

Modern Gardeners

Mount Airy, N. C.

1981 — 1982

Organized August 31, 1956
Charter Received May 14, 1957
Meetings: Third Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.



Membership: Twenty Three

Membership In
National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.,
South Atlantic Region; The Garden Club of
North Carolina, Inc., District IV.



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1981 — 1982

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Garden Therapy:

Mrs. John Gwyn

By-Laws:

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Membership and Gift Chairman:

Mrs. J. D. Bartley

Public Relations and Scrapbook:

Mrs. Carroll Gardner
Mrs. Henry Crouse

Telephone:

Mrs. Ray Goad
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Hospital Decorations and Tray Favors:

Mrs. Ralph Cooke, Jr.
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Mini-Garden Landscaping Project:

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Hospital Garden Center:

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Horticulture:

Mrs. Joe Powell
Mrs. Gordon Hennis

National, State and Community Objectives:

Mrs. W. L. Holcomb
Mrs. Max Hiatt

Program and Yearbook:

Mrs. Richard Johnson
Mrs. M. Dale Hughes



PROJECTS

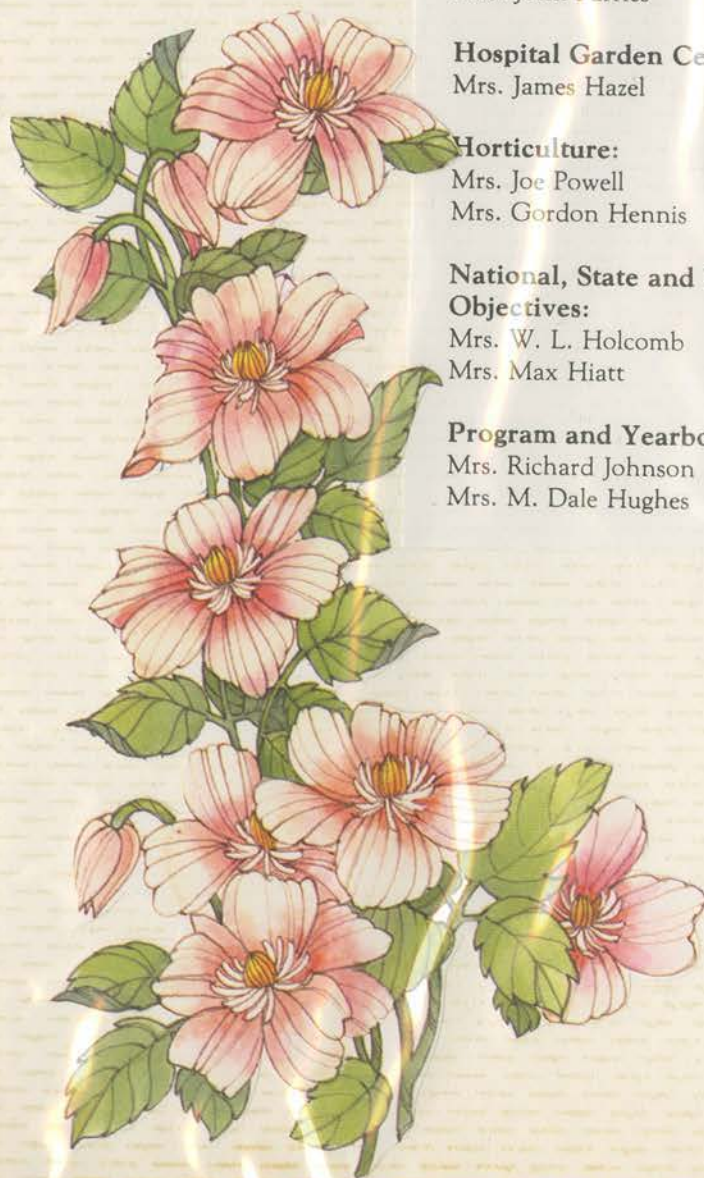
Continuing Projects:

- I. MODERN GARDENERS will continue upkeep of the mini-park garden of the triangle entrance to the business district on the north end of town.
- II. MODERN GARDENERS will continue to aid in the restoration of the Old Methodist Cemetery in Mount Airy.
- III. MODERN GARDENERS will help decorate Northern Surry Hospital during the Christmas Season.
- IV. MODERN GARDENERS as a club will provide and assist the Trainable Class at Tharrington School each month during the school year with materials and programs for Garden Therapy.
- V. MODERN GARDENERS will provide arrangements and/or exhibits for Northern Surry Hospital.
- VII. MODERN GARDENERS will continue to assist in the garden restoration of the Bernard Franklin Homeplace.

New Projects:

- I. MODERN GARDENERS will undertake a project to assist in the beautification of Mount Airy.

A schedule has been outlined so that each member is included in group participation.



Retiring President's Report

With the 1980-1981 theme, "Using Our Own To Beautify Our Own", our Modern Gardeners' goal was to use some of our own Mount Airy expertise and talents for our programs enlightening us on various subjects relating to our interest in beautifying our homes, yards, and the whole of Mount Airy.

What better way could we start our year than to visit the Edwards-Franklin House, sponsored by the Surry County Historical Society where we toured the house built in 1799, filled with arts and crafts made by local craftsmen? The slide presentation of native flowers, plants, and shrubs was most informative, followed by a sampling of a variety of delicious sonkers; accompanied by live old-timey music. It was a memorable day for all of us.

In October the talents of two of our charter members, Eleanor Powell and Kathryn Parries, became apparent as they conducted a most interesting workshop on "Arranging Fall Flowers" in Rachel Hazel's playroom. Then Rachel treated us to a delicious luncheon.

The annual District IV meeting and luncheon on the 23rd of October was attended by Sue Crouse, Mary Lou Bartley and myself where we were the proud recipients of a blue ribbon for our yearbook. Mrs. Glen Sawyers presented a most enlightening program on herbs.

With his pictures and mushroom samples, Mr. Hugh Merritt informed us of "All There Is To Know About Mushrooms" for our November meeting.

Lyda's beautifully decorated home helped give us the Christmas spirit in early December as we worked together making a variety of lovely

Christmas wreaths and other door decorations. Other projects were making tray favors for patients in the hospital, and gifts and assistance to the trainable class at Tharrington Elementary School, which is done on a monthly basis throughout the year.

After a luncheon at my home in January, Mrs. Oscar Merritt, Jr. boosted our enthusiasm for organic gardening by sharing her own experiences with us. Several of our members had already experimented with their own organic gardening with some success.

February brought back one of our former members, Mrs. Charles Vaughn, who shared her expertise on "Ground Covers" with us in Mary Lou Bartley's lovely home.

For our March meeting, a relative newcomer, Mr. Tom Browne, held our undivided attention as he gave a truly interesting presentation and demonstration on fruit trees of all varieties. A sampling of some of his apples was passed around with some for taking home. An added pleasure was a guided tour of Sue and Ralph Cooke's new solar home.

A unique picnic basket luncheon, given by Dottie Hiatt in her beautiful new home, made our April meeting very special; after which Mrs. Ed Lewis's many samples of her homegrown herbs and spices enhanced her presentation on the subject. Then Betty Leonard and Sarah Johnson, our Ways and Means co-chairmen, conducted an auction of plants and flowers brought by club members, which proved to be fun as well as lucrative. In addition to our annual bulb selling project, our treasury kitty was sufficiently filled for another year.

The new "Beautification Committee" headed by Jack Zonneveld and sponsored by the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, delegated me as a

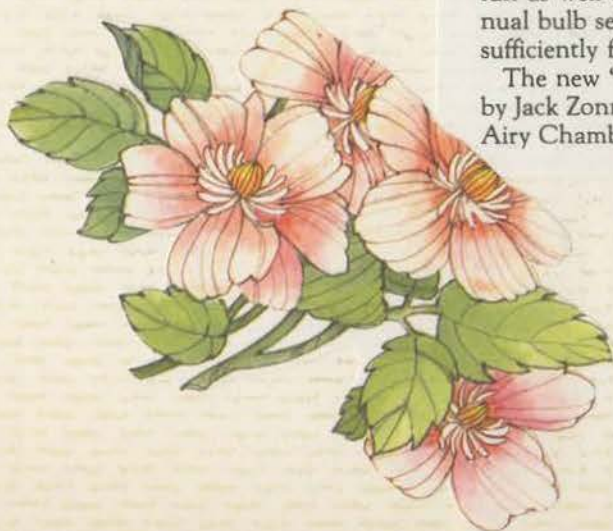
representative of Modern Gardeners to be a member of this most active, much needed group of citizens dedicated to cleaning up and beautifying Mount Airy. Our affiliation with this committee ties in with our clubs projects of restoration of the Old Methodist Church Cemetery and The Edwards-Franklin Homeplace, upkeep of the Mini-Park Garden, landscaping the grounds for the Andy Griffith Playhouse and beautifying our own surroundings: all of which we will hopefully continue to support.

We also support, through contributions, The Elizabethan Gardens, The Martha Franck Fragrance Garden and The Daniel Boone Native Gardens.

For our final meeting of the year, a tour of Chinquapenn Plantation proved to be even more intriguing than expected. The home and gardens could only be justified by seeing them in person. Mrs. Claude Johnson's installation of officers for the coming year was both personal and reminiscent as she brought back memories of the many contributions she has made to our club through the years in both participation and interest. We are truly indebted to her in many ways.

And I am indebted to each of you for your willing support and helpfulness throughout a most interesting and rewarding year where we truly took advantage of the knowledge and talents of a few of our local citizens. However, we have but touched the tip of the iceberg and will hopefully continue to "Use Our Own To Beautify Our Own" throughout the future years.

Marjorie Holcomb





Calendar of Meetings 1981 - 1982

Theme
"Our Twenty-Five Years"

September 15, 1981

Topic:
"All There Is To Know About Azaleas"

Guest Speaker: Mr. Robbie Davis

Program Chairman: Mrs. Jimmy Corder

Hostess: Mrs. Carroll Gardner

Reminder:
District IV meeting October 29, 1981
Welcome, North Carolina

Green Thumb Tip: Be choosy when you buy plants.

Modern Gardeners Hear Program On Azaleas And Rhododendron

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carroll Gardner, with 18 members present. After light refreshments a short business meeting was conducted by the new president, Mrs. Dale Hughes.

Program chairman, Mrs. Jimmy Corder, introduced Robert B. Davis of Banner Place Nursery in Sophia who gave an informative lecture on "All you Need to Know About Azaleas and Rhododendron." He has been growing these plants for several years and is very up to date in the care of these plants. The most

surprising hint he gave was to never plant them in the spring. Wait until frost has hit the plant (the plant will then cease its growing for the season and therefore need less watering).

Davis brought a 3-foot purple roseum elegance specimen which he gave for a door prize. Mrs. Max Hiatt was the appropriate recipient since she has recently moved into a new home.

Sometime in the near future the club will have a sale of these two shrubs with Banner Place Nursery providing the plants. Further information will be announced later.

The October meeting will be held with Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr. Plans for the year will be discussed and preparations for the November meeting will be made at that time.

October 20, 1981

Topic:
"Plans For The Year"

Program Chairman: Mrs. J. D. Bartley

Hostess: Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr.

Reminder:

We will make corn shuck wreaths at our November meeting. Bring a grocery bag full of corn shucks which have been soaked overnight in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup clorox to 1 gallon water. Rinse, drain and put in plastic bag. Bring damp. You supply 2 pieces #23 floral wire, scissors, wire cutters, straw ring (any size), other decorations: flowers, birds, nuts, cones. Fern pins and ribbon will be provided.

