

# All the Dirt Newsletter

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Fall 2024

Hillsborough Garden Club

## Flower Fling

Join us for our first meeting of the new club year and our Second Annual Fall Flower Fling on September 12th.

Bring an everyday item like a coffee mug, decorative tin, unique vase, water pitcher (the sky is the limit) and turn it into a one-of-a-kind flower arrangement. Rummage through your garden for beautiful blooms and greenery to share at our "flower bar".

Nothing blooming? Even seed heads past bloom can make a statement in

an arrangement. And don't forget to bring your own garden scissors! We'll handle the rest with floral tape, chicken wire and a sprinkle of fun! Member Alice Moore will share her tips for choosing flowers and vases and creating stunning arrangements.



## Calendar of Events

**Social Time at 9:30 am, Meeting at 10 am unless otherwise stated**

**Thursday, September 12, 10 am  
Hillsborough UMC**

**Program: Fall Flower Fling**

HGC Member Alice Moore offers tips on flower arranging. Bring a vase or other unique container, as well as flowers from your garden to share. Out-of-the-box creativity is what's in store.

**Thursday, October 10, 5 pm social, 5:30  
Hillsborough UMC**

**Program: Planting a Bulb Lawn or Small Design in Your Yard**

Master Gardner Johanna Wilson will explore outside the box ideas with spring bulbs. From creating a corner with a fun design to naturalizing your whole lawn. Tammy Dorfman, HGC President, will demonstrate how to plant bulbs in a crate for early blooming.

**Thursday, October 24, 10 am - 1:30 pm  
District 9 Meeting  
Hillsborough UMC**

**Thursday, November 14, 10 am  
Hillsborough UMC  
Program: Birding 101**

Carol Hamilton, President, New Hope Bird Alliance, will be joined by experts Rachelle Roach and Gail Boyarsky to demonstrate how to use sound, sight and smartphone tools to identify which bird is singing and how to make your yard a bird magnet.

**Thursday, December 12, 10 am  
Hillsborough UMC  
Program: Holiday Card Making and Cookie Swap**

HGC member Lynn Odom will lead in making 3-dimensional greeting cards: one to take home and one for a Meals on Wheels client. Materials will be provided. Bring a batch of your favorite holiday cookies to share!

## Fall Bulb Sale

The HGC bulb sale is underway. We can't resist sharing some beautiful companion plants for alliums.

The top photo is a gorgeous combination-which makes the most of the pennisetum and the drumstick alliums. The color of the pennisetum leaves brings out the burgundy of the allium flowers, while the feathery seedheads provide movement and contrast. Blocks of color in the background provide depth to the display.

In the second plant combination, the white allium flowers bring a freshness and contrast to the otherwise green and purple display. This adds depth to the design, inviting you to look beyond it at the dark-leaved elder beyond.

The third picture is a colorful combination combining violet Allium 'Purple Sensation' with bright orange geums and darker purple verbascums. The effect is a wild, unkempt look, with pockets of color among the green

grasses. The darker verbascums bring out the light color of the alliums, while the plashes of orange provide contrast.

Garden club members will get a 10% discount on orders made before **September 15th**. The last day to order will be **October 13th**. Please share with family and friends!!

Click the link below to see the full selection of bulbs and pricing :

<https://rb.gy/efjvou>



## District Meeting

Did you know? The Garden Club of North Carolina consists of 147 clubs in 12 Districts across the state? And that the HGC is the 7th largest Club in the state?

Cape Fear GC, 365  
Raleigh GC, 168  
Chapel Hill GC, 124  
Dogwood GC \*, 108  
Evergreen GC \*, 105  
Twin City GC \*, 98  
Hillsborough GC - 84

The HGC will be hosting the District 9 Fall Meeting on Thursday, **October 24, 2024**, 9:30 am -1:30 pm. District 9 is comprised of 14 clubs from

Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, Warren and Vance Counties.

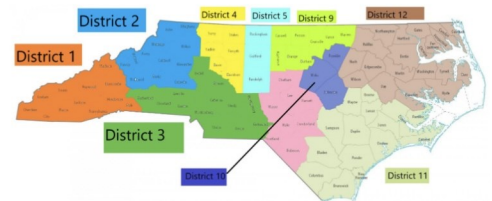
District Director Annette Branco will share GCNC happenings and representatives from each club will present a report of their club's upcoming programs for 2024-25. Lunch will be provided by Saladelia.

