

CHAPEL HILL GARDEN CLUB HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER

The 2014-2015 Yearbooks are available for pickup at the next General Meeting which will be held on October 28 in the Reeves Auditorium at the North Carolina Botanical Garden starting at 9:30 a.m.

The NCBG education building is a Platinum-rated building under the LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) rating system of the U. S. Green Building Council. We are required to use only biodegradable paper products and non-invasive plant material during our activities in the building. Unfortunately we used the wrong plant material during our general meeting last month. The material was removed and I have included a list of invasive plants and their flowers provided by the Audubon Society. This list is not all inclusive and each of us must make sure that we are not bringing any improper material to our activities in the building. The Platinum rating is the highest a building can receive and we do not want to do anything to harm that designation.

Horticulture

Jinny Marino, Horticulture Chairman was delighted to hear that our members have expressed a desire to have more horticulture at our meetings. She is hoping that the horticulture segment will be about each of us sharing their knowledge with the membership. We are all gardeners; some seasoned, some new but all have something to share even if it is questions about gardening in our NC soil, heat/humidity and deer issues. Look around your garden and "See with New Eyes" especially the trees and shrubs which are the real "bones" of a landscape. No matter what you select, bring in a cutting of the plant you are having issues with and share your experience. If you don't know the botanical name, look it up. Many plants have the same and or similar common names so the only way to really know what you have is by its botanical name. Try a Google search and if you can't find the botanical name, bring it in anyway, most likely someone will recognize it. We will have four of these segments over the course of this year's programs so sign up to be one of the questioning gardeners.

Garden Club of North Carolina

Carol Krauser and I attended the fall meeting in Charlotte, N. C. on September 14-15 and the National Garden Club President Linda Nelson was the keynote speaker. She announced that the dues to National had not been raised in 20 years and they needed to raise the dues by fifty cents or one dollar. This issue is being discussed and a decision will be made at a later date. The rest of the meetings consisted of district reports and a silent auction.

October Speaker

Mr. David Pike, the CEO of Witherspoon Rose Culture will talk about the care and feeding of various types of roses. One of his nurseries is located off highway 15/501 in Durham. The rose bushes are beautiful specimens, they make you believe you can grow roses like these in your own garden.

Garden Club of North Carolina District Nine

The annual meeting will be held in Burlington, North Carolina on October 16, 2014 and Anne Montgomery, Council/District Representative will be attending. She will provide a report of the meeting in the next newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary and Awards Co-Chairman Mary Arnold has submitted the current Yearbook for an award and is working on award submissions for the 2014 Spring Garden Tour and the Clippings newsletter.

The 2014 – 2015 Spring Garden Tour Steering Committee Co-Chairman Char Thomann reported that the members have been working for the last few months looking at prospective gardens for the 2016 Garden Tour and they have identified several candidates. They continue to visit gardens and are very optimistic they will have 7 to 8 private and a community garden over the next few months.

Hope to see all of you on October 28 at the general meeting.

Betty Jean

Invasive plants – avoid these!

Some of the most common – or, in a few cases, “up-and-coming” – invasive species in the Piedmont of North Carolina are listed below.

Common name	Scientific name
English ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>
Privets	<i>Ligustrum</i> spp.
Autumn olive, thorny olive	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> , <i>pungens</i>
Exotic Wisterias	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> , <i>W. floribunda</i>
Japanese honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Mimosa, silktree	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>
Periwinkle, Vinca	<i>Vinca</i> spp.
Japanese Spiraea	<i>Spiraea japonica</i>
Leatherleaf Mahonia	<i>Mahonia bealei</i>
Bradford pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>
Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
Chinese silvergrass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>
Japanese stiltgrass	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>
Sacred bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>
Tree-of-Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Multiflora rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>
Sericea, bushclover	<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>

Additional resources regarding invasive plants are available at www.ncwildflower.org/invasives/invasives.htm



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