

## Coosaw Creek Garden Club's May 2015 Newsletter

### **What a wonderful Second Annual Garden Club Tour of Coosaw Creek Gardens!**

Thank you to the following home owners for allowing CCGC to visit their incredible gardens: Janet & Elmer Uytingo, Pat & Tom Roth, Barbara & George Fulmer, Robin & Ed Smith, Rich & Michelle Roulier, Truma & Tommy Polin, Linda & Paul Gregg, and Debbie & George Adrian. (We had scheduled 7 yards, but received an extra bonus when Pat Roth invited us to see her & Tom's beautiful yard! Their raised vegetable garden gave all of us ideas.)

Each garden was unique! We loved the Fulmer's fish pond, were thankful the alligator did not show up at the Uytingo's, enjoyed the Smith's quiet backyard retreat, appreciated the Roulier's plants on the pergola & around the pool, were in awe of the beauty of the pots and plants at the Polin's - especially the crown of thorns, saw how easy it would be to entertain with the Gregg's incredible hardscapes and cozy sitting areas, and admired the Adrian's Charleston garden.

A special **THANK YOU to Debbie Adrian** for hosting the after tour luncheon. The CCGC members are wonderful cooks!

See the enclosed pictures for a taste of our garden tour.

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We are working on our summer meetings.

Deitra Abraham has volunteered to conduct a craft meeting. On Tuesday, July 21, Julie Ward, president of the [Coastal Carolina Orchid Society](#), will teach us "Orchid Growing 101!" The CCOS just won the American Orchid Society Trophy for most outstanding exhibit at a show in Savannah! Check out the pictures on their website.

If you have any other ideas or suggestions, please just drop us a note.

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## May Garden Events in the area:

**Strawberry & Blueberry Picking Time!** See: [PickYourOwn.org](http://PickYourOwn.org)-South Carolina

**-Fri, May 8 National Public Garden's Day** Magnolia Gardens: buy one get one free (need coupon) National Public Gardens Day is an annual celebration of the nation's public gardens to raise awareness of the important role botanical gardens and arboreta play in promoting environmental stewardship, plant and water conservation, green spaces, and education in communities nationwide.

**-Fri., May 8** , 7:00 p.m. "Sustainable Gardening Lecture" Author Wayne Weiseman will discuss the basics of permaculture, plant guilds and forest gardening in this **free** 1 hour lecture. Guild planting involves grouping plants based on their "functional relationships" with each other to create balanced, healthy, and thriving ecosystems that support themselves. MUSC Baruch Auditorium, 284 Calhoun St.

**-Fri & Sat, May 8-9**, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. [Festival of Garden Owners](#) : will feature twelve private gardens in the Wildewood neighborhood. Ranging from traditional to modern and from Asian to English inspired. \$30.

**-Mon., May 11**, 6:30 p.m. Charleston Horticultural Society Lecture. Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting Street, Bill Noble "The Gardener's Eye: My eye has been informed by a diverse array of gardens and garden styles." His talk will reference gardens such as Les Quatre Vents, belonging to Frank Cabot, the Ruth Bancroft Garden, Nancy Godwin's Montrose, George Schoellkopf's Hollister House, and John Fairey's Peckerwood Garden.

**-Tues., May 12**, 5:30 -7:00pm Lawn to Lush Garden Tour. SC Herbal Society. Pat Harpell invites you to tour her gardens and preview how to turn your yard from a barren lawn to a yard filled with plants & wildlife. R.S.V.P. required to [Pat](#) . Free to members, \$10 nonmembers.

**-Fri. & Sat., May 15 – 16** , 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Moore Farms Botanical Gardens. 100 New Zion Rd., Lake City. Join us for our spring plant sale, lecture by well-known topiary artist Pearl Fryar, BBQ lunch, good tunes and a beautiful garden. \$15, register online.

**-Sat., May 16**, 9:00am-2:00pm Friends of Cypress Gardens Spring Plant Sale. Plants include: Angel trumpet trees, daylilies, batface plants, sages, ground covers, clematis vines, hydrangea, butterfly host plants, iris, house plants, swamp sun flower, spring vegetable plants and much more. Prices are \$2 – \$15. We will also have coco peat blocks for \$5 and gallon bags of pellet fertilizer for \$10. Cash or check only.

**-Sun., May 24** , noon. Charleston Tea Plantation. **9<sup>th</sup> Annual First Flush FesTEAval** Featuring Sheryl Crow ! THE FIRST FLUSH FESTEVAL IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY DAY CELEBRATING THE FIRST HARVEST OF THE SEASON. THIS YEAR'S 9TH ANNUAL EVENT WILL CONSIST OF LIVE MUSIC, LOCAL ARTISAN VENDORS, A KIDS AREA, FOOD TRUCKS, DRINKS AND OF COURSE, TEA! \$40 in advance, \$45 day of show, \$125 VIP

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