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2026 GRANVILLE GARDENER'S CLUB OFFICERS

President: *Bob Holtaway*

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Secretary: *Jacalyn Thomas*

Treasurer: *Mark Arnott*

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Message from our President

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we were able to allocate \$3,000 to our scholarship endowment at NC State with the intent to match or exceed that amount every year. The money we place in the endowment is invested by the university and the earnings are distributed to a deserving horticulture student every year.

A special thanks to Rob Thornton who helped drive the contribution to what it is. He provided a ton of fig trees for our EXPO, which sold very successfully, for a total of \$1,212. He also obtained plants and coordinated the JC Ralston auction in April, which provided another \$731.

The raffle, managed by Linda Niles and Kaydee Karns, brought in another \$800. Thanks to all the club members who were able to donate items for the raffle as well.

Total amount raised for the scholarship was \$2,743. We took \$257 from our club's general fund to round out our scholarship contribution to \$3,000. Great job everyone.

Bob Holtaway, President



Our July Program.

**Monday, July 21st at 6:00 pm at the
Oxford Methodist Church**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND PLACE ABOVE!
Hope to see you there!





- Try using insecticidal soap for many insects as it is one of the least toxic pesticides available. It is a contact killer so spray insects on the upper and lower sides of leaves and stems.
- Continue fertilizing garden vegetables.
- Fertilize container plants every two weeks with liquid fertilizer diluted according to label instructions.
- Fertilize figs and keep well-watered and mulched.
- Harvest vegetables often, and as harvest is completed, till in material that is not diseased. Put diseased material in the trash, not the compost.
- Begin a fall vegetable garden by planting beans, carrots, and tomatoes.
- Plant broccoli seeds or transplants July 15 – Aug. 15; start cabbage and cauliflower seeds in July to transplant plants August 1 – 15.
- Set out plants or sow seeds of Brussels sprouts July 1 to 15, plant carrot seeds July 1 – 15, collard and beet seeds or plants July 15 – Aug. 15.
- If tomatoes have blossom end rot, the water supply may not be even (too dry or too wet periods) and calcium may be deficient as a result.
- Last pinch for mums is the first week in July.
- Cut back summer annuals for renewed growth.
- Sow seeds of cleome, zinnia, cosmos, for a fresh look and continuous bloom till frost.
- Deadhead to keep them blooming.
- Begin making hardwood cuttings from azaleas, camellias, hydrangeas, and similar shrubs. Water the parent plant 2 days before taking cuttings: Cut 4-5" long semi-hardwood shoots from ends of branches. Treat ends with a hormone rooting powder and stick into a moist peat/perlite mixture, place in shade, and keep moist – a plastic bag will keep moisture in. (Spring growth will be in the semi hardwood stage by the middle of July).

To-Do List compiled by Marty Finkel

Club Calendar

JULY EVENTS

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

7/27: Monthly Club Meeting at the Oxford
Methodist Church at **6:00 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.

Presentation: *Get Creative in the Garden* by Cynthia
Dickinson.

SEPTEMBER 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 pm.

Presentation: *Feng Shui in the Garden* by Susannah
Alle.

OCTOBER 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.

NOVEMBER 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.

DECEMBER EVENTS

12/7: Monthly Club Meeting. Christmas Dinner and
Officer Installation. Bad weather date is December 14.
Details to come.

If Plants Had a Group Chat.....

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Aloe:
She over
watered me
again. I'm
literally
drowning.

Echeveria:
I asked for sun,
not cremation.

String of Pearls:
I'm crispy.
Again.

Monstera:
I got rotated.
I feel ...
disrespected.

Cactus:
She hasn't
looked at me in
weeks. I'm
thriving.

Calathea:
The humidity
dropped 3%.
I'm folding in on
myself.

Pothos:
I just grew
another 12
inches. No one
noticed.

Agave:
I spiked her kid.

Zero regrets.

