



Trent Woods Garden Club

February 2022

Happy Valentine's Day to All,

Brrrr we have had a few cold weeks lately, with rain, ice and a dusting of snow. All the late blooming plants and some confused tulips are finally resting. But I spy some early daffodils stretching toward the sun lately and know that spring will be here before we know it.

I really enjoyed David Hite's, from Tryon Palaces, presentation last month. Wonderful information about medicinal, culinary, and flowering herbs for our kickoff of the Annual Herb Sale! Order forms are on our website and in the newsletter for you to print and share with your family and friends!

The Herb Sale is TWGC's biggest fundraiser for our scholarships and civic programs so let's make this the best year yet! Remember that all your orders will be delivered right to your door on April 18th.

Gail xoxo

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TWGC Monthly General Meeting

February 10, 2022

New Bern Golf & Country Club

4301 Country Club Road, New Bern, NC 28562

10:00 am – Coffee and Social 10:30 – Meeting and Program 12 Noon – Lunch

Reminder: NBG&CC has increased the lunch and room fee to \$25. per person and added a \$10 per person room fee if you do not stay for lunch.

Program

“Carolina Camellias”

Laura will share Information, Advice, and Photos of those
Beautiful Winter Blooms

Presented by

Laura Knox

Master Gardener, TWGC Member

Menu Selections

Pecan Chicken Salad – Homemade chicken salad topped with Carolina candied pecans served on a bed of iceberg lettuce with fresh fruit & apple nut bread

OR

Pecan Crusted Chicken with Mashed potatoes and Chef’s Vegetable

Please contact Judy Boyd at judysboyd@embarqmail.com by

Tuesday February 8, 2022 to reserve your luncheon choice.

Lunch cost \$25- due before meeting

\$10 if you are not staying for lunch- due before meeting



Trent Woods Garden Club 2022 Herb Sale Pre-Order Form



Due February 15, 2022 Plants will be delivered to your home April 18, 2022

\$3.50 per 4" pot Culinary Herb Planter \$20. Naturally Grown

Chives, Basil, Parsley, Thyme, Oregano and Dill

Culinary Herbs

Basils:

African Blue _____

Sweet _____

Lemon _____

Red Rubin _____

Thai _____

Tusli (Holy Basil) _____

Chives, Onion _____

Chives, Garlic _____

Cilantro _____

Dill _____

Fennel, Bronze _____

Lemon Grass, East I _____

Lemon Verbena _____

Marjoram _____

Mints:

Apple _____

Mountain _____

Peppermint _____

Pineapple _____

Spearmint KY Col. _____

Oreganos:

Greek _____

Italian _____

Cuban _____

Golden _____

Hot and Spicy _____

Parsley, Curly _____

Parsley, Italian _____

Rosemary:

Upright _____

Trailing _____

Sages:

Mexican Bush _____

Pineapple _____

Sage _____

Tri-color _____

Sorrel, Red Blood Vein _____

Stevia _____

Tarragon, French _____

Tarragon, Mexican _____

Thymes:

English _____

French _____

Silver Edge _____

Lemon _____

Flowering Herbs

Anise Hyssop _____

Bee Balm _____

Borage _____

Foxglove, Purple _____

Lavenders:

Goodwin Creek _____

Hidcote _____

Munstead _____

Provence _____

Spanish _____

Sweet _____

Nasturtiums _____

Nicotiana _____

Santolina Gray _____

Citronella _____

Texas Hibiscus _____

Woodruff, Sweet _____

Sweet Annie _____

Medicinal Herbs

Aloe _____

Lemon Balm _____

Catnip _____

Calendula _____

Echinacea, Purple _____

Lamb's Ear _____

Marshmallow _____

Pennyroyal _____

Evening Primrose _____

Feverfew _____

Blue Vervain _____

St John's Wort _____

Wormwood _____

Yarrow, white _____

Vick's Plant _____

Order form on reverse side

Trent Woods Garden Club Herb Sale 2022

Order Form Due 2/15/2022

Delivery to your home on April 18, 2022

#	HERBS @ \$3.50 EACH
#	CULINARY PLANTER @ \$20 EACH
	(planted with Chives, Basil, Oregano Thyme, Parsley and Dill)
	Total

Make check payable to Trent Woods Garden Club or TWGC

Check total \$ _____

Mail Order Form and check to:

Mary Florence
911 Capstan Court
New Bern, NC 28560

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Garden Therapy January 2022

Home made pine cone bird feeders were the order of the day at Good Shepard Nursing Home.



