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October 17, 1978

Topic:
"New Ways of Arranging Old
Fashioned Flowers"

Program Chairman: Mrs. Joe Powell
Hostess: Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr.

Southern Living Christmas Show in
Charlotte November 4 - 12.

Arrangements will be taken to shut-ins
for Garden Therapy.



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October



Majorie Holcomb

... Arranges fall flowers

Friday, October 20, 1978.

Modern Gardeners conduct workshop

"New Ways of Arranging Old Fashioned Flowers" was the program topic for Modern Gardeners when they met Tuesday at Central United Methodist Church.

Jane Britt, hostess, served apple cake and coffee upon arrival of the members.

During the workshop members made flower arrangements. These were later taken to patients at rest homes and shut-ins as a garden therapy project.

Eleanor Powell, program chairman, displayed four designs, mass, hogarth, side triangle and oval, using various fall flowers in wicker and woven baskets.

Katherine Parries brought two illustrations. One featured all-dried materials that she had collected and arranged in an oriental bowl. The other arrangement consisted of variegated chrysanthemums interspersed with sprigs of parsley. She also designed another arrangement using bronze spoon chrysanthemums and orange pyracantha berries.

Betty Leonard showed the group how she framed bridal bouquets that she had carried as a bride and the one her daughter, Kathy, used in her wedding this past summer.

Barbara Gardner, president, reported on the district meeting that she attended along with Earline Epperson and Lydia Garland. The club won a blue ribbon for their yearbook which was compiled by Mrs. Epperson.

Janet Nichols and Betty Palmer distributed N. C.



Betty Leonard framed bouquets

... Carried in family weddings

Garden Club Calendars and took orders for flower bulbs.

The November meeting will be a demonstrated lecture on Madonnas with Katherine Parries as program chairman. Rachel Hazel will be hostess.

December 12, 1978

Topic:
"Christmas...a Time to Share"

Group participation in decorating Christmas tree in Northern Surry Hospital lobby.

Hostess: Mrs. Jack Zonneveld

Reminders:
Christmas gifts will be taken to The Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School. Christmas tray favors will be taken to the hospital.

January is Garden Center Month



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December

Northern Surry Hospital took on a holiday atmosphere Tuesday as the three garden clubs in Mount Airy joined forces to trim Christmas trees on each floor.

Beginning in the lobby Modern Gardeners trimmed the huge tree with Earline Epperson, Geneva Goad, Lyda Hennis, Dottie Hiatt and Eleanor Powell in charge. While they were busy with the tree, Mary Lou Bartley, Bep Zonneveld, Katherine Parries, Rocelle Hart, Lydia Garland and Helen Crossingham worked on tray favors for the hospital patients.



Bep Zonneveld, Mary Lou Bartley and Katherine Parries make tray favors for hospital patients

Friday, December 15, 1978—



Lyda Hennis, Geneva Goad and Earline Epperson of Gardeners decorate tree in hospital lobby

Dear Garden Club Members,

How much the Hospital Auxillary would like to thank you for helping to bring Christmas to all the Patients and visitors in the Hospital. Needless to say, the Lobby tree looked the prettiest ever!

Again, thank you for doing your share in spreading Christmas joy. Sincerely,

Charlotte Bokesch

January 5, 1979

January

Modern Gardeners

View flowers from around the world

Marjorie Holcomb narrated a slide presentation entitled, "Flowers from around the world and Mount Airy too" at the Tuesday meeting of Modern Gardeners. The slides were taken by her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Holcomb.

The program began with scenes of the Levering's apple orchards in full bloom along with their beautiful rose gardens. The Hale Yokley home featured red and white azaleas at the height of their beauty while Mrs. J. F. Yokley's garden featured an array of spring flowers surrounding the bird bath.

Other slides included jonquils, hyacinths and jonquils growing in the garden of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haynes; a purple rhododendron at the Sargent home on North Main Street; and dogwoods at the residence of the late Dr. and Mrs. Moir S. Martin.