Rule of thumb: Choose the right plant for the growing conditions you have to offer.

Modern Gardeners

Map Plans For Year

Modern Gardeners met with Jane Britt at her home on Grace Street Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Frieda Hughes, president, and Sarah Johnson, vice president, conducted an orientation program and discussed the responsibilities of each officer and committee chairman.

Mrs. Hughes announced the annual District IV meeting is scheduled Thursday at Welcome. Six members plan to attend the event.

Marjorie Holcomb reported on the beautification project and Lydia Garland and Rocelle Hart, ways and means chairmen, received orders for spring blooming bulbs and those to be forced during the winter.

Earlene Epperson placed flowers at Northern Surry Hospital last week.

Mrs. Johnson displayed a cornshuck wreath to introduce the program for November. Betty Wright will give a demonstration on making these holiday decorations and members were reminded to bring materials to create their own wreaths. Mrs. Johnson will be hostess for the meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Patti Haynes of Bryant, Texas, sister-in-law of Mrs. Holcomb, was a special guest.

Mrs. Britt served fresh apple cake, nuts and hot spiced tea upon arrival of the 20 members.





Annual Meeting of District Four

THE GARDEN CLUB OF
NORTH CAROLINA, INC.



OCTOBER 29, 1981

CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Welcome, North Carolina

THEME

"Fall Festival of Gardening"

NORTH DAVIDSON GARDEN COUNCIL, Hostess



Modern Gardeners Design Corn Shuck Wreaths

Modern Gardeners participated in a corn shuck wreath workshop Tuesday when they met at the home of Sarah Johnson, 46 Lakemont Trail. Betty Wright, guest speaker, was introduced by Sue Crouse.

Mrs. Wright conducted the demonstration by sharing numerous tips on using corn shucks for decorations and demonstrated special effects to produce varied wreaths. She said corn shucks should

be conditioned by soaking them overnight in 1 gallon of water and ½ cup of clorax. Rinse the next day and store in a plastic bag to keep them damp. This keeps them pliable while working on the wreath.

Using a straw base, group clusters of the corn shuck strips together and secure them with fern pins for an effective arrangement.

Following the workshop lunch was served and Mrs. Johnson lead members on a tour of her home.

A short business meeting was conducted by Freida Hughes, president.

Plans were then discussed for the club's 25th anniversary tea which will be held on December 1 at the home of Mrs. Hughes. It was decided that former members and past presidents would be invited to share in this celebration.

Ways and means chairmen, Lydia Garland and Rocelle Hart, delivered

the spring blooming bulbs that members sold as their major fund raiser this year.

Mrs. Hughes reported on the District 1V meeting held recently in Welcome. Six members attended. It was announced that Modern Gardeners received a blue ribbon for the best yearbook in District 1V for the 1981-82 year. The blue ribbon was presented to Mrs. Hughes to be displayed in the club scrapbook. Sarah Johnson, vice president, compiled the book along with other club officers.



Oh Shucks! Emily Crouse models a corn shuck wreath that her mother, Sue Crouse, made at a garden club workshop Tuesday. Most members made corn shuck wreaths for their homes.



November 17, 1981
10:00 A. M.

Topic:
"Corn Shuck Wreath Workshop"

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Hylton Wright

Program Chairman: Mrs. Henry Crouse

Hostess: Mrs. Richard Johnson

Reminder:
December meeting date changed to December 1

Rule of thumb: Establish a regular weekly or monthly routine for plant care. A groomed plant is a healthy plant.



Charter members present were (1 to r) Eleanor Powell, Lyda Hennis, Katherine Parries, Chardean Gwyn and Marjorie Holcomb. Other members (standing 1 to r) Charlotte Corder, Mary Lou Bartley, Sarah Johnson, Geneva Goad, Jane Britt, Betty Palmer,

Inglis Rowe, Lydia Garland, Earlene Epperson, Sue Cooke, Sue Crouse, Frieda Hughes and Barbara Gardner.

THE NORTH CAROLINA Gardener

"Look Around With Awareness"



Modern Gardeners of Mount Airy celebrated their 25th anniversary with a tea given at the home of their president, Mrs. Dale Hughes. The club's five charter members were honored guests. They are (front left to right) Mrs. Gordon

Hennis, Mrs. John W. Parries, Mrs. Johnny Gwyn. Back: Mrs. William Holcomb and Mrs. Joe Pete Powell. Modern Gardeners was chartered in 1956.

December 1, 1981

Topic:
"Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Tea"

Program Chairman: Mrs. Ralph Epperson and
Mrs. W. L. Holcomb

Hostess: Mrs. M. Dale Hughes

Reminders:
Take Christmas tray favors to hospital.

Deliver Christmas gifts to the Trainable Class at
Tharrington Elementary School.

Bring sick African violets to next meeting.

Rule of thumb: Use pots with drainage holes.

2B—The Mount Airy News

Friday, December 4, 1981.

Sixteen Past Presidents Attend

25th Anniversary Tea

Fetes Modern Gardeners

Modern Gardeners celebrated the 25th anniversary of their club Tuesday afternoon with a holiday tea at the home of Mrs. M. Dale Hughes on Fairview Avenue. Mrs. Hughes is president of the club.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson assisted the hostess and Mrs. Bill Holcomb was program chairman.

Special guests were Mrs. Edward W. Jones, Mrs. Claude Johnson and Mrs. Hurley Webb, members of Mountain View Garden Club, who assisted in organizing Modern Gardeners in 1956.

Invited guests, along with current members, were past members and presidents of the club. Fifteen past presidents attended: Mrs. Gordon Hennis, Mrs. J. Dale Simmons, Mrs. Ronald Boyles, Mrs. John Gwyn, Mrs. William Holcomb, Mrs. John Parries, Mrs. Richard Wimbish, Mrs. Jack Greenwood, Mrs. Joe (Pete) Powell, Mrs. Ralph Epperson, Mrs. Max Hiatt, Mrs. Gene Garland, Mrs. J. T. Palmer, Mrs. Carroll Gardner and Mrs. Ray Goad.

Five charter members, Mrs. Parries, Mrs. Hennis, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Holcomb and Mrs. Gwyn, are active members in the club and were present for the tea.

Two new members, Mrs. David Rowe and Mrs. Frank Read, were welcomed as new members and presented potted poinsettias.

Holiday decorations were used throughout the home. The serving table was overlaid with a Irish linen cloth which held a silver candelabrum centerpiece designed by Mrs. Parries and Mrs. Powell. They used white chrysanthemums, nandina berries, green and red foliage with wisteria tendrils in a silver bowl with lighted white tapers.

A Williamsburg centerpiece and wicker basket of fern served as focal points in the living area of the home.

More than 60 guests called between the hours of three and five o'clock. They were entertained with club scrap books displayed for viewing.

Modern Gardeners
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Hospital Is Decorated For The Holiday Season



Modern Gardeners decorated the lobby Christmas tree at Northern Surry Hospital. Charlotte Corder and Sarah Johnson, members of the club, complete the project as

Mrs. Corder's daughters, Laresa and Casey examine the decorations and gift packages

Even though you're unable to spend Christmas at home with family and friends, a local auxiliary has turned the hospital into a "not so bad place to be."

Because of the energy, concern and dedication on behalf of the Northern Surry Hospital Auxiliary, all those people who must spend their Christmas holidays under professional care are finding that the days are not as long and gloomy as they once expected.

Since late in the Fall, members of the hospital auxiliary have been working to produce a more pleasing atmosphere for hospital staff and patients who are confined during the upcoming holidays.

Their efforts include working in conjunction with area garden and extension clubs in preparation of decorating the different hospital floors.

According to Ann Edwards, president of the hospital auxiliary, a number of clubs have participated and the hospital is now fully decorated for Christmas.

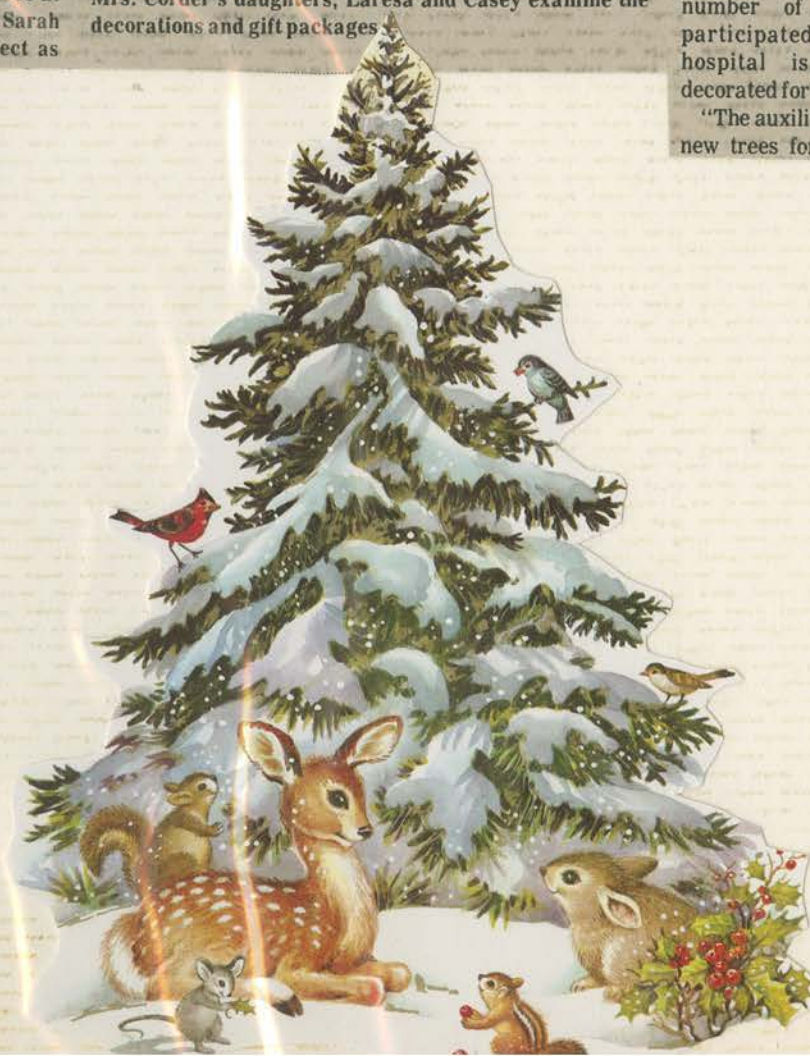
"The auxiliary purchased new trees for each floor,"

Ms. Edwards said, "and the various clubs each took on an area to decorate."

The Modern Garden Club decorated the lobby; Mount View Garden Club was responsible for decorating the physical therapy area; Garden Gate Garden Club took on the challenge of third floor; Dobson Early Birds nestled onto the fourth floor with their decorations; Happy Homemakers turned the south wing of second floor into a festive area, while the Busy Bee Homemakers and local 4-H Club members filled the north wing of second floor and the cafeteria with the Christmas cheer as well.

According to Ms. Edwards, the effort has been a success and a very rewarding experience. She stated that everyone worked really hard on the project and were more than willing to do their part. "All we had to do was ask," she said.

