

Coosaw Creek Garden Club February Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar: 67th Annual Festival of Houses and Gardens March 20 through April 19

Besides the tour of homes, there are four Glorious Garden Tours (3/20, 3/27, 4/10, & 4/17 at 2:00 p.m.) and two Inspiring Garden tours (4/14 & 4/19 at 2:00 p.m.). During the self-paced [Inspiring Gardens](#) tours in the historic Ansonborough neighborhood, presented in partnership with the Charleston Horticultural Society, many of the homeowners, landscape designers and professionals responsible for these elegant gardens will be present to share their knowledge and experiences with guests. While in the neighborhood, visit the St. Johannes Church Tea Room; open 2:30 to 6:00 p.m., where church members will sell an assortment of delectable homemade desserts along with tea and fresh-squeezed lemonade. **CCGC is planning an outing to attend the Monday, April 14 Inspiring Gardens tour.** Tickets are \$50. Please call Mary Glenn or Karen for more information.

Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting Street. Charleston Horticultural Society presents speaker: Betsy Pringle, wildflower expert, *Wildflowers Go Wild*. Her presentation will be an overview of her lifetime of experiences with wildflowers on her family farm in SC and in the NC mountains and her Chapel Hill gardens.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1:00 p.m. *Living Wreath Design* with Lori Eastwick of Abide-A-While. Lori will show you how easy it is to make a living wreath planting form and include a variety of plants to create a beautiful finished wreath. [Charleston Horticultural Society](#), 46 Windermere Blvd., West of the Ashley. To register or for more information, call 843-579-9922. All classes \$12 for members // \$16 guests. **Mary Glenn and Karen are planning to attend this workshop**, please call if you would like to join them. See CHS website for more February workshops.

Tue, Thu, & Sat, February 13 – March 22, 11 a.m. [Camellia Walks](#) at Middleton Place

Special guided tours focus on camellias throughout the original gardens as well as the "new" camellia garden of the 1950s. Admire hundreds of varieties, including the 1786 Reine des Fleurs, one of the first camellias planted in America. Ticket includes general admission to Middleton Place. Tours begin at the Garden Market & Nursery and last approx. 1½ hours. Call 843-556-6020 or purchase tickets online.

Saturday, February 22 [Cypress Gardens](#) 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fruitmainia Garden School: An all day fruit growers Garden School for the home gardener. Many speakers! Dr. Malcolm Manners, Professor of Horticultural Science at Florida Southern College, will give a lecture in the morning at Fruitmainia and he will give a program in the afternoon on Old Garden Roses at 2 pm. Tickets for just Dr. Manner's rose program will be \$10. Entrance to Cypress Gardens & Fruitmainia is \$25. Call to reserve a seat (843) 553-0515, come early and enjoy the Butterfly House and Plant Sale. Call Mary Glenn Ray if you would like to join her at Fruitmainia.

February Gardening To Do:

- Lowcountry [Rose Society](#) recommends: Prune roses during the last two weeks of February. Water, light feeding of 0-20-20 to promote root growth. See website for more information.
- Around Valentine's Day, time to apply pre-emergent products to your beds and turf. Did you know that Possum's has a [Horticultural Hotline](#)?
- Pruning: Cut back overgrown vines. Avoid pruning spring blooming vines, shrubs, & trees that bloom on last season's growth. Can prune tea olives before growth starts in spring as they bloom on current season's growth.
- Pest Control: Use dormant oil spray on landscape plants to smother overwintering insects.
- Fertilizing: Don't fertilize dormant lawns. Spring bulbs w/ emerged shoots should be fertilized w/ a complete fertilizer...i.e. 10-10-10. For more information go to www.clemson.edu