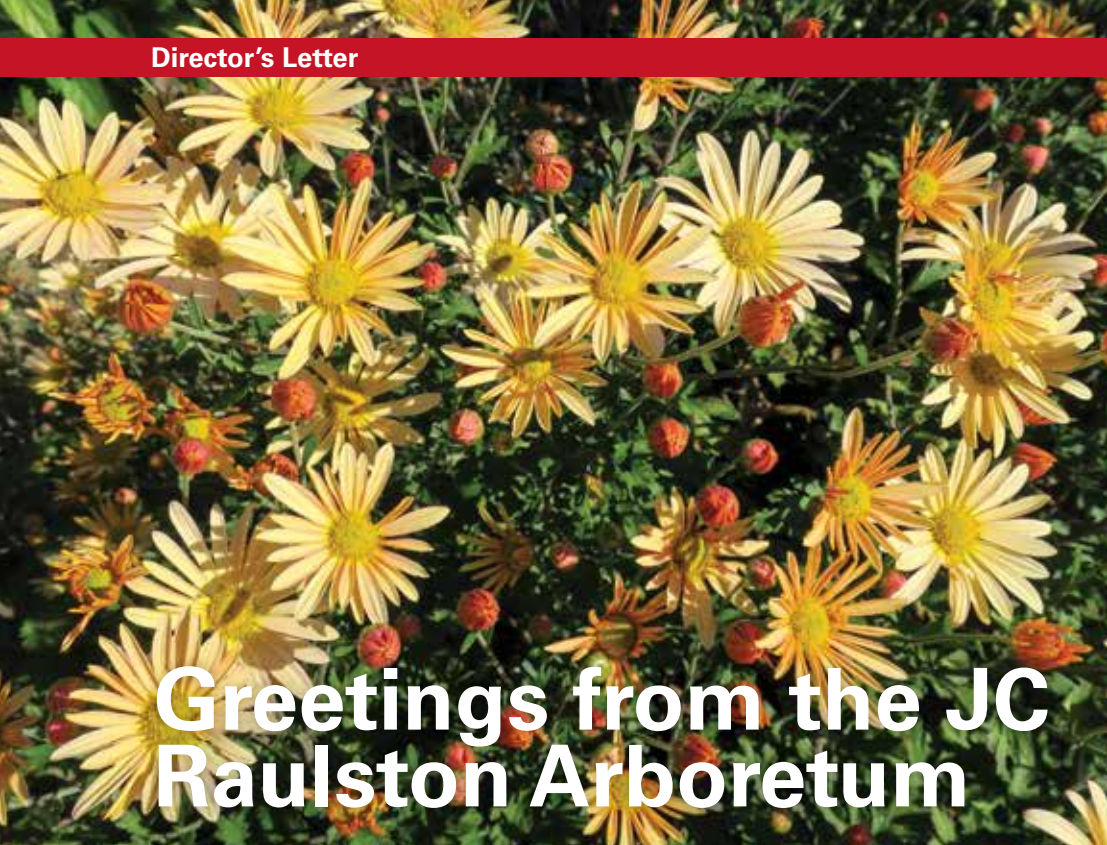


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Greetings from the JC Raulston Arboretum

By Mark Weathington,
Director

J. C. Raulston closed his many letters with the exhortation to "Plan—and plant for a better world," and we've been following that command ever since. We look to the future to see how

our actions at the JCRA today will improve the world in the future. I've recently been thinking a lot about future planning due to the recent loss of a parent.

My father would not have considered there to be all that much to his "estate" and so would likely not have thought too long or hard about estate planning. In my experience of working with donors, this is often the case. But when it comes down to it, a home, retirement accounts, life insurance, and the like can actually be a quite significant amount when all is said and done.

