

THE FORESTER

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TFAD
bluebird
caretaker
hard at
work



Handwork craft group



Bridge on a
Tuesday
afternoon



All in a day's work...



A trip to Duke Gardens



Friends taking a walk



High Tea at Fearnington House

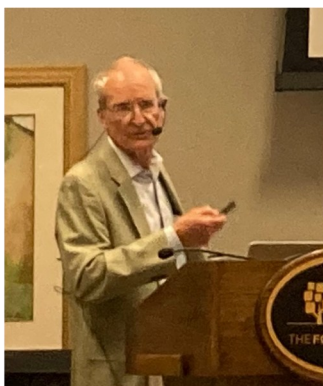
RA membership
meeting on June 15



A Touch of Brass



An afternoon conversation



Dennis Blair
at the
Friends
Speak
series





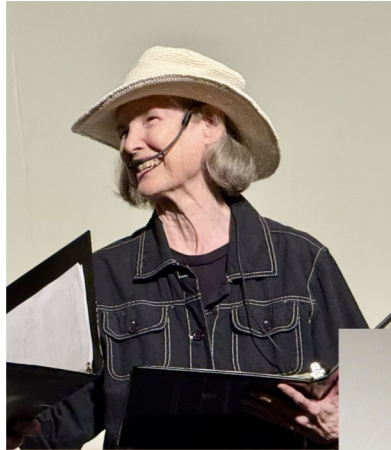
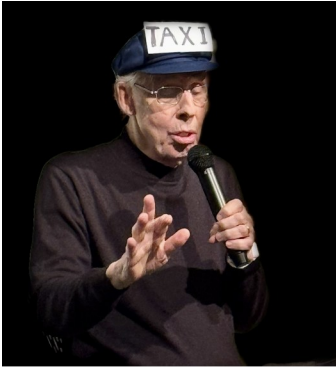
June 28
Saturday Mah Jong



Triangle Jewish Chorale

Seated dance class in the Exercise Studio





“Want some drama in your life?”

This was the question with the announcement of a meeting in the Party Room in early January 2023. No one who showed up knew what to expect, but what they had in common was a sense of curiosity and an interest in theater—and that was enough to give birth to the the WAY OFF BROADWAY readers. The group has changed somewhat over the years, but quite a few members, including director Joan Seiffert, have remained as they continue to pursue theater-related activities. The most visible of these activities are the play readings for the larger TFAD community. Maybe you were there on May 27 for the most recent production, **Spring Forward!** (Ellen Baer)



[Click here to watch the performance.](#)



The Ambassadors



Sid Levenson's Band



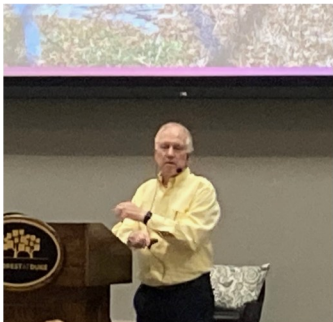
Ethan Ulsan Concert



Steve Hilton plays baroque music



Magnolia Klezmer Band



Robert Korstad speaks on Durham's housing crisis



Getting in the spirit of Spirit Week!



Juneteenth Presentation by Khadijah McNair



George Poehlman
Forest
Speaks
series



Forest Singers Spring Concert



Memorial
Day
event

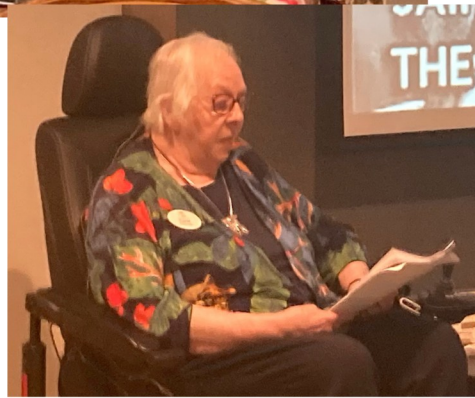


Men of The Forest social hour





Resident Readers Ralph Nelson, Kaidy Lewis, Carole Goldsmith, Carolyn Cone Weaver, and Kathleen Gould



Flowering at TFAD

Greetings flower growers and flower admirers!

Despite the dry weather, the flowers and trees keep putting on a show. July's gardens are prolific: the Pollinator Garden's yellow flowers attracting beneficial insects, displays in front of the main entrance, the Community Garden's explosion of tomatoes and zinnias, the day lilies standing tall. It is all there for our enjoyment and reminder that the beauty is all around us.

These pictures are examples of what you see around TFAD. We hope you enjoy the samples of the creativity of nature and our gardeners. Thanks to residents that sent in pictures of their gardens. We encourage you to continue to send your pictures to *The Forester*. (Jan Collins-Eaglin)



Sweet William in Roz Phillips garden plot



Amaryllis bloom in Rhoda Silver's patio



Craig Daniel's patio ledge



Perennial hibiscus in Wes and Ebbie Steen's garden



Little sculpture garden
in the community
garden



Here are some tips from North Carolina State University to help with our drought condition:

- Water strategically at the base of the plants.
- Avoid over fertilizing and encouraging new growth.
- Don't encourage growth: no new plants, no fertilizing, no pruning except to remove dead or dying branches.
- Manage mulch: ensure all vegetable, flower, and landscape beds have a 2"-3" layer of mulch.
- Remove weeds, annuals past their prime, and any plants with insect or disease problems



A peony
blooming
in June!

Petunias
on a patio



Flowering
Vinca on a
patio

The Pollinator Garden: Some of its Plants and its Pollinators this Spring



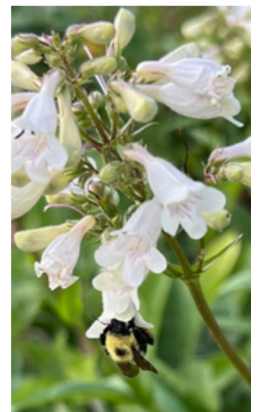
In early April, one of the first to bloom is [Amsonia](#) or Blue Star.



[Southern sundrops](#) puts on a splendid show later in April.



Also in April, [Penstemon Huskers Red](#) brightens the garden



By May, [coneflowers](#) or [black-eyed Susans](#) are glowing!



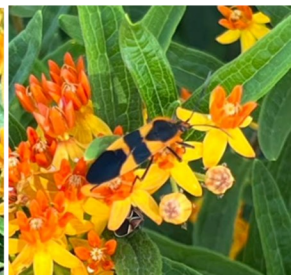
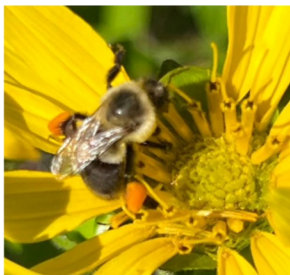
The [yarrow](#) started blooming in May, and should keep on, with a bit of rain.



The [Liatris](#) (blazing star, gayfeather) spiked up in mid June from a dark green clump of "grass"!



And Stokes' aster or [Stokesia laevis](#) is showing up in white or purple.

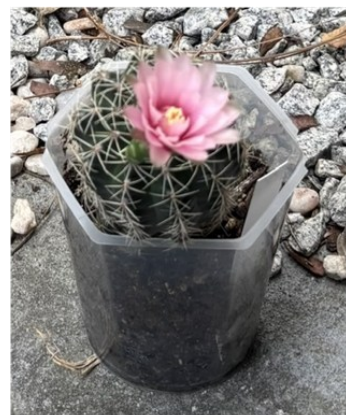


Clematis



Orchid on the front desk of the Terraces

Coleus at the Front Entrance



Cactus Flower

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