



# Garden Club 2018

## April Newsletter

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**Message from Chairman Betsy:** The flower arrangements at the Art in Bloom show were amazing. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did. More fun and interesting activities coming up! Let me know if you hear of anything our gardening ladies might be interested in or a program/project we might want to do.

**April Activities:** Plan to meet at the clubhouse on Tuesday April 17 at 9 am to do some light yard work (raking, weeding, pruning). Bring gloves, rake, pruners, bug off and whatever you use in your yard. Anne Parker and Lynne Kaplan are hostesses.

### **May Activities:**

- Plant Sale/Exchange is Saturday May 5 at the Oriental Farmers Market. Volunteers are needed to man the table for an hour or so beginning at 8 am and ending about noon. Please let Betsy Hughes know if you can help. Plants can be delivered to our site at 8 am. Start potting your spare plants now in small plastic pots so they have time to recover and look vibrant. Get wood popsicle plant markers from Gwen Rhodes to label your contributions. If you have plants to contribute let Betsy know the approximate number and variety so she knows how many tables to set up (betsy.hughes099@gmail.com).
- Tuesday May 15 is our spring tour of garden centers and retail therapy with lunch at the Ice House in Swansboro. We will carpool from the clubhouse parking lot leaving at 8:30 am to catch the 8:45 am ferry. Nurseries will include J&S Nursery, Carolina Home and Garden Center and Redfern's Nursery. Linda Parker needs to know by Friday May 11 how many plan to have lunch at the Ice House (parkerlp210@gmail.com). Lunch is at 12:30 pm. Directions and addresses will be provided when we meet at the clubhouse.



## June Activities:

- A workshop is planned on Recycling Tuesday June 19 at the clubhouse with refreshments beginning at 9 am and the program at 9:30 am. Marlene Miller is coordinating. More information will be in the May newsletter. This program will be open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors. Betsy Hughes and Dianne Conrad are hostesses.
- Litter pick-up on HY 55 is planned for Tuesday June 26. More information in the May newsletter.



**Yard of the Month:** Congratulations to Cathy and Tony Santore, 9314 Doris Drive, Oriental for winning the April YOM and thank you to Gay Webster and Michele Musella for judging. May YOM judges are Carol McAdoo and Suzanne Jantzen. June judges are Linda Parker and Suzanne Mendell. We are still in need of judges for August. Please let Lee Duer know if you can help.

**Hummingbirds are Arriving:** Get your bird feeders out! Male hummingbirds have started arriving. An easy feeding solution is four parts water to one part sugar. Food coloring is not necessary and do not heat/boil as it changes the chemical composition of the sugar. Just stir the mixture and let it sit a few minutes for the sugar to dissolve. Then have fun watching these feisty little critters!

**Other Activities:** Oriental Tour of Homes is Saturday April 21. Katherine Reardon's home is on the tour and she has asked for GC members to help with weeding her garden. She has offered a \$100 donation to GC/OWC in exchange for about 8 total hours of weeding. If you can help please contact her at 249-3181. Her home is 1109 Link Lane, Oriental. Sounds like an easy way to make some money for an hour or so of your time!

- May is Gifts from the Garden Month
  - May 3 is Garden Meditation Day
    - May 8 is Iris Day
  - May 16 is Love a Tree Day
  - May 30 is Water a Flower Day