Scenes ranged from the Blue Ridge Parkway to famous points of interest in the United States. Mrs. Holcomb's slides also showed flowers and other scenic beauty in Honolulu, Bangkok, Japan, Africa, Canada and other countries that she had visited.

One of the most unusual slides showed an egg tree growing in Manila. Mrs. Holcomb also had photos of Will Rogers' Ranch and Lucille Ball's home in California.

Mrs. Holcomb noted that her mother-in-law had an eye for beauty and she captured this with colored slides to share with others.

Business meeting

Dottie Hiatt was hostess for the meeting which was held at 12:30 p.m. in the Starlite Room at Ray's Restaurant. Dessert and coffee were served upon arrival of the members.

Barbara Gardner, president, welcomed the group and heard reports from Janet Nichols and Betty Palmer, ways and means co-chairmen. They reported a successful flower bulb sale conducted by the group.

It was announced that Helen Crossingham, chairman of the garden center assignments, had a plaque made designating that the flowers placed in the hospital lobby are contributed by Modern Gardeners. Katherine Parries, Barbara Gardner, Lydia Garland and Betty Palmer have placed flower arrangements in the garden center of the hospital for the month of January.

Charldean Gwyn visited the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School during December and presented gifts to the students from the garden club. Jane Britt and Katherine Parries plan to conduct a garden therapy project with the group this month.

Members were reminded to feed the birds during the cold winter months. They were also asked to complete their horticulture rating sheets and return them to Rocelle Hart by the February meeting.

January 16, 1979

Topic:

"Flowers From Around The World
And Mount Airy Too"

Program Chairman: Mrs. W. L. Holcomb
Hostess: Mrs. Max Hiatt

National, State and Community Objectives:
Mrs. J. Dale Simmons

Reminder: Feed the birds. Fill out horticulture rating sheet and turn in to Mrs. Tom Hart at February meeting.



Mrs. Wade Palmer, noted flower arranger from North Wilkesboro, will be guest speaker at the February meeting with "Flower Arranging for Special Occasions" as her topic. Lyda Hennis is program chairman and Lydia Garland, hostess.

Eleanor Powell and Katherine Parries were named chairmen for the demonstrated lecture to be given by Mrs. R. G. Beardsley in April. They, along with representatives from the other garden clubs are to meet soon to finalize plans for the show to be held here in April.

February

March

February 20, 1979

Topic:

"Flower Arranging For Special Occasions"
Mrs. Wade Palmer, Noted Flower Arranger
of North Wilkesboro

Program Chairman: Mrs. Gordan Hennis
Hostess: Mrs. Gene Garland

Reminder: March 15 is Arbor Day



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Snow!

March 20, 1979

Topic:

"Landscape Design"

Charles Earnest, Agriculture Extension Agent

Program Chairman: Mrs. Warren Nichols
Hostess: Mrs. John Gwyn

Reminder: Elect Officers.

April is Garden Center Month



Mrs. Nichols hosts meeting

The Modern Gardeners Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Warren Nichols recently with Mrs. John Gwyn as co-hostess with Mrs. Nichols.

Mr. Charles Earnest, Agriculture Extension Agent for Surry County, was guest speaker for the meeting. Earnest spoke on landscape design. The major importance of landscape design is to blend the house and landscape together. It should neither hide anything nor be an exhibition garden. He mentioned spacing the plants and shrubs properly and that a person should know the size of their plant when it

will be full grown and space accordingly.

Earnest also talked about planting where children play and around patios. He said this should occupy the most space for true enjoyment of everyone's home property. Continuing, he said plenty of shade trees should be available, but not "messy" trees over the patio.

At the meeting the new officers for 1979-80 were elected including Mrs. Ray Goad, president; Mrs. Gene Garland, vice president; Mrs. John Gwyn, treasurer; and Mrs. Tom Hart, secretary.

April 17, 1979

Topic:

"Demonstrated Lecture"

Mrs. R. G. Beardsley of Gainesville, Georgia, Master Flower Show Judge and Lecturer, will give a demonstrated lecture at Central United Methodist Church, sponsored by Modern Gardeners, Garden Gate, Mountain View and King Garden Club.

