



Trent Woods Garden Club

October 2022

Welcome back TWGC members!

I can't tell you how happy I am that we get to spend another great year together. We have a wonderful schedule of programs for you this year. Beginning with our own Ann Simpson who will lead us in a hands-on floral design class. So don't forget your container, flowers, snips and frogs or oasis.

During the summer we found out that we will not be able to source herbs as we have in the past. The decision was made to sell plants propagated, divided, or grown from seed from our own gardens. In addition, we will also be asking for donations of garden books, vases, anything garden oriented. The date of the sale will be April 22, 2023 at the New Bern Farmers Market. All funds raised will go toward our outreach programs such as Garden Therapy, Youth Gardeners, and scholarships.

I will be giving a tutorial on propagation during our meeting, and I encourage everyone to sign up and help us continue doing what we do so well for our community.

Xoxo Gail

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And
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TWGC Executive Board 2022-2023

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TWGC General Meeting

September 8, 2022

At New Bern Golf and Country Club

10:00 AM Social time, Coffee and Tea served

10:30 AM Meeting begins

Program

“Floral Design”

Hands-on Flower Arranging Experience

Bring your vase and cut flowers, and Ann will teach you to design a beautiful arrangement

Presented by

Ann Simpson, Member of TWGC, FHGC

Past President of both clubs;
Accredited Flower Show Judge

Menu Selections

Menu selections will be emailed to all members prior to the monthly meeting.

Garden Therapy

TWGC planted a salsa garden at Riverpoint Crest in April. Photo's were taken August 1st. The group planted herbs, tomato's, peppers-everything you need for salsa that will be enjoyed by all the residents.



Garden Therapy Schedule 2022-2023

Contact interim Chair:

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

Please contact Gail McLamb if you would be interested in

Chairing Garden Therapy

Monday September 12, 2022 10am

Hostess: Sue Wyatt - 252-636-0278 Bayview, 3003 Kensington Road

Floral arrangements

Monday Oct. 17, 2022 10am

Hostess Carol Letellier - 252-288-5851 Trinity United Methodist Church, 2311 Elizabeth Ave.

Nosegays for Meals on Wheels

Monday Nov. 14, 2022 10am

Hostess Kathy Perretta - 252-633-3665 Croatan Village, 4522 Old Cherry Point Road

Floral arrangements

Monday, December 12, 2022 10am

Hostess Laura Knox 252-633-7961 Brookdale, 1336 S. Glenburnie Road

Floral arrangements

Monday, January 16, 2023 10am

Hostess Paula Hartman - 252-670-3233 Good Shepherd, 603 West Street

Pine cone feeders

Monday, February 13, 2023 10am

Hostess Marcia Sproul - 252-672-0472 Homeplace, 1309 McCarthy Blvd.

Floral arrangements

Monday, March 13, 2023 10am

Hostess Rhona Beadle 826-266-7888 Monarch, 1320 Health Drive

Pine cone feeders

Monday, April 17, 2023 10am

Host Jack Durham - 919-758-5100 River Point Crest , 2600 Old Cherry Point Road

Plant Vegetable Garden

Are you having a decline in your dogwoods?

By Judi Lloyd



If you've noticed some dead branches and looking closer, that the blossoms are mis-shaped, take a close look at the bracts which could indicate spot anthracnose, a very common fungal disease this time of year on dogwoods. Affected bracts and leaves can be misshapen, and this is most likely what's happening with your tree. There is also some possibility that our March freezes, following extremely warm weather in February, damaged the bracts as they were unfolding. But, it's more likely to be spot anthracnose.

Spot anthracnose causes no significant harm to dogwoods, and fungicides are generally not recommended. It may be more noticeable some years than others, and will be worse when there's a lot of rain. Maintaining good air movement and allowing for at least some sunlight helps minimize this problem.

There is little to no chance that the branch dieback is related to spot anthracnose. Unfortunately, determining the cause of branch dieback can be a time-consuming process, and involves lab diagnostics. Start by pulling soil away from the base of the trunk and examining the root system first to see if the tree was planted at the correct depth (major support roots should be at landscape grade), and second to see if there are any circling roots, and, if so, whether or not they have started to girdle the lower trunk. Evaluate whether a weed string trimmer or other device has inflicted any mechanical injury. And, by the way, turf shouldn't be maintained up to the trunk. A mulch circle with a minimum 4-foot radius from the trunk outwards should be provided at planting and expanded over time as the tree develops. Any disturbance that may have occurred over the root system, such as digging or grade change for a flower bed, could result in eventual decline of the tree. Dogwood borers can attack the trunk or branches. Examine the tree for the presence of tiny, neatly drilled holes. Also, review any herbicide use in the vicinity of the tree. Finally, were any large shade trees nearby removed within the past year or so? A sudden change in microclimate, in particular a shift from shade or partial shade to full sun, can be extremely stressful to dogwoods.

