Annual Report
THE ELIZABETHAN GARDENS
A Year in Review

Carl Curnutte, Executive Director

“My how we have grown!”

Perhaps dream can come true!? For our 65th anniversary we put together a Dream Board which depicted improvements we wanted to see happen in our gardens.

And indeed, since then it has been a very abundant cycle of growth.

It started with our Colonist Brick Project, then continued with the Great Gates project and kept growing with improvements to our gardens too. We added informational signage about birds, frogs, butterflies and herbs. We installed custom built birdhouses throughout and became associated with North Carolina Birding Trail which you can read more about in this report. Our Gardens were accredited by ArbNet, a world-wide community that honors commitments to a diverse population of trees (read more on this in the report too).

And the improvements and enhancements are continuing.

We are prepping the site and making ready for our John White Butterfly Center and also heading towards improvements and a renovation for a Discovery Cottage too!

What makes these things happen?

A team of support. A board that steers, an active staff, volunteers, businesses that lend support and members that are involved in shaping our future by their giving.

Just like the beautiful plants that grace our landscapes here, we are constantly growing, changing and finding new ways to keep our garden vibrant and exciting.

We are very proud of the progress we’ve made and the direction we are heading towards. And so glad you have been a part of our story of success.

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Great Again

Bestowing New Life on Returned and Restored Gates

In 1952, C. Douglas Dillon, American diplomat and politician who served as U.S. Ambassador to France, procured the gates to be gifted to The Elizabethan Gardens after extensive renovations were made to the Chancery.

The gates were soon hung in The Gardens along with walls of handcrafted bricks and stood ready to great guests on opening day in 1960.

And now, these gates have been given new life through their restored elegance. Elegance that has now been enhanced by modern techniques to ensure that these exquisite Great Gates hold their returned beauty for decades to come.

The Gardens was pleased to honor donors that funded the restoration. The Percy W. and Elizabeth G. Meekins Trust, the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau and the Outer Banks Community Foundation gave donations that made the refurbishment possible.

Additionally The Gardens recognized the restoration artisan, Ben Kastner, who restored the Gates to their timeless, original elegance.
Our gardens was inspired by and created to honor the ill-fated Elizabethan colonists who once lived on Roanoke Island. Though several centuries have passed, their mystery and devotion to carving a new life here inspire us today.

In their honor, and to reflect their long-standing commitment to The Elizabethan Gardens, The Garden Club of North Carolina along with 90 state-wide clubs championed a “Colonist Walk Brick Project.” Clubs sponsored a brick paver engraved with the name of a lost colonist. The walk beautifully compliments the gardens courtyard entrance and perpetuates the memory of the lost colonists.

We are thankful to these clubs for their investment in the project:

Audubon Garden Club
Azalea Garden Club
Bermuda Run Garden Club
Boiling Spring Lakes Garden Club
Butler, Suzanne & David
Cape Fear Garden Club
Carolyn T. High Garden Club
Cary Garden Club
Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs
Croasdaile Garden Club
Davenport, Frank & Linda
Davidson Garden Club
Daylily Garden Club
Dig-A-Bit Garden Club
Down to Earth Garden Club
Dunes of Dare Garden Club
Emerald Isle Garden Club
Englewood Garden Club Rocky Mount
Evergreen Garden Club
Fayetteville Garden Club
Field & Stream
Flower Power Garden Club
Fremont Garden Club
Garden Club of New River
Garden Study Club
GC Council of Winston Salem and Forsyth
Goldensboro Garden Club
Green Thumb Garden Club
Green Valley Garden Club
Greenleaf Garden Club
Historic Bath Garden Club
Hoe and Hope Garden Club
Homestead Heights Garden Club
King of Spades Garden Club
La Grange Garden Club
Lady Banks Garden Club
Lafayette Ladyslippers Garden Club
Lake Trace Garden Club
Little Gardens Garden Club
Lobolly Garden Club
Long Bay Garden Club
Longleaf Garden Club
Mary Ann Thomas
Modern Gardeners Garden Club
Monroe Garden Club
Monroe Garden Club
Nathaniel Green Garden Club
New Bern Garden Club
Old Salem Garden Club
Perennial Garden Club
Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club
Pioneer Garden Club
Potpourri Garden Club
Raleigh Garden Club
Roanoke Island Garden Club
Rocky Mount Garden Club
Snapp, Sandra
Sylva Garden Club
Tarheel Garden Club of Conover
The Ahoskie Garden Club
The Green Thumb Garden Club
The Scotch Gardeners
Town & Country Garden Club Eden
Town & Country Garden Club Fayetteville
Town & Country Garden Club Whiteville
Town and Country Garden Club Durham
Town and Country Garden Club Winston-Salem
Trellis Garden Club
Trent Woods Garden Club
Troutman Garden Club
Twin City Garden Club
Two Green Thumbs Garden Club
Village Garden Club
Village Home and Garden Club
Warsaw Garden Club
Washington Garden Club
Westridge Garden Club
Westwood Garden Club
Whiteville Garden Club
Wildwood Garden Club
Woodland Garden Club
Yadkin Valley Garden Club
Since its creation was first proposed in the early 1950s, Elizabethan Gardens, owned by the Garden Club of North Carolina, has grown by leaves and blooms!