Our guest speaker is Basil Camu, Treecologist & Wizard of Things. Camu pursues his purpose and passions as co-founder of Leaf & Limb and Project Pando. He is a ISA

Board Certified Master Arborist, Duke graduate, Wizard of Things, and author of "From Wasteland to Wonder - Easy Ways to Help Heal Earth in the Sub/Urban Landscape."

HGC members are welcome to attend the meeting. The business meeting is at 10 am - noon; lunch at noon (\$22/person); guest speaker at 12:45 pm. Sit in on Camu's talk at no charge.

\* Winston-Salem



**Location:** Hillsborough United Methodist Church

## Area Plant Sales

### Briggs Ave Fall Festival

September 7  
10 am-2 pm  
1314 Briggs Ave  
Durham 27703

### Native Plant Sale

NC Coop Ext Chatham County  
September 13, 3-5 pm  
1192 US Hwy 64 West Business  
Pittsboro, 27312

### Duke Gardens Fall Plant Sale

Sept. 14, 8-11 am

### Haw Honey Native Plant Sale

September 14 & 15  
9 am - 2 pm  
5903 Swepsonville-Saxapahaw Rd  
Saxapahaw

### Alamance Community College Plant Sale

September 19 & 20  
9 am-5 pm  
Mums, Trees and Perennials  
1247 Jimmie Kerr Rd.  
Graham

### Master Gardener of Forsyth County Fall Plant Sale

September 21  
8 am - 2 pm  
1450 Fairchild Rd  
Winton-Salem

### NC Botanical Garden Native Plant Sale

September 28  
9:00 am-1:00 pm  
100 Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill

### Sunshine Lavender Fall Open House

October 5, 10 am-2 pm  
4104 Millstone Rd.  
Hurdle Mills  
[www.sunshinelavenderfarm.co](http://www.sunshinelavenderfarm.co)

### Backyard Butterflies Fall Plant Sale

October 5  
11 am-5 pm  
1507 US Hwy 70A  
Hillsborough

### Orange County Master Gardener PlantFest

October 5  
9 am - 2 pm  
1020 US Hwy 70 W,  
Hillsborough

plant  
sale

## PlantFest October 5

PlantFest – a big plant sale and garden festival - will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 5**, 9 am to 2 pm, at 1020 US Hwy 70 West, Hillsborough (across from the DMV office). If you like plants or want to learn more about gardening, you don't want to miss it!

PlantFest is hosted by the NC State Extension Master Gardener volunteers of Orange County. There will be

kids' activities, gardening exhibits and demonstrations, a nature art sale and food! You can pick up free seeds and learn to sharpen garden tools.

The plant sale will include hundreds of plants, including many native plants that are hard to find at local nurseries. A plant list will be posted in early September on the PlantFest website: [www.plantfestnc.org](http://www.plantfestnc.org).

Proceeds of the sale benefit Master Gardener volunteers' educational activities in the community.

For updates and more information, visit the PlantFest website at [www.plantfestnc.org](http://www.plantfestnc.org)



Photos by Katie Rentzke

## Hillsborough Garden Club

President: Tammy Dorfman  
Vice President: Bonnie Maddux  
Secretary: Adrienne Scurtu  
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](http://www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.org)

Club Members can access Member Portal: est1925

## Dig It! A Fall Writing Workshop

**September 21, 10 am to noon**

**Cost \$12**

### What to Expect

- ◇ Writing guidance to inspire creativity
- ◇ Free-form writing session
- ◇ Discover writing's healing power
- ◇ Share your work (optional)

SPACE IS LIMITED  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Set amidst the beautiful gardens at the Wendy Olson Arboretum, the workshop is designed to connect with the creative energies held in nature's rhythms. Open to participants of all writing skill levels.

Patricia Sullivan, the workshop facilitator, is an editor, writer, and book coach who enjoys supporting others to discover their creative potential. She's the creator of the Mindful Muse Journey, a program designed to help her clients find inspiration, moti-

vation and greater mindfulness in their writing practice.

For More information or to register: [Courses & Events — Patricia Sullivan, MA](#) ([patricia-sullivan.com](http://patricia-sullivan.com))

W. OLSON ARBORETUM  
529 Lakeshore Drive  
Hillsborough, NC