Program Chairman: Mrs. Joe Powell
Co-Chairman: Mrs. John Parries



MRS. R.G. BEARDSLEY

Flower Arranging Artist Plans Appearance Here

Mrs. R.G. Beardsley of Gainesville, Ga., will give a demonstrated lecture on flower arranging here on Tuesday, April 17, in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Mrs. Beardsley is a well-known flower arranging artist throughout the south and is currently serving as Flower Show School Chairman for the state of Georgia. A master flower show judge, she is a member of the American Guild of Flower Arrangers, Ikenobo International and serves on the Garden Club of Georgia and Flower Show Schools Board.

Sponsoring the program are Garden Gate Garden Club, Modern Gardeners and Mountain View Garden Club of Mount Airy and King of Spades Garden Club of King. Mrs. Eleanor Powell is chairman of the show. Other club chairmen are Mrs. Judy Vaughn, Mrs. Joan Williams, Mrs. Katherine Parries and Mrs. Fanny Jones of Mount Airy and Mrs. Fran Speight of King.

"Creative Designs With Provocative Titles," is Mrs. Beardsley's theme. Appearing on an elevated stage, the noted artist will create numerous designs that will appeal to beginners as well as those considered expert flower arrangers.

As an added feature, the guest speaker will use a variety of containers (or pots, as she calls them) that she made herself. While conducting a flower show school in Morganton last spring, Mrs. Beardsley mentioned that she found it difficult to

secure containers to her own liking and for that reason she began making her own from pottery, coils, slabs and weathered wood. She will bring a selection of these pots to be sold during the show. One container valued at \$25 will be given away as a door prize.

Because of her popular demand, Mrs. Beardsley was booked for her appearance here one year in advance. Mrs. Powell said, "We are fortunate to secure her for this program."

The show is open to the public and you need not be a garden club member to attend. The deadline for advance tickets is April 13. They are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Tickets at the door will be \$4.

Persons interested in attending may contact Mrs. Eleanor Powell, 108 Jackson Road, Mount Airy or call 786-4389; or Mrs. Edward W. Jones, 1018 North Street, Mount Airy, or call 786-4960.

All proceeds will be used by the garden clubs for their community projects.

May 15, 1979

Topic:
Installation of Officers

Program Chairman: Mrs. James H. Crossingham, Jr.
Hostess: Mrs. J. Dale Simmons

Tour Blue Ridge Parkway and Groundhog Mountain.

Luncheon: Doe Run Lodge



Modern Gardeners

May

Modern Gardeners

Modern Gardeners met at Doe Run Restaurant, Groundhog Mountain, with Mrs. Carroll Gardner, out-going president, presiding.

Mrs. James H. Crossingham, Jr., program chairman, introduced Mrs. H. H. Webb, a member of Mountain View Garden Club and installing officer. Mrs. Ray Goad is president for 1979-80; Mrs. Gene Garland, vice president; Mrs. Tom Hart, secretary; and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, treasurer.

During her impressive service, Mrs. Webb presented each officer with a corsage of roses that she had made. She told the group, "Life is in a way like a book. Our actions write messages each day and so we will use pages and books for this service to symbolize the new life of Modern Gardeners. You incoming officers are the pages of the story of the accomplishments of this organization and you are charged with leading the members of unifying efforts to the story written."

Mrs. Webb also presented corsages to Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Crossingham. Each new officer was then remembered with a white potted geranium.

Mrs. Dale Simmons was in charge of luncheon arrangements and several special guests were present. They included: Mrs. Richard Wimbish, Mrs. Reid Stewart, Mrs. Butter Cox, Mrs. J. Cecil Hill and Mrs. Nelson Allred.

Tables were decorated with spring flower arrangements. The menu consisted of a cold salad plate, strawberry shortcake and iced tea.

Mrs. Gardner expressed her appreciation to the members for their cooperation during the past year. She was remembered with a silver bowl from the club members.

