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Our August Program. . . .

Monday, August 24th at 7:00 pm - Granville County Expo Center

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

About the Program

What do lamp bases, finials, PVC pipe, chandelier parts, window/door frames have to do with garden art? When does it become cliché instead of creative? The possibilities are limited only by one's imagination, and Cynthia has a wild imagination. She has a talent for viewing objects out of context and transforming them into personal and unique garden expressions. She finds treasures in thrift stores, yard sales, municipal downsizing, castaways, and when friends downsize.

About the Speaker

Cynthia was vice president of the Granville Gardeners in 2012. She and Beverly Allen were given a year's membership for judging a club hat contest at one of the fundraiser plant sales held on the lawn of the then Ag Extension building on Wall Street. Bev was elected president, Cynthia VP, and the rest was history.

Cynthia and husband Mitchel retired from careers in the U.S. Navy to NC from New Hampshire in 2004, found the right 3.25 acres near Norlina, and built their house. Cynthia had visions of the garden she wanted, and Mitchel helped realize it. She brought her expertise and experience from custom decorative painting specializing in friezes, murals, floor patterns, ceilings, panels, trim, and unique color combinations to garden design. As gardens do, theirs has evolved over time and has a different look now. The original is preserved in Mitchel's gorgeous photos, which he made into a beautiful book "My Wife's Garden, or How I Spend My Weekends."





To-Do List for August



- Apply pre-emergence herbicide the third week in August to help control the weeds that always show up in late winter/early spring:
 - Chickweed, mulberry weed, annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*), wild garlic and onions, several thistles, wild mustard, shepherd's purse, Carolina geranium, henbit, black medic, and many more.

Read more about weeds here: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/6-weeds>
Contact our horticulture extension agent, Johnny Coley for more information about using pre-emergence herbicides.
- Container plants are, by definition, under stress because the roots are confined. Keep them watered to reduce some of the stress.
- Plant seeds of lettuce, turnips, kale, spinach, mustard, and snap beans for a fall garden, plus transplants of cabbage, broccoli, and collards.
- Large trees require between 50 and 200 gallons of water/day in the summer, so most herbaceous plants under these trees will suffer if not watered (from Plants Delights Newsletter).
- Cut annuals back by half for bushier plants and more flowers.
- Strawberry and blueberry plants set buds in the fall, so fertilize now with a complete fertilizer. If you get any on the leaves, wash it off.
- Hot, dry weather favors spider mites – control with insecticidal soap.
- Keep an area of soil moist for butterflies, or set out watermelon rinds so they can drink the juice.
- Allow bell and jalapeño peppers to turn red for extra flavor & higher beta carotene content.
- Divide irises and daylilies this month.
- Check garden centers for fall-blooming bulbs to add to your garden.
- The week of September 1st is the recommended time to spray for peachtree borers. Get prepared now:
 - Spray the trunk and major branches, paying particular attention to ground level. Follow label instructions.
 - Note - some products will recommend multiple applications. Peachtree borers may also attack apricot, cherry, nectarine, and plum trees.
 - For more information on peachtree borers see: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/peachtree-borer>, and for a list of relative effectiveness and safety of pesticides for peach insects: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/north-carolina-agricultural-chemicalsmanual/insect-and-disease-control-of-fruits>
- If you are interested in extending your vegetable gardening season past the first frost, see:
<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/extending-garden-season/> and
<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/floating-row-cover/>
For a more comprehensive coverage of season extension with a resource list, see:
<http://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarmsseasonextension/>.
- Note that NC State Extension has a section of their website on Organic Production with individual sections on: Production Guides, General Organic Growing Resources, Use of Manures in crop Production, Pests & Disease Control, Season Extension and Greenhouse, Cover Crops, and more:
<https://newcropsorganics.ces.ncsu.edu/organics/organic-production/>

By Marty Finkel

Club Calendar

AUGUST EVENTS

8/18: Granville Gardener's Board Meeting
Richard H. Thornton Library at 7:00 pm.

8/24: Monthly Club Meeting
Granville County Expo Center at 7:00 pm.

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

9/15: Granville Gardener's Board Meeting
Richard H. Thornton Library at 7:00 pm.

9/28: Monthly Club Meeting
Granville County Expo Center 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 at 7:00 pm.

10/26: Monthly Club Meeting
Granville County Expo Center 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 at 7:00 pm.

11/23: Monthly Club Meeting
Granville County Expo Center 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 and sign ups to come.



Summer Camp



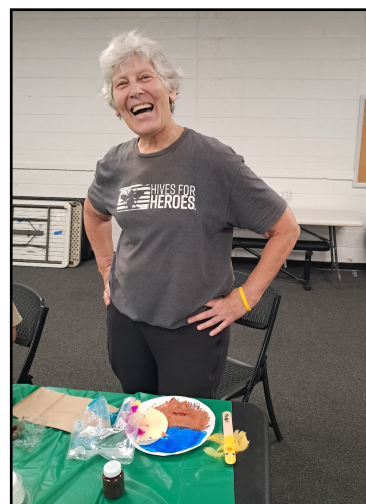
Summer camp at Hix Gym continues. We meet with 35 campers on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00. We talk about the beneficial creatures in our gardens.



Danny DeVito talks to the campers about his African Bullfrog.



Cindy DeVito helps campers make a frog craft.



Lynn Duncan helps make a bird craft.

Great Southeast **POLLINATOR CENSUS**

- Learn how to count pollinators in your local area!
- Contribute to the Great Southeast Pollinator Census!
- Children's games & activities!
- Drawings for Prizes

NC STATE EXTENSION

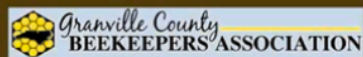
Master Gardener | Granville-Person Counties
Volunteer Association



August 22
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Harris Exhibit Hall

1 Museum Lane
Oxford, NC 27565



LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!

provided by club member, Kat Ravenel!

Come on out and pot a native pollinator plant to take home!
The Granville Gardeners will also be providing kids activities for this event.

**Mark your calendars to attend the
Great Southeast
POLLINATOR CENSUS**

**August 22nd, 9am - 1pm, Harris Exhibit Hall
1 Museum Lane, Oxford**

Do you have a **GARDENING QUESTION**

**that you would like to
ask?**

Well, you are in luck!

Write your question(s) on a piece of paper and bring it with you to one of our monthly meetings. 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.



**RAINY DAYS WERE
INVENTED SO
GARDENERS
COULD FINALLY
GET THEIR
LAUNDRY DONE.**

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 |