



Trent Woods Garden Club

May 2023

We have an exciting May Meeting/luncheon coming up. We will present our 2 new scholarship recipients, showcase the awards won by TWGC this past year, our annual service recognition award, our Art in Bloom Flower display and our Hat Contest. Design your own hat, wear it to the meeting and compete for the prizes.

This will also be my last meeting presiding as your President. I feel honored and privileged to have represented this club these past two years.

I love and cherish every meeting and every member. Let's look forward to the next two years under Raye Lynn capable leadership, our new board and committee chairs.

My Best to you all, Gail

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TWGC Executive Board 2023-2025

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Corresponding Secretary, Gail McLamb

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TWGC 2023-2025 Officers

(l-r) Kathleen Marty, Rhona Beadle, Gail McLamb, Robin Marfizo, Ann Hall, Debbie Durham, Raye Lynn Longhini

TWGC General Meeting

May 11, 2023

At New Bern Golf and Country Club

10:00 AM Social time 10:30 AM Meeting begins

Program

“Inspired by Art”

Creating Floral Arrangements from Art Inspiration Presented by TWGC Club Members

“What's Next After Graduating”

Presented by Jodie Horne

Three-time winner of TWGC Scholarship

Menu Selections

1. 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

2. Brie and Raspberry Chicken - Pan Seared Marinated Breast of Chicken served with Brie Cream Sauce and Raspberry Compote, Roasted Garlic Potato Puree and Shallot and Balsamic Haricot Verts

Please contact Judy Boyd to make a reservation by

Tuesday May 9th and indicate your choice judysboyd@embarqmail.com

Lunch cost \$25. due before start of meeting.

Meeting only \$10.

TWGC at GCNC Annual Meeting

TWGC members enjoyed a whirlwind two days in Wilmington, NC at the Garden Club of NC, Inc. annual meeting. Our own Paula Hartman was in-

ducted as the new District 11 Director and Frances Eder was thanked for her years of service in that capacity. Deb Tallman, Raye Lynn Longhini and Mary Florence learned a



great deal about other garden clubs around the state. TWGC also won a lot of awards especially for our Youth Gardener program.



2022 Awards won by TWGC at the
GCNC Annual Meeting

MARY PARDUE BEST GARDEN THERAPY – FIRST PLACE

HERITAGE OF DURHAM – FIRST PLACE

MARY ELLEN PENN DESIGN PROGRAM – FIRST PLACE

YOUTH GARDENERS PROGRAM AWARD – FIRST PLACE

WEBSITE AWARD – FIRST PLACE

ROWENA SEWELL BLUE STAR MEMORIAL AWARD – FIRST PLACE

CLUB OF YEAR – SECOND PLACE

YOUTH AWARDS

BIRD PROJECT – FIRST PLACE

CARDINAL DRAWING – FIRST PLACE – ARIA LEE BURLINGAME

BIRD ESSAY – FIRST PLACE – KYMAURI JH'KIY-XI' EL GANUS

SCRAPBOOK AWARD – FIRST PLACE

ARBOR DAY – FIRST PLACE

HORTICULTURE –SECOND PLACE

CERTIFICATE OF HONOR TO THE GARDEN BEES

April 2023 Bank of the Arts

Designed by Marcie Byrd





Youth Gardeners

April 2023

GARDEN BEES – by Paula Hartman

Our April meeting with the BEES was very exciting. We introduced “Butterflies”- with their life cycle. We spoke about the importance of butterflies in today’s world. Then, the BEES sat quietly as we transferred the larvae to the habitat. The caterpillars were quite active as Ms. Frances had been watching them for the past week.

We hope that the butterflies will emerge within 2 weeks. The teacher assured us that she will call us. We bought 2 cups of larvae with 6 caterpillars in each cup (buy one, get one...ha ha) So we are anxiously awaiting the call! We also brought a spider plant and had the BEES clip a baby which they promptly placed in a OUI jar (recycled) and placed on windowsill with water. This was the horticulture lesson for the day. They will watch for roots to emerge and we will bring flower pots and soil for them to plant for Mother’s Day . Then, Ms. Kathy distributed materials to make Mother’s Day cards. That cricket is amazing! (ask Kathy)

So, all in all, we had a very bzzzy day. Also, We will be accompanying the BEES and the rest of the second graders to Cool Springs on May 12—it’s going to be so very fun and informative for us all.

Watch for updates about the butterflies!