The initial proposed plan to create a garden to commemorate the first English colonists who arrived on the Roanoke Island shores began with just two acres but quickly expanded to today’s ten-acre site that is leased from the Roanoke Island Historical Society.

In addition to the gardens that are planted with both heritage and exotic plants, European statuary donated by John Hay Whitney has made the property into one the top attractions of the region.

As programming has grown each year, the nonprofit has relied on volunteers to help with many of the day-to-day tasks as well as special events such as themed-teas, workshop programs, WinterLights, Easter Eggstravaganza, WOOFstock and more.

“But I didn’t volunteer,” says Kenny Daid-one of Roanoke Island. “I was conscripted! My wife Maggie pulled me in.”

Maggie, a volunteer at the gardens, and Kenny were visiting with Elizabethan Gardens Executive Director Carl Curnutte who showed the couple a candelabra that had seen better days and was headed to the trash pile.

Kenny, a man of many talents including self-taught tinkering, offered to take the piece home and see if he could make it a treasure once again. A longtime collector of nautical items, he is familiar with different sorts of metals that sometimes need a little tender loving care.

“I couldn’t believe it when he brought it back to me,” said Carl. “It looked even more beautiful than it ever had in the past.”

That planted a seed that later grew into another project that prompted Maggie to “conscript” Kenny into service.

During his first week on the job, Carl found what looked like a spearhead in his desk. Asking staff for clues as to its purpose, he found that it was part of an armillary sphere that had been donated to the gardens, but its time out in the weather had caused significant damage.

Armillary spheres are early astronomical and navigational devices for representing the great circles of the heavens, so says Encyclopaedia Britannica. Although the beginning of their use is still a little cloudy, ancient China and Greece are thought to have created the first ones.

The one belonging to the spearhead-looking object found by Carl was bent, missing parts and otherwise derelict.

Although it was thought that it was beyond repair, Maggie presented the project of possible restoration to Kenny.

Not only did Kenny have repairs to make, the sphere also was missing significant parts such as the rod that was supposed to go through the center and hold all the rings in place. The rod was supposed to be shaped as an arrow and the part found by Carl was the arrow point from one end of it.

The rings are solid red brass, but the post is yellow brass. Kenny searched for a brass piece to replace the rod and finally solved the problem when he found a lamp with the coveted piece that was the correct size and length.

But that was the easy part. One end was supposed to have a part shaped like the feathers on the end of an arrow. After locating a solid brass piece that he could correctly shape, Kenny decided that trying to etch in the fine lines of a feather might be tempting fate.

He repaired, replaced and restored the armillary and then it was time for the base. After considering other woods, he chose swamp white oak to fashion into a base to hold the objects.

The armillary has now been returned to the gardens but it is unclear if he has been released from his conscripted service yet.

WHAT IS AN ARMILLARY?

An armillary sphere (variants are known as spherical astrolabe, armilla, or armil) is a model of objects in the sky (on the celestial sphere), consisting of a spherical framework of rings, centred on Earth or the Sun, that represent lines of celestial longitude and latitude and other astronomically important features, such as the ecliptic.

- from Wikipedia
In 2017 and 2018, The Elizabethan Gardens has offered a wealth of workshops to help your gardens grow their best. Several workshops are offered free for members!

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Tree Pruning  Succulent Gardens Workshop
Terrarium Garden  Summer Floral Design
Annuals from Seed  Hardscape Workshop
Aspects of Pruning  Fall Container Gardening
Winter Rose Pruning  Plant a tree, or two
Winter Pruning  Big Fall Plant Sale
Succulent Container Gardens  Fall Transition
Herb Gardens  Christmas Cactus
Butterfly Gardens  Coastal Landscaping Workshop
Block Planting  Winter Transition
Mosaic Planting  Winter Container Gardening
Pruning Azaleas  Deck the Halls with Christmas Greenery
Summer Herbs  Poinsettias
Summer Perennials  The Art of Centerpieces
Dead Heading  The Perfect Holiday Wreath
Summer Pruning  
Summer Bed Maintenance

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Our monthly E-newsletter lists upcoming dates of workshops several months in advance and has links to sign-up online or call us to reserve your spot.

