

# Granville Gardeners Gazette

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## Our May Program. . . .

**Monday, May 25th, 5:00-8:00 pm at the  
Oxford Methodist Church**



## COVERED DISH SOCIAL

The social will be held at the Oxford Methodist Church.

**EVERYONE MUST BRING A COVERED DISH!**

**No need to RSVP.**

**Hope to see you there!**

Questions? Contact JoAnn Watts, Hospitality Chair, at 919-482-5222 or [joann.watts58@gmail.com](mailto:joann.watts58@gmail.com).

## GRANVILLE GARDENERS

### ANNUAL EXPO

The Expo was held on Saturday, April 18 and was well-attended by young and old, gardener and non-gardener! See more photos on pages 4 and 5.





## *To-Do List for May*



- Put out hummingbird feeders if you didn't get them up in April. Fill with a solution of 1 part sugar to 4 parts boiling water. There is no need to put in red food color.
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- Azaleas, climbing roses, camellias, rhododendrons, and other flowering shrubs/trees can be pruned (if needed) after flowering.
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- Fertilize crepe myrtles with an organic fertilizer for abundant summer blooms (pruning hard in early spring **DOES NOT** encourage more and/or heavier flowering and **is harmful** to crepe myrtles).
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- Plant heat loving vegetables (green beans, squash, cucumbers, field peas, butter beans, tomatoes, etc.)
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- To help prevent blossom end rot, mulch around tomatoes and peppers, and keep soil evenly moist.
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- When cool season vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and green peas, sugar snaps, and snow peas) begin to mature, harvest every couple of days for best quality. Hot weather can cause these crops to be over-mature very quickly.
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- Plant tender warm season bulbs like canna, caladium, gladiolus, and dahlia now.
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- Fast-growing clematis should be pruned and trained to prevent it from becoming an unmanageable mess.
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- Cut back any plants not cut back earlier because of danger of frost, including: Caryopteris (blue mist plant), Perovskia (Russian sage), large salvias; any others with hollow stems or that are susceptible to frost damage.
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- If you haven't been mulching all along, prepare for dry weather by putting down mulch now.
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- Plant Bermuda, centipede, St. Augustine, and zoysia grasses now.
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- To keep annuals blooming all season, deadhead after blooming.

*To-Do List compiled by Marty Finkel*

*You know that little rush you get when you walk into a garden center? That's your self control leaving your body.*

# Club Calendar

## MAY EVENTS

**5/19:** Granville Gardener's Board Meeting – Richard H. Thornton Library

**5/25:** Monthly Club Meeting at the Oxford Methodist Church at 7:00 PM. Covered Dish Social.

## JUNE EVENTS

**6/16:** Granville Gardener's Board Meeting – place to TBD

**6/22:** Monthly Club Meeting at the Granville County Expo Center in Oxford at 7:00 PM.

Presentation: *In Search of Great Native Perennials for NC Gardeners* by Tony Avent from Plant Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanical Garden in Raleigh.

## JULY EVENTS

**7/21:** Granville Gardener's Board Meeting – Richard H. Thornton Library

**7/27:** Monthly Club Meeting at the Oxford Methodist Church at 7:00 PM. Ice Cream Social.

## AUGUST EVENTS

**8/19:** Granville Gardener's Board Meeting – Richard H. Thornton Library

**8/24:** Monthly Club Meeting at the Granville County Expo Center in Oxford at 7:00. Details TBA.

## SEPT. EVENTS

**9/15:** Granville Gardener's Board Meeting – Richard H. Thornton Library

**9/28:** Monthly Club Meeting at the Granville County Expo Center in Oxford at 7:00. Details TBA.

## OCT. EVENTS

**10/20:** Granville Gardener's Board Meeting – Richard H. Thornton Library

**10/26:** Monthly Club Meeting at Granville County Expo Center in Oxford at 7:00 PM

We will have a plant auction that includes plants from the JCRA (JC Raulston Arboretum). A speaker from the arboretum will present the details and answer questions about the plants. All the proceeds from the sale of these plants will be used for our scholarship to NC State.

## NOV. EVENTS

**11/17:** Granville Gardener's Board Meeting – Richard H. Thornton Library

**11/23:** Monthly Club Meeting at Granville County Expo Center in Oxford at 7:00 PM. Details TBA.

### EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY!



### The Great Southeast POLLINATOR COURSE



This is a Zoom webinar that will be held each Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm, June 16 - July 28th. These sessions will also be recorded. Just \$50.

Go to [GSEPC.org](https://GSEPC.org) for more information. Center for Urban Agriculture, University of Georgia

# EXPO 2026 PHOTOS



All Expo photos courtesy of Cecil Hudgins Photography



Fun and educational for all ages

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*Of Note....*

**Do you have a gardening question that you would like to ask?**

Well, you are in luck! Write your question on a piece of paper and bring it with you to our monthly meeting. You will find a drop box labeled "ASK MARTY" in the back of the room. Marty Finkel will provide answers which will be featured in the following Granville Gardener Gazette.



**Did You Know...**

**that anyone in the Granville Gardener's Club can attend the board meetings?**

Only the Board has voting power, but if you would like to hear about anything coming up, you are free to attend!

The Board meetings are currently being held on the third Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the Thornton Library but always check the club calendar for any updates.

**Would you like to be more involved in the Granville Gardener's Club?  
Would you like more opportunities to network with other gardeners?**

**Well then, join a committee!**

Below is a list of a number of opportunities! Let a board member know if you are interested in any of the following:

- ◆ Activities & Projects Committee
- ◆ Awards Committee
- ◆ Expo Committee
- ◆ Finance/Audit Committee
- ◆ Grants Committee
- ◆ Hospitality Committee
- ◆ Membership Committee
- ◆ Newsletter Committee
- ◆ Nominating Committee
- ◆ Program Committee
- ◆ Publicity Committee
- ◆ Scholarship Committee