September Bird of the Month
By Michael Creedon

Willetts



Here we are in September, the best time to get down to the shore. This month we will look at one of the more common shore birds along our coast, the Willet. They are easily found foraging along the wet sands of our beaches, looking for crustaceans, marine worms, clams and insects. They will also hunt small fish, wading up to their belly in pursuit. Their

sensitive bill allows them to also hunt at night.

They are a fairly plain looking bird, however when they are flushed and fly, they show the brilliant white and black



stripes along their wings. Belonging to the Sandpiper family, they have long legs, with a thick straight bill, considerably longer than their head. They are generally solitary, although can be found in small groups.

Our Eastern Willets are migratory, spending the breeding season on our beaches and wetlands, wintering in Central and South America. There is a population of Western Willets that can occasionally be found on our beaches in winter.

They nest in sand dunes and salt marsh grasses, sometimes lining the nest with small pebbles and grasses. They are long term monogamous, returning to the same nesting area every year. Incubation is 3 to 4 weeks, although the female leaves about 2 weeks before they fledge.

There are approximately 250,000 in the USA, of which only 90,000 are Eastern. We are very lucky to have this bird be common in our area, as most of the USA will never see it.

**To see even more wonderful photos go to
our website:
www.trentwoodsgardenclub.com**



Trent Woods Garden Club New Blue Star Memorials



TWGC members led by Blue Star Memorial NC State Chair, Paula Hartman, dedicated a new Blue Star marker in the New Bern National Cemetery on May 24, 2022. Additional photos on our website!

On July 20th NC State Chair Paula Hartman and Linda Osgood, Chair of project for Summerlin GC dedicated a new Blue Star Memorial at the VA Health Center in Wilmington.



Horticulture Corner- September 2022

By Maureen Loomer



“Gardeners tend to be the most adaptable of human beings. In fact, gardening... trains you to be flexible, and to find consolations where you can. So the poppies never came up and deer ate the roses? Well, the irises looked great, and the lilacs were fabulous.”

— Constance Casey, *Landscape Architecture* columnist

Your horticulture chairman is eager to hear how your gardening season has progressed at the first meeting of the year. The native perennials that dominate my garden have done well, especially the heat-loving mints. The mountain mints are blooming, attracting some bees. A guara that I put in a raised bed has grown so much that I will need to move it. IF I can find a place the deer won't get it. The gallon-sized American Beautyberry I planted three years ago, now measures four and a half feet high and wide. It is covered with purple berries which will please the bluebirds very much.

It has been a great season for deer, but a poor one for butterflies in my garden. I watched five young bucks eat their way through my coneflowers and salvias, oblivious to the fact that these are “deer-resistant” plants. I have had no swallowtail larvae on the rue, parsley, or bronze fennel. My friends with Pinehurst's Native Pollinator Garden reported Monarchs starting in late July, but I have had no larvae on my milkweed.

Powdery mildew has overwhelmed one of my two Saucer Magnolias for the second time. These trees are approximately twenty years old and the species can live (and grow) for up to eighty years. Air circulation in that part of the garden has become very poor as the surrounding crepe myrtles have grown, so I will cut down the damaged one to (hopefully) save the other. My experience is that increasing air circulation has a more lasting effect on mildew than fungicide treatment.

North Carolina's Drought Monitor website indicated abnormally dry-moderate drought in the piedmont from June through August. The rest of the state has been more fortunate with near-normal moisture conditions. Weather Underground indicated normal temperatures June-August and predicts normal to somewhat cool temperatures for Fall due to La Nina conditions.

Running/walking in Trent Woods. The annual cicadas are in flight. The adult “Dog-Day Harvest Flies” remain heard but unseen until late-August-September, after they have mated. Like adult silk moths, adult cicadas have not mouth parts, and die not long after mating. Finding them is a sure sign that Fall is on the way. <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/cicada-tibicen-spspp>

Until next time...

Trent Woods Garden Club Awards

Garden Club Of North Carolina 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