



“Make a Difference”

Gardeners

Summer is here and we are either having too much rain or not enough! Nature truly likes to test us.

The National Garden Clubs Annual Meeting in Washington, DC was very interesting and informative. The reports by the state presidents really make me aware of what an impact we have across the nation. It is a truly worthwhile meeting to attend and I have met many club members from across the US. It is very interesting to be able to compare our successes (and our problems) with other state presidents.

GCNC Website

Work in progressing on our new website. It is taking a little longer than anticipated but hopefully it will be up and working soon.

NC Gardener

Gail Hill is hard at work on the Gardener and it should go to press later this month.

Fall Board Meeting, September 18-19 in Wilmington

Plans are underway for the Fall Board Meeting. It will be held at the Wilmington Riverside Hotel. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 910-763-5900 or 888-324-8170 by August 18 in order to receive the special rate of \$109.00 per night. State you are with The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

Meeting registration is \$20.00 before August 23 and \$25.00 after that date. The registration form is included with this newsletter.

There will be **3 workshops** on Sunday the 18th. Senior Awards, Youth Awards, and an informational workshop about clubs coming under the umbrella of GCNC’s non-profit status. The Official Call Letter for the meeting will be mailed soon giving more details.

Non-profit status for clubs

GCNC is working to bring its member clubs under the umbrella of the state for 501 (c)3 status (non-profit). It is not required that all clubs participate but those that do will be able to apply for grants and get tax relief for their projects. Shirley Dromms has been working on putting together information for clubs. This will be available at the Fall Board Meeting and at the District Meetings.

Many state clubs have gone through, or are going through, the process of offering this opportunity to their member clubs. Being under the umbrella of the state allows those member clubs to be designated non-profit (tax wise) without their having to undergo the tedious process and expense of applying independently.

GCNC is excited to be able to offer this opportunity to its member clubs.

District Meetings

Schedule for the District Meetings 2011

October 4	Dist. 10	Raleigh	October 12	Dist. 1	Highlands
October 5	Dist. 12	Rocky Mount	October 13	Dist. 3	Statesville
October 6	Dist. 8	Dunn	October 18	Dist. 9	Mebane
October 7	Dist. 11	Emerald Isle	October 19	Dist. 5	Julian
October 11	Dist. 1	Highlands	October 20	Dist. 4	Winston-Salem

Correction: Email address for Julia Tuggle, District 5 Director, is juliahtuggle@aol.com. The h had been left out. Apologies to Julia.

National Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting

I will be attending the NGC 2011 Fall Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri September 22-25. I hope to bring back information to you as to what your National Organization is doing. This will be right after our Fall Meeting and right before the District Meetings so I will certainly be in my traveling mode!

SAR Keynotes

Keynotes is the newsletter of the South Atlantic Region. It is published 4 times a year and sent out by email. I will be forwarding this publication on to District Directors, Officers, Committee Chairmen. District Directors please forward to your clubs.

Daniel Boone Native Gardens

If you live in the hot and humid piedmont or along the hot and humid coast you should think of getting away to the mountains this summer. The Daniel Boone Native Gardens in Boone is the perfect place. It is one of the three gardens sponsored by GCNC and showcases native plants of North Carolina.

Daniel Boone Native Gardens, located in the heart of the mountain town of Boone, has had a busy year. Late April saw the 4th annual “Early Bird Plant Sale and Wildflower Walk”. The three acre property of the Gardens are undergoing a massive restoration. On July 16, “An Evening in the Gardens” invited visitors to stroll through the Gardens for a \$10 donation. Enhanced fencing is a need and the hopefully we can improve a section of the fencing each year. This year the event raised about \$1,500. The Daniel Boone Native Gardens are open 10 am – 6 pm from May 1 to October 31. A donation of \$2 per adult is requested but the gardens are not staffed on a regular basis. All available funds are expended on improving the Gardens. See the website at <http://www.danielboonegardens.org>. Contact the Gardens through the website.

Pearson’s Falls

Another cool locale is Pearson’s Falls near Tryon and Saluda which is owned by the Tryon Garden Club. It is a 268 acre treasure with numerous ferns, wildflowers, and mosses. The falls are ¼ of a mile along a well maintained trail from the parking lot. There are picnic tables and rest room facilities available. Admission is \$5, \$1 for ages 6-12. Hours are 10 to 6 Monday – Saturday and 12 to 6 on Sunday. For information go to www.pearsonsfalls.org.