The auxiliary would like to thank each club for their support and especially wants to say thanks to Carol Bledsoe for her cooperation in making the project a success.



cancelled for snow

January 19, 1982

Topic:

"All There Is To Know About African Violets"

Guest Speaker: Mrs. W. A. Pearce

Program Chairman: Mrs. Joe Powell

Hostess: Mrs. Tom Hart

Reminders:

Feed the birds.

Fill out horticulture sheets and return to Mrs.
Joe Powell or Mrs. Gordon Hennis.

Rule of thumb: The diameter of the pot
generally should be one third the height of the
plant.



February 16, 1982

Topic:
"The Mystic of Bamboo"

Guest Speaker: Mr. Crockett Brannock

Program Chairman: Mrs. Jack Zonneveld

Hostess: Mrs. Ray Goad

Reminder:
March 15 is Arbor Day - plant a tree.

Bring spring flowers, containers, garden scissors
for March meeting.

Rule of thumb: Be sure you have the correct
soil mixture for your plants.



Modern Gardeners Hear Program On Bamboo

Modern Gardeners were treated to a buffet luncheon Tuesday when Geneva Goad entertained at Ray's Starlight Restaurant. Twenty-two members and guests were present for the occasion.

Sarah Johnson, vice president, introduced Crockett Brannock who gave a lecture on the "Mystique of Bamboo."

The plant, native to the orient, is a fast growing and very strong specimen. Brannock used the word "phenomenon" several times in his description of its habits, the most interesting being that its roots grow out as far as the bamboo grows up.

He went on to say that he has some bamboo which he started 33 years ago. They

have reach a height of 65 feet, thus the roots extend 65 feet.

Members were reminded to turn in their horticulture rating sheets to Lyda Hennis or Eleanor Powell before next week.

Members discussed the possibility of contributing books about gardening and beautification to the new

library upon its opening. Geneva Goad and Mary Lou Bartley will attend meetings with Marjorie Holcomb, who is a representative to the city's beautification project now in progress.

The March meeting will be with Betty Palmer. Everyone is urged to attend and bring spring flowers for arranging.



Katherine Parries arranges flowers as Sarah Johnson, Rose Read and Frieda Hughes observe.

Modern Gardeners Conduct Workshop

Modern Gardeners held a flower arranging workshop for their March meeting and a number of creative designs were displayed for the members to discuss.

Katherine Parries led the demonstration by using a variety of jonquils, forsythia, scotch broom, pussywillow and apple tree branches in a number of interesting containers.

Betty Palmer, hostess for the occasion, served refreshments upon arrival of the members. The group met in the Starlite Room of Ray's Restaurant.

Frieda Hughes, president, conducted the business session and an-

nounced the following officers for next year: Mary Lou Bartley, president; Eleanor Powell, vice president; Katherine Parries, secretary; and Jane Britt, treasurer.

Sue Crouse, garden therapy chairman for the month of March, visited the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School and assisted the youngsters in planting a dogwood tree on the school grounds in celebration of Arbor Day.

Their teacher, Mrs. Carole Burke, wrote notes of appreciation to Modern Gardeners expressing their thanks for the club's in-

terest. Members had visited on two previous holidays and treated the students with garden therapy programs and refreshments.

Barbara Gardner and Sarah Johnson, accompanied by her daughter, Christine, assisted with the November program and Chardean Gwyn was in charge of the December activities. Earlene Epperson and Mary Lou Bartley are among those scheduled to visit the children this spring.

The April meeting will be a plant sale at the home of Lydia Garland on Greenhill

Road. Members are asked to bring at least five plants. They may also invite a friend to attend the sale.

March 16, 1982



Topic:

"Arranging Spring Flowers" Workshop

Program Chairman: Mrs. Gordon Hennis

Hostess: Mrs. J. T. Palmer

Reminders:

Elect Officers

Rule of Thumb: Do not water plants to much. More plants die from over watering than from any other cause.



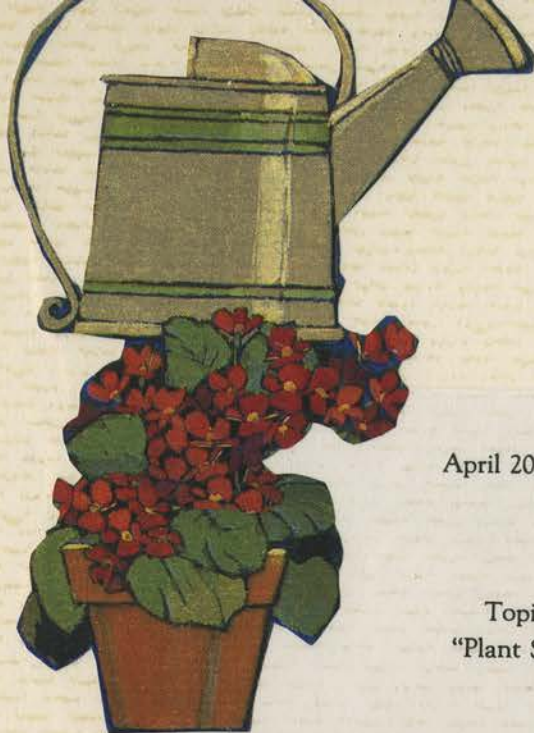


Arbor Day

Members of Modern Gardeners observed Arbor Day by assisting the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School in planting a dogwood tree on the school lawn. All members of the class participated in the garden therapy project. Sue Crouse, garden club member, (right) and daughter, Emily, look on as students take turns preparing

the soil for planting. Modern Gardeners visit the school on a regular basis and assist them with garden therapy projects such as planting seeds, bulbs, feeding the birds and arranging flowers. Arbor Day is celebrated throughout the United States as a day of planting trees.





April 20, 1982

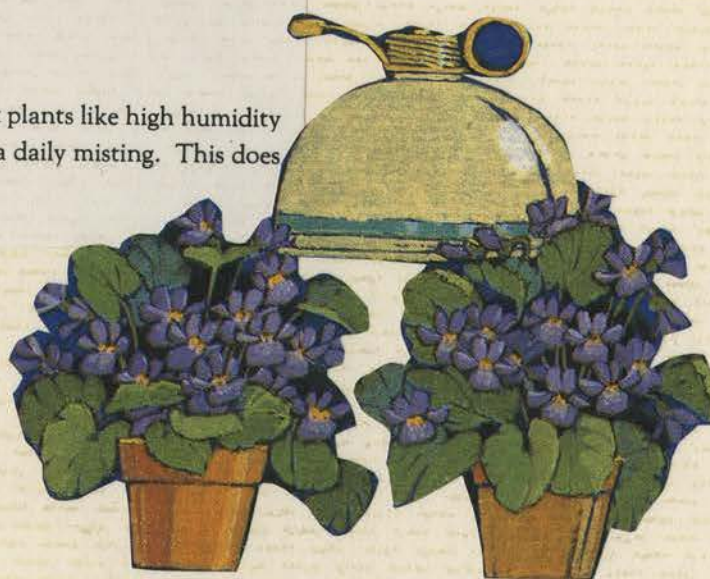
Topic:
"Plant Sale"

Program Chairman: Mrs. Max Hiatt

Hostess: Mrs. Gene Garland

Reminder:
To visit Reynolda Manor

Rule of Thumb: Most plants like high humidity
and will benefit from a daily misting. This does
not replace watering.



Yard Awards Criteria Announced

The beautification committee of the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce has a message for area residents and business persons: start sprucing up yards and business sites because judges for the chamber's annual beautification awards will soon be out in force.

The committee, headed by Jack Zonneveld, has announced that Yard of the Week and the Business Beautification Award will be presented at regular intervals throughout the spring, summer and early fall.

Yards will be judged each week by the Garden Gate Garden Club, while businesses will be judged every two weeks by the Modern Gardeners club.

Judging in both categories will begin the first week of April and continue through the first week in October.

Live plants will be given to winners in each category, Zonneveld said.

The criteria for best yard and business site includes general appearance, neatness and overall attractiveness.

Zonneveld emphasized that maintenance will be stressed over extravagance.

"Not everyone has enough money for elaborate gardens," he said. "But everyone can pick up dead branches or clear away weeds from their yards."





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Rocelle Hart and Lydia Garland, hostess, arrange plants which were auctioned to club members and their guests.

Modern Gardeners Conduct Annual April Plant Sale

Members of Modern Gardeners conducted a plant sale for their April meeting Tuesday at the home of Lydia Garland on Greenhill Road. Each of the gardeners brought five plants from her home and contributed them for the sale which produced \$125 for the club.

Money realized from the money-making project will be used for community beautification. Mrs. Garland and Rocelle Hart, chairmen of ways and means, were in charge of the event with Betty Leonard serving as auctioneer.

Members placed bids on the plants which included geraniums, begonias, miniature palms,

dogwoods, chrysanthemums, impatiens, marigolds, variegated hostas, ivy, jade plants, azaleas, primrose, lily-of-the-valley, pachysandra, money plant, croton, aloe, violets, forsythia, calamanthus, and feverfew.

Special guests attending the meeting were Laresa Smith of Asheboro, Evelyn Armstrong and Dorathil Bradford.

Modern Gardeners will be responsible for selecting a Business Lawn of the Week during the summer months. Persons wishing to submit a business for this honor should contact Charlotte Corder at 789-5462 or Sue Crouse at 789-9349. Lyda Hennis, Rocelle

Hart, Barbara Gardner and Geneva Goad are contributing corsages to the women at Surry Community Nursing Center for Mother's Day.

In conjunction with the city-wide cleanup day on Saturday, volunteers were recruited to assist with picking up litter along Highway 52. Frieda Hughes, president, and Marjorie Holcomb, beautification representative, were assisted by Mary Lou Bartley, Betty Palmer, Geneva Goad, Sue Cooke, Katherine Parries, Geneva Goad and Eleanor Powell.

The May meeting will be held at Reynolda Gardens, Winston-Salem. Officers for the coming years will be installed at that time.



