

All the Dirt Newsletter

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Hillsborough Garden Club

Plant Sale 2024 is a Wrap

By Tammy Dorfman

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day - not too warm, low humidity and gorgeous blue skies. Bonnie, Kristen and I are excited to share numbers with you, but before we do we want to shout from the rooftops our appreciation for our volunteers.

We have to begin with Pat O'Reilly and Barb Guidos. Starting in December 2023, Pat and Barb began volunteering with Backyard Butterflies sowing seeds, transplanting plugs, fish juice fertilizing (you'll have to ask them) and more. Next a shout out to Paul Staller, expert plant transporter and logistical captain. Our flower arranging team was amazing. Captain Kevin McGraw (FOS-friend of Sherry) led Kristen Compton, Liz Goodwin, and Sherry Appel making over 50 arrangements

ranging from \$5-\$50. They were gorgeous and every single one sold.

Our deepest thank you to all of the volunteers on Friday and Saturday: cashiers, plant mavens, HGC info table greeters, parking attendants, plant donors, snack providers, tables movers, plant labelers, plant growers and sponsors. Wow! We couldn't have done it without you!

We partnered with a wonderful team of growers this year. Native trees and shrubs were procured from Mellow Marsh Farm. They specialize in the propagation of plant species native to the Southeast. Local nonprofit Backyard Butterflies provided native plants that focus on supporting butterfly friendly habitats. Mackenzie Rogers, a

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 13, 5:30 pm

Hillsborough UMC

Program: Get Those Squirrels Out of Here and Pot Luck Supper

Enjoy a meal together as we hear a roundtable discussion on the best practices for addressing those pesky garden problems and critters we all experience.

Pollinator Week June 17-24

Share the Blooms

Wednesdays, 9 am - 11:00 am

June 5, 19, 26

August 7, 21

July 17, 31

September 4, 18

Location: Firefly Farm - 4911 Hunt Rd, Hillsborough, NC

Pick flowers and make arrangements for Meals on Wheels clients.

HGC 100th Celebration

As part of the 100th celebration, the Garden Club will design and sponsor an exhibit at the Orange County Historical Museum, beginning in January and running through March 2025.

The OC Historical Museum was founded by members of the Garden Club in 1957 so it is appropriate to have our exhibit in that space!

Tentatively titled "100 Years of Gardening Together", the exhibit will highlight some of the Club's historical records such as old Yearbooks and news articles along with exhibits of gardening tools, old seed

catalogues, and signage from past events.

As such, we are looking for some volunteers to assist us in gathering materials, interviewing older members, researching artifacts, and identifying other possible exhibit items, such as antique or unusual vases. Since the early meetings were held at Club members' homes, we are also looking for the types of items that women might have worn to the early meetings, such as hats, gloves, or dresses, and tea services, tablecloths, napkins or other display pieces.

Knowing that many of our members are artists and have contributed

covers for our Yearbooks over the years, we hope to display these artworks along with others from our members.

Do you have anything you might contribute to the exhibit? Old tools or seed packets/catalogues? Garden designs? Or just ideas!

All of this will require volunteers! Please consider helping in any way you can. Please contact Sherry Appel and let her know of your interest.

Sherryappel@gmail.com or call at 202-441-3160.

Vintage Seed Packages



2024-25 HGC Programs

Have you ever wondered what kind of bird is singing so beautifully in the tree outside your window?

Are you ever curious about the small animals that live among the plants and flowers in your yard?

Have you wondered if you could turn that wet spot in your yard into a

rain garden or could make your current yard more pollinator friendly?

Do you admire the flowers along the roadsides as you travel across North Carolina and wonder if there are any public gardens nearby where you could spend a restful hour?

Well, you are in luck!

These topics and many more will be covered in this year's HGC programs. Members of this hard working program committee are Bonnie Maddux, Johanna Wilson, Gretchen Gziegenhals, and Tammy Dorfman.

We're looking forward to a great year!



Plant Sale cont.

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senior at Cedar Ridge High School, grew a variety of perennials and annuals perfect for cut flower gardens. Tammy Dorfman winter sowed a variety of tomatoes, peppers and herbs.

Leading up to the sale we hosted a successful native tree and shrub presale for members only. We were thrilled with the number of native plants that went into member gardens.

Our vendor and information area warmly welcomed our customers. Many thanks to Wendy Olson Arboretum,

Hillsborough Community Garden, OCMG Seed Library, Project Pando, Lavender Road by Lisa and the HGC welcome table.

Our new location at the Hillsborough Exchange Club was a dream. We were spoiled with so much space for preparation and planning. The space offered plenty of parking and ample space for plants and shoppers. It was a busy morning! The early rush ended around 11:30 am, and we were excited to realize that we had 400+ individual sales by noon! Wow!!

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers!

Sherry Appel
Kathie Brown
Ann Burton
Charles Burton
Gavin Compton
Bennett Compton
Beverly DeMao
George Dorfman
Oscar Fleming
Pat Fn'Piere
Erin Forbes and her daughter Makena
Barb Guidos
Frances Harris
Patty Hight
Lydia Hoyle
Jack/Dolly Hunnell
Peregrine Kavros
Will Lang
Owen Maddux
Sarah Meadows
Pip Merrick
Lynn Odom
Pat O'Reilly
Bo O'Reilly
Louis Pipkin
Ann Sebesan
Paul Staller
Andy/Elaina Wilson
Johanna Wilson
Will Wilson
Gretchen Ziegenhals

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

– Cicero

And the results:

- * 1 amazing location
- * 6 local vendors and info tables
- * 50+ flower arrangements
- * 500+ individual sales
- * 2,500+ plants
- * \$17,004.06 gross income
- * \$10,878.74 net income

"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share." – Lady Bird Johnson

Pollinator Week June 17-24

Without pollinators, humans could not live on this planet. The worldwide decline of insects, the basis of the food web, is alarming. We can affect this decline positively through our actions.