Also, workshops are posted on our website and listed on our Facebook page as events.
An ancient proverb states, “Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a singing bird will come.” The Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo NC has taken this to heart. Since their founding over six decades ago as a memorial garden to the historical English colonists that first walked their sound-side shores, they have grown into a welcome home for birds and trees alike. Two new affiliations: NC Birding Trail and ArbNet, recognize and celebrate their commitment to the natural world.

“It’s almost unimaginable that six decades ago we were just a mixed bag of sand hills, briars and overgrown brush,” said Linda Davenport, chair of The Elizabethan Gardens Board of Governors. She elaborated. “We have grown since that time and have become a haven that celebrates nature. We are excited to announce these affiliations.”

NC Birding Trail is a partnership project of six agencies and organizations: NC Wildlife Resources Commission, NC State Parks, Audubon NC, US Fish & Wildlife Service, NC Sea Grant, and NC Cooperative Extension. The partnership was created to establish a driving trail linking known birding sites across North Carolina.

The Trail is partitioned into three regions: coastal plain, piedmont, and mountains. According to NC Birding Trail, I-95 is the border between the coastal plain and piedmont regions and I-77 is the border between the piedmont and mountain regions. Along with The Elizabethan Gardens, the coastal plain features over 100 sites. Online guides and print publications direct bird enthusiasts to NC Birding Trail sites with details of birds found along the trail. To learn more about the NC Birding Trail visit: www.ncbirdingtrail.org.

ArbNet is a global network of tree-focused professionals. The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is touted as “the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta based on a set of professional standards.” Since their launch in 2011, ArbNet has grown to connect over 180 arboretum professionals. Their stated mission is, “to foster the establishment and professionalism of arboreta; identify arboreta capable of participating or collaborating in certain scientific, collections, or conservation activity; and advance the planting and conservation of trees.”

According to The Elizabethan Gardens’ garden manager, Jeffery Wulliez, “ArbNet recognizes The Elizabethan Gardens commitment to maintaining its living collections. As a Level II Accredited Arboretum, The Elizabethan Gardens strives to preserve, protect, and expand on its 100+ species of woody shrubs and trees.”

With data collected from The Elizabethan Gardens and other affiliated organizations, ArbNet keeps a current listing of worldwide arboreta called The Morton Register of Arboreta. To find discover more about Arbnet and the register, visit: www.ArbNet.org
In time of need we often turn to our friends and neighbors for support. Once again, Outer Bank Ace Hardware has answered the call and lent a hand to The Elizabethan Gardens, their Manteo neighbor.

“As a non-profit we are dependent on support from volunteers, community and businesses,” remarked Lou Ellen Flowers, board chair. “Like many other non-profits, we adjust and balance our budgets based on needs and demands.”

“Our Gardeners were in need of tools to keep our site growing beautifully and Ace stepped in to help us with this— which in turn helps us in other areas of our garden.”

It’s easy to understand how The Elizabethan Gardens considers Outer Banks Ace as their community champion.

And it’s easy to see how Ace’s gift will become very handy in The Gardens. Garden manager, Jeffrey Wulliez mentioned, “Our mechanical tools have a very useful lifespan. They sculpt and trim nearly 10 acres— much more than your average yard. So you can imagine, Ace’s gift of a STIHL chainsaw and a STIHL ‘Kombi’ system will come in handy.”

He explained that the snap on attachment system of the STIHL system would help with many tasks. The one tool will be able to do everything from trim hedges around the courtyard or the sunken gardens, to edge and refine beds, and also to reach tall limbs with the pole extension— all from the same base unit. “It’s a remarkable gift,” he exclaimed.

Wulliez, who just came aboard in 2016, has been busy sprucing up the gardens and overseeing the rehabilitation and rejuvenation of the site.

The Gardens has been the recipient of Ace’s generosity in the past.

“They’ve stepped in to help us on so many occasions,” remarked Carl Curnutte, executive director of The Elizabethan Gardens.

“They have donated a box truck which we repurposed for onsite storage; sent us items for auction and for use in The Gardens; sponsored home and garden tours, our anniversary and fundraisers; and now they have donated useful tools that will keep our gardens looking beautiful.”

Outer Banks Ace’s Operations Manager, Kathy Seko, said, “We are pleased to be able to help our neighbors at The Elizabethan Gardens by donating this much needed STIHL outdoor power equipment. Outer Banks Ace enjoys the partnership we’ve had with The Elizabethan Gardens over the years, and appreciate the important role they have played in our community’s past, present and future on the Outer Banks.”