During the short business session, members voted to assist with the landscaping at the Andy Griffith Playhouse and final plans will be made for this project at the September meeting.

Mrs. Webb then invited the group to stop by her summer home for a visit.

The club disbanded for the summer with the next meeting scheduled for September.

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1978-1979

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This Certificate of Honor is Presented to
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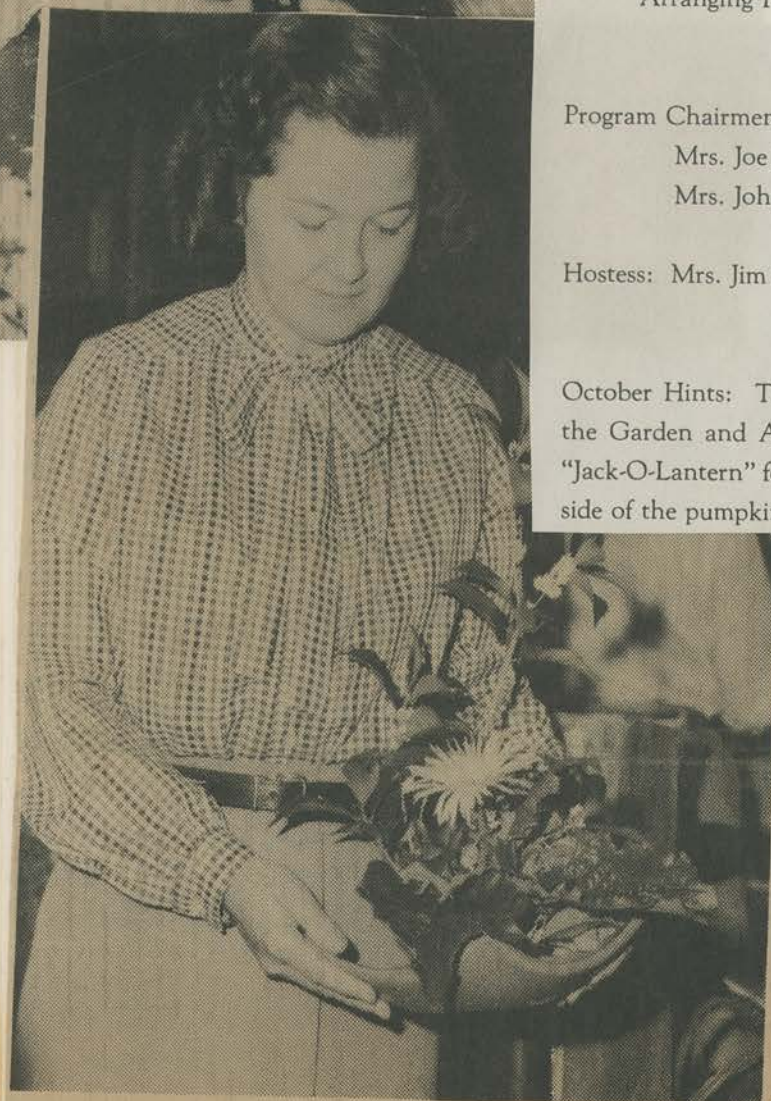
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Charlotte Corder (above left) and Sue Crouse make arrangements of chrysanthemums while Barbara Gardner (right) uses a single Gerbera daisy for her design.



October 21, 1980

Luncheon 12:00

Topic:
"Arranging Fall Flowers" Workshop

Program Chairmen:

Mrs. Joe P. Powell

Mrs. John Parries

Hostess: Mrs. Jim Hazel, Sr.

October Hints: The month for Cleaning Up the Garden and Attending to Bulbs. Make a "Jack-O-Lantern" for your window and save inside of the pumpkin for a pie.

Rachel Hazel, Hostess

Modern Gardeners Conduct Flower Arranging Workshop

Modern Gardeners held a flower arranging workshop Tuesday at the home of Mrs. James Hazel on Howard Street. Members brought flowers, containers and mechanics to create arrangements suitable for their own homes.

