

**Beaufort Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2026**

Refreshments were served from 9:30-10:00 am at the Ann Street United Methodist Church Eure building. During this time, members picked up their name tags, paid dues, and were able to sign up for the annual bake sale.

President Susan McDonald called the September meeting to order at 10:03. She welcomed attendees. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Beaufort Garden Club Collect and recognized new members and visitors.

Business Updates and Announcements

- Some members still need to pay this year's dues. Up-to-date membership is important in order for the print membership directory to be accurate.
- Ann Doubleday reminded attendees about this month's hike on October 13 at Calico Creek. The hike is open to all. The group will meet by the Parks and Rec building. An optional lunch follows the hike.
- Save the date for this year's bus trip on April 6, 2027. This year we will return to tour gardens in Durham and Raleigh. Details will be forthcoming.
- Bake Sale Update: The drop off party is on Friday Nov. 20 at the Beau Coast clubhouse. The sale takes place on Nov. 21 at the Beaufort Historic site. Details and baking instructions will follow.
- Kitty Lonsdale, jewelry artist, has created garden themed jewelry that can be made to order. Half of proceeds will be given to the club.
- Mardi Gras is in early February this year. The BGC puts together a krewe to march in the parade.

Garden Club By-Laws (Vote)

- A membership-wide vote by show of hands was taken to approve a change to the club by-laws. The club's financial review process was updated to reflect current practice so that club membership can review financials. The proposed change was passed.

Speaker

- Susan McDonald introduced Master Gardener **Colette Teachey** who gave an engaging and informative presentation titled **Container Gardening 101**.

Following the regular door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11.

Submitted by
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Secretary