Gratitude is always something worth crowing about And The Elizabethan Gardens is thankful for good neighbors like Ace Hardware that continue sharing goodwill with the Manteo gardens.

“With the gardeners in mind, we good to have a combination of caring revenue from admissions, sales, memberships, sponsorships, and donations. And donations, large and small really add up to help us in big ways,” added Curnutte.

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“One of The Gardens goals is to connect young minds to nature,” explained Gail Reynolds, Elizabethan Gardens board member. Reynolds is chair of The Gardens Education Committee. “The bird seed was used recently by young visitors at Harvest HayDay who eagerly created pine cone bird feeders with peanut butter and bird seed.”

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It’s often said that “small acts transform the world.” Over two dozen volunteers from Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church spent a June day assisting The Elizabethan Gardens in several projects. The result was transformative.

“When we put the call out for volunteers, I was contacted by the youth program about their mission week,” said Carl Curnutte executive director for The Elizabethan Gardens. “Their enthusiasm and willingness to get into the dirt and assist in raking, weeding, planting and preparing new beds inspired us. Not only did they leave their mark on the gardens, but they left a lasting impression with our staff as well.”

Curnutte explained that the gardens were created from the inspiration and perspiration of volunteers some 67 years ago. “We’ve are very grateful to volunteers of all ages and abilities.”

The youth group from KHUMC cleared and renovated three beds in the gardens, including clearing the way for a complete renovation of The Lost Colony Walk—a path that leads to the Roanoke Sound.

“QUOTE HERE FROM KHUMC—perhaps about what it meant for the young volunteers to go out into the community….”

Improving the gardens and adding new elements are an ongoing part of the site said Curnutte. “It’s a living museum of botanicals, and just like a museum you constantly change, renovate or add new installations. In a single day, these youth tackled several projects that greatly assisted our efforts.”
MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

Membership in The Elizabethan Gardens keeps our gardens growing as a living memorial to the natural history, beauty and culture of our region. We thank our members, individuals, businesses, and foundations for their support.

The names printed in this program reflect memberships received from March 31, 2017 to July 25, 2018.

MASTER GARDENER
Melodie Badger
Carol Bauer
Mary Bauer
Nancy Beadling
Jackie Beasley
James Braun
Jeanne Brook
Fred and Sandra Burgee
Victoria Byers
Becky Cabe
Marilyn Canning
Lois Chatham
Johnnie Combs
Gale Coughlin
Monica Cremia
Judy Crisman
Nancy D’Andrade
Don and Mary Dow
Betty Dunston
Ruth Engdahl
Linda Foster
Barbara and Thomas Franchi
Shirley Garrett
William and Grace Ghirardi
Ruth Goodhart
Gemina Green
John and Sara Haigh

Bob and Brenda Holloway
Robert and Carol Hopkins
Rich and Lynn Howell
Theresa Hurd
Judy Johnson
Patricia Johnson
Francene Kelly
Barbara Klein
Barbara Koeblin
Wayne Krout
Karen Lebing
Keith Lilly
Kaye Lyerly
Susan Lynch
Douglas Miller
Valerie Morell
Julia Morris
Susan Myers
Joe Newsom
Rhana Paris
John Phelan Jr
Larry and Amy Phillips
Gail Reynolda
David and Karen Schindel
Vickie Schreffler
Pamela Shoemaker
Ron & Mary Jane Slesinski
Tom Smith
Dennis and Christine Stadther
Zola Steger
Mary Stoudt
Shelley Tarleton
Gary Thomas
Rhonda Tillett
Linda Turowski
Charles Voigt
Christy Wease
Philip Wemer
Linda White
Bobby Williams
Tom Williamson

AZALEA
Aubrey Jangraw
Victoria Starke

HYDRANGEA
Carol Adams
Patricia Adamson
Jeannette Anderson
Mollie Bass
Susan Bentley
Ellen Boyd
Bill Bradley
Joan Brumbach
Sheila Chieco
Mary Sue Colter
Jennifer Lee Coward
Frank and Linda Davenport
Dillard and Susan Dixon
Dr. Teresa Wargovich MD
Pat Draisey
Rae Eley
Dawn Enoch
Kathryn Fagan
Patricia Fleming
Lou Ellen Flowers
Gail Forman
Janet Furneyhough
Elias Gallup
Melva Garrison
Joanne Gregory
Elizabeth Hall
Catherine Hamill
Barbara Helms
Pat Hutson
Frances Inglis
Sarah Ivey
Sarah Johns
Cheryl Johnson
Peggy Langley
Peggi and Tex Salzer Leonard
Dee Lewis
Peggy Lilienthal
Evgienia Madan