Two of the club's newer members, Charlotte Corder and Sue Crouse, combined autumn colored chrysanthemums and various field grasses for two pleasing arrangements.

Bep Zonneveld brought a collection of beautiful pink and white dahlias that she highlighted with purple ageratum. She arranged them in a copper container.

Earlene Epperson used lines of Osmanthus Fortuni and three yellow chrysanthemums in her design while Lyda Hennis chose pyracantha berries for her copper washed pewter vase. Barbara Gardner used a single Gerbera daisy and foliage in her pottery container.

Other members busy during the workshop were Marjorie Holcomb, who used a variety of baskets and wooden containers for her compositions; Mary Lou Bartley, Betty Palmer,

Charldean Gwyn, Sarah Johnson, Dottie Hiatt, Lydia Garland and Mrs. Hazel.

The workshop was under the direction of Katherine Parries and Eleanor Powell.

Many of the finished arrangements were carried to Northern Surry Hospital and to homes of members who were unable to attend.

Following the workshop, Mrs. Hazel entertained with a luncheon.

Business

Mrs. Holcomb, president, conducted the business session and yearbooks were distributed by Mrs. Hennis, vice president. The theme this year is, "Using Our Own to Beautify Our Own." Mrs. Hazel also issued North Carolina Garden Club Calendars.

Mrs. Epperson and Mrs. Parries discussed the triangle landscaping and noted that boxwoods, which were destroyed by an automobile accident, will be replaced this fall.

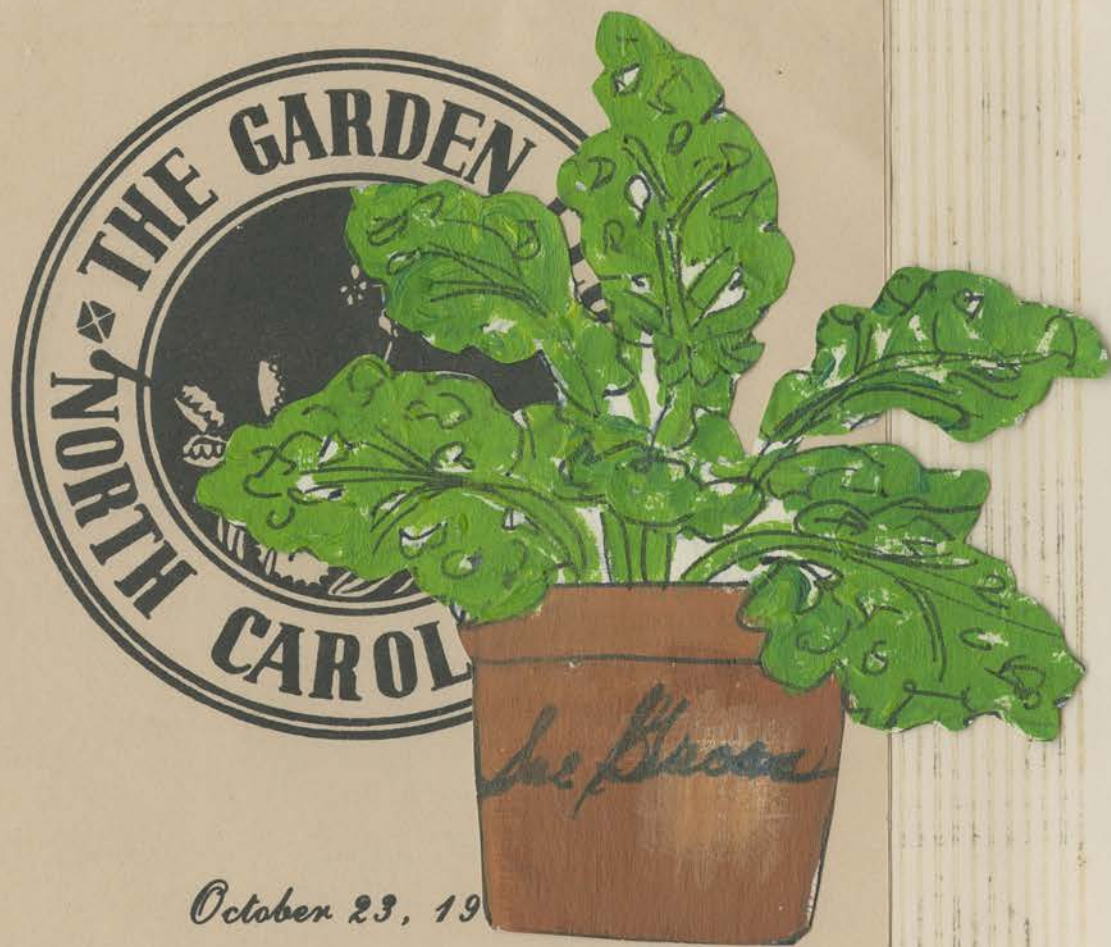
Mrs. Holcomb and several other members planned to attend the district meeting in Winston-Salem yesterday.