Garden Therapy January 2022 (continued)



Garden Therapy Schedule 2021-2022

Contact Kathy Perretta – krperretta@aol.com 252-633-3665

February 14, 2022 10am

Homeplace, 1309 McCarthy Blvd.

March 14, 2022 10am

Monarch, 1320 Health Drive

April 18, 2022 10am

River Point Crest , 2600 Old Cherry Point Road

We are in need of a new Garden Therapy Chairperson. This year is all scheduled, it would just require you to call everyone as a reminder. Please contact anyone on TWGC board if you would be willing to help.

Peony Care *By Judi Lloyd*

Plant peonies in the fall in well-drained soil. Choose a site that receives full sun (at least 6 hours a day) and is not close to large trees which will compete with the peonies for nutrients, water, and light. If planting specimen plants, space them 3 to 4 feet apart. In beds, plant them closer so they'll fill in. Don't plant them in a bed where you removed an old peony unless you also replace the soil. Peonies are long-lived, and certain diseases may build up in the soil.

Dig the holes 18 inches deep, amending the soil with a 3-inch-thick layer of compost. Set the peony plant in the hole with the "eyes" (new buds) on the top of the crown only 2 inches below the soil level. Planting any deeper may prevent the peony from flowering. Water the plants well.

Spring and Summer Care

The first spring you may not get a few flowers. This is normal as the plant is putting most of its energy into creating roots and shoots.

Fertilize. If grown in compost-amended soil, peonies require little supplemental fertilization. An annual application of compost around the drip line of the plant will keep it growing strong. If your soil is poor, add a fertilizer high in phosphorous and potassium and lower in nitrogen to promote more flowers and less leafy growth.

Mulch. Keep plants well-watered and mulched with a 2- to 3-inch-thick layer of shredded bark mulch. Weed the mulch away from stems.

Deadhead. Remove the dead flowers to promote more leaf production and better flowering the following year. Some gardeners like to keep the dead flowers on the plant, since the seed pods that develop are interesting and artistic. If you have a well-established, healthy plant, this shouldn't deter its flower production next year.

Transplanting & Dividing

If you need to move a peony bush or have one that is flowering poorly due to overcrowding, transplant it in the fall. Cut back the foliage to the ground. Dig around the outer edge of the peony clump, trying to dig up as much of the root system as possible. Move it to a new, sunny, well-drained location and set the clump in the hole no deeper than it was previously planted.

To divide the clump, remove any loose soil, and with a sharp knife cut the clump so each section has 3 to 5 eyes (buds) as well as a good root system. Set the divisions in new holes as described above. Keep well-watered during the fall.

Winter Care

Peonies are hardy perennials that survive cold winters with little care. Tree peonies have the same requirements as bush peonies, however they generally are less hardy. With little care, your bush and tree peonies will grow and thrive, providing years of delight in your garden.



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post-amended soil, peonies fertilization. An annual application of compost around the drip line of the plant will keep it growing strong. If your soil is poor, add a fertilizer high in phosphorous and potassium to promote more flowers and less

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Bank of the Arts January 2022

Barbara Mercer provided this vibrant arrangement of carnations in honor of the valentines local children created for Bank of the Arts display.



Monthly Program January 2022

David Hite from Tryon Palace gave a wonderful presentation about herbs. He was very informative and we all enjoyed his talk.



February 2022 Bird of the Month

Red-winged Blackbird

By Michael Creedon



This is one of our backyard birds that is hard to ignore. Outside of breeding season, they will form flocks of 300 to 2,000. They swoop into your yard, perching in the tops of



your tallest trees, and then the cacophony begins. Mixed in that huge flock are usually some Robins, Brown-headed Cowbirds, and a good smattering of Grackles. Sometimes a Waxwing or two will join the crowd. Claims have been made that this is the most abundant bird in North America, as bird counting censuses of wintering red-winged blackbirds sometimes show flocks in excess



of 1,000,000. Population exceeds 250 million PAIRS!! It is also among the most studied bird in the world.

