



OWC GARDEN CLUB

March 2011

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FROM THE CHAIR

Garden thought for March: "People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things around us." (Iris Murdoch, British writer 1919-1999) I think we all are a little "mad with joy" now that winter (what a winter it was!) is over and the daffodils are out. Spring is back and so are many (make that most) of the plants in my garden. It is exciting to be back outside in the sunshine and watch the garden slowly reappear. There are some exciting programs planned for the Garden Club in the next few months as well.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Lisa Wimpfheimer, the curator of the Tryon Palace Garden, will talk about heirloom plants and deer resistant vegetation. The deer resistant vegetation is particularly intriguing to many of us. Please join us for an informative talk. Cathy Delcambre is the chair.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

We will travel to Wilmington the the annual Azalea Festival on Saturday, April 9. This is in place of our regular meeting in April. Tuesday, March 15 is the last day to sign up for this trip. Many of you have sent in your check. It will be a fun day! Consider joining us if you have not yet made a decision. Elizabeth Buckman is the chair. For a preview, see http://capefeargardenclub.org/2011_gardens_preview.htm. For more information contact Elizabeth at 515-2880 or e-mail her at ebuckman@embarqmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The OWC Relay for Life team will be soliciting items for a garden basket to be entered into the Relay for Life silent auction. Last year's garden basket was a big hit. If you didn't bring your item to the February meeting, be sure to bring it to the March Garden Club meeting. Judy Privette will be making a basket to hold all the goodies! The Relay for Life final event will be held May 6th at the high school.

We will discuss the annual Garden Tour at our meeting.

IN THE GARDEN



Spring will arrive in 6 days. Our weather becomes erratic and temperature fluctuations are all over the map until well into May. You can still plant cool weather vegetables, but it's risky to set out warm season plants such as tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, and beans. Yet, sometimes it's fun to try and beat the odds and start a few tender plants—the worst that can happen is that you have to replant them if the weather brings killing frosts. Local garden centers always stock these temptations way before they should be planted in the ground—they know our weaknesses!

And while the weather remains unsettled, it's a good time to walk around your yards and gardens and plan where new plants may be added. Check the amounts of sunlight/shade, look for wet areas and those that drain well. But remember, if you really like a particular plant, you will find a spot for it! Good planting!

Beat the Rush (Maybe)!

Remember to send your soil samples to the county extension office for testing, so you'll know what your plants will (and won't) need during this growing season.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 25	SHRED DAY, First Citizens Bank and OWC are sponsoring a Shred Day in Oriental on March 25th.
March 26	Antiques & Collectibles Sale

April Duties

Hostesses

Trip to Wilmington

Yard Clean-up(4/4)

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