

All the Dirt Newsletter

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Spring 2022

Hillsborough Garden Club

Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2022

9 am to 4 pm

212 N. Churton Street

Rain or Shine (plants like both)

Plants needed: Share your pass-me-down plants no later than **April 30**. Email Tammy Dorfman at tamdorf@aol.com if you have questions.

Volunteers needed: Help with set-up on **May 6**. Or volunteer the day of the sale **May 7**. Sign up through our [SignUp Genius](https://bit.ly/3uhH2ZQ).
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Members only pre-order: Members can pre-order plants and those orders are due **Friday, April 15**. The order form will be available at the general meeting on April 14, or you can email Tammy with your order. Pick up will be available Friday, May 6. Cut flowers are also needed for arrangements.



The success of our sale depends on YOU! Please share with neighbors, friends and the community.



Calendar of Events

April 14, 2022

Program: Photography in the Garden

Judy Brown will share tips on improving garden photography skills and how she uses her photographs to make the lovely greeting cards that she sells at the Hillsborough farmer's market.

May 7, 2022 HGC Plant Sale

212 N. Churton St., 9am - 4pm

May 12, 2022

Program: Ramble Rill Farms Field Trip

Jane Saiers and Daren Knapp grow certified organic vegetables, fruits, mushrooms, and herbs. We will meet at Ramble Rill Farms (913 Arthur Minnis Rd, Hillsborough), tour the facility, and learn ways we can strengthen our gardening skills.

June 9, 2022

Program: Visit Carol Staton's Garden in Efland and Potluck Lunch

Carol is developing ways to use native plants in garden design and improving the soil. After the tour, we will have a pot luck lunch. Carol has plenty of places for us to spread out as needed.

From the President

After being in pandemic mode for two years, new members Lynn Odom and Tammy Dorfman have volunteered to put together a newsletter that will help reconnect us as a Garden Club, generate new members and inform the community-at-large.

This is our first issue of ***All the Dirt***.

The name made you want to look at it, didn't it? ***All the Dirt*** usually refers to gossip or rumors floating around town. In the gardening world, dirt is the foundation for what we do. Without good soil, plants won't produce well.

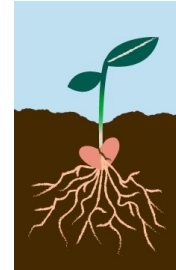
The Hillsborough Garden Club wants to be part of the good "dirt" - helping people

grow beautiful flowers and yummy vegetables.

Starting in September, ***All the Dirt*** will be a monthly newsletter for our Club. It will share news about the Club and educational items for all gardeners.

If you have suggestions or want to write an article, please contact a Board Member.

Ann Burton



Ways You Can Volunteer

The best way to enjoy your membership is to help with some of our many activities. It's a great way to meet other members and share planting tips!

Here are just a few ideas:

- Help plant the downtown planters along Churton and at the Burwell School.

- Help host the HGC table at the April 29th Last Friday.
- Support the HGC Pollinator Week activities in June.
- Share your blooms with civic organizations like the Passmore Center.

Club VP and Program Chair Ann Sebesan is soliciting ideas for upcoming programs (September 2022 to June 2023). If you have an idea for a program or know a good speaker, please contact her, or contact any Board Member.

"Gardeners are optimists. We believe tomorrow, next week, or next year will be better."
Nancy Goodwin





Plant of the Month: Coralberry

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus

Honeysuckle family
Native

This small, mound-shaped, deciduous shrub with shredding bark on older wood and brown-to-purplish branchlets covered with short hairs, usually grows to 4 ft. but can reach 6 ft. Its smooth, dull green leaves first are opposite and roughly

oval, tapering about equally to tip and base, up to 2 inches long but often less than 1 inch, with smooth, turned down margins and a rounded or broadly pointed tip.

The greenish-white flower clusters are not as showy as the winter berries, clusters of coral-pink to purple berries up to 1/4 inch in diameter.

Particularly common in Post Oak (*Quercus stellata*) woods, Coralberry forms extensive colonies and spreads by rooting at the nodes where it touches the ground. A good choice for a woodland garden.

Light requirement:
Part-shade to shade

Attracts: Birds

Deer resistant:
Moderate

**"Gardening
is cheaper
than
therapy
and
you get
tomatoes."**

UNC's First Seed Library

UNC's seed library is the result of a project proposal from Jordan Green, a masters student in the School of Information and Library Science. Her vision was a communal seed library where students, staff, UNC affiliates, and

non-UNC members could come and permanently "check out" packets of herb and vegetable seeds. The library offers seeds from native NC plants that support pollinators in addition to free pots and soil. It

is located at the Kenan Science Library Makerspace.

Green is also a Carolina Academic Library Associate at University Libraries.

Free Seeds from Master Gardeners



Master GardenerSM volunteers in Orange County, NC, are excited to offer free seeds for the community. Seeds are offered on a limited basis at the NC Cooperative Extension office in the lobby.

The Cooperative Extension of Orange County has recently moved to the Bonnie B. Davis Environmental and Agricultural Center located at 1020 US Hwy 70 West, Hillsborough.

It is across the highway from the Department of Motor Vehicles (Drivers License Office).

For a Spring planting guide, see their website

<https://bit.ly/3CTpven>

Hillsborough Garden Club

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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 1925, 12 women of the town recognized a need to improve and beautify the streets and gardens of Hillsborough. At their initial meeting, the Hillsborough Garden Club was formed.

During the early years of the Club, a variety of efforts were made to beautify the town. These included planting Crepe Myrtles in downtown, cleaning lots in the business district, and encouraging the Town government to take care of the Old Town Cemetery.

Since these early days, each Garden Club meeting has featured a program related to the care of specific plants, lawns, gardens, and the projects in which the Club is engaged.



Yellow
Cowslip,
Club
Flower



1935 Sponsored first Flower Show, Hillsborough High School Gym

1936 Planted first set of Crepe Myrtles

1936 Sponsored first Historic Garden Tour (known as a Pilgrimage)

1937 Became affiliated with the North Carolina State Garden Clubs

1937 Voted the Yellow Cowslip as Club Flower

1939 Published Historical Leaflet, *Hillsboro 1754-1939*