More on

www.trentwoodsgardenclub.com



Youth Gardeners 2023 Schedule

Apr. 15

May 17

Early June – last meeting



Meeting: generally 3rd Wednesday of the month. We meet for lunch and planning at 11:15 at Kitchen on Trent and start the program at 12:30 Oaks Road Academy. Contact Paula Hartman

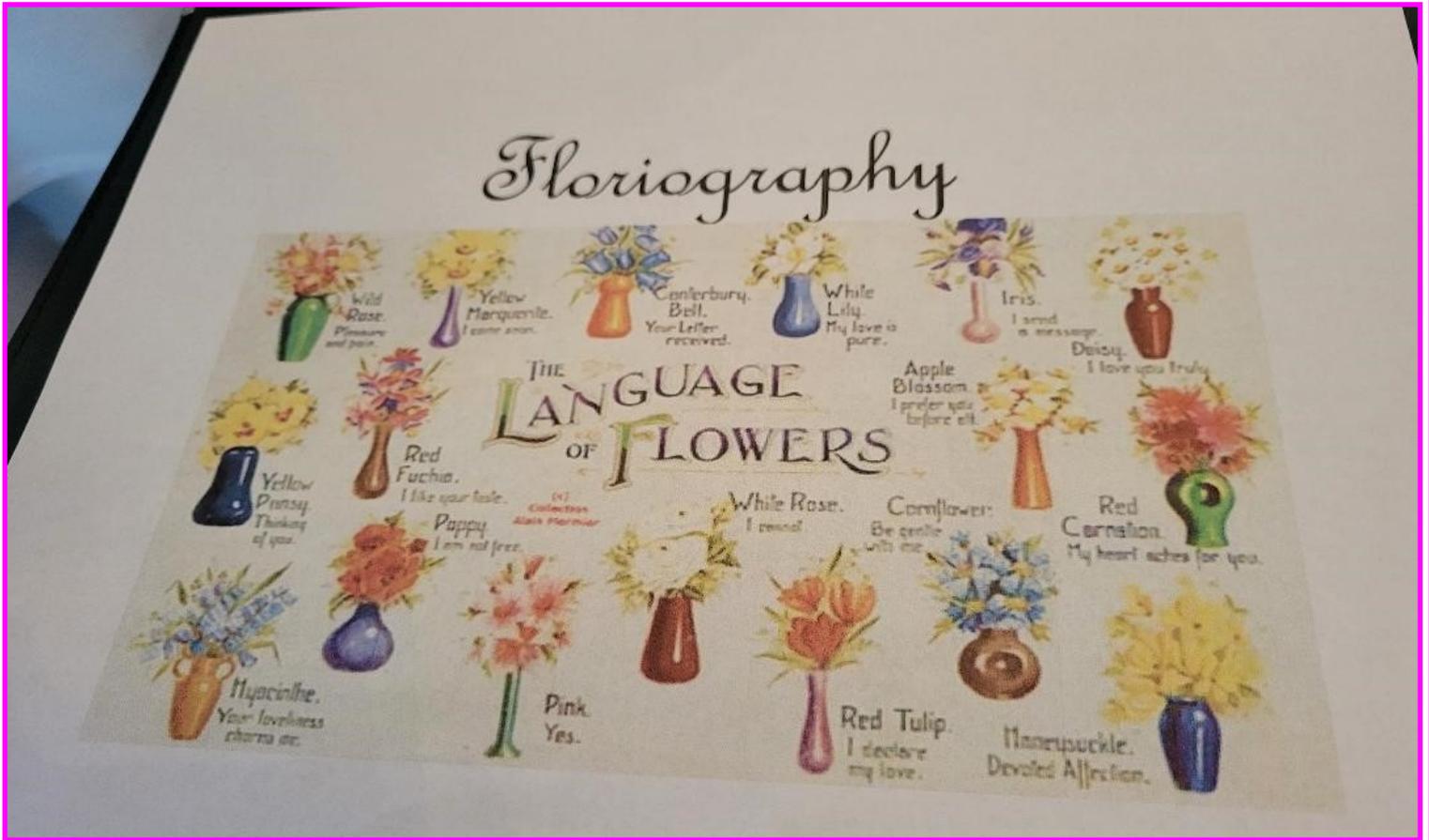


The Butterflies were released!



Monthly Program April 2023

Our own Dawn Staats gave us a lovely presentation on the Victorian language of flowers,



Hat making demonstration



Dawn Staats giving her presentation

We love the convenience of having to only plant perennials once, but annuals sure give a full summer of non-stop color!

