

All the Dirt Newsletter

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Hillsborough Garden Club

Pollinator Paradise Garden Tour

**Thurs., September 28
9:30 am, lunch and visit to
Rachel's Native Plant
Nursery**

Registration is required.



Join us for a tour and plant discussion at the Pollinator Paradise Garden with Agriculture Agent Debbie Roos of the Chatham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension who created this marvelous demonstration garden. The garden is located at Chatham Mills in Pittsboro, NC.

Pollinator Paradise Garden (480 Hillsboro St. Pittsboro) is open to the public and all are welcome. This tour for the Hillsborough Garden Club is **limited to 20** people and pre-registration is required. Email Tammy to reserve your spot. (tamdorf@aol.com). We plan to carpool. More info to come.



For more photos of the plants in the Pollinator Paradise Garden and to learn about in-person and virtual upcoming events, visit www.carolinapollinatorgarden.org. This garden features over 225 species of perennials, trees, shrubs, vines, and grasses, and 85% of them are native to North Carolina.

Calendar of Events

Wed., Sept. 6 & 20, 2023 9 to 11 am
Flower Gleaning at Firefly Farm
4911 Hunt Rd., details on pg.

Thurs., Sept. 14, 2023 10 am
Hillsborough United Methodist Church
130 W. Tryon Street
Program: Fall Flower Fling
HGC Member **Alice Moore** offers tips on flower arranging. Bring a vase, as well as flowers from your garden to share. Out-of-the-box creativity is what's in store for our first meeting of the season.

Thurs., Oct. 12, 2023
5 pm social, 5:30 pm meeting
Hillsborough UMC
Program: Landscape Design Fundamentals
Mary Beth Berkley of Birch Meadow Garden Care, selected to do Visitors Center project, will update the club on the project and also discuss the fundamentals of foundation landscaping.

Thurs., Nov. 9, 2023 10 am
Hillsborough UMC
Program: Planting with Natives
Triangle Gardener columnist **Dale Batchelor** will discuss how managing our residential landscapes is becoming more important for the survival of pollinators and other wildlife.

Hillsborough Community Garden

Nestled off the Riverwalk in Hillsborough is the Hillsborough Community Garden (HCG). Its goal is “to not only donate produce to PORCH and their recipients, but to also grow as a community together. Spending time in the garden with new and old friends leads to a happy harvest and strong roots within our town of Hillsborough.”

The produce grown goes to PORCH who serves over 150 families in need through the

Orange County food pantry and 350 families through community distributions each year.

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings from 5-7 pm**. All the work of the garden is done by volunteers with the input of representatives of the HCG Committee. All produce is grown organically with no pesticides nor non-organic fertilizers. Volunteers are asked not to plant their own seeds nor seedlings without

discussing it with the HCG first.

As one of the first recipients of funds this year from our Philanthropy Committee, HCG received a grant of \$1,375 for supplies. This worthy cause and garden are a perfect match for the mission of the garden club.

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Hillsborough
Community
Garden website



Garden Tour Continued



Plant of the Month: Cup Plant

Silphium perfoliatum

Asteraceae family
Native wildflower

This plant typically grows to around 6 feet, but it can grow as tall as 9 feet. It generally grows in open woods, meadows, prairies and ditches.

Known as a Cup Plant, it gets its name from the stout leaves that join at the stem, forming a cup that will hold water. Birds, especially goldfinches, can be found

drinking the water from these sacs. It attracts many pollinators for its pollen and nectar.

When planting from seeds, it may not produce flowers the first season. Once established, the cup plant grows deep roots and can be difficult to remove.

With a long blooming season, the flower is yellow and looks much like a daisy with more

than 20 petals. The stems are a dark red or burgundy.

Light requirement: Full sun

Water Requirement: medium to wet

Attracts: birds, bees, hummingbirds, pollinators

Tolerates: clay soil, wet soil

Deer resistant: Moderate

Blackwood Farm Park

Blackwood Farm Park opened its gates again May 19 after an extensive renovation. The HGC will be reflected on the Donor Sign.

Hillsborough Garden Club

President: Tammy Dorfman
Vice President: Bonnie Maddox
Secretary: Sherry Appel
Treasurer: Barb Guidos
Newsletter Editor: Lynn Odom

Club Motto: To preserve what is good. To grow what is good. To display what is good.

Conservation Pledge: I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet Earth and promise to promote education, so that we may become better caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.

Affiliate of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and National Garden Club, Inc.



www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.org

History of the Club

In the years between 1953 and 1956 Hillsborough and Orange County held its Bicentennial. In 1954, the Hillsborough Historical Society, with the aid of the Garden Club, held their Bicentennial Home Tour. The cost of the tour was \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children and \$0.50 for children from Orange County.

The members of the Garden Club acted as docents during the tour and dressed in colonial costumes. Club members made the costumes from the yards of fabric

donated by the local Cone Textile Mill. In connection with this bicentennial celebration, the Garden Club had permanent wooden markers made and erected to point out to tourists the name and date of 20 historic sites and homes.