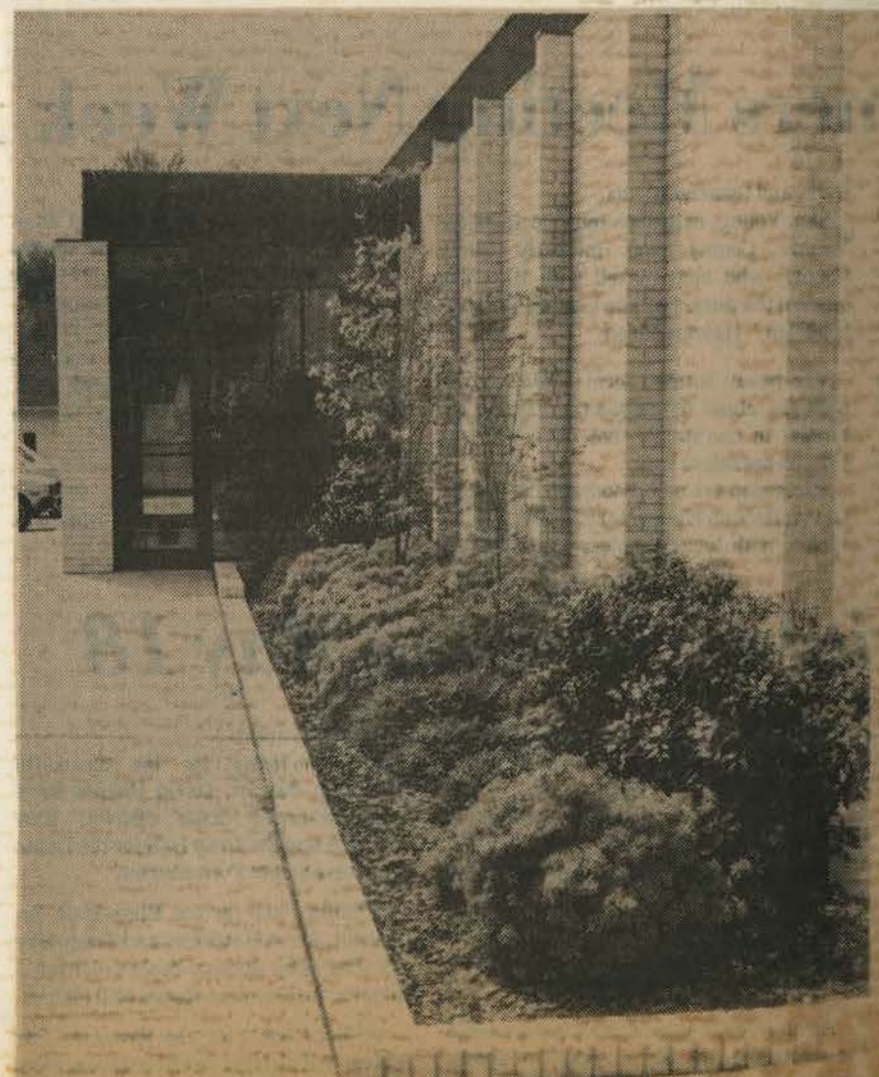
Business Of The Week

Tulips and azaleas brighten the landscape of the North Main Street branch of NCNB. The bank was named Business of the Week by the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce. Members of Modern Gardeners are in charge of this project for the summer months. To nominate a business for the award, contact Charlotte Corder at 789-5462 or Sue Crouse at 789-9349.

Business Yard Of The Week

Northern Surry Medical and Surgical Center, 708 S. South Street, has been chosen as Business Yard of the Week by members of Modern Gardeners. Neatly pruned shrubs and

flowering trees accent the landscape of this contemporary building. To nominate a business yard of the week contact Charlotte Corder at 789-5462 or Sue Crouse at 789-9349.





Flowers For Mother's Day

Modern Gardeners made corsages Friday afternoon for the women patients at Surry Community Nursing Center. Barbara Gardner, Betty Leonard, Lyda Hennis, Betty Palmer and Lydia Garland (l to r), all members of the garden club, designed summer flower corsages and delivered them in observance of Mother's Day.



Business Lawn Of The Week

Lynn Hosiery, 314 S. South Street, has been selected as Business Lawn of the Week. The beautifully landscaped area contributes to the overall setting. Members of

Modern Gardeners are responsible for choosing a business of the week. To make a nomination contact Sue Crouse at 789-9349 or Charlotte Corder at 789-5462.

Gardeners Install Officers At Reynolda Gardens



Jackie Rodgers of Winston-Salem installs Mary Lou Bartley as president of Modern Gardeners. Jane Britt (behind) is treasurer; Eleanor Powell, vice president; and Katherine Parries, secretary.

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday at Reynolda Gardens, Winston-Salem, for a tour of the grounds and Reynolda House. The day was highlighted with a luncheon at Village Savory in Reynolda Village.

New officers for the year were installed by Jackie Rodgers of Winston-Salem, second vice president of The Garden Club of North Carolina. She was introduced by Sue Cooke, program chairman.

Mary Lou Bartley will serve as president for 1982-83; Eleanor Powell, vice president; Jane Britt, treasurer; and Katherine Parries, secretary.

Each officer was remembered with an African violet and Mrs. Rodgers was presented an African violet in a hanging basket.

Freida Hughes, outgoing president, was remembered with an engraved

silver bowl in appreciation of her leadership during the past year.

Lisa Shaw, who was welcomed as a new member, was given an African violet. She is the daughter of club member, Katherine Parries.

Lunch was served in the atrium where potted red geraniums surrounding a holly tree provided a central point of interest. Kay Powell Gwyn of Winston-Salem, daughter of Eleanor Powell, joined the group for lunch.

Betty Leonard and Betty Palmer were in charge of luncheon arrangements and the tour.



May 18, 1982

Topic:

Installation of Officers at Reynolda Manor

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Mrs. Jackie Rodgers

Program Chairman: Mrs. Ralph Cooke, Jr.

Hostess: Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.

Rule of Thumb: Establish a regular routine for feeding your plants and do not fertilize your plants when the soil is dry.



Freida Hughes receives a silver bowl as new members Lisa Shaw (front), Inglis Rowe and Rose Read look on.



Getting ready to leave...



Is everyone here?





Installation



The New Officers

Mary Lou Bartley - President
 Eleanor Powell - Vice President
 Jane Britt - Treasurer
 Katherine Parries - Secretary



Reynolda House

MUSEUM OF
 AMERICAN ART

Winston-Salem, North Carolina



former home of Richard J. Reynolds





Garden Therapy

Rocelle Hart, a member of Modern Gardeners, assists students in Becky Burke's Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School plant begonias in clay pots during a garden therapy project. Amanda Swartzel, Sharlene Joyce, Tracey Midkiff, Paula Raby, Jody

Willard, Crystal Taylor, Jamie Bowman, Jamie Hill and Mike Adams made these for their mothers. Members of Modern Gardeners visit the class on a regular basis and conduct gardening projects such as planting flowers, trees and seeds.



Business Lawn Of The Week

The beautifully landscaped lawn of Moody Funeral Home on West Pine Street has won the honors of Business Lawn of the Week. A well manicured lawn, pruned shrubbery and magnificent trees add to the interest of

landscape. Modern Gardeners are in charge of selecting a business lawn of the week. To make a nomination contact Sue Crouse at 789-9349 or Charlotte Corder at 789-5462.



Business Lawn Of The Week

Duke Power Company on North Main Street is brightened with splashes of color from red geraniums and a well-manicured carpet of grass. Low growing shrubbery makes an interesting contrast for the hollies. Duke Power was selected for Business Lawn of the Week honors by members of Modern Gardeners. To make nominations contact Sue Crouse or Charlotte Corder.



Business Lawn Of The Week

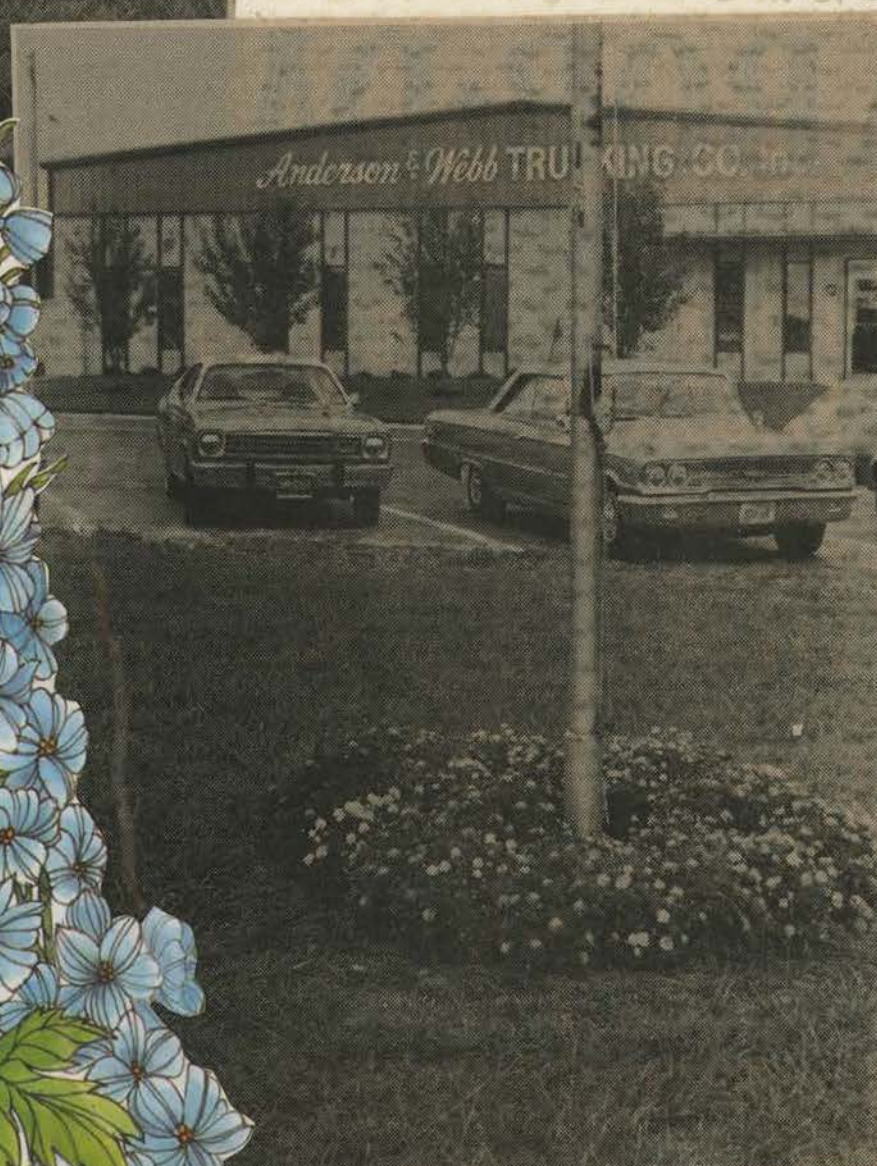
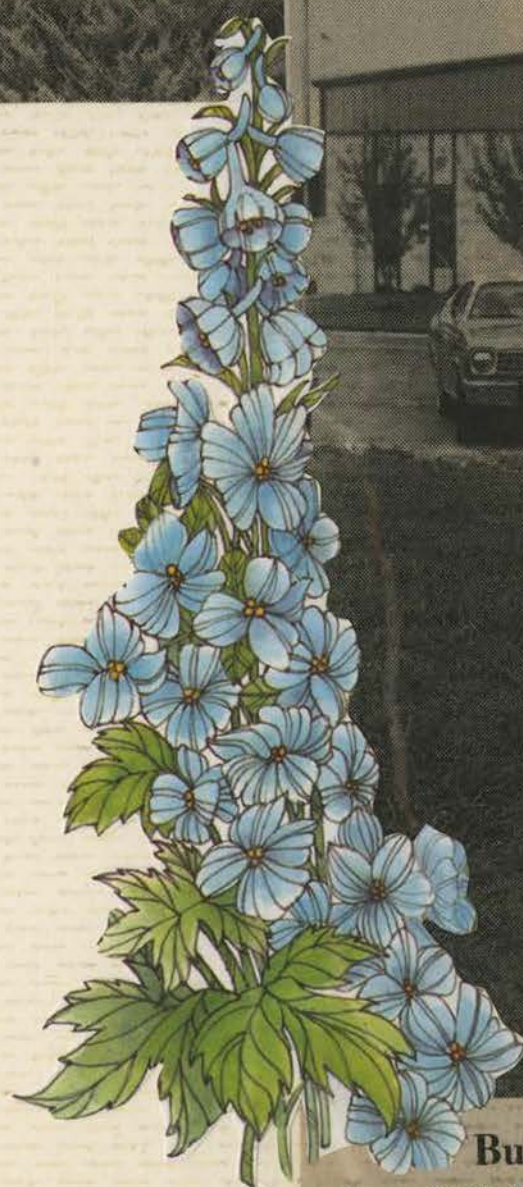
A beautifully landscaped rock garden on the side entrance to R.C. Manchester Enterprises captures the eye while traveling along on Renfro Street. Because of their gardening interest, the company has received honors as Business Lawn of the Week. Miniature hollies, rhododendrons and pampas grass provide a contrast for the geraniums, marigolds and impatiens now in bloom. Modern Gardeners conducts the Business Lawn of the Week Contest as one of their beautification projects.