Most authorities say the Dark-eyed Junco is the most populous, although it is tough to count millions of birds.

Among our most familiar birds, Red-wings seem to sing their nasal songs in every marsh and wet field from coast to coast.

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Bird of the Month (continued)

The population ranges from central Alaska to northern Costa Rica, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They are notably bold, and several will often attack a larger bird, such as a hawk or crow, that flies over their nesting area. The red shoulder patches of the male, hidden under body feathers much of the time, are brilliantly displayed when he is singing. Males are all black with a red shoulder and yellow wing bar, while the females are a nondescript dark brown and heavily streaked overall, with a yellow wash around the bill.

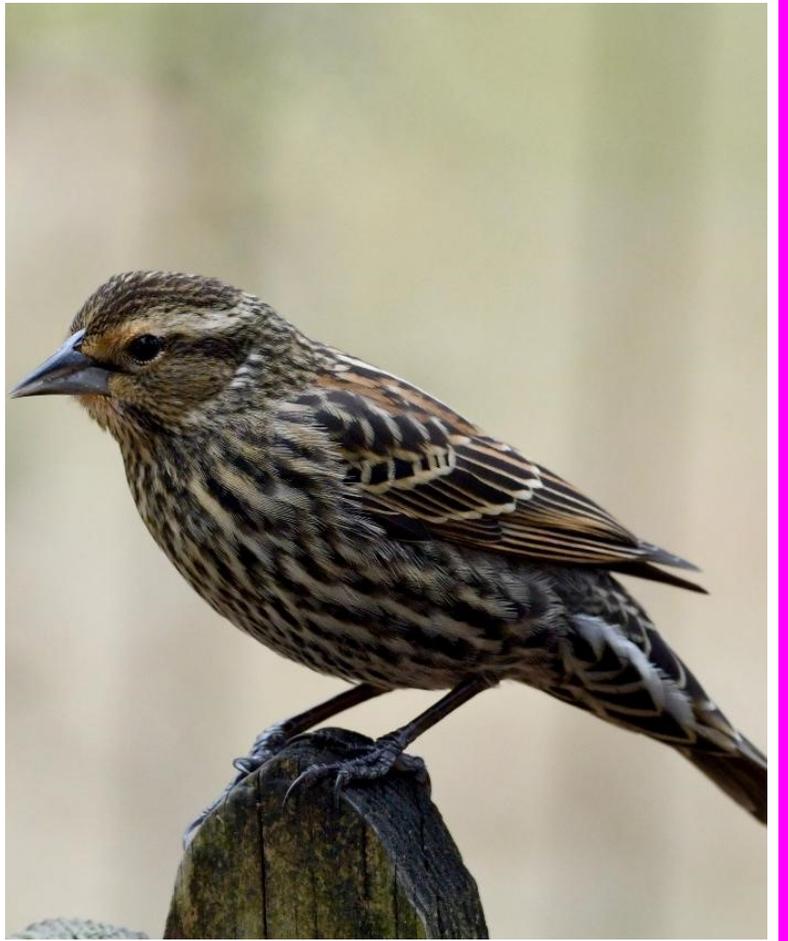
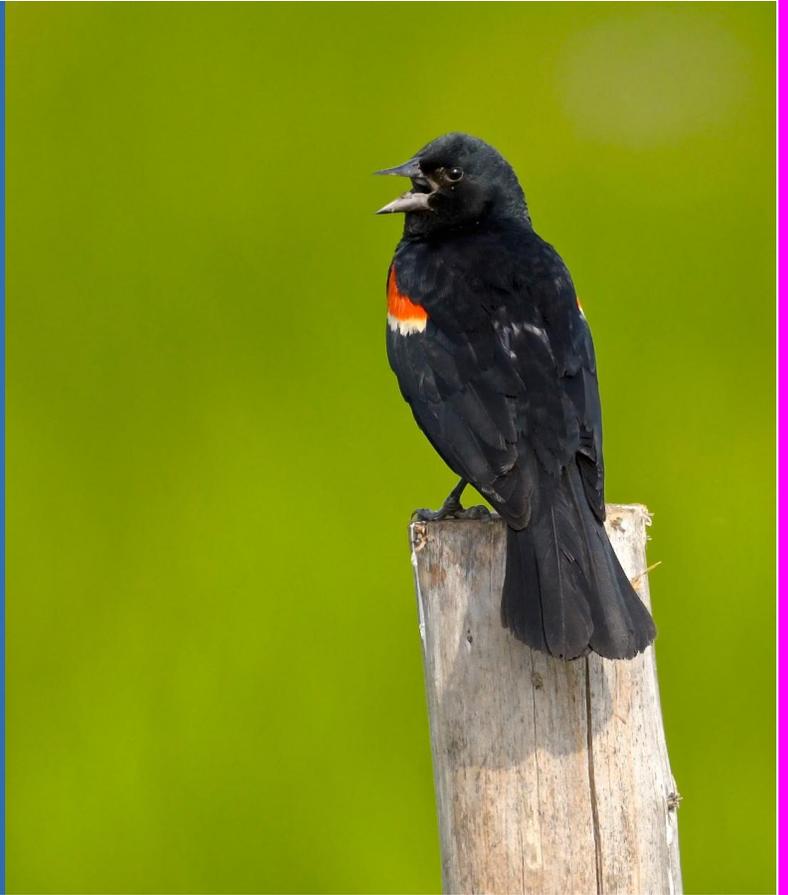
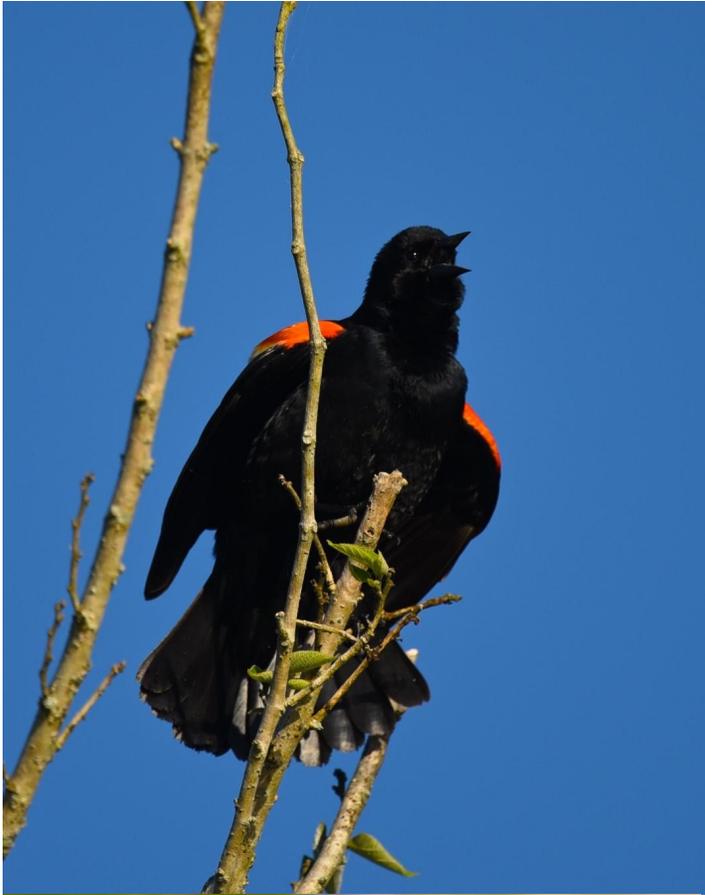
They are year round residents in our area, and when it is time to go a courting, the male will perch high on a stalk, feathers all fluffed out, with that red and yellow wing patch in clear view to all the females, and sings a loud song. Nests vary from marsh growth to dense growth

in fields, with wetlands the preferred habitat. 3 - 4 eggs, hatch in 10 - 12 days, fledging 2 weeks later. Perhaps a reason they are so prolific is they will raise 2 to 3 clutches per season from April to the end of July.

