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GARDEN TIPS FROM
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NEW MEMBERS AND
UPCOMING EVENTS

President's Welcome



Linda Carroll
President

Here we are at the halfway point of 2025, and what a great time to look back at all we've accomplished together. Our Art in the Garden tour was a big success this year, with a high community attendance and support that far exceeded previous years! Our community work continues to grow. In addition to supporting local horticultural scholarships for older students, we've now expanded our efforts to include gardening programs for children in underserved Charlotte communities. In addition to McGill Rose Garden garden spruce up events, we now have opportunities for those of you wanting to get your hands dirty at the Duke Mansion.

Our membership held strong at our fiscal year end with approximately 422 members—a true reflection of the energy within our club.

Looking ahead, we'll need your continued support to keep things moving forward. For those of you who haven't paid your dues for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, renewal letters will be sent on July 18th via email. Please note that, along with your financial support, we will be asking for just a few hours of your time each year on one of our many committees. This support is desperately needed to create the kinds of programs we know you love and look forward to. Details will be coming your way soon.

We've already achieved so much—and with your help, we can grow even stronger and make an even bigger impact in our community!

Best Wishes,
Linda Carroll

Coming Up In The Garden



SATURDAY, JULY 12

RHODWOOD OPEN GARDEN: Garden designer and CGC Member, Jay Sifford, is opening his garden in West Jefferson, North Carolina.

Time: 10am to 3pm

Location: To be disclosed upon RSVP (Please send an email to siffordgd@gmail.com with "RSVP" in the subject line.)



WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

CGC ANNUAL ROOTS AND RETURNS: FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM REVIEW: This is the CGC's Annual Business Meeting. A reminder and [link for this event](#) will be sent to all members via MailChimp on July 15th!

Time: 6pm

Location: [Webinar link is here!](#)

SATURDAY, JULY 19

INTA AND SKIP KROMBOLZ'S LAKESIDE WONDER TOUR: Join us for a private Lake Norman Garden Tour. This inspiring destination promises creative inspiration for all garden enthusiasts. Reach out to Mary Griggs at 910-439-5198 with questions.

Time: 10 am to 12pm

Location: 177 Castaway Trail, Mooresville, NC ([RSVP by July 15 is required at the Sign Up Genius found here](#))



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

SHADY LADIES TALK: BRENDA ROSBROOK AND LAURA (KAY) CAMPBELL: Join for a spirited dive into the art of fall container gardening.

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Location: Mint Museum Randolph 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte

FUNDRAISER ALERT!

We will again be **selling fall bulbs** from [Dutch Mill Bulbs](#). Brochures will be available at our September meeting. Or you can place an order any time using this link. **Orders are due September 29th**, and will be ready for pick up at our meeting on October 13th. Questions? Call Debbie Deming 315-427-8400. [Click here to participate!](#)

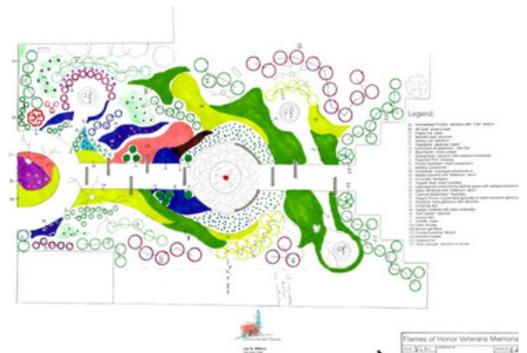


Member Musings



GARDEN DESIGN HONOR

Long time CGC member Jay Sifford recently designed and installed the 'Flames of Honor' Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Davidson, NC. The garden is built around a 15 foot sculpture by artist Douwe Blumberg. The park is located in front of the post office in Davidson. It now features a seating circle around the sculpture, three picnic areas, and an energetic planting scheme of pollinator-friendly perennials, ornamental grasses, and shrubs. The plants are laid out in a feng shui pattern, leading the eye to the central sculpture. A planted berm on one side politely embraces the central section. Stop by for a visit while shopping on Main Street or when attending the Davidson Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.



FRESH GROWTH!

Congratulations to CGC member and past club President, Joey Pellegrin-Webb, on launching Seasons Fine Gardening & Landscape Design. Services include Evaluation, Design, Installation & Maintenance for Fine Gardens and Custom Landscapes and Lighting. Contact details: (704) 275-1681 joey@seasonsfinegardening.com



BEST WISHES TO THE NEWLYWEDS!

Patsy Reames and Ron Vick were recently wed.

Both avid gardeners and members of the Charlotte Garden Club, we wish them an ever growing love as they establish their roots together!