Estate planning is an uncomfortable topic for many of us, but planned gifts from supporters are quite common and have helped the JCRA grow our endowment, programs, and gardens significantly over the last decade. We currently have planned gifts from quite a few of our members and volunteers. While we hope to not see their gifts for many long years, they have the comfort of knowing their plans will help an organization they love to reach its full potential.

The important thing to remember is that to make sure your gift is used in exactly the way you would like, it is helpful to have a conversation with us. We can make sure your legacy will continue our efforts to plant a better world.

Staff from Leaf & Limb volunteered the services for a full day in June



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Travel with the JCRA

Once again, a fabulous time was had by all! Thirty of my (now) good friends traveled with me to Italy and the French Riviera for beautiful gardens, exquisite architecture, and of course plenty of wonderful food and wine. As always, my favorite part of the trip was getting to know everybody a bit better—although the Jardin Exotique in Monaco was definitely a must-see, bucket-list garden for me and it lived up to its reputation.

Before the trip was even half over, I was inundated with the inevitable question, "Where do we go next?" We are finally ready to announce with great pleasure that our next excursion will take us

to the most famous garden show in the world—the Chelsea Flower Show in England! A few details are still in the works but we will be visiting London, Oxford, and the Cotswolds from May 22 to June 1.

By Mark Weathington,
Director

I expect this trip to be another once-in-a-lifetime experience visiting some of the greatest botanical gardens in the world, hidden gem private gardens, the Chelsea Flower show, and the historical wonders of Oxford and Bath. We know this trip will fill quickly so please contact me if you would like to be put on a waiting list.

Exotic Garden, Monaco



Villa Carlotta, Tremezzo, Italy





New Stars

By Mark Weathington,
Director

Each year, usually in early winter before we are caught up in the spring flurry of sales and galas and various other

programs, the time arrives for us to make one of the toughest decisions of the year. Not what plants to install or remove, not where we will travel on plant expeditions, not who to hire as summer interns, but the monumental decision about what plant, or occasionally other design, to feature on the next year's T-shirt.

Why do we need to start so early? After all, the shirt won't be available until the fall, and it seems as though a nine- or ten-month head start should be excessive. The botanical illustrations on our shirts are drawn from real life plants, occasionally supplemented with images from our extensive photograph collection. Our artist for 2018's shirt, Sue Aldworth, needs to be able to see the plant throughout its various stages to capture the best image. This year marks Sue's 12th T-shirt design for us. As Sue sketches her idea, we discuss how best to present the plant. Once her drawings are complete, we look at placement on the shirt along with the text we want to include. Finally, color—both for the image and the T-shirt itself—are selected. The limits of cost imposed by this last decision often causes quite a bit of consternation and tweaking to make sure we get it right.

Selecting the right plant presents challenges of its own. This year, we settled on a plant that is seeing remarkable popularity in recent years, *Illicium*. Known variously as anise tree or shrub, star flower, and star anise, this plant makes an evergreen shrub

suitable for a wide variety of spots in the garden. The genus *Illicium* is found throughout Asia and in the southeastern United States to Mexico and the Caribbean and contains 40 or so species. It is a very primitive plant—one of the oldest branches on the flowering plant's evolutionary tree. The name comes from the Latin word for "allure" and was first applied to the spice known as star anise.

The common anise tree species grown as ornamentals in the United States include the Southeastern natives *I. floridanum*, the Florida anise, *I. parviflorum*, yellow anise, and the Asian *I. anisatum* or star anise (not to be confused with the culinary *I. verum* or true star anise). A few other Asian species can be found in specialty collections like the JCRA's which holds about 10 species and over 30 different selections and forms. While the true anise is used both for its aromatic seed capsules and oils, the hardy ornamental species we grow are toxic and should never be used as a substitute.

The hardy anise are evergreen shrubs with typically fairly smooth, glossy green foliage highlighted with red, pink, burgundy, white, or yellow flowers often with long, strappy petals giving rise to the name star flower. The *I. floridanum* and *I. anisatum* star anise both bear pink to red flowers while the much less showy flowers of *I. parviflorum* are yellow-green. They will typically grow from 6' to 15', depending on species. The yellow-green fruits which follow the flowers will dry and split to spill their seeds and will look quite familiar to anyone who has used star anise in a recipe.