Red-wings are omnivorous, dining on everything from seeds of weeds to insects, frogs, worms, spiders, mollusks, even carrion. In my yard they feast on dogwood berries in the fall and early winter. The sheer numbers of these birds effect the environment noticeably. As one example: The approximately 8 million red-wings nesting in Ohio consume more than 12 million pounds of insects, many such as weevils, corn worms and beetles that are highly damaging to crops. Unfortunately, their sheer numbers can also be devastating to crops. As early as 1667 laws have been passed, hunting parties formed, and currently the use of traps, poison and surfactants in attempts to control their numbers. All have failed. Harassment has worked, although it has simply moved the problem from one area to another. So when you hear that sound of a thousand birds singing from your tree tops, go out and have a look at this most abundant North American bird.



Bird of the Month (continued)



Seasonal Design January 2022

By Gail Mclamb

An artful design of greens, berries and camellias



Please welcome our new TWGC Members!



Taylor Paramore is inducted by 1st VP Membership Rhona Beadle

woolardat0126@gmail.com 252-945-9899 333 Egret Circle, New Bern 28562



Rhona Beadle inducts Carolyn Waring into TWGC

Carolyn Waring 3105 Peppercorn Road, New Bern 28562 Tel: 601-218-0747 mcwaring74@gmail.com

TWGC Announces New Blue Star Marker

TWGC member and state chair of the National Garden Clubs Blue Star Memorial Marker program, Paula Hartman announced that a new Blue Star Marker will be installed and dedicated later this year at the National Cemetery in New Bern. Blue Star Memorial Markers are placed in honor of all Armed Forces the United States of America. Many thanks to the Nights of Columbus, New Bern Elks and Vietnam Wall organizations for their generosity in making this Memorial Marker happen.



Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker maintained by TWGC. This marker was planted by the Beautification Committee, led by Marcia Sproul, with winter cabbages.

Horticulture Corner-February 2022

By Maureen Loomer

“Gay lucidity, Not yet sunshine, in the air; Tingling secrets hidden everywhere ...”

*-- Michael Field, in
‘February’ (1913)*

My garden is replete with moles, voles, and weeds. I wax philosophical on this. The moles will eat the grubs, and the grubs and voles will eat the weed roots. The surviving weeds will provide early food for small pollinators and other insects that feed dragonflies, robins, and bluebirds. So it’s all good. That’s my story, and I’m sticking to it.



The parade of the seed catalogs has begun, so NOW is the time to plan for spring and summer planting. The TWGC herb sale and the Tryon Palace heritage plant sale are great resources. We should start seeing vegetable and decorative plants from local growers at the New Bern Farmer’s Market by late March or early April. Buying local may be more convenient and less expensive than buying from mail-order houses. My favorite mail-order suppliers are Bluestone Perennials (bluestoneperennials.com) and Plant Delights Nursery (plantdelights.com), and Prairie Nursery (prairienursery.com). These suppliers offer guarantees on their plants, and species I cannot find locally. Their websites also offer information and advice.

Plant Delights Nursery is located in Raleigh, and owners Tony and (the late) Michelle Avent also established Juniper Level Botanical Garden. JLBG is again open for visitors! <https://www.jlbg.org/content/visit/gardenDays.php>

Ann Simpson mentioned this destination to me at the January meeting. Road trip, anyone?

