



Garden Club 2018 May Newsletter

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Message from Chairman Betsy: Thank you to those that brought plants and those who helped at the Plant Sale/Exchange on May 5th. We made \$187. Also, thank you to everyone that helped spruce up the clubhouse yard on April 17th. We had a great turnout of members despite the blustery cool weather. With so many helping hands we got the job done in record time. Thank you, thank you!



May Activities: 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. Please be there at 8:15 am to catch the 8:45 am ferry. Nurseries will include J&S Nursery, Carolina Home and Garden Center and Redfern's Nursery. I hope you let Linda Parker know if you plan to have lunch at the Ice House. She needed to know by May 4 (parkerlp210@gmail.com). Lunch is at 1 pm. Directions and addresses will be provided when we meet at the clubhouse.

June Activities:

- Tuesday June 19 will be a workshop on recycling. The meeting begins at 9 am with refreshments and the program at 9:30 am. This program will be open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors. Betsy Hughes and Dianne Conrad are hostesses. Following the program we will meet to approve the revised GC Bylaws and conduct any additional business necessary.
- Litter pick-up on HY 55 is planned for Tuesday June 26. More information in the June newsletter.





Yard of the Month: Congratulations to Leigh and Allen Price, 507 Broad Street, Oriental for winning the May YOM and thank you to Carol McAdoo and Suzanne Jantzen for judging. June judges are Linda Parker and Suzanne Mendell. July judges are Marlene Miller and Gay and Gail Radosevich. Carol Herman has volunteered to be a judge for the August YOM. An additional member is needed to assist Carol, preferably a new member to learn the process. Please let Lee Duer know if you are willing to help judge the August YOM.

Other Activities:

- OWC Tuesday June 5 General Meeting is a pot luck luncheon honoring our scholarship recipients. Bring a dish serving 6 to 8 people. Meeting begins at 11:30 am.
- Volunteers are needed to man the Croaker Festival Information/T-shirt Sales Booth on June 29 and 30. Let Elizabeth MacDonald know if you can help.



If You Have Not Heard: Pinecone Perennials on HY 17 in New Bern is back in business with the same owner, same helpful workers and the same beautiful plants. Those of us who like to haunt garden centers were so disappointed last year when the facility was taken over by some folks that did not know much about plants.

Keep the Deer Away: We love Bambi, but not when he/she eats our plants! Two safe, effective and long lasting (won't wash off with rain) products rated 4 stars are Deer Out and Bobbex, available on Amazon and other sites (I understand Rachel has some Bobbex at her store). If the deer get a taste for a plant before you start spraying almost no amount of spray will keep the deer away. So you need to start spraying as soon as new growth appears and spray more frequently during early growth. It is also suggested that you alternate products several times during the year. Some of these products seem to prevent rabbit damage also. Mr. Bunny can do just as much if not more damage than Bambi and it is hard to tell which is munching on your plants.

June is Perennial Gardening Month
June is National Red Rose Month
June is Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month
June 3-9 is National Grasslands Week
June 13 is Weed Your Garden Day
June 27 is National Orange Blossom Day