JC Raulston Arboretum

September Events

Sundays 3, 10, 17, & 24	Arboretum Guided Tours Volunteer Tour Docent	2:00 PM Free/Free	Tuesday 19	Day Tripping to Pat McCracken's Garden and Camellia Forest's New Wendell Nursery	9:45 AM \$/\$ ✂
Tuesday 5	Plantsmen's Tour "For the Birds" Mark Weathington, Director	1:00 PM Free/\$	Thursday 21	Photography Walk "Color" Susan Bailey, Susan Bailey Photography	2:00 PM \$/\$ ✂
Saturday 9	Project PLANTS* Science Saturdaze	9:00 AM \$/\$	Sunday 24	Take a Child Outside Week* "Scavenger Hunt"	1:00 PM+ Free/Free
Saturday 9	Crepe Myrtle Pruning Class and Demonstration "A Tale of Love, Murder, and Proper Pruning" Basil Camu, Treecologist, Leaf & Limb	9:00 AM \$/\$ ✂	Monday 25	Take a Child Outside Week* "Nature Paintings"	10:00 AM+ Free/\$
Mondays 11, 18, & 25 ...	Becoming a Better Home Landscape Gardener Bryce Lane, NC State University	6:30 PM \$/\$ ✂	Monday 25	Gardening Adventures with Extension Master Gardener Volunteers "Winter Flowering Plants" Cindy Chappell, Master Gardener	10:00 AM Free/\$
Thu. & Fri. 14 & 15	Garden Buds* "Fall Fun with Apples"	10:30 AM+ \$/\$ ✂	Tuesday 26	Take a Child Outside Week* "Fairies in the Garden"	10:00 AM \$/\$ ✂
Thursday 14	Friends of the Arboretum Lecture "Green Infrastructure: Why Horticulture Is the Key to Cities of the Future and Where You Fit In" Debbie Hamrick, Director Specialty Crops, North Carolina Farm Bureau	7:30 PM Free/\$	Wednesday 27	Take a Child Outside Week* "Pond Dipping"	10:00 AM \$/\$ ✂
Saturday 16	North American Rock Garden Society (Piedmont Chapter) Lecture "Clematis and Other Vines for the Garden" Adrienne Roethling, Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden	10:00 AM Free/\$	Thursday 28	Take a Child Outside Week* "Nature Play"	10:00 AM+ Free/Free
Saturday 16	Recreational Tree Climbing at the JCRA Patrick Brandt, Piedmont Tree Climbing Open to Youths and Adults	10:00 AM+ \$/\$ ✂	Friday 29	Take a Child Outside Week* "Garden Storytime"	10:00 AM Free/\$ ✂
			Saturday 30	Take a Child Outside Week* "Scavenger Hunt"	10:00 AM+ Free/Free

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October Events

Sundays **Arboretum Guided Tours** 2:00 PM
1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 Volunteer Tour Docent Free/Free

Mondays **Becoming a Better Home Landscape Gardener Continued** 6:30 PM
... 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 Bryce Lane, NC State University \$/\$
 ✂

Tuesday **Plantsmen's Tour** 1:00 PM
3 "Asian Valley" Free/\$
 Mark Weathington, Director

Wednesdays **Creating a Sustainable Urban Wildlife Habitat for the Birds, Bees, and Butterflies** 6:30 PM
4, 11, 18, & 25 Helen Yoest, Director, Bee Better \$/\$
 ✂

Saturday **Friends of the Arboretum Annual Plant Distribution** 9:00 AM
7 Free/NA

Saturday **Tree Planting Class and Demonstration** 10:00 AM
7 "Happy Trees Begin with Proper Planting" \$/\$
 Basil Camu, Treecologist, Leaf & Limb ✂