Bep Zonneveld uses pink and white dahlias for her flower arrangement.

Staff Photos By Eleanor Powell

*Annual Meeting of District Four
The Garden Club of
North Carolina, Inc.*



October 23, 19

**FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN CHURCH
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**THEME:
GROWING AND USING HERBS**

GARDEN STUDY CLUB, HOSTESS

November 18, 1980

Topic:

"All There Is To Know About Mushrooms"

Guest Speaker: Mr. Hugh Merritt

Program Chairman: Mrs. Ralph Epperson

Hostess: Mrs. Ralph Epperson

Reminder:

Bring greenery, wreath rings, steel picks, and bows will be available for our December meeting.

November Hints: When most outdoor garden activity ends, but greenhouse and indoor work continues.

Begin collecting ornaments of nature to use for decorating Christmas trees and wreaths.

Staff Photos

By

Eleanor Powell



Earlene Epperson finishes a Christmas tree door decoration with apples and a red velvet bow.





Betty Leonard clips greenery as Sue Cooke works on her pine wreath. Mrs. Leonard then inserts 4-inch pieces of greenery into pick machine (above) and stems are encased in a metal pick. This makes it simple to impale the greenery into the wreath base.



Lyda Hennis gives directions for making candy wreath with gumdrops, greenery and pastel printed bow.

March 17, 1981

Topic:
"Backyard Fruit Trees"

Guest Speaker: Mr. Tom Browne

Program Chairman: Mrs. Richard Johnson

Hostess: Mrs. Ralph Cooke

Reminders:

Elect Officers

April meeting date changed to April 14

April is Garden Center Month

Orchardist Tells Modern Gardeners How To Plant Backyard Fruit Trees

"Backyard Fruit Trees" was the program topic for Modern Gardener's March meeting held Tuesday at the home of Ralph and Sue Cooke, Cross Creek Drive. Tom Browne, an orchardist, was guest speaker.

Browne said fruit trees need much attention and care. He cautioned that trees should be purchased from a reputable nursery and noted that many trees do not bear fruit for 5 to 7 years. He then explained there are three types of trees available: dwarf, which grows from 6 to 8 feet; semi-dwarf, 16-18 feet; and standard, which sometimes grows to 24 feet. "You increase maintenance as you increase the size of the tree," he added.

"The smaller the tree, the sooner they bear fruit. The bigger the tree, the longer they produce fruit. Smaller

trees are easier to harvest," he added.

He said March and April are suitable months to plant trees, adding that they should be planted in a sandy type soil and in a spot where there is good drainage. They need to be in open sunlight for the greater part of the day. And trees should be thinned to get bigger fruit.

Browne showed several charts illustrating different types of trees and their growth habits. He also brought several bags of apples that he had picked at his orchard last September. These were sampled by the members following his program.

Sarah Johnson, program chairman, introduced the speaker and presented him with a gift from the club.

Mrs. Cooke served a dessert course upon arrival

of the 22 members and her husband led the group on a tour of their passive solar home.