Business Lawn Of The Week

Surry Orthopaedic Associates, 414 West Lebanon Street, has been selected as Business Lawn of the Week. Junipers and variegated liriopie form a ground cover for the front entrance and dogwood enhance the beauty of the landscape. Business Lawns of the Week are selected by members of Modern Gardeners. Sue Crouse and Charlotte Corder are co-chairmen.



Business Yard Of The Week

Anderson-Webb Trucking Company on West Lebanon Street has been selected for honors as having the Business Lawn of the Week. Marigolds surround the flag pole and also form a company logo on the grounds. The area is landscaped with a profusion of shrubbery and trees. Members of Modern Gardeners with Sue Crouse and Charlotte Corder as co-chairmen are responsible for selecting Business Lawns of the Week.

Retiring President's Report

I am deeply grateful to each of you for the helpful ways in which you accepted me and worked with me as your president. The officers have been so understanding and even more attentive when my retirement lifestyle abruptly changed.

Welcome, N. C. was the home of the Fall District IV Meeting. We were represented by myself, Earlene Epperson, Barbara Gardner, Lydia Garland and Geneva Goad. Sara Johnson did such a splendid job planning the programs and the yearbook; for which I proudly accepted the first place ribbon at this meeting.

We had some very knowledgeable speakers at our meetings this year starting with Robbie Davis and his expertise with azaleas. Our Corn Shuck Wreath Workshop led by Mrs. Hylton Wright was fun as well as interesting to see what beauty could be developed from shucks.

Promoting our '81 theme, our "25th Silver Anniversary"; within our own, we had a tea December 1st at my home honoring the charter members and past presidents of Modern Gardeners. The faithfully kept scrapbooks were brought forth and everyone enjoyed thumbing through them.

In February, Crockett Brannock made the "Mystic of Bamboo" a very interesting subject.

Our spring was delayed this year but in April our "Spring Flower Workshop" was conducted by Mrs. Katherine Parries and made us all yearn for the spring season's full flower foliage.

We ended the year with a trip to Winston-Salem and a tour of Reynolda Manor and Gardens. In the gardens Mrs. Frank Rodgers, Second Vice President of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., installed new officers for the '82-83 season. African violets were presented to the new officers and Mrs. Rodgers and the beautiful tradition of presenting the silver Paul Revere Bowl to the past president.

I have always loved the town of Mount Airy and thrilled on being able to retire back home among such natural beauty. As is everywhere, litter is bad here but it is so thrilling to see one of our former members Bep Zonnevold's husband, Jack, take such an active interest in trying to keep Mount Airy a beautiful place to live. Many of our group actively participated in the "Day Long Litter Campaign" in May and with the money received from our endeavors, it will go toward the restoring of the Garden Club plaques at different crossroads entering Mount Airy. Our own special project for this Beautification Group is the entrance to the High School Stadium. This is not complete but we hope to have a thing of beauty going before the first football game.

Our help in keeping the Mini-Park attractive is still being actively worked and in May,

Eleanor Powell, Katherine Parries and myself trimmed, raked and cleaned the park for summer enjoyment.

The arrangements that our members place in the Hospital Lobby are always well received and the Christmas tree in the Main Lobby has become a tradition with our club.

Our work with the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary is still enjoyed by us and appreciated by them.

We voted to continue our contributions to various state organizations such as the Elizabethan Garden, the Martha Franck Fragrance Garden and the Daniel Boone Native Gardens.

You all are such an eager cooperative group to work with and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity of serving as your president.

May we look forward to a new year of accomplishing and hopefully fulfilling our dreams of restoring the Garden Club Council in Mount Airy. This is so important to be able to work together, learning and accomplishing together for the beauty within ourselves and for our community.

Sincerely,
Frieda Hughes





Rose Read and Lydia Garland arrange dishes.



Betty Leonard and Frieda Hughes.



Modern Gardeners resumed their meetings last week after a busy summer. For this particular program, food was a favorite subject since each member brought a dish for the salad buffet.

Mary Lou Bartley, president, was a gracious hostess as always. She used a lovely arrangement of red zinnias for the centerpiece which accented the array of salads including everything from vegetables to fruits, meats, and cheese.

The table setting was as beautiful as an artist's palette with colors varying from the pink strawberries, heavenly lime, and blueberries to vegetable salads including Calypso, Sue's Marinated Carrots and Seven Layer Salad.

Special guests were Mae Turpin, a former member; Berta Glenn Springthorpe, president of the Mount Airy Historical Society; and Caroline Pearce. After the business meeting, members were invited to visit Caroline's "Upstairs Violets," a truly magnificent venture. Her violets are just beautiful.



Theme
"Gardening On The Go"
 September 21, 1982

Topic:
"All-aboard! For An Exciting Year"

Business Session and Salad Buffet

Program Chairman: Mrs. J. D. Bartley

Hostess: Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr.

**Horticultural Treat: Visit to Caroline Pearce's
 "Upstairs Violets".**

Reminder:
 Bring flowers, containers, and mechanics for
 October workshop.

**District IV Meeting October 27 - High Point
 October is Garden Center Month.**



Modern Gardeners

Modern Gardeners began their fall meetings with a covered-dish luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mary Lou Bartley on Robin Road.

Berta Glenn Springthorpe, president of the Mount Airy Restoration Society, spoke to the group briefly about the organization's plans and announced November 6 as the date for the Mount Airy Restoration Ball.

Members were asked to design ten table arrangements for the event which will be held in the old Hennis Building on Moore Avenue. Marjorie Holcomb will serve as chairman for that committee.

Mrs. Bartley distributed yearbooks which she reviewed with the group. Club

projects for the year include: the continuation of upkeep for the mini-park garden of the triangle entrance to the business district on North Main and Renfro Streets;

Assist with decorating Northern Surry Hospital and the Mount Airy Public Library at Christmas; provide materials and programs for the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School; provide arrangements for the lobby at Northern Surry Hospital; and assist in the garden restoration of the Edwards Franklin Homeplace.

Other projects include: assisting the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee; maintain the

island plantings in front of City Hall; care for the mini-garden at the Wallace Shelton Football Stadium and organize a new garden club council in Mount Airy.

Charlotte Corder and Sue Crouse were commended for their dedicated work in selecting Business Lawns of the Week during the summer.

Mrs. Bartley announced that Katherine Parries, Betty Palmer and Eleanor Powell will serve on the Garden Club Council.

The October meeting will be a flower arranging workshop with Fanny Jones as instructor.

A special guest for the meeting was former member, Mae Turpin, who is a sister of club member, Frieda Hughes.





Garden Therapy Project

Miss Beckie Burke's class at Tharrington Elementary School was treated to a garden therapy project last week when Sue Crouse (left) and Marjorie Holcomb (second from right) guided and assisted them in making natural collages of pressed leaves and flowers. Members of Modern Gardeners visit the students each month and introduce them to various programs such as planting bulbs, flowers and trees as well as other garden therapy activities. Shown with the group are Miss Burke (behind) and Edith McPeak (right) teacher's aide.





October 19, 1982

Topic:
"Journey Into Fall"

Flower Arranging Workshop
Instructor: Mrs. Edward Jones

Program Chairman: Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.

Hostess: Mrs. Ralph Epperson

Place: John Sobotta Scout Hut,
First Presbyterian Church



Modern Gardeners Design Arrangements At Tuesday Workshop

Mrs. Edward W. Jones gave a demonstrated lecture and conducted a workshop on the art of flower arranging for members of Modern Gardeners when they met Tuesday at the John Sobotta Scout Hut of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Jones said beauty, expression, harmony and especially simplicity are all qualities of a flower arrangement. She pointed out that design is the orderly arrangement of the flowers and the elements of design are space, line, form, pattern, texture and color which is the most compelling element.

She went on to say, "The principles of design are balance, either symmetrical or asymmetrical, dominance which can be

color, length of line, size, line, direction or form, contrast which is the placing of elements together in such a way as to emphasize differences, rhythm, proportion and scale.

Mrs. Jones stated that the main types of contemporary artistic design are line design which we get from Japan, mass which is opulent, colorful and takes a variety of forms, and line mass which is typically American and is a combination of the Oriental line and European mass.

The guest artist then conducted a workshop on the art of Japanese flower arranging. Using ordinary pine which she had clipped, she proceeded to arrange small, white chrysanthemums and aucuba at the base of the pine to make it look as if a bush were growing there. The effect

was one of overwhelming simplicity but very appealing to the observer.

Marjorie Holcomb, a member of the Mount Airy Beautification Committee, expressed appreciation to volunteers who worked at the Flower Bulb Booth during the Autumn Leaves Festival.

Mrs. Holcomb reminded members to meet on Friday, Nov. 5 to make table arrangements for the Mount Airy Restoration Ball on Nov. 6.

Earlene Epperson, hostess, served refreshments.

Betty Leonard, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Jones. The business session was conducted by Mary Lou Bartley, president. Rocelle Hart and Lydia Garland, ways and means chairmen, took orders for their fall flower bulb project.



Fanny Jones uses an arrangement made by Katherine Parries as an example of beauty, expression, harmony and simplicity. Mrs. Parries selected Sir

Harry Lawder's Walking Stick for an interesting line, three Queen Elizabeth roses and a rattan container placed on a round base.



Tanya Jackson of Garden Gate Garden Club, Fanny Jones of Mountain View Garden Club and Marjorie Holcomb of Mount Airy Beautification Committee.



Mount Airy Junior High Student Speaks To Garden Club On Orchids

Charles Jackson, a ninth-grade student at Mount Airy Junior High School, was guest speaker for the November meeting of Modern Gardeners. An avid orchid horticulturist, he talked to the group about "Orchids: How to Grow and Enjoy Them."

Relating to his favorite hobby, Jackson said there are 25,000 species of orchids, making them the second largest flowering plant family in the world. He noted that orchids were brought to Europe and England from Central and South America where growers jealously guarded the secret of their cultivation. "Thus, the aura of mystery that orchids are hard to grow arose and pervades to this day," he added.

Jackson went on to say that orchid seeds are as fine as dust and have no food storage ability. In 1922 a professor at Cornell discovered an agar nutrient solution in which orchids could be hybridized with other related species. Therefore, the orchids could be germinated in the

solution and new plants grown much more easily.

In conclusion, he informed the gardeners that orchids do not have to have hot house conditions to grow and bloom, but do need moderate temperatures, water and movement of air.

Lisa Shaw, program chairman, introduced the guest speaker and presented him with a gift from the club.

As an added feature, the group then departed for Pilot Mountain where they toured Jan Mallory's Orchid Greenhouses.

Business Session

Mary Lou Bartley presided during the business session which followed a buffet luncheon hosted by Geneva Goad at Ray's Starlite Restaurant.

Mrs. Bartley announced that Modern Gardeners received a blue ribbon for the club yearbook which was entered in district competition. The book was planned and printed under the direction of club of-

ficers: Mrs. Bartley, and other holiday decorations.

president; Eleanor Powell, vice president; Katherine Parries, secretary; and Jane Britt, president. The yearbook will now be judged in state competition.