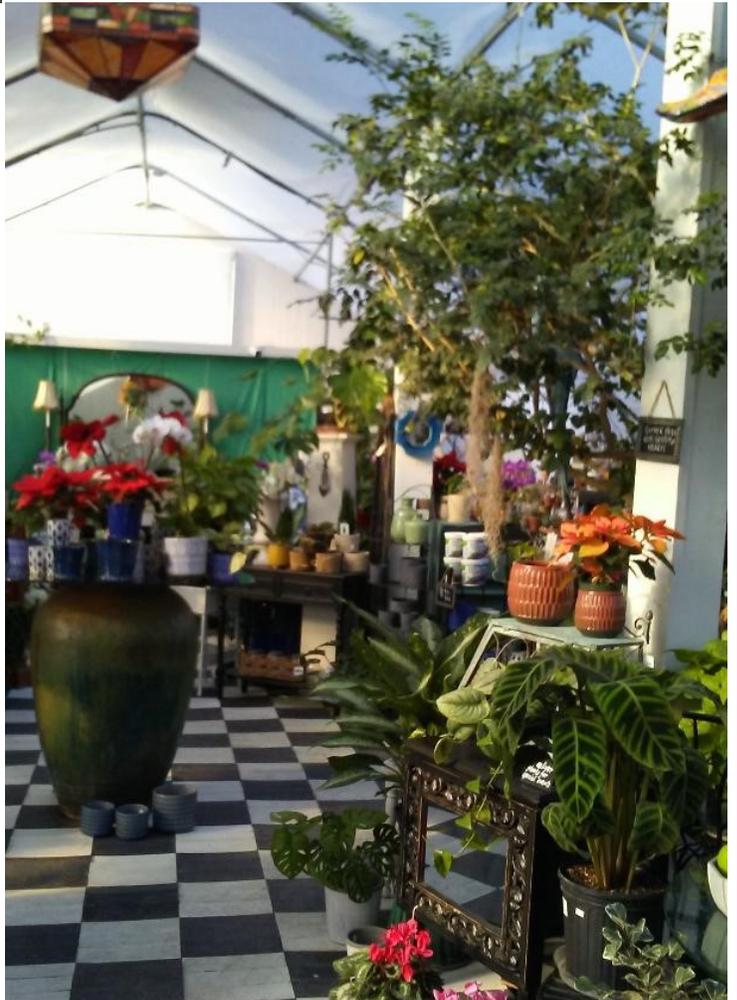
Horticulture Corner (continued)

Local Garden Centers: Our coastal communities missed most of the snow and ice that hit the piedmont and mountains, but three (going on four!) storms have made this winter as chilly as I recall. Of course, those of you from up north would call this a heatwave. Pinecone has moved most of their stock back to the farm, and Lowe's has been holding deliveries of tender stock. Pinecone's inside shop is full of orchids and a few other indoor plants. Lowe's has seeds and bulbs for spring planting. The dahlia tubers I bought will wait in my shed until I can plant them in a few weeks. Lowe's also has daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips growing in small containers. I will buy some tulips for my elevated front porch but cannot have them anywhere else because of the deer. Here is a list of "deer-resistant" bulbs (<https://www.thespruce.com/deer-resistant-bulbs-2131830>).



Lenten Roses (*Helleborus orientalis*): I have not seen hellebores in our local garden centers yet, but these are a great addition to the garden when year-round color is a priority. Hellebores are best known for their very early blooming, nodding cup-shaped flowers. These semi-evergreen perennials herald the coming of spring in shades of white, yellow, pink, maroon and even soft green. The NC Ag Extension Service points out that this shade-loving plant is easy to grow and deer-resistant (<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/helleborus-orientalis/>) but is also mildly toxic to humans and pets. Some beautiful varieties! <https://www.bluestoneperennials.com/genus/helleborus.html#:~:text=Lenten%20Rose%20are%20best%20known,maroon%20and%20even%20soft%20green.>

Until next time...



Upcoming Events

The Carteret County Master Gardener Volunteers invite you to join them on Feb 9th for Lisa Rayburn's presentation on *Backyard Food Gardening*

additional information can be found at

[Free Event Backyard Food Gardening Feb 9 | North Carolina Cooperative Extension \(ncsu.edu\)](https://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/extension/programs-services/extension-events/free-event-backyard-food-gardening-feb-9)

Spring Home and Garden Tour

April 8 and April 9

Need docents

Bank of the Arts

<i>date</i>	<i>theme</i>	<i>designer</i>
February 11	<i>Large/Big</i>	Ann Simpson
March 11	<i>All Portraits</i>	Deb Tallman
April 8	<i>Education</i>	open
May 13	<i>Colors</i>	Gail McLamb
June 10	<i>Juneteenth</i>	Paula Hartman

Trent Woods Garden Club Awards

GCNC Awards 2021-2022

First Place

Year Book

GCNC Awards 2020-2021

First Place

National Garden Week

Asheville Garden Club Garden Therapy

Alta Kornegay Garden Therapy

Pat Olejar Holiday Decoration

Sylvia Gatzy Award

Ruth Yarbrough Publicity Press Book

Website Award

Publications Award

Mary Jane Knight Youth Program

Second Place

Club of the Year

Peggy Polak for Youth Education