Business

Marjorie Holcomb, president, conducted the business meeting.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Frieda Hughes, president; Sarah Johnson, vice president; Betty Palmer, secretary; and Betty Leonard, treasurer.

Members were asked to save proof of purchase labels from Post products and turn them in to Dottie Hiatt. These will be given to the Post Fun-For-Fitness program at Tharrington Elementary School.

Those planning to attend the Southern Living Cooking School on April 2 should contact Mary Lou

Bartley. It was announced that a Stress Seminar, sponsored by the American Business Women's Association, will be held March 28.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 with Dottie Hiatt as hostess. Members are to bring 3 plants and 2 white elephant items for the sale and auction.

Sarah Johnson reported that she and Barbara Gardner had visited the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School Tuesday morning and assisted the children with a St. Patrick's Day project.

With rushing winds and gloomy skies
The dark and stubborn winter dies:
Far off, unseen, Spring faintly cries,
Bidding her earliest child arise:

Barnard Taylor

Modern Gardeners Auction Plants At Tuesday Meeting

Members of Modern Gardeners gathered at the home of Dottie Hiatt Tuesday morning for an auction of plants brought from their homes.

Betty Leonard auctioned the plants as bids were placed on pots of ferns, ivy, geraniums, impatiens, money plant, variegated hostas, kolanthes, sweet buds, Currier rose, dogwoods, different herbs, and iris to mention a few. Plants were grown by members and donated as a ways and means project.

Mary Alice Lewis, well-known authority on herbs, was guest speaker. Using samples of herbs from her garden, she described each and told how they are grown.

Rocelle Hart, program chairman, presented Mrs. Lewis with a gift of gardening gloves.

Following the program Mrs. Hiatt served a picnic lunch. To carry out the holiday theme, she packed individual Easter baskets with finger sandwiches, fried chicken, ham biscuits,

deviled eggs, congealed salad and tarts.

Officers for the coming year will be installed at the May meeting. At that time the group will tour Chinqua-Penn Plantation.

April 14, 1981

Topic:
"Herbs and Spices"

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Ed Lewis

Program Chairman: Mrs. Tom Hart



Staff photos Eleanor Powell

Betty Leonard auctions a box of Lily-of-the-Valley to members. Each person brought three plants for the sale.



Modern Gardeners' Officers

Officers of Modern Gardeners are planning their programs for the forthcoming year. They are (left to right) Frieda Hughes, president; Sarah Johnson, vice

president; Betty Leonard, treasurer; and Betty Palmer, secretary. They were installed at their last meeting.

Oops! Wrong Meeting

How do you do a disappearing act with hundreds of eyes on you? It isn't easy.

I still get a little red-faced when recalling an experience I shared recently with Katherine Parries, while attending the Southern Garden Writers Symposium in Asheville.

It was one of those days when things seem to get off to a bad start and become gradually worse.

Our troubles began when we were late (as usual) to the introductory meeting of the symposium held at the Inn on The Plaza.

Naturally, we rushed into the hotel gallery, picked up our kits for the meeting, pinned our name tags in place and scurried into a crowded meeting room nearby.

Luckily, those in the meeting were taking a coffee break and we enjoyed refreshments with them. We spent the next few minutes meeting new folks, chatting

with them while waiting for the program to resume.

At last a handsome young man went to the podium and told the customary introductory joke to get his part of the meeting started.

But then something unusual happened.

Instead of expounding on some aspect of garden writing, he began talking about unemployment. "Unemployment?" I asked myself, hoping I had heard wrong. "What does that have to do with gardening?"

I was suddenly struck with the pangs of reality. The feeling I had then was akin to finding out you boarded the wrong airplane. At least we were on the ground.

Katherine and I struggled to find a familiar face, but needless to say, it wasn't there.

How do you do a disappearing act when hundreds of eyes are on you? It isn't easy.



Ann Humphrey of Winston-Salem, Margaret Redfield of Los Angeles, Calif., and Katherine Parries admire the rose gardens at Biltmore. Ms. Redfield is copy editor for Architectural Digest.