Thu. & Fri. **Garden Buds*** 10:30 AM+
12 & 13 "Pumpkin Patch" \$/\$
 ✂

Saturday **Project PLANTS*** 9:00 AM
14 Science Saturdaze \$/\$
 ✂

Wednesday **Day Tripping to Sandhills Horticultural Gardens at the Sandhills Community College** 9:00 AM
18 \$/\$
 ✂

Thursday **Photography Walk** 2:00 PM
19 "Textures" \$/\$
 Susan Bailey, Susan Bailey Photography ✂

Saturday **Propagating Woody Plants from Seed** 9:00 AM+
21 Bryce Lane, NC State University \$/\$
 ✂

Monday **Gardening Adventures with Extension Master Gardener Volunteers** 10:00 AM
23 "Made—Beautifully—in the Shade" Free/\$
 Sally Newman, Master Gardeners

Tuesday **Homeschool Program*** 1:00 PM
24 "Fall Homeschool Afternoon" \$/\$
 ✂

Wednesday **Homeschool Program*** 10:00 AM
25 "Fall Homeschool Morning" \$/\$
 ✂

Saturday **North American Rock Garden Society (Piedmont Chapter) Lecture** 10:00 AM
28 "Gardening on Rock" Free/\$
 Anne Spiegel

Saturday **Girl Scout Program*** 10:00 AM
28 "Brownies: Buggin' Out!" \$/\$
 ✂

Sunday **Friends of the Arboretum Lecture** 2:00 PM
29 "Beardless Irises for Your Garden" Free/\$
 Carol Warner, Draycott Gardens

Friends of the Arboretum Annual Plant Distribution
Saturday, October 7, 2017 – 9:00 AM (arrive by 8:45 AM)

Red, set, go! Get your wagons and carts and head over to the Arboretum to join the fun at the epic event of public horticulture where thousands of choice and rare plants are freely given away.

The giveaway is a members-only event. Nonmembers may become members at any time including at the event.

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November Events

Saturday 4	Take Your Best Shot Chris Ogden, Chris Ogden Photography	9:00 AM \$/\$ ✂
Tuesday 7	Plantsmen's Tour JCRA Staff	1:00 PM Free/\$
Wednesday 8	An Evening with Bleddyn and Sue Wynn Jones	5:30 PM \$/\$ ✂
Thur. & Fri. 9 & 10	Family Art Workshop* "Garden Lights"	10:00 AM+ \$/\$ ✂
Thu.-Sat. 9-11 & 16-18	Moonlight in the Garden Courtesy of Our Friends at Southern Lights of Raleigh	6:00 PM+ \$/\$
Saturday 11	Project PLANTS* "Science Saturdaze"	9:00 AM \$/\$ ✂
Saturday 11	Fern Propagation Workshop Bob Payne, Extension Master Gardener	9:00 AM \$/\$ ✂

Take Your Best Shot
Chris Ogden, Chris Ogden Photography
Saturday, November 4 – 9:00 AM

Whether your love is shooting nature, man-made places and things, people, critters, flora, abstracts, or events, professional photographer Chris Ogden will guide you to better composition, shooting techniques, and post processing in this all-day workshop. You will see and learn all three components of making great photographs: technical (image quality), craft (applied techniques), and art (what are you saying? what feelings/thoughts are you evoking?).

Thursday 16	Photography Walk "Shadows" Susan Bailey, Susan Bailey Photography	2:00 PM \$/\$ ✂
Saturday 18	Girl Scout Program* "Cadettes: Tree-iffic Trees"	10:00 AM \$/\$ ✂
Thursday 30	Day Tripping to Homewood Nursery to See Their Poinsettia Trials	10:00 AM \$/\$ ✂

Moonlight in the Garden
Thursday-Saturday, November 9-11 and 16-18 – 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Courtesy of Our Friends at Southern Lights of Raleigh

Moonlight in the Garden returns this November with more lights, more nights. Food trucks, live music, marshmallows and fire pits—they're all back. Don't miss the only opportunity to experience the JC Raulston Arboretum after dark. We'll open our gates each evening for you, your family, and friends to explore this nighttime wonder custom designed and installed by John Garner and his team at Southern Lights of Raleigh.