LOGO REFRESH UPDATE

Calling all member designers and creative gardeners! The Charlotte Garden Club is looking to refresh it's logo. Everyone is encouraged to participate with ideas and reviews through this process. Submission details to come!

Please note that all files will need to be .png files.

Garden Clippings

Below are moments from the Charlotte Garden Club's Mad Hatter's Tea Party themed annual picnic, a volunteer day at the McGill Garden and an Ivey League Day at The Mint Museum!



Named after Club founder J.B. Ivey, a legend in Charlotte's civic and business circles, we're grateful for the thoughtful gift of our Ivey League tier members! This recent Ivey event was held for our **CGC Ivey League members**. Members get perks such as 50% off all workshops and the ability to bring two friends to our 8 speaker presentations for free. We hope you'll consider joining the Ivey League for a \$150 annual pledge so you can enjoy these benefits too! [Click here to join!](#)



*Members gathered for our **Mad Hatter** themed picnic that was filled with food, friends, fresh air and intriguing mentalist entertainment.*

A big thanks to all who came out!



*Members rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty during a **workday at McGill Rose Garden**. From pruning roses to refreshing beds, it was a day of teamwork, fresh air, and floral magic.*

BLOOMING TRIVIA!

Try [this new site](#) from Google's Arts & Culture Experiment called '[Botanic Atlas!](#)' Working with Botanic Gardens Conservation International, The University of Cambridge's Museums and Botanic Gardens, Kew Gardens and more, you'll find an [interactive world map](#) featuring 30k+ plant species and herbariums!





Seasonal Gardening Tips

“Summer: One long, warm hug.” -Unknown



Mary Staton, CGC Member and Master Gardener

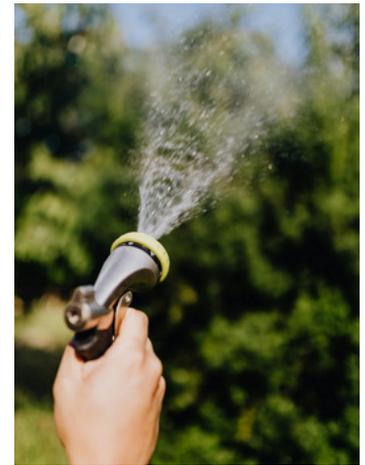


Cardinal Rule for Summer Gardening:

Apply sunscreen, wear a hat, have bug spray handy, hydrate often!

July

Though it’s mid-summer, you can still **plant** many heat-loving vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers, flowers like vincas, geraniums, sunflowers, and herbs. And don’t forget fruits including blueberries, blackberries and raspberries. **Mulch** to conserve moisture! Keep an eye out for pests and diseases; there are toxic and non-toxic means to protect your plants. **Fertilize** trees and shrubs for the last time this year, and other plants every 4-6 weeks with a balanced fertilizer. **Pick fresh flowers** from your perennials for lovely bouquets to keep or share. (Cutting encourages more blooms!) **Water your plants** slowly and deeply in the early morning hours. Of note: ferns will go dormant if they get too dry.



August

Enjoy **harvesting** your vegetables, herbs, and fruit by consuming and/or sharing. Bon appetit! **Compost** the spent plants. Renew annual flowers by pinching leggy growth and deadheading, then fertilize with a liquid fertilizer such as fish emulsion to encourage fall blooming. **Begin planting fall** bulbs (like crocuses), fall crops and cover crops. Direct sow seeds for early-blooming, hardy cool-weather annuals. And perennial seeds like Cardinal Flower, Hollyhocks, Purple Coneflower, and many others. Be vigilant when treating for fungal diseases on roses. If needed, water outdoor container plants daily.

September

Divide and transplant spring- and summer-flowering plants. **Save seeds** from your favorite annuals and perennials to keep or share. Continue **planting bulbs** to enjoy next spring’s flowers. If you’ve got a sunny spot out back, **begin planning** a backyard berry patch to plant in October and November. **Enjoy** the fruit next summer! *“A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer’s wave goodbye.” -Unknown*



We're Blooming



THANKS TO YOU!

This month, we're proud to share how your membership brings our mission to life. With your support, we built a garden for the students at UrbanPromise, creating a space where they can explore, learn, and grow.

Learn more about [UrbanPromise!](#)



Watch Our Garden Grow

SPOTLIGHT
ON NEW
SPROUTS

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

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 'ART IN THE GARDEN' HOMEOWNERS!

Inta Auzina Rich	Noell & Jim Schepp
Kristin Auerbach	Brooke & Rigdon Terrell
Erskine Edwards	Tom Nunnenkamp /
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Check out the website for ways to get involved and for upcoming events!

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