

Thanks to all that attended the August meeting! It was decided that we will have our *catered* fall social at Heirloom Gardens. The social committee will be in touch with all the details. Planning for the spring seminar was begun with location and possible speakers discussed. Pat E. will purchase a bench for the CHC in memory of Hulen Aldridge to be placed in the Alley Garden.



Committees maintaining our gardens at the Courthouse will soon prepare them for winter. We are always grateful for the constant work and attention given by the committees to their gardens. I hope they realize how much it is appreciated by the CHC, in addition to visitors and citizens.

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As with any garden, change is inevitable, and we lost some boxwood on the Square. It is amazing that they have grown so large since being planted by the CHC in 1998! Transplanting some of the box can achieve symmetry once again. This task can be accomplished to coincide with improvements to the walks, steps and curbing currently under consideration by the county. Moving the box would be necessary to accommodate widened walks at any rate, so our loss is not so traumatic. Unfortunately, the improvements will depend upon the award of grant funding. We will know this fall or early winter. Since no improvements have been made to the hardscape since the middle of the last century, it is well overdue.

Wilson Carter, Janie Leigh's husband is currently recovering from surgery at DUMC. The report from Janie Leigh is positive. We all send Wilson, Janie Leigh, and their family our best wishes for a complete and rapid recovery!

Jim Upchurch has been undergoing an eye treatment that necessitates, *gasp*, injections in his eye. The treatment will take several injections. He already has completed one. We also send him our best wishes for a complete recovery.

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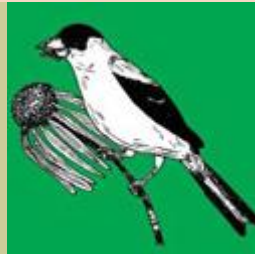
HOW TO GO NATIVE

CREATE YOUR OWN NATIVE

LANDSCAPE

Why Go Native?

Why should you make the change to native plants in your landscape?



American goldfinches eat seeds of native plants like orange coneflower.

- [More Wildlife](#) - Would you like to have more birds and butterflies in your backyard? Native animals are best adapted to native plants for food and cover, so a well-planned landscape of native plants can help you attract more wildlife to your property.
- [Low Maintenance](#) - Plants native to an area are well suited to the local soils and climate, and require relatively little upkeep once established on an appropriate site.
- [Avoid Invasive Exotics](#) - The spread of invasive, exotic plants poses a threat to native plants and animals around the world.

You can do your part to slow down these threats in your area.



- [Balance Habitat Loss](#) – With current human population growth, we are losing wildlife habitat at an alarming rate. You can help balance this loss by creating new habitat with native plants.
- [Avoid Common Mistakes](#) – Many common landscaping practices, like planting only one species across a large area, are actually bad for wildlife. By creating an integrated native plant landscape you can avoid having a property that provides little or no habitat for wildlife

The above information is from goingnative@ncsu.edu. Dr. Chris Moorman, one of our past speakers at the spring seminar, developed this informative and easy to use website.

Niche Gardens between Burlington and Chapel Hill is the closest and best resource for the purchase of native flowers and shrubs of which I am aware. This summer may have taught us all a lesson about the use of high maintenance plants. BTW: Nan and Jack Turner have a wonderful native lawn and garden.