By Judi Lloyd

Annual flowers offer the gardener a chance to experiment with color, height, texture, and form. Besides providing a massive display of color, annuals are useful for filling spaces where perennial flowers have died, to cover areas where spring-flowering bulbs have died back, and to fill planters, window boxes, and hanging baskets.

They are easy to grow, sturdy, and relatively inexpensive. Plant breeders have produced many new and improved cultivars, such as plants that grow more compact, produce more flowers, and tolerate more sun or shade.

Annuals are plants that complete their life cycle in one year. Most annuals are planted in the spring, flower through the summer and fall, then die with the first killing frost. Winter flowering annuals, such as pansies, violas, and ornamental cabbage, are planted in the fall, flower in the winter and early spring, and die during the summer.

Choose plants with compact foliage, side branches, and good color. It may be tempting to only select the plants in bloom, but younger non-flowering plants are often the best choice since they establish more quickly in the landscape.

Delay purchasing plants until the proper planting time. Plant tender annuals after the danger of frost has passed. Plant hardy-annuals, such as pansies after the soil has cooled in the fall. Since the soil volume is limited in the small containers, they dry out quickly. Check the plants daily and water as needed.

The key to successfully growing garden flowers is to match the planting site with the needs of each specific flower. Before selecting plants to grow, accurately analyze the site. Critical factors include the amount of sunlight, microclimate temperature, competition from tree roots, and soil drainage and aeration.

Space plants so they will fill in but not be crowded -- crowding increases the likelihood of disease development. Transplanting in the cool part of the day or on an overcast day will minimize stress. Check newly planted transplants for moisture stress frequently until new roots grow into the surrounding soil.

Options for weed control include mulching, cultivation, hand pulling, and using a herbicide. Mulching and spacing plants so they produce a solid mass are the best options to minimize weed problems.

Some flowers will tolerate moderate periods of dry weather; others must have a continuous supply of water. Most annuals will slow or stop flowering during extended hot, dry summer weather.

For further information on how to plant and care for annuals, consult: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/growing-annual-flowers>

Herb Sale and Farmers Market





May 2023 Bird of the Month

Hooded Warbler

By Michael Creedon

We all now know what May is, It's Warbler Time!! This month we will look at the Hooded Warbler. He is a rather small bird, although a mid-sized yellow warbler, that habitually flashes his white outer tail feathers. Males have a distinctive black

hood that surrounds a yellow face. Females have only a shadow of a hood, if any at all, but their bright yellow cheeks stand out.



They spend their winters in Central America and the Caribbean, migrating north in Spring across the Gulf of Mexico. Their breeding range is from east Texas to southern New York, arriving in our area usually late April to early May.

Bird of the Month (continued)

They are found in the mature forest, generally in the understory, often around patches of rhododendron. Their diet is insects and spiders, so we will not see them on our feeders, however you may very well see them on your bird bath. They build



their nests in low shrubs, laying 2 to 5 eggs. Incubation is about 12 days, fledging about 9 days after hatching.

These are solitary birds, almost never in a flock. The males often return to the same breeding spot year after year. The oldest recorded Hooded Warbler was a male 8 years old. They are quite common with populations

increasing. Current estimates are a global count of over 5 million.

So when you are out taking your exercise walk through the woods, keep a sharp eye out for the flash of yellow in the woods. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Additional photos on

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Frozen Margarita Pie

Recipe by [Sandra Faust](#)

Ingredients

Crust:

- 1 cup finely crushed pretzels
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ⅓ cup margarine, melted

Filling:

- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- ⅓ cup frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
- 2 tablespoons tequila
- 1 tablespoon orange liqueur
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 lime, sliced (Optional decoration)

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
 2. Mix pretzels and sugar together in a bowl; stir in margarine until evenly incorporated. Spoon mixture into a 9-inch pie plate; press into the bottom and sides of the plate to form a firm, even crust.
 3. Bake crust in the preheated oven until edges are lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
 4. Mix sweetened condensed milk, limeade concentrate, tequila, and orange liqueur in a large bowl.
 5. Beat cream in a glass or metal bowl until soft peaks form. Lift your beater or whisk straight up: whipped cream should form soft mounds rather than a sharp peak. Fold whipped cream into sweetened condensed milk mixture. Spoon filling into cooled crust.
- Cover pie with plastic wrap and freeze until firm, about 4 hours. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving; garnish with lime slices.