Family Art Workshops*
Garden Lights
Thursday, November 9 – 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Friday, November 10 – 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

This special family event is inspired by our Moonlight in the Garden event during November. Create garden lights inspired by this beautiful evening program to add to your home and garden. Join us in the Education Yurt to let your creativity go free and shine your light! Don't forget to purchase your tickets to come back to enjoy the Arboretum gardens all aglow for one of the many nights of this year's Moonlight in the Garden.

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December Events

Sunday 3	Poinsettia Open House Sponsored by the JC Raulston Arboretum and NC State Floriculture	1:00 PM+ Free/Free
Tuesday 5	Holiday Wreath Workshops Christopher Todd Glenn	1:00 PM 4:00 PM \$/\$ ✂
Tuesday 5	Plantsmen's Tour JCRA Staff	1:00 PM Free/\$
Tuesday 5	Wine and Wreaths Christopher Todd Glenn	7:00 PM \$/\$ ✂
Thursday 7	Friends of the Arboretum Lecture "Application of Genomics to Flowering Dogwood Conservation and Phylogeny and Biogeography of Mock Oranges" Andrew Pais, Ph.D.	7:30 PM Free/\$
Friday 8	Family Art Workshop* "Holiday Creations"	10:00 AM+ \$/\$ ✂
Thursday 14	Photography Walk "Patterns" Susan Bailey, Susan Bailey Photography	2:00 PM \$/\$ ✂

Poinsettia Open House

Sunday, December 3 – 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

NC State Floriculture is part of a national poinsettia program that tests poinsettia cultivars to determine which ones are best for consumers and for producers. You will have a chance to see these cultivars yourself and vote for your favorites. Over one hundred different cultivars of poinsettias—including numerous new experimental cultivars—will be on display.



Holiday Wreath Workshops

Tuesday, December 5 - 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

Wine and Wreaths

Tuesday, December 5 - 7:00 PM

Decorate your home for the holidays with a designer wreath you made at the JC Raulston Arboretum. Hands-on instruction will be provided and all participants will learn to make and will create a wreath of their own to take home. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and other beverages in the 7:00 PM workshop.



Family Art Workshop*

"Holiday Creations"

Friday, December 8 – 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

The gardens are full of inspiration and materials to make holiday crafts. Join us for a morning of fun crafts using materials from the garden.

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The hardy anise are easy to use in the landscape as they will grow in full sun to fairly deep shade. Once established, they are quite drought tolerant, but they will grow in very damp spots making them ideal for rain gardens. In full sun, the foliage will sometimes take on more yellow-green or olive-green tones than when grown in shade. Perhaps their most noteworthy feature for the modern landscape is that they are among the most deer-resistant plants available for the garden.

