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**Cape Fear Botanical Garden holds Perennial Spring Garden Party
and Announces Members of its Campaign for Natural Growth
Executive Committee**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—On April 17, 2007, Cape Fear Botanical Garden hosted its Perennial Spring Garden Party. At the celebration, the Garden announced the members of its Campaign for Natural Growth Executive Committee and gave guests the chance to preview the site of the Visitors Pavilion Complex. The Campaign Executive Committee will lead the fundraising efforts for the Garden's new expansion project. The Campaign for Natural Growth will launch publicly later this year. Members of the committee are Mrs. Dot Wyatt, Honorary Chair; Mrs. Joan Allen, Co-Chair; Mr. Harvey Wright, Co-Chair; Mr. William Brooks; Mrs. Naoma Ellison; Mr. Dick Fox; Mr. Bill Hedgepeth; Mrs. Lorette Hollinshed; Mr. Ray Manning; Mrs. Lynne Nimocks; Mr. Bob Ray; and Mr. Owen Widman.

“It is exciting to be able to take a lead role in the development of this project,” says committee member Lynne Nimocks. “The Garden is such a wonderful treasure for Fayetteville, and the expansion is going to allow us to extend our ability to provide increased programs for educators

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and students of all ages, as well make us a year-round destination for our community and visitors to our city.”

The expansion will double the number of school-age children the Garden can serve from 2,600 to 5,200 and is expected to bring in more than four times the current number of visitors annually, increasing the number from 17,000 to 68,000. It will include banquet, classroom and meeting space, as well as offer a covered entry pavilion.

“This is going to greatly increase the Garden’s capacity to serve citizens, businesses and organizations in the area,” says Ray Manning. “I am very pleased to be part of such a dynamic committee who will help to organize and lead the Garden as we embark on this campaign.”

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