Mrs. Bartley expressed appreciation to club members who helped with the decorations for the Restoration Foundation Ball. Rocelle Hart's centerpiece arrangement was judged as first place winner.

The November meeting will be a workshop to make Williamsburg apple trees



November 16, 1982

Topic:

"Orchids: How To Grow and Enjoy Them"

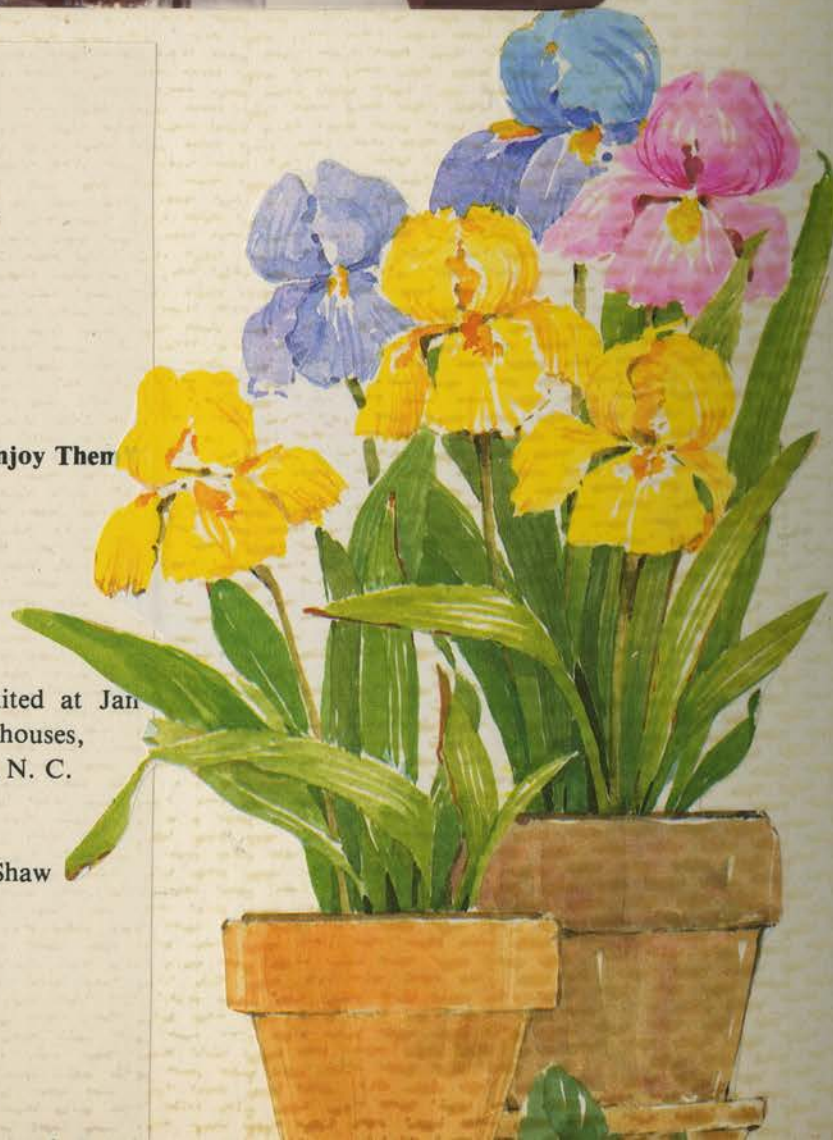
Guest Speaker: Charles Jackson

Special Feature: Orchids Unlimited at Jan Mallory's Greenhouses, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

Program Chairman: Mrs. Mike Shaw

Hostess: Mrs. Ray Goad

Reminder:





December 7, 1982

Topic:
"Wandering In Williamsburg"

Program Chairman: Mrs. Joe Powell and
Mrs. Johnny Parries

A workshop to make apple trees and
other Williamsburg decorations.

Hostess: Mrs. Ralph Cooke

Reminder:



Modern Gardeners Conduct Workshop

Club Members Design Williamsburg Decorations

"Wandering in Williamsburg" was the program theme for Modern Gardener's December meeting Tuesday. The group met at Trinity Episcopal Church for a workshop to make Williamsburg Apple Cones and other decorations for the holidays.

Katherine Parries and Eleanor Powell planned

and directed the workshop. They displayed an apple cone topped with a fresh pineapple and another cone designed with fresh lemons. These were placed on a magnolia foliage base with sprigs of boxwood tucked in between the apples and lemons. Red Delicious and Lady Apples were used for these cones.

They also made an herb

wreath for the gardeners to view. Herbs collected from Mary Alice Lewis' herb garden included fresh parsley, sage, fennel, catnip, lemon balm, spearmint, basil, English thyme, winter savory, dill and tanzy. Dried red peppers added a bit of color to the design.

At the conclusion of the workshop each member present had completed an

apple cone centerpiece arrangement for her home. Two other apple cones were made for club members, Charlotte Corder and her mother, Lyda Hennis. Mrs. Hennis was a patient at Northern Surry Hospital following an automobile accident Sunday.

Mary Lou Bartley, president, conducted a brief business session at which

time Jane Britt distributed the North Carolina Garden Club Calendars.

Mrs. Bartley announced that Freida Hughes, Rose Read and Lydia Garland had decorated the lobby Christmas tree at Northern Surry Hospital and that Betty Palmer had made two large boxwood wreaths for the Mount Airy Public Library.

Charldean Gwyn is planning a garden therapy program for Miss Becky Burke's class at Tharrington Elementary School.

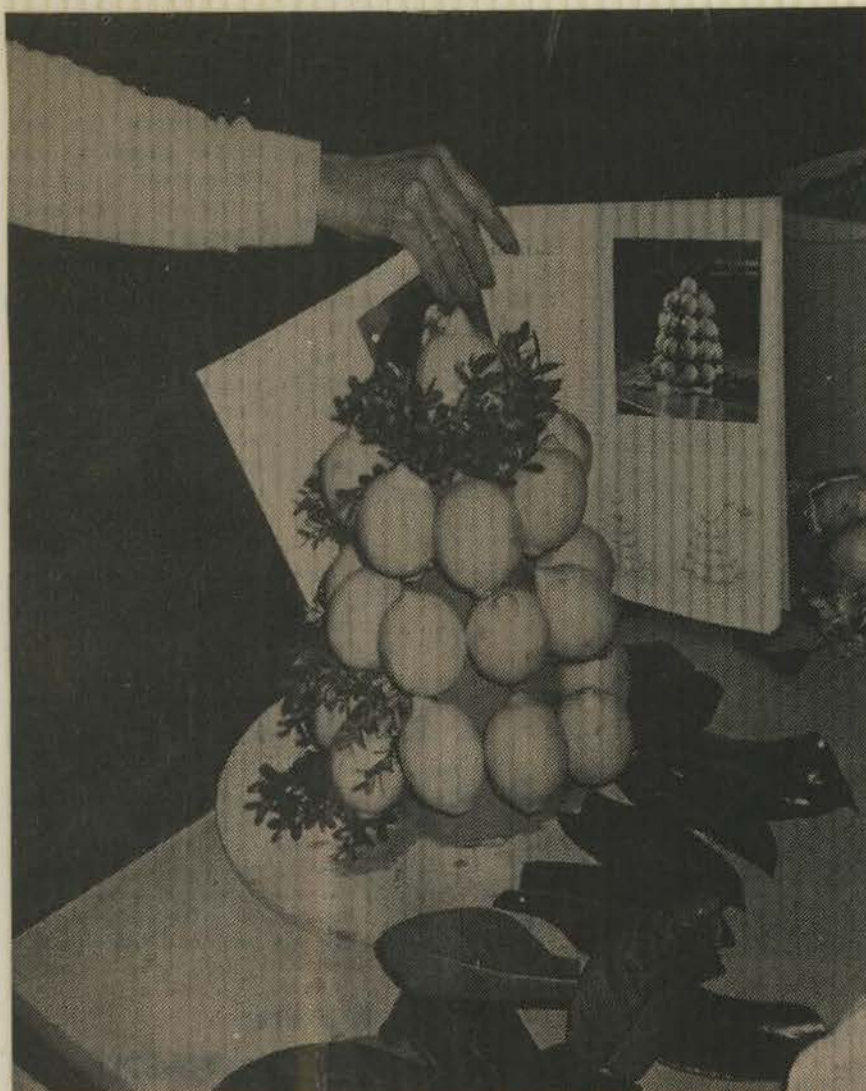
Sue Cooke was hostess for the meeting. She served fresh vegetables with dip, cream cheese and hot pepper jelly with wheat crackers, homemade chocolate candy and coffee.



You may use Red Delicious or Lady Apples to make an apple cone. After magnolia foliage is in place, begin with large apples and work to the top.



A fresh pineapple completes this Williamsburg Apple Cone. Clusters of fresh boxwood are tucked in between the apples for a pleasing arrangement.



To make a lemon cone you must have the proper Williamsburg form. Arrange magnolia foliage at the base and impale lemons on each nail.



This herb wreath, made by Katherine Parries and Eleanor Powell, is a beautiful accent for the kitchen.



Two huge boxwood wreaths tied with bright red velvet ribbon adorn the entrance to the Mount Airy Public Library. Modern Gardeners was in charge of this project with Betty Palmer as chairman. Mrs. Palmer (left) made the wreaths. Mary Lou Bartley, president, assists Len Fawcett, buildings and grounds maintenance technician, and Mrs. Palmer in hanging the Christmas decorations.





Frieda Hughes, Rose Read and Lydia Garland trim the lobby Christmas tree at Northern Surry Hospital. They are members of Modern Gardeners.



Modern Gardeners Discuss Conservation, Beautification And Litter Control Program

Modern Gardener's January meeting concentrated on conservation, beautification and litter control. Dave Sizer, a member of the Mount Airy Beautification Committee, gave a slide presentation entitled, "This Land Is Your Land."

The presentation was produced by the Mount Airy Beautification committee and shows scenes of the beautiful environment in the area, as well as the bad. Pictures were made by Larry Jones with Dave Sizer as narrator. These slides are available for other clubs and organizations to view.

Eleanor Powell, vice president, conducted the meeting in the absence of Mary Lou Bartley, president, who is recuperating from recent surgery.

Mrs. Powell introduced the guest speaker and remembered him with a gift from the club.

Charldean Gwyn, garden therapy chairman, told about her visit with the trainable class at Tharrington Elementary School during the holidays. She presented each with view masters, gifts from the garden club. Two club members conduct garden therapy projects with the students each month.

Horticulture rating sheets were distributed. These are to be completed and returned to Geneva Goad, horticulture chair-

man, at the February meeting.

The club is sponsoring a three-day trip to Charleston, S. C., and magnificent gardens March 21, 22 and 23. A \$25 deposit is required by Jan 25. Persons interested contact any member Modern Gardeners.

Rose Read was hostess for the meeting. She served coffee and dessert from the dining room table which featured a centerpiece of yellow and white daisies.



January 18, 1983

Topic:
"Our Land Is Your Land"

A slide presentation on conservation, beautification and litter control.

Program Chairman: Mrs. Carroll Gardner

Hostess: Mrs. Frank Read



Reminder:

Membership dues to be collected in February.

Horticulture sheets to be returned to Mrs. Max Hiatt or Mrs. Ray Goad.