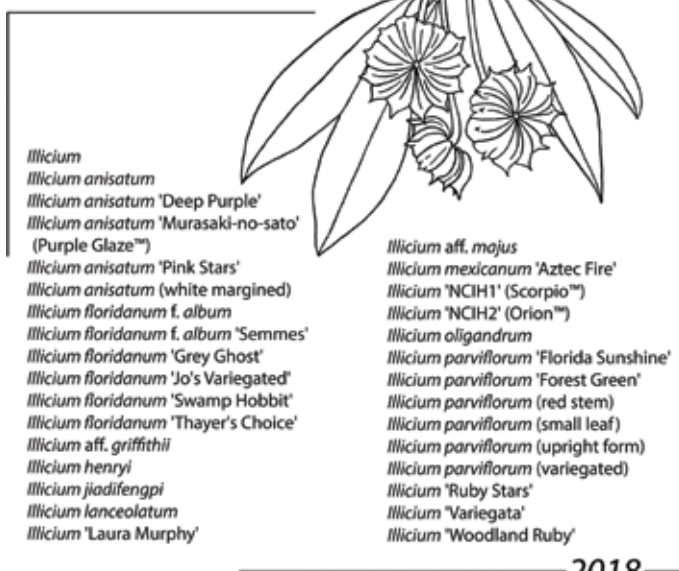
Recent selection and breeding has given rise to a host of new selections, but even decades ago the JCRA noted their beauty and introduced 'Aztec Fire' from a collection of *I. mexicanum* made by J. C. Raulston in the 1980s. Now, one can find gold-leaved selections like 'Florida Sunshine', various variegated cultivars, and large-flowered hybrids like 'Woodland Ruby'. For years, the one major complaint about these plants has been the large size which can easily outgrow their allotted space if not kept pruned.

The selections featured on our shirt this year aim to solve the size problem. Tom Ranney, the J. C. Raulston Distinguished Professor and mad scientist of plant breeding at NC State, has introduced two new selections, the scarlet flowered Scorpio ('NCIH1') and the white Orion ('NCIH2'). Both are dense and compact plants growing to about 3' tall and 5' wide making them perfect for foundation plantings and the like. They will flower most heavily in spring and then re-bloom sporadically over summer and into fall. Both are brand new and are just hitting the market, so they may not be widely available for a while.

Illicium 'NCIH1' (Scorpio) and 'NCIH2' (Orion)



Back of the 2018 shirt featuring *Illicium* foliage and seed pods



- Illicium*
- Illicium anisatum*
- Illicium anisatum* 'Deep Purple'
- Illicium anisatum* 'Murasaki-no-sato' (Purple Glaze™)
- Illicium anisatum* 'Pink Stars'
- Illicium anisatum* (white margined)
- Illicium floridanum* f. *album*
- Illicium floridanum* f. *album* 'Semmes'
- Illicium floridanum* 'Grey Ghost'
- Illicium floridanum* 'Jo's Variegated'
- Illicium floridanum* 'Swamp Hobbit'
- Illicium floridanum* 'Thayer's Choice'
- Illicium* aff. *griffithii*
- Illicium henryi*
- Illicium jiadifengpi*
- Illicium lanceolatum*
- Illicium* 'Laura Murphy'

- Illicium* aff. *majus*
- Illicium mexicanum* 'Aztec Fire'
- Illicium* 'NCIH1' (Scorpio™)
- Illicium* 'NCIH2' (Orion™)
- Illicium oligandrum*
- Illicium parviflorum* 'Florida Sunshine'
- Illicium parviflorum* 'Forest Green'
- Illicium parviflorum* (red stem)
- Illicium parviflorum* (small leaf)
- Illicium parviflorum* (upright form)
- Illicium parviflorum* (variegated)
- Illicium* 'Ruby Stars'
- Illicium* 'Variegata'
- Illicium* 'Woodland Ruby'

2018



Basking in the Light of Success

By Arlene Calhoun,
Assistant Director

Moonlight in the
Garden returns
this November

thanks to John Garner and his incredibly talented team at Southern Lights of Raleigh. There is nothing like seeing the JC Raulston Arboretum after dark. Looking beyond the exceptional beauty showcased during these special nights in November, this event is a historical benchmark for the Arboretum.

It holds the largest event attendance record for us to date; mind you, it was multi-day/multi-weekend event, which is no easy feat for our small staff. But add the professional team of Southern Lights of Raleigh and 135 volunteers and you have an event for the history books.

During the four general admission nights we were open in 2016, we welcomed 2,479 visitors. And while we're thrilled with the record attendance, we're over the moon, if you will, with the number of guests who were visiting the Arboretum for their very first time. People traveled near and far to experience the nighttime magic that is uniquely ours.