Sandie Markland
Jaye Massocar
Nancy Matthews
Mary Mckenzie
Linda McLendon
Barbara Okerson
Dee Ostrander
Patty and Canizales Sara Palmer
Beverly Parker
William Parker
Janet Peat
Annette Ivey Peery
Verna Gillam Perry
Nadine Petruccelli
Courtney Quillin
Barbara Rast
Marge Rozum
Brie Sansotta
Peggy Saporito
Lucinda Sarfan
Lois Sawyer
Amenie Schweizer
Donna Self
Ann Ross Sinclair
Pat Siok
Fay Smith
Jacqueline Smith
Israel Southern
Kay Stone
Marjalene Thomas
Lolly Tupper
Susan Vazquez
Vivian Shackelford
Robert Wade
Melissa Warner
Sharon Watson
Marjorie Way
Dale Wescott
Holly M. Williams
Beth Young
Beryl E Iven
IZABETHAN GARDENS

CAMELLIA
Dewey Massey & John Adams
Edmund Gowland
Michael and Kathryn Kirsch
James and Lynette White
Gerard and Kathleen Ahles
Lamb Basnight
Mike Bennett
Jenna Birch
John and Brenda Boidock
Betsy Brown
Michael and Janet Bryant
Connie and Berry Kelly Carpenter
Harold and Judith Casterli
Teresa and Carl Crozier
Carl and Buford John Currence
Rupert and Jane Denney
Randi and Kathy Dikeman
Charles and Rebecca “Becky” Evans
Jonathan and Kimberly Fallon
Christine Grana
Jane Grimm
Frankie and Nancy Haddock
Charles and Barbara Hardy
James and Linda Harris
Troy and Emily Haupt
William and Eileen Hiner
Kathy Horne
John and Brenda Hughes
John and Pam Hughes
Gail Hutchison
Jewelry by Gail Inc
David and Virginia Jones
Gary and Carole Kimmel
Nancy Kosanovich
John and Bette Kraemer
Richard Lee
William Mahaney
Evan and Claire Mann
Larry and Joanne Mason
Robert and Teresa Matchette

Janet McCarthy
Kevin and Lucille McGrath
Jeff and Mary Mortellaro
Pauline Nicolosi
Bruce and Jo Nolte
James and Elaine Oakley
Stanley and Paula Oliver
Sharon and Kasefang Curtis O’Neill
Mitchell and Rená Patrick
Jon and Donna Presgrave
Ronald and JoAnn Robbins
Robersonville Garden Club
Dale Russ
Rachel Russ
Steve and Judy Ryan
Polly Schneck
Alan and Nancy Shumaker
John and Linda Sigmon
Bryce and Janet Smith
Steve and Rhonda Smith
Bob and Sandra Snapp
Neil and Amanda Songer
Robert and Dorothy Spindel
Barbara St. Amand
Bill and Colleen Switts
Jr. John and Caroline Trask
Robert and Flossie Tugwell
Bland Wade
Russell and Jan Watkins
Gary Weisenborn
Charles and Barbara Wilkerson
Joanne Williams
Christian and Marianne Wilson
George and Lynda Wood
Karen and Keith Zillifro

QUEEN ANN’S LACE
Stuart and Stacy Bell
Claudia Benjamin
Adrienne Berkowitz
Robert and Linda Brougham
Peter and Cathy Buchan
Mark and Brennan Kathleen Burbic
Michelle Chimento
Rosemary Codding
Jennifer Evans
Linda Fountain
Carol Greene
Kathie Harkness
Nancy Harvey
Leo Hemker
Gail Hill
Mary Holland
Walter and Barbara Holton
Karen Hosler
Terry and Frank Jordan
David Joyner
Bill and Nancy Keefe
Paul and Phebe Kirkman
Thomas and Doherty Linda Lee
Russell and Kathryn Long
Richard and Christie McEwan
Rob and Marie Neilson
Dick and Peggy Parker
Robert and Joan Phillips
Jane Puckett
Len & Joanne Schoenfeld
Bill and Carole Slayton
Walt and Nancy Spruill
Alvah and Geneva Ward
Owen and Amy White
Craig and Stephanie Baker