During National Pollinator Week, we stress the importance of pollinating insects and animals by planting native plants, avoiding toxins, establishing suitable habitats for pollinator reproduction, and educating our neighbors. The HGC Bee City Subcommittee is supporting activities in our community to call attention to actions people can take to support butterflies, bees, flies, beetles,

ants, hummingbirds and other pollinators.

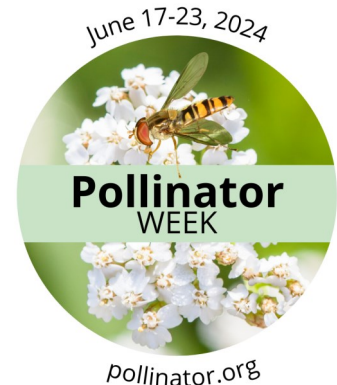
Look for the Pollinator Week banner on South Churton Street and an article from HGC during June in the News of Orange. We have requested that Mayor Mark Bell and Governor Roy Cooper issue formal declarations for this special week. All state declarations will be included on the Pollinator Partnership website. (www.pollinatorpartnerhsip.org)

For the sixth year, we have partnered with the NC Botanical Garden to distribute 500 of their Wildflower of the Year seed packets in our area. This year's wildflower is the Erect Snoutbean. About 100

packets were distributed during our Plant Sale. The Orange County Library will distribute these seeds, in addition to pollinator gardening pamphlets. Local businesses will also have seeds available: Margaret Lane Gallery, Carlisle & Linney Vintage Jewelry and Gro Smart.

HGC president Tammy Dorfman offered her garden as a host site for Backyard Butterflies' annual Moth Crawl, hosting more than 100 citizen scientists to learn about moths.

How can you support pollinators and spread the word? Join the Bee City Subcommittee.



Erect Snoutbean
rhynchosia tomentosa

Contact Chair Sarah Meadows at smeadows100@gmail.org.

Pictures from the Plant Sale



Scholarship Recipients

The club gave three scholarships this year to graduating seniors planning to go into horticulture or environmental science. The amount of the award was \$1,000 for one year.

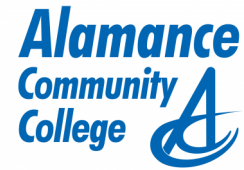
Mackenzie Rogers is the recipient from Cedar Ridge High School. She helped with our plant sale this year by growing plants

from seed. She plans to attend Alamance Community College and major in Business. Her goal is to operate her own cut flower farm.

From Orange High, **Isabelle Lynn** received the award. Isabelle plans to attend UNC - Chapel Hill and wants to major in environmental health science. Her goal is to work for the National

Park service as an Environmental Protection Specialist or a Biological Science Technician.

From Eno River Academy, the winner is **Anika Kreider**. She is a member of our Earth Challenge Club that does good things for sustainability and a clean environment. Anika plans to attend UNC-Greensboro.



HGC Scholarship Committee

A wonderful side effect of our fundraising is that we have raised the amount of our student scholarships. The committee needs to review our procedures and discuss which schools to include. A suggestion has also been made to look into

what we could do with Alamance Community College which has a wonderful horticulture department.

Lynn Odom has agreed to take over for Diff Whitmore as chair of this committee. Diff has led this group for many

years and is ready to step back. Thank you Diff for your leadership.

If you are interested in working with this group, please contact Lynn. The committee will begin work in September to review our process and scholarship application.



Contact Lynn Odom at care4godsearth@gmail.com

2025 Centennial Garden Tour

We are very excited about the nine gardens on our 100th anniversary tour. We have confirmed the gardens so that Nancy Beach and Tammy Dorfman, our photographers, could visit each garden and take pictures last month.

These photographs will be used for advertising

so that the gardens are depicted at the appropriate time of the year. We also wanted to give the garden owners a year to prepare their gardens, however based on what we have seen so far, they would be ready for the tour now.

Most of the work will begin in January 2025

when we will begin recruiting garden greeters, working on the program and planning the logistics. Mark your calendars for **May 3, 2025**. We will need your help. You won't want to miss it. Watch for future newsletters where we will give you some sneak previews.



Hillsborough Garden Club

President: Tammy Dorfman
 Vice President: Bonnie Maddux
 Secretary: Sherry Appel
 Treasurer: Kristen Compton
 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

Share the Blooms with Meals on Wheels

We are once again partnering with Meals on Wheels Orange County and Firefly farm to Share the Blooms with Meals on Wheels recipients. Firefly Farm owner, Cindy Stubbs, invites volunteers to glean flowers for making arrangements.

Last summer volunteers made around 125 small arrangements at each meeting. We pick for about 45 minutes, then head back to the covered barn and make arrangements.

Dates: Wednesdays

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 July 17, July 31, August 7,
 August 21, September 4,
 September 18

Time: 9 am - 11:00 am

Location: Firefly Farm - 4911
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Sign up: <https://signup.com/go/SmCToVi>