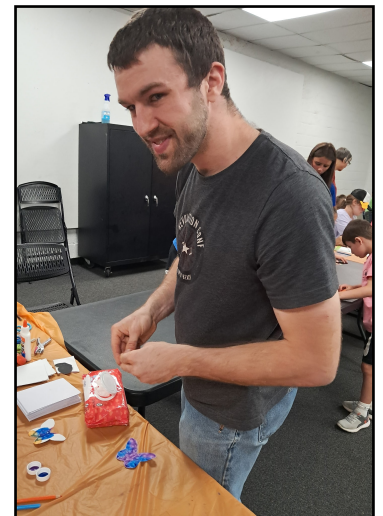
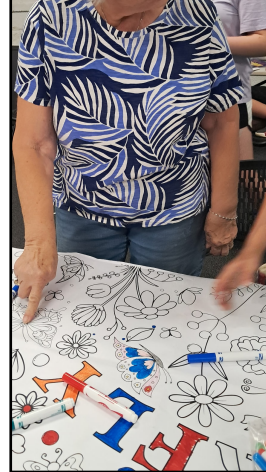
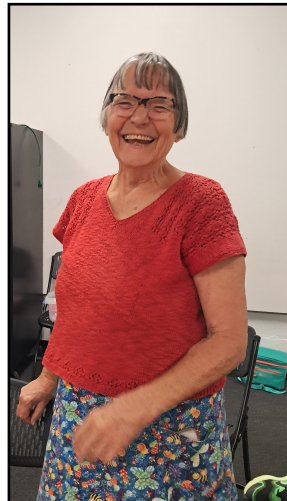
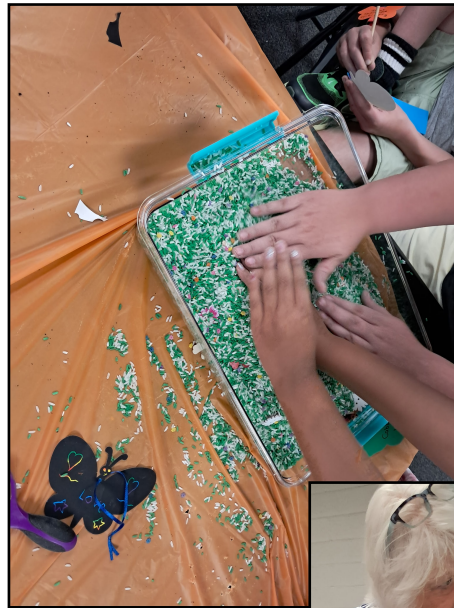
**Succulent Leaf
Prop:**
Guys.... I think
I'm rooting!!

**Dead Plant in
the Corner:**
left the chat

Summer Camp

The Granville Gardeners club is currently helping with the summer camp at Hix Gym in Oxford. We are providing activities for the children on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 pm each week where we are focusing on the beneficial creatures of a garden by presenting one set of creatures each week. So far, we have had two successful sessions. If you would like to be a part of this fun opportunity, we could use your help! The remaining dates are July 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 12:45 to 2:15. Please contact Doreen Arnott if interested.

Additionally, as part of our summer camp program, we are creating **"Meet a Local Gardener"** mini presentations. Our goal is to connect children with local gardeners. To contribute to the success of this goal, we would love to have photos from you Granville Gardener members. We would love to have photos of our flowers with bees, butterflies, ladybugs, dragonflies, birds, frogs, toads, newts, earthworms, etc. as well as a photo of the gardener to share with the children. If you would like to share your photos, please send to Doreen Arnott at Doreen.arnott@gmail.com.



Turmeric: Herb of the Year 2026

How to grow it in North Carolina, its benefits and how to use it in cooking and teas for best results

Workshop presenter: Maria Kazmierski



Each spring, garden club members look forward to Maria K's herb workshop, and this year was no exception. Despite a heavy travel schedule, Maria prepares and hosts a wonderful workshop – both informative and practical, with hands-on activities and tasty dishes made with the herbs of the year's focus.

Turmeric is the herb of the year for 2026 (chosen by the Herb Society of America). Maria gave us a brief overview of turmeric and its uses. It has been in use

as food and medicine for thousands of years. Though originally from India, turmeric is now available around the world, either in powdered form or as the rhizome in the produce section of the grocery store. It is a tropical plant, but it can be grown in the ground here and will die down in the winter and return in the spring.

We started working in stations to make herbal tea, an herbal salt substitute, and an herbal air freshener. We were each given a rhizome of turmeric with instructions on planting it.

The afternoon finished up with everyone enjoying several dishes prepared by Maria using turmeric and other herbs. Many thanks to Maria for generously sharing her knowledge and hospitality!

by Kat Ravenel



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.

AUDIT COMMITTEE 2026

The audit committee members serving this year includes Mark Arnott, Joyce Cifers, and Erma Hudgins.

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:

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