VIRGINIA DARE
Rita Seelig Ayers
Saint Clair and Bea Basnight
June and Quentin Bell
Sandra Birdsong
Boyd Brannan
Jay and Kathy Burrus
Trey and Harriet Byrum
Mark and Iris Coblitz
Brenda & Dan Crocker
Dave and Kathy Curtis
Skip and Charlotte Dixon
Jim and Janie Eberl
William Farrell
Jack and Loretta Fertal
Samuel Clay Franklin
Mike and Angela Gard
Margaret Harvey
Frank and Susan (Pet) Hiner
Don and Virginia Johnson
Charles H Massey
David and Constance May
Lois and Huang Richard Miller
Harry and Diane Money
Christopher Nave
Jim and Candy Norrell
Ruth Overman
Bill and Linda Page
Bob and Cheri Peele
Colleen and Steven Shriver
Jean & Lawrence Shuping
Bonny Sims
Barbee Sprite
Jay Tutwiler
Nancy Grady Wilson

ROYAL COURTYARD
Benita Lloyd
Bill and Martha Pitts
Jan Bending
Rodney and Sarah Benson
Sue Burgess
Ray and Pam Evans
Frank and Penny Rose
Mary Simpson
NAMING & MEMORIAL GIFTS

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MEMORIAL BRICKS
June and Quentin Bell
Rodney and Sarah Benson
Boyd Brannan
Jeff and Susan Bryant
Ned and Laura Cabe
Glen and Mary Ann Conrad
Emerald Isle Garden Club
Donna Ginader
Goldsboro Garden Club
Nancy Harvey
Jane Janney
Bettie Kellogg
Benita Lloyd
Paul and Robin Mann
Manteo Elementary School
The Joy Fund
William Massey
Virginia Meekins
Andrew Moore
Jeff and Mary Mortellaro
Dee Ostrander
Doraine Smith
Southern Bank and Trust
Robert and Dorothy Spindle
Two Green Thumbs Garden Club
Washington Garden Club
Owen and Amy White
Megan Wieczerek
Joanne Williams
Joe and Patsy Zoll

ANNUAL FUND GIFTS
Ahoskie Garden Club
Avenue Grille
Judy Bailey
Dustin Baker
Martha & Greenville Banks
Delana Barkley
Marc Basnight
Wood and Laura Beasley
Rodney and Sarah Benson
Ann Boyd
Patrick and Linda Boyland
Betsy Brown
Thomas Bruckman
Charles & Lois Brummitt
William and Sally Ann Buford
Kathy Byrne
Trey and Harriet Byrum
Ned and Laura Cabe
Thomas Cafferty
Robert and Nancy Chiles
Michelle Chimento
Coastal Impressions
Mark and Iris Coblit
Patty Cooke
Ed and Carol Cowell
Brenda & Dan Crocker
Teresa and Carl Crozier
Carl and Buford Curnutte
Dave and Kathy Curtis
Frank and Linda Davenport
Talmadge and Barbara Davis
Gloria Jean Degnan
Jane Dilday
Daniel Dixon
Down To Earth Garden Club
Dr. Teresa Wargovich MD
Jim and Janie Ebert
Dawn Enochs
Ray and Pam Evans
Kathryn Fagan
Johnny and Sara Farrow
Jack and Loretta Fertal
Forest Garden Club
Barbara and Thomas Franchi
Garden Club Of North Carolina
Garden Lovers Club
Gardenerets Garden Club
Dorothy M George
William and Grace Ghirardi
Jane Grimm
Elizabeth Hall
Steve and Sandy Hampton
Margaret Harvey
Leo Hemker
Dorothy Hester
George and Nancy Hettenhouse
Historic Bath Garden Club
Hoe & Hope Garden Club
Richard and Rebecca Hoggard
Gail Hutchison
Sarah Ivey
Sarah Johns
Arthur and Alice Keeney
Bettie Kellogg
Gary and Carole Kimmel
Paul and Phebe Kirkman
Patricia Knight
Lake Gaston Garden Club
Kaye Lyerly
Sandie Markland
Robert and Teresa Matchette
Andrew Moore
Mr. & Mrs. William Hudak
Franklin and Irene Muus
New Bern Garden Club
Ellen Newbold
Pauline Nicolosi
Jim and Candy Norrell
Anne & Thomas O’Malley
Sharon and Kasefong O’Neill
Fountain and Carmen Odom
Wooten and Lisa Odom
Teresa Osborne
Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce
William Parker
Janet Peat

Annette Ivey Peery
Verna Gillam Perry
Robert and Joan Phillips
Bill and Martha Pitts
Potpourri Garden Club
Jon and Donna Presgrave
Pat Privott
Jane Puckett
Gail Reynolds
Jack Robertson
Frank and Penny Rose
Steve and Judy Ryan
James H. Scheuer
Bill and Connie Scott
Sophia Sharp
William and JoAnn Small
Jacqueline Smith
Bob and Sandra Snapp
Robert and Dorothy Spindle
Barbee Sprite
Sterling Technology Solutions
Matthew Stock
Otis and Shelby Strother
Tess Judge
Mary Ann Thomas
Town & Country Garden Club
Town & Country Garden Club
Durham
John & Caroline Trask, Jr.
Robert and Flossie Tugwell
Robert and Alice Turney
Jay Tutwiler
Village Garden Club
Timothy and Pamela Walters
Bob and Harriett Walton
Washington Garden Club
Samuel Watts
Marjorie Way
Thomas & Karen Webb
Helaine Webster
Nancy Grady Wilson
Celeste Wood
Gilbert and Sydney Young
**Event Support**

