encouraged to bring to the February general meeting a floral design in a tea/coffee cup or mug. These will not be judged and your name can be placed on the cup as the designer.

Sharing Table

We have re-established the sharing table in which members can bring books, magazines, vases, and non-invasive plants for members to choose from. Please place your plants in a plastic bag and identify them by name.

New NCBG Director

The N. C. Botanical Garden announced the appointment of Dr. Damon Waitt starting April 13. Dr. Waitt is the senior director and botanist at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas. Dr. Waitt has a Ph.D in botany from the University of Texas in Austin, an M.S. in botany from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge and a B. S. in biology from Tulane University. He serves on the Invasive Species Advisory for the National Invasive Species Council, is founder of the Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Council and past chair of the National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Councils.

2016 Spring Garden Tour

The Spring Garden Tour Steering Committee has selected six gardens for the

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2016 Spring Garden Tour. The Spring Garden Tour committee will commence work in the summer and the tour will take place on April 30 and May 1, 2016. Members are encouraged to volunteer for the various committees at the monthly general meetings.

South Atlantic Regional Meeting

The meeting will be held from March 22 – 24, 2015 in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Additional information on the meeting can be found on the Garden Club of North Carolina website. The GCNC is in this region.

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