And, the excitement doesn't stop there. Moonlight attracted the most diverse crowd we've ever experienced. It did our hearts good to see so many people from all areas of our community enjoying an evening in the garden. Awareness and new audience engagement are always top of the list when we're setting goals for our public events. And I think you'll agree: mission accomplished!

Raulston Blooms!, in its fifth year, is another new audience engagement success story. We welcomed 1,585 guests in a single day. And, 15% of our annual new members join during this one event. We can't think of a better way to celebrate spring. We can't do it alone; we have talented and generous friends in Bryce Lane, Will Hooker, and Brie Arthur who filled tents to standing room only with talks of gardening and sustainability. Add to that 79 volunteers, a birdhouse competition, plant sale, food trucks, artists, green clubs, and organizations and you have a garden festival to remember.

We often speak of engaging the next generation and question how we can

get them invested in a public garden. Recently, Yelp (the social networking site that connects people with local businesses) showed us how it could be done. We welcomed 300 Elite Yelpers to the garden to enjoy live music, face painting, local bites, and sips from a variety of restaurants, caterers, and distilleries. All this was organized by Yelp. During this two-hour event, we witnessed 300 Gen Xers and Millennials make flower crowns, boutonnières, and participate in a scavenger hunt. It was a very social event and the crowd was delighted to be here. As you can imagine, most didn't even know we were here, but many promised to return. In the meantime, they have given the garden great reviews on Yelp.

This "best kept secret" is making some traction, and we're grateful for all those who help make it happen. Members, sponsors, volunteers, and all the dedicated people who make our events and programming possible or help spread the word to all who will listen, we couldn't do it without you.

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Volunteer Spotlight: The Bluebird Man

By Kathryn Wall,
Membership and
Volunteer Coordinator

Bill Satterwhite
is known as the
"bluebird man"
with good reason.

For nearly 25 years, Bill has been a force supporting the re-establishment of the bluebird population in Wake County.

After a career of 40+ years as a radiological technologist, mostly at Rex Hospital, he retired as head of the X-ray Department. He and his wife Jeanne enjoyed the usual retirement activities, especially playing golf, traveling, and square dancing. He got involved with the Master Gardener program, and encountered a bluebird box and the rest is history.

He's been involved in the installation of bluebird boxes here at the Arboretum and at sites all across the county, in schools, county and city parks, churches, and golf courses, including the Lonnie Poole Golf Course. Many of the boxes are maintained by other volunteers, but he still visits some once a week during the spring, cleaning them and counting any eggs or chicks; that data is sent to researchers at Cornell University.

Earlier this year, Bill received the 2016 William C. Friday Award for Distinguished Service in Retirement presented by the Association of Retired Faculty at NC State University.

He has been involved with the N.C. Bluebird Society and established the Bluebirders of Wake County where he is co-coordinator. For nearly 25 years, Bill has led by example, talking to groups about bluebirds as well as building and installing bluebird houses across the county.

Did I mention that he just had his 97th birthday?

This past year, Bill served as mentor for one of our youngest JCRA volunteers, Jack Messenger of Troop 346. Jack completed his Eagle Scout award under Bill's guidance, constructing and installing seven bluebird nesting boxes. (Jack has another special tie to JCRA. He is honored in one of our earliest memorial bricks which was placed on the rooftop in honor of his birth.)

We celebrate Bill Satterwhite. He's an inspiration to all of us.

Bill Satterwhite and Alexia Maneschi at Raulston Blooms!



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Outreach is key to our success. So we're thrilled that Moonlight in the Garden is returning this November. And, we thank John Garner and his team at Southern Lights of Raleigh for their dedication in helping to make this important event a reality again this year.

More lights, more nights. Mark your calendars November 9-11 and November 16-18. Bring a friend or someone you know who has never visited us before. Let's make it another record-setting event.

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