**Woofstock 2017**

**Sponsors & Supporters**
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- The Willey Agency
- Pepsi
- PetSmart
- Right at Home Veterinary Services
- Animal's Best Friend Pet Sitting
- Cat's Inc
- Tail Waggin' Photography

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- Courtney Quillin
- Gail Reynolds
- Frank & Linda Davenport
- John Buford
- Carl Curnutte

**Promnite Sponsor**
- Twiddy Realty

**Harvest Hayday**
- Towne Bank (sponsor)
- John Buford
- Carl Curnutte
- Piggly Wiggly

**Winterlights Sponsor**
- Southern Bank

**Diamonds & Denim Under the Big Top**

**Committee:**
- Denise Turner (chair)
- Mandy Bartell
- Linda Davenport
- Terry Jordan
- Vilma Worsham
- Kathryn Fagan
- Emily Perrot
- Donna Presgrave
- Kellie Jones; Trish Lepera; Emily Perrot
- Betsy Brown
- John Buford
- Nancy Harvey

**Woofstock 2018**

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- Sun Realty
- Right at Home Veterinary Services
- Pepsi

**Easter Eggstravaganza Sponsors 2018**
- Pirates & Pixies Toy Store
- Outer Banks Blue (main)
- Pepsi
- Brew Thru
- Atlantic Realty
- Holiday House Events
- Jefferson's Bourbon
- Dare Education Foundation
- Atlantic Realty

**Kentucky Derby**

**Committee:**
- Cindy Thornsvard (chair)
- Richard Bruce
- Michelle Chimento
- Carl Curnutte
- Linda Davenport
- Brad Edwards
- Mandi Hamel
- Nancy Harvey
- Kathy Horne
- Sarah Johns
- Gail Reynolds
- Elizabeth Silverstone
- Susan Smith
- Nora Wilkerson
- Lynda Wood

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ADDITIONAL SUPPORTERS

SIGNAGE SPONSORS
Linda & Frank Davenport
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Outer Banks Visitor’s Bureau
Outer Banks Community Foundation
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Outer Banks Visitor’s Bureau
Mollie A Fearing & Associates
Ace Hardware
Roanoke Island Garden Club

Dominion Energy Foundation
Steven and Colleen Shriver
Garden Club Names

Top photo: Phil Johnson recognized as by Linda McLendon at the Annual Dinner in February 2018

Center photo: Volunteer of the Year award winners with Gardens board: Sally Lowe, Linda Davenport (Chair of The Elizabethan Gardens Board), Joan Brumbach, and Linda McLendon (Board of Governors, The Elizabethan Gardens).

Bottom photo: Pictured here is (from L to R) Barbara St. Amand, President of Roanoke Island Garden Club; Donna Presgrave, Chairman of RIGC Annual Contribution Committee; Carl Curnutte, Executive Director of The Elizabethan Gardens; and Sarah Johns, Elizabethan Gardens board member and RIGC member.

Below photo: Reopening of the Great Gates upon renovation. Linda Davenport (board chair) and iron-work artist Ben Kastner have the honors to cut the ribbon.
“The Garden Club of North Carolina adopted The Elizabethan Gardens as a project in 1951, on August 18, 1960. The Gardens were formally opened.”

The Elizabethan Gardens Board of Governors determines policies and sets goals aimed at improving The Elizabethan Gardens as outlined in the bylaws. As the policy forming branch, The Board of Governors:

“Directs the general operations and ensures the mission of The Elizabethan Gardens is carried out. Determines the course of action and sets the long-term agenda for The Elizabethan Gardens. Authorizes the program of work and approves The Elizabethan Gardens’ budget. Hears and acts on committee recommendations as required.”