Modern Gardeners Preview Charleston Historic Gardens

Topic:
"Charleston, Here We Come"!

Slides depicting outstanding horticultural
features and gardens of Charleston, S. C.

Program Chairman: Mrs. W. L. Holcomb

Hostess: Mrs. David Rowe

Reminder:

March 15 is Arbor Day - Plant a tree!

Journey to Charleston

Membership dues to be collected in March

Members of Modern Gardeners were presented a preview of Charleston's magnificent gardens at their February meeting. Inglis Rowe was hostess for the occasion at her home on Crossingham Road.

The program, "Charleston, Here We Come!" was given as an introduction for the garden club's trip which is planned March 21-23. Mary Lou Bartley narrated the slide presentation which in-

cluded Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, Middleton Gardens and other historical homes and churches. These sites will be included on the three-day tour.

Mrs. Bartley said Magnolia Gardens offers one of the largest collections of camellias and azaleas in America. It has been described by garden experts as the most beautiful in the world. Magnolia has been in the

Drayton family for 10 generations.

Middleton Gardens is one of the oldest in the United States. Four of the first camellias brought to the United States were planted there. The gardens were started in 1741 and required the work of 100 slaves for 10 years.

Barbara Gardner, chairman of the garden center assignments at Northern Surry Hospital, said Mary Lou Bartley, Inglis Rowe, Sarah Johnson and Eleanor Powell are responsible for placing flower arrangements at the hospital during the month of April.

Mrs. Rowe served cake, coffee and spiced tea as members arrived.

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CHAIRMAN OF AWARDS





Modern Gardeners Elect Officers

Modern Gardeners announced their new slate of officers recently when they met at Cross Creek Country Club. Sue Crouse was hostess for the occasion.

Officers for 1983-84 will be installed at the May meeting. They are: Sue Cooke, president; Charlotte Corder, vice president; Sue Crouse, secretary; and Earlene Epperson, treasurer.

Mary Lou Bartley, president, conducted the business meeting and plans were made for their tour of Charleston, S. C.

Rocelle Hart was program chairman. The group discussed the mini-flower show at Susan Ashby's home and members were appointed the make flower arrangements for designated rooms.



March 15, 1983

Topic:
"Our Awareness Motivates Us"

Demonstrated lecture and workshop

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Arnold F. Van Pelt, Jr.

Program Chairman: Mrs. Tom Hart

Hostess: Mrs. Henry Crouse

Reminder:

Mini flower show and plant sale.

April is Garden Center Month



Modern Gardeners Observe Arbor Day

Modern Gardeners planted a Weeping Cherry tree and a White Birch tree at Surry Community Nursing Center recently to commemorate Arbor Day. Sylvia Large, director of nursing at Surry Community Nursing Center (second from right), assists Becky

Johnson, social worker; Sarah Johnson, Brady Johnson, and Frieda Hughes. Arbor day is observed for the community planting of trees, and was first celebrated in Nebraska April 10, 1872.



Mrs. J. D. Bartley, (r) president of Modern Gardeners, presents Yard of the Week to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Vogler.

Ronald Voglers Receive Yard Of The Week

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Vogler, 1605 Pittman Street, have been selected as having the "Yard of the Week". Sponsored by Friends of Beautification, the Yard of the Week program was resumed this week and will continue until next fall.

Members of Modern Gardeners are the assigned judges of Yard of the Week, a division of Friends of Beautification, Inc. Mrs. Johnny Gwyn is the contact person for recommendations for Yard of the Week and persons interested in making nominations should contact Mrs. Gwyn at 786-5961.

Mr. and Mrs. Vogler were presented a Yard of the Week marker and a flowering shrub by Mrs. J. D. Bartley, president of Modern Gardeners. Each member of the club is

assigned a designated week to recognize persons worthy of this honor.

Mrs. Bartley said Mrs. Vogler has a special interest in bulbs, especially caladiums, canas and begonias. "She is the chief yard-keeper and enjoys trimming, mowing, planting and all phases of yard work," Mrs. Bartley added.

Mrs. Vogler is seasonally employed at Holland Flowerbulb Specialists, and attributes much of her gardening finesse to her learning gained there.

A focal point at the entrance to the Vogler's home is an interesting planting in a stone-faced planter. Balanced plantings in areas near and around the house enhance the landscape.

Surry Residents

By ELEANOR POWELL
News Woman's Editor

Flowerbulb Specialists, Mount Airy, N.C.

Mount Airy and Surry County residents are "Pitching In" for their annual spring clean-up to be held April 16-23. Clean-up activities are scheduled both Saturdays, according to Jack Zonneveld, executive chairman of Friends of Beautification, Inc.

"The event will bring renewed and realistic enthusiasm to persons who really care about their city and county," Cleve Hamlin, a member of the clean-up committee, said this week. "Volunteers are determined to pitch in and clean up the litter that mars the beauty of our county," he added.

Dennis Thompson, chairman of the clean-up committee, met with Hamlin, John Jackson and David Higbee this week to finalize plans for cleaning up litter along the highways and city streets. Thompson noted that last year thousands of volunteers worked two weekends in April in the county-wide clean-up effort.

Thompson and Hamlin said they are pleased with the response from volunteers who will begin picking up litter early Saturday morning. Clubs, civic organizations, youth and church groups can collect \$1 for each bag of litter that they pick up along public roadsides. Each group must have a signed statement from their leader designating the number of litter bags filled. Information should be sent to Jack Zonneveld, Holland

Thompson emphasized that the Mount Airy landfill will be open until 6 p.m. both Saturdays and from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays. The landfill is located at the Holly Springs Exit on Old Hwy. 52 South, near Simmons Store. Signs mark the area.

The Elkin landfill, located near Mt. Herman Church Road in the Little Richmond vicinity, is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. six days a week.

Litter bags are furnished and may be secured by contacting a member of the clean-up committee. Hamlin said filled bags must be tied and left by the roadside. City and county employees will be picking up litter bags both Saturdays.

Volunteers should call Thompson at 368-4290 and Hamlin at 786-4141 for more information. They will be assigned designated areas or they may choose an eye-sore section of the city or county. "We have areas we can assign if volunteers contact us," Hamlin added.

Hamlin said the following groups have volunteered their services for the clean-up: Mountain Park Ruritan Club, Bannertown Ruritan Club, Sheltontown Ruritan Club, Woodville Baptist Youth Group, Blue Ridge Campers, Sandy Level Community Action Council, Flat Rock Ruritan Club, Siloam Women's Club, White Plains Ruritan Club, Ball-



'Pitch In' For Spring Clean-Up

Springs Ruritan Club, Mount Airy Jaycees;

Modern Gardeners, Garden Gate Garden Club, Dobson Better Appearance Team, Rockford Extension Homemakers, Lowgap Extension Homemakers, White Plains Boy Scouts, Surry Yadkin Mental Health; Yadkin Valley Garden Club, Pilot Mountain Ruritan Club and Shoals Extension Homemakers.

Statewide, Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. has proclaimed April 17-23 and Sept. 19-24 as Clean-Up Litter Weeks for 1983.

During these two weeks, the N. C. Department of Transportation (DOT) will implement a concentrated effort with the public to clean up litter along highways across the state.

The Surry County Board of Commissioners recently adopted a resolution stating: "Friends of Beautification, Inc., has been created as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina. The stated purpose of Friends of Beautification, Inc., is to promote the beautification of Surry County, the municipalities located within Surry County, and surrounding or neighboring communities. This purpose appears to be in the public interest. The Commissioners of Surry County endorse the purpose of Friends of Beautification, Inc., and do commend those citizens who have donated and will donate their time and resources to the achievement of a more beautiful Surry County."



'Pitchin In' are Julie Belchee, B.J. Ayers, Lydia Garland, Helen Taylor, Dennis Thompson and Cleve Hamlin.





"Our Spring Excursion"

Gardeners Hold Flower Show

"Our Spring Excursion", a mini-flower show, highlighted the year's programs for Modern Gardeners. They conducted the placement show at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Ashby on Cherry Street. Flower arrangements were exhibited throughout.

Mrs. Ashby is a former member of the club and serves as chairman of the beautification committee, Friends of Beautification.

Katherine Parries, Betty Palmer and Lisa Shaw decorated the foyer, breakfast room and kitchen with outstanding arrangements. A plant stand in the foyer held a silver urn containing branches of apple blossoms, azaleas, tulips and lilacs. The centerpiece for the breakfast room featured tulips, lilacs, bleeding hearts and Scotch broom in a white ceramic lattice container. For the kitchen, they used an appropriate composition of rhubarb, parsley, chives and red begonias in a rectangular basket.

Arrangements for the drawing room were designed by Mary Lou Bartley, Lydia Garland and Barbara Gardner. A pair of gold urns featured twin arrangements of apple blossoms, lilacs and azaleas while a crystal footed container of small spring flowers accented the coffee table.

The library was decorated with a large brass bowl of yellow tulips, lilies, tulips, lilacs and azaleas. The coffee table featured a small silver basket of garden flowers. These arrangements were designed by Charledean Gwyn, Rocelle Hart, Sarah Johnson and Mary Botkin.

Geneva Goad, Sue Cooke and Eleanor Powell were in charge of decorating the dining room and den.

The dining room table was centered with a mass arrangement of red and yellow tulips, pearl blossoms, pink azaleas, lavender lilacs and purple statice in a large silver punch bowl. Yellow and orange tulips were featured in the den.

Decorating the guest bedroom and game room were Lyda Hennis, Charlotte Corder and Sue Crouse. An antique container with carnations was placed on an end table in the bedroom while gladioli, carnations and babies-breath reflected in a mirror over the chest of drawers. A copper washed pewter vase of narcissus served as a focal point in the game room.

The upstairs bedrooms were decorated with arrangements made by Earlene Epperson, Marjorie Holcomb, Inglis Rowe and Frieda Hughes. Their designs included four different compositions. For one bedroom they used china finger vases with narcissus and jonquils with self foliage. A single camellia floated in a brandy snifted for a bedside arrangement while selected specimens of camellias were shown in a silver graduated container. Placed in another bedroom was a china footed container of white and lavender lilacs.

Katherine Parries supervised the show which was followed by lunch. She and the hostesses, Charledean Gwyn, Frieda Hughes, Sarah Johnson and Eleanor Powell, served party fare which was packed in small picnic boxes tied with floral ribbons.

A plant sale was conducted by Rocelle Hart and Lydia Garland. Each member brought plants for their ways and means project.

New officers will be installed at the May meeting which includes a tour of the Duke Gardens.

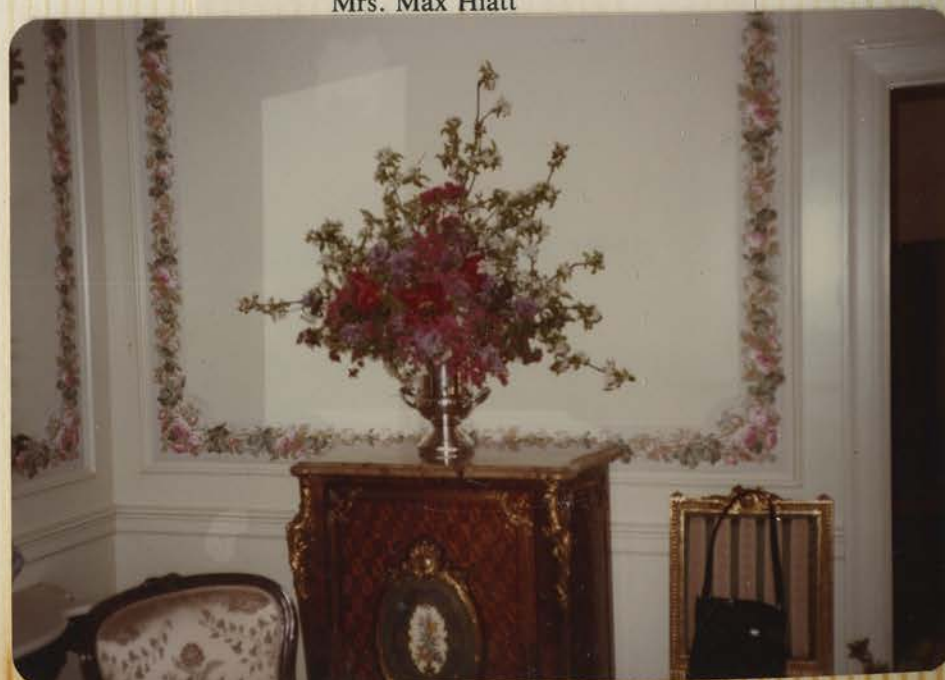
April 19, 1983

Topic:
"Our Spring Excursion"

A Mini-Flower Show

Program Chairman: Mrs. Gene Garland and
Mrs. Tom Hart

Hostesses: Mrs. Johnny Gwyn
Mrs. Dale Hughes
Mrs. Richard Johnson
Mrs. Max Hiatt





Staff Photos - Eleanor Powell

...Katherine Parries places arrangement in foyer...



...end table holds arrangement in the library...





...twin urns decorate drawing room...





...centerpiece brightens dining room table...



...gladioli and carnations reflect in bedroom mirror...





Modern Gardeners Tour Duke Gardens

Modern Gardeners chose the setting of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens of Duke University as the site for their installation of officers for 1983-1984. The topic theme was "Peregrination to Duke Gardens" with Charlotte Corder as program chairman and Lyda Hennis, hostess.

Mrs. Juanita Daber, a Mount Airy native, who resides in Durham, was in charge of the induction. She is the chairman of the Organization Study Committee of Garden Clubs of North Carolina and an accredited flower show judge.

In her installation program Mrs. Daber compared the structure of a tree to that of officers in a club with the leaves representing the treasurer, the branches the secretary, the trunk the vice president and the president to the tap root. "When one fails to carry out their responsibilities it undermines the performance of the entire club," she told the gardeners.

Officers for the new year are: Sue Cooke, president; Charlotte Corder, vice president; Sue Crouse, secretary; and Earlene Epperson, treasurer. They were presented with African violets.

Larry Daniels, assistant horticulturist of the gardens, conducted a tour for the members. He called special attention to the terraced gardens with pansies and foxglove, the rose and iris gardens, wildflowers and the Metasequoia tree, thought to have been extinct until rediscovered in China in 1941.

Afterwards, the members gathered for lunch at the Bakatsias Restaurant where an engraved silver bowl was presented to Mary Lou Bartley in appreciation for serving as president of Modern Gardeners for the past year.



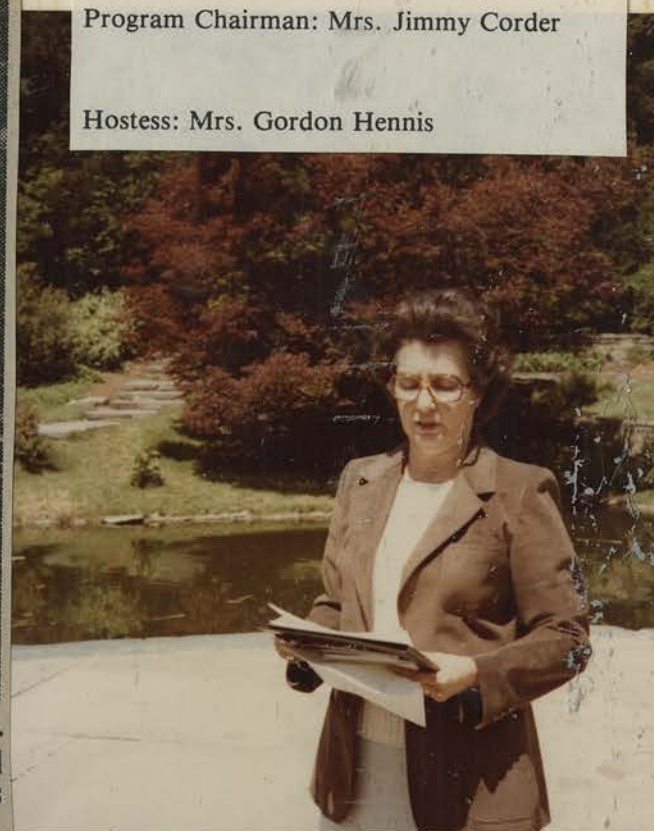
Sue Cooke, (center) newly-installed president of Modern Gardeners, is shown with Earlene Epperson, (l) treasurer; and Charlotte Corder, vice president. Sue Crouse, secretary, was not present for picture.

Topic:
"Peregrination to Duke Gardens"

Installation of Officers
Mrs. Kenneth Daber,
Trustee Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

Program Chairman: Mrs. Jimmy Corder

Hostess: Mrs. Gordon Hennis



Mary Lou Bartley, outgoing president of Modern Gardeners, presents a check for \$150 to Frank Lowry, fund-raising chairman for Friends of Beautification.







Yard Of The Week

Sharon and Joe Reid's home is situated in a natural wooded setting overlooking Robin Road. Because it exemplifies an effective landscape, they have been chosen to receive Yard of the Week honors by Betty Palmer, member of Modern Gardeners and Friends of Beautification. Hillside plantings of junipers, periwinkle and pachysandra, along with proper mulching present a beautiful overall view of the area. Sharon and Joe plant additional pink geraniums for a bit of color at their front entrance. To nominate a Yard of the Week contact Charldean Gwyn at 786-5961.



Yard Of The Week

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of 2231 South Main Street are honored as having the Yard of the Week. Lisa Shaw, a member of Modern Gardeners, chose the yard of James and Anne Smith because of its immaculately groomed landscaped. Well-pruned shrubs, trees and flowers further enhance their lovely home. Yard of the Week is sponsored by Friends of Beautification and Modern Gardeners Garden Club. To nominate a yard for this honor contact Charldean Gwyn at 786-5961.





Yard Of The Week

L. D. and Hazel Sumner, Pipers Gap Road, were chosen for Yard of the Week by Lydia Garland, representing Modern Gardeners for Friends of Beautification committee. Mrs. Sumner enjoys yard work and she is primarily responsible for the pretty flowers and for grooming the yard for her family, friends and neighbors to enjoy.



Yard Of The Week

Ray and Lynn Lambert, Rt. 1, Reeves Road, Mount Airy, were awarded Yard of the Week by Geneva Goad, a member of Modern Gardeners, and Friends of Beautification. Their yard includes more than a dozen trees which are surrounded by mulch and hosta with beds of blooming snapdragons, geraniums, begonias, marigolds, roses and impatiens. The flag is surrounded by a bed of begonias and marigolds. To nominate a Yard of the Week contact Charldean Gwyn at 786-5961.





Yard Of The Week

Yard of the Week honors go to Sarah and Wayne Greenwood who reside on Cynthia Drive. The Greenwoods take great pleasure in maintaining the front lawn which is landscaped with junipers, pachysandra, liriope and photinas, but their pride and joy is the terraced flower and vegetable garden located in the fenced-in area of the back yard. Through the dry season they have managed to keep Gloriosa daisies, Sonia roses and red geraniums in full bloom. Their yard was chosen by Charldean Gwyn, a member of Modern Gardeners, and chairman for the Yard of the Week. Friends of Beautification sponsor this project during the summer months.



Yard Of The Week

Mrs. Elsie Simpson of 337 Marion St., Mount Airy, has received the honor of having the Yard of the Week. Mrs. Simpson and her daughter, Amy, enjoy taking care of their beautifully landscaped yard. The shrubbery

and trees are beautifully trimmed with a well-kept lawn. Members of the Modern Gardeners Garden Club have been responsible for selecting a Yard of the Week during the summer months.



Yard Of The Week

The beautifully landscaped yard of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jennings, Pineview Drive in the Hollyview Forest Development was chosen Yard of the Week by Modern Gardeners and Friends of Beautification. Starting with four small clumps of hosta several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have divided and replanted it each year so that now their driveway, as well as a rock planter and rhododendron are bordered with this very attractive plant. Jennings accepted the award and a Red Nocturn rose bush from Mrs. Henry Botkin, a member of Modern Gardeners. He added, "All credit must go to my wife, Phyllis and daughter Lasha' who are presently on vacation."



Yard Of The Week

Yard of the Week honors go to Les and Judy Tilley, 214 Orchard Street. They were selected by Barbara Gardner, a member of Modern Gardeners, because of their interest in keeping a well manicured lawn. Here Mrs. Tilley and son, Chad, weed a landscaped area on the back lawn. Yard of the Week is sponsored by Friends of Beautification.



Yard Of The Week

The beautifully landscaped lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne, 1722 Farmbrooke Road, has qualified as "Yard of the Week" with its lush green grass, borders of lirioppe and hillside plantings of azaleas. Mr. and Mrs. Payne have dogwoods, crepe myrtles and rose bushes for continuous color throughout the seasons. They were chosen for this honor by Modern Gardeners and Friends of Beautification.



Yard Of The Week

Charldean Gwyn, Yard of the Week chairman for Modern Gardeners and Friends of Beautification, selected Dr. and Mrs. Renfro Hauser, 379 Apollo Court, as having "Yard of the Week. Mrs. Gwyn said although the hot weather has taken its toll, the Hauser's

shrubbery and trees are beautifully trimmed with a well-kept lawn. White and red impatiens are interwoven into the landscape to provide a picturesque setting. Mrs. Hauser and sons, Mark and Scott, work outside to keep their lawn in shape.



Yard Of The Week

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Stewart, 1034 North Street, have received the honor of having Yard of the Week. The Stewarts enjoy taking care of their beautifully landscaped yard and consider it a worthwhile hobby. Blooming Crepe Myrtles and beds of impatiens add color to the overall appearance while well-pruned shrubs and trees provide interest to the well-kept lawn. Modern Gardeners selected the Stewarts for this honor, along with Friends of Beautification, who presented Mr. and Mrs. Stewart with a rose bush to add to their flowering garden.



Yard Of The Week

Ralph Haynes, 314 Hay Street, has received Yard of the Week honors from members of Modern Gardeners and Friends of Beautification. Haynes' property extends from Hay to Willow Street with the back lawn providing a beautiful sight to passersby. He is shown with his granddaughter, Lisa Waddell, in a rock garden bedded with azaleas. On the terraced hillside Haynes has a grape arbor and garden that produces an abundance of fresh vegetables. Haynes said he was really pleased to be recognized for this honor.



Neighborhood Yards Of The Week

Modern Gardeners learned that Hollyview Forrest residents (third from left) and former mayors (l to r) Tycho and Marie Wood, Steve Royster, Alease and R. C. Lambert, Phyllis and Fred Jennings, Bobbie and George Regan, and Evelyn and Rayburn Wright. Accepting the marker is newly elected mayor, Dr. Renfro Hauser and wife, Karen.

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