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CHARLOTTE GARDEN CLUB

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GARDEN TIPS FROM
MARY STATON



NEW MEMBERS AND
UPCOMING EVENTS

President's Welcome



Welcome to a New Year!

For our club, it is going to be one that builds on the challenges we have faced and successfully navigated together. Those experiences have strengthened our resolve and clarified our purpose, reminding us that a strong, vibrant organization depends on the engagement and support of its members and the transparency of the governing board.

As we look ahead, member support—particularly through volunteer commitment—will be essential to making our club even stronger. More details will be shared in the coming weeks on how this can be realized as we gear up for another *Art in the Garden Tour* (Save the Dates: May 2 & 3). The success of this primary fundraiser truly depends on your support, whether through donated hours or financial contributions.

With strong strategies in place, we are confident that the year ahead will be another successful one, however that success will begin with all of us stepping forward.

We are a team, and together we can ensure a strong, thriving year for our club!

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."



FEBRUARY 11

BARTLETT GUIDED TOUR: Join for an exclusive guided tour led by Site Director Matthew Storey. Discover a stunning 30-acre property featuring over 15,000 accessioned plants, world-class tree and plant collections and natural habitats. (\$15 for CGC members and \$20 for guests)

Time: 1.00pm to 3.00pm **Location:** 13768 Hamilton Rd. Charlotte, NC 28278



FEBRUARY 15

PLANT ADOPTION EVENT WITH OUR OUTREACH PARTNER:

We have rescued plants from development sites and they are in need of new homes. This event is similar to a plant sale, however we are accepting donations rather than assigning prices to the plants. Info@ConstructivePlantRescue.org



Time: 12.00pm to 2.00pm **Location:** 8755 Poplar Tent Road Concord, NC 28027

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: [Click here](#) for the Sign Up Genius

FEBRUARY 16

PRESTON MONTAGUE – NATIVE PIEDMONT PERENNIALS:

Join this artistic landscape architect for an examination of planting design strategies he deploys in his studio that are rooted in principles of composition. Choreographing experiences with designed plantings is a feat of art, science, and will. The old adage of "right plant, right place" applies to plant survivability of course, but can also apply to the way we arrange plants to encourage particular reactions from visitors. There's an art to the design of an experience, and there are also simple tactics that can hasten decision-making and help organize a design process. For Preston, those tactics come from composition he learned from an earlier practice as an artist.



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

Coming Up In The Garden ...continued

MARCH 16

TIM BARKER - SARRACENIA SHOWSTOPPERS ARE READY FOR YOU!

From sweeping bog meadows to patio pots, the native North American pitcher plants (*Sarracenia* spp.) are great for gardens of any scale. These striking carnivorous perennials offer sculptural form and vivid color with surprising ease of care. Join Timothy Barker of Mountain Paradise Nursery to learn how to use *Sarracenia* in all landscape settings. Learn about their natural history, their pollinator-friendly charms and how to grow them in lots of places. Whether you're designing a jewel-box patio garden or restoring a wetland, these showstoppers deserve a starring role.



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

ART IN THE GARDEN TOUR UPDATE:

Reminder that this year's **tour is May 2 & 3, 2026!**

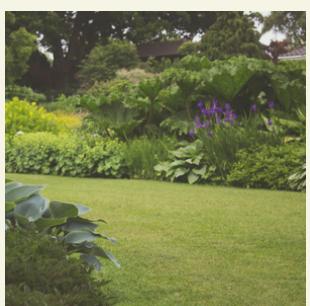
Thanks to the generosity of our members, \$6,750 has already been committed to this year's event. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed so far—your support makes a meaningful difference.

Every member, every ticket sold and every hour volunteered strengthens the success of our major, annual fundraiser and enhances the prestige of our partnership with The Mint. Your involvement fuels what we are able to accomplish together.

Now is the time to get involved! A SignUp Genius link will be sent soon for volunteer opportunities. Please sign up early so you can select the property and time slots that work best for you.

Art In The Garden Tour is shaping up to be an exceptional event this year, filled with creativity, collaboration, and memorable moments. We hope you'll join us in making it another outstanding success.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support—we cannot do this without YOU!



Coming Up In The Garden ...continued

APRIL 13

MICHAEL ALBANESE - STORMWATER ISSUES AND DRY CREEK BEDS:

Michael is a landscape consultant, designer, contractor, and writer operating under Avesi Stormwater & Landscape Solutions. His work focuses on helping people use rainwater sustainably through rain gardens and other rainwater harvesting features. The goal is to give people the opportunity to help the environment while keeping their homes safe from water damage through artful landscaping. Author of the rain garden book 'The Modern Rain Garden', Michael strives to be a positive influence on both the community and the environment.



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

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR IVEY MEMBERS



These **generous "Ivey League" individuals** support our Club's impact in the community through their annual membership. **Named after Club founder J.B. Ivey**, a legend in Charlotte's civic and business circles, we're grateful for their thoughtful gift. To join the Ivey League Membership Tier for a \$150 annual pledge, [please click here!](#)

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Seasonal Gardening Tips



Mary Staton, CGC Member and
Master Gardener



Tis The Season To Be Freezin'!

Burrrrrr! The extended cold weather has been a challenge for us Southern gardeners. Rain, sleet, icy mix and snow has and will continue to threaten our yards, shrubs, trees and containers.

Here are six winter-gardening tips for Charlotte gardeners:

1. Protecting Plants

Use mulch to insulate roots and cover your tender plants with burlap, frost cloths or sheets to prevent damage.

2. Caring for Soil

Top-dress your garden beds with compost or leaf mold to improve the structure and acidity levels of your soil.

3. Planting

Start cold-hardy veggies like peas, spinach, celery or spring bulbs in early February, and consider starting seeds for other crops indoors.

4. Watering

Keep plants hydrated by watering deeply before freezing; avoid overwatering to prevent root rot.

5. Supporting Wildlife

Keeping your feeders filled and leaving seed heads on flowering perennials provides much needed sustenance to our wild friends!

6. Clean Up!

Clean and oil your tools and stow your lawn equipment in a dry place. Clean up fallen leaves and debris to prepare for a healthy spring garden!



Remember...

North Carolina weather can be beautiful in mid-February, with temperatures often reaching the upper 60's+ across most of the state. But don't be fooled. False spring can give false hope. Average freeze dates run from mid to late March in coastal counties and to mid-May in our western mountains.

Be vigilant about the cold that lies ahead. But do remember, spring is just around the corner!

Watch Our Garden Grow

SPOTLIGHT
ON NEW
SPROUTS



Welcome New Sprouting Members



ALEX AND DONNA ALLSON

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BLOOMING TRIVIA

Have you ever noticed faces or animals hiding in leaves, bark, or stones? That phenomenon is called pareidolia. Researchers at the University of California, Berkeley say it can enhance creativity and encourage comfort with ambiguity. Check out these awesome animal look-alikes that you might find while gardening!



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.

Please remind your member friends to check their promotions or spam folders for Charlotte Garden Club mailings!

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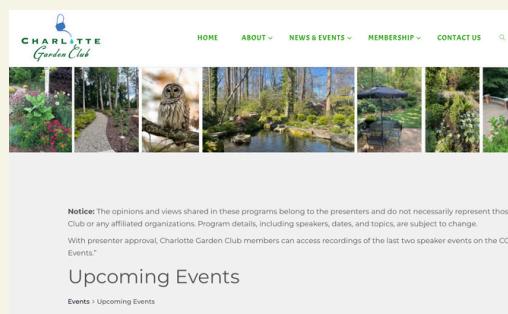
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