2017-2018
Executive Committee
Linda Davenport, Chairman
Gail Reynolds, Vice-Chairman
Betsy Brown, Secretary
Kathryn Fagan, Treasurer
Gail Hill, Garden Club of North Carolina President

Members
Sarah Ivey
Sarah Johns
Sandie Markland
Linda McLendon
Neil C. Songer
Teresa S. Crozier
Marjorie Way

2018-2019
Executive Committee
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Gail Reynolds, Vice-Chairman
Betsy Brown, Secretary
Kathryn Fagan, Treasurer
Gail Hill, Garden Club of North Carolina President

Members
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Patti Hutaff – Member Emeritus
Carl V. Curnutte, III – Executive Director

CORPORATE SPONSORS
Let there be light,

WinterLights

For seven seasons, The Elizabethan Gardens’ annual WinterLights holiday display has been enjoyed by thousands of families and community members throughout eastern North Carolina because of leading support from The Southern Bank Foundation.

The Gardens began this new tradition in 2010 when they illuminated the 12-acre site with lights and sights for the holidays.

“They have been by our side since the start of this project. It is an honor to have a community leader like Southern Bank to sponsor WinterLights year after year,” said Carl Curnutte Executive Director of The Elizabethan Gardens. “Truly, our garden shines brighter because of the support of Southern Bank and our community.”

“The Southern Bank Foundation is pleased to be able to assist The Elizabeth Gardens with WinterLights, which has become a holiday attraction at the Outer Banks for the past couple of years,” said Jason Waughtel, Southern Bank Senior Vice President/ Area Manager.

Gardens Board chair Linda Davenport touts the community-minded bank’s support. “With help from Southern Bank, we continue to offer our WinterLights display which brings our non-profit gardens additional revenue during the holidays when the weather grows colder and tourism slows. We are grateful to Southern Bank for their support of our event.”

“When started with a few thousand standard lights it was a struggle,” reflected Curnutte. “Our infrastructure wasn’t ideal. And it was work to keep these running with the few outlets we had on our site. But we persevered. Support from Southern Bank, the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau and our community allowed us to expand our infrastructure and invest in low-consumption LED lights.”

He added, “Local business also benefit from our WinterLights” According to Curnutte, accommodations from Duck to Manteo offer reduced rates and packages during the event, which lasts from Nov 25 thru January 20 on Tuesdays through Saturdays (Fridays and Saturdays only in January).

About Southern Bank

The Southern Bank Foundation makes charitable gifts to support a large number and variety of charitable programs in communities served by Southern Bank and Trust Company.

Founded in 1901, Southern Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc. With its Corporate Headquarters located in Mount Olive, the Bank has total assets of approximately $2 billion and a branch network spanning across North Carolina and Virginia. More information about the bank is available on the Internet at www.southernbank.com.
The Elizabethan Gardens has received a $5,000 grant from Dominion Energy North Carolina through the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation to enhance their educational programs by re-purposing a building for that goal. Dominion Energy has a philanthropic history with The Gardens. In the past, they have supported programs like their Family Fun Series as well as site enhancement projects. Today, The Gardens is once again thankful to Dominion Energy North Carolina for their generous support.

Over the past few years, The Gardens has expanded their programs and offerings. They have increased workshops and youth outreach programs. As a result they have experienced the limitations of their space. After reflection, they sought assistance to continue this expansion by turning a garden shed into a Discovery Cottage with educational components.

“On behalf of Dominion Energy North Carolina, I am proud to show our support for The Gardens and their continued efforts to enhance and support their Children’s Educational Programs,” said Pam Pekrun, External Affairs Manager of Dominion Energy North Carolina. “This program will give children hands-on experience discovering the world of the plant kingdom and learning about sustainability for our planet,” said Pekrun.

The Dominion Foundation supports various cultural activities throughout their service locations through their focus on community vitality. This gift fulfills their mission to foster “an appreciation of diversity, revitalizing neighborhoods, and ensuring a vibrant community life through support of cultural endeavors.”

“We are dedicated to preserving the beauty and tranquility of The Elizabethan Gardens as a tribute to the first English colonists in the New World,” said Carl Curnutte, Executive Director of The Gardens. “Thanks to Dominion Energy, we can continue to be good stewards of The Gardens and this mission by sharing The Gardens with younger visitors in our educational programs.”

About Dominion

Dominion Resources Inc. is most commonly known as Dominion Energy. They are a power and energy company headquartered in Richmond, Virginia that traces their roots dating back to the Colonial era. Dominion Energy supplies electricity to parts of Virginia and North Carolina, as well as natural gas to places in West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and eastern North Carolina. They have power generation facilities in Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts and Wisconsin.
# FINANCIALS

The Elizabethan Gardens, Inc operates as a 501(c)(3). A 501(c)(3) nonprofit is a nonprofit organization that the IRS recognizes as tax-exempt (excused from paying federal income tax) because it is organized or operated primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, educational, or similar purposes.

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**THE ELIZABETHAN GARDENS, INC.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
*As of March 31, 2018*  
The Elizabethan Gardens

**March 31 2018**

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