

Modern

Gardeners

1975 - 1976

MODERN GARDENERS BY-LAWS

Article I — Name

This organization shall be called the "Modern Gardeners".

Article II — Object

The object of this club shall be to study the culture of flowers, exchange ideas and to increase interest in gardening and flower arrangement.

Article III — Officers

Section 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected alphabetically at the March meeting and shall serve one year.

Section 3. The newly elected officers shall be installed at the May meeting and shall assume office at the close of the meeting. The retiring officers shall have completed the business of the year's work, and at the May meeting shall surrender books and papers pertaining to their respective offices.

Section 4. Vacancies in any office shall



Spirit of '76



MODERN GARDENERS OFFICERS

President:
Mrs. James Hazel

Vice President:
Mrs. Tom Hart

Secretary:
Mrs. John Gwyn

Treasurer:
Mrs. Ray Goad





MISS RUTH MINICH OF THE SURRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (left) presents a slide presentation on the Bernard Franklin Home built in 1792. Garden Club members listen intently as Miss Minich explains plans for restoration which will include landscaping.

Restoration Of Historical Home Program Topic For Garden Club

"Our Heritage" is the theme chosen for Modern Gardener's meetings for the coming year. Mrs. James Hazel, president, and Mrs. Tom Hart, vice president, distributed new yearbooks at the first meeting of the year Tuesday when members convened at the home of Mrs. Hazel, 325 Howard Street.

Upon arrival of the members, Mrs. Hazel served a buffet luncheon in the dining room. The table was decorated with a centerpiece of yellow, bronze and rust chrysanthemums arranged by Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr.

Another arrangement brought by Mrs. Dennis Arnold was placed in the family room. She used a combination of pink dahlias, bachelor buttons and tiny roses for a triangle arrangement.

Guest Speaker

Miss Ruth Minich, a member

of the Surry County Historical Society and Surry County Bicentennial Commission, talked to the club on the Bernard Franklin Homeplace, one of the historic sites of Surry County.

She told her audience that the 1792 Georgian-Early Federal homeplace is in almost original condition. Bernard Franklin, Revolutionary War patriot, was the father of illustrious sons, Governor Jesse Franklin, Shadrach, and Meshack, who was congressman and member of N. C. House of commons. The home is located in the Lowgap vicinity.

Miss Minich gave a slide presentation to show features of the three-story architectural structure. Double brick chimneys and "Cross and Bible doors" were characteristic of the time.

Designed on the Quaker plan, the house has two front doors and stationary shutters. The original color of the home was yellow. It was in 1849 that Meshack remodeled the home.

Miss Minich pointed out that many interesting trees, shrubs and flowers still flourish on the surrounding grounds. They include a Balm of Gilead, Rose of Sharon, Moss Rose, double daffodils, boxwoods, old fashioned apple trees and a yellow holly.

She suggested that as a Bicentennial project the club conduct a research on old plants and maybe start an old-fashioned garden at the home.

The club made tentative plans to carry out the idea.

Business Meeting

During the business session it was announced that the district meeting will be held Friday, October 17 at Midway.

Mrs. Gordon Hennis will serve as chairman for a corsage-making workshop to be held Tuesday. Other members volunteered to help make corsages for the teachers at Jones School for their PTA open house.

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Eleanor Powell, Woman's Editor

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Wildflower Presentation Topic For Modern Gardeners

Andy Webb gave a slide presentation on "Wildflowers" to members of Modern Gardeners when they met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Vance Cox, 1830 Madison Avenue.

Upon arrival of the group, Mrs. Cox served a dessert with coffee.

Mr. Webb, well-known photographer, told the gardeners that his father encouraged him to begin his collection of wildflower slides in 1964. Presently he has 240 colored slides which he has presented to numerous garden clubs and other civic organizations including the Rotary Club.

He was the recipient of a certificate of merit several years ago when the Garden Club of North Carolina honored him at a state convention in Winston-Salem.

Business Meeting

Mrs. James Hazel, president,

called the meeting to order and announced that she is conducting a contest among the garden club members on planting tulip bulbs. Each member was given two bulbs to be planted and at the April meeting next year the tulips will be judged for a prize.

Mrs. Hazel and Mrs. Cox reported on the District IV meeting they attended last week at Midway United Methodist Church, North Davidson County.

At that time Modern Gardeners was awarded a silver tray for their yearbook which placed first in state competition last year. Mrs. Gene Garland, last year's president, and Mrs. Ralph Epperson, who was vice president, were in charge of preparing the book.

This year's yearbook, prepared by Mrs. Hazel and Mrs. Tom Hart, won a blue ribbon for the district. The club also received a certificate of honor.

Mrs. Gordon Hennis, Mrs. J.

T. Palmer and Mrs. Gene Garland received a note from the Jones School P.T.A. thanking them for making 19 corsages for the teachers during open house.

Mrs. Parries and Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., chairmen for the ways and means committee, discussed plans for a rummage sale to be held on Saturday, November 1, at Mayberry Mall. Orders were also taken for Garden Club notes and gifts.

Mrs. Parries displayed the "Disciples of Democracy" compote, created and designed in coordination with the 200th anniversary celebration of the United States of America and by special commission of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Mrs. Hazel reminded members of the Southern Living Christmas Show to be held in Charlotte November 11-16.

Two flower arrangements were evaluated by the club members. Mrs. Garland's



MODERN GARDENERS WIN STATE AWARD for the best yearbook. Mrs. Jim Hazel, president, and Mrs. Gene Garland, last year's president, admire a silver tray presented to the club during the district meeting held last week. A blue ribbon was also presented to Modern Gardeners for the present yearbook.

—staff photo by Powell

design consisted of gold and bronze marigolds in a wooden container. Mrs. Carroll Gardner brought a bouquet of variegated roses from her garden. She placed them in a

crystal container.

The November 18th meeting will be group participation in making Christmas ornaments for the hospital Christmas tree.



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS such as these will be used to decorate the hospital Christmas tree. Mrs. Carroll Gardner (left) and Mrs. Kester Sink display items that club members painted.

Modern Gardeners Hold 'Santa's Workshop'

Modern Gardeners participated in making Christmas ornaments Tuesday at a "Santa's Workshop" held at the home of Mrs. Carroll Gardner on Greenhill Road.

These items will be used to decorate a Christmas tree in the lobby of Northern Surry Hospital at the garden club's December meeting. This is a project the club has participated in for many years.

The decorations were collected and will be on display at the Mount Airy Public Library until December 8. The members will then meet at the hospital and add these ornaments with others collected during the past years to decorate the hospital Christmas tree.

Mrs. Gene Garland served as program chairman for the workshop. She and Mrs. Gardner have instructions for painting ceramic ornaments that included replicas of holiday packages, wreaths, clusters of holly, Christmas carolers and Santa Claus.

Other novelty decorations were constructed from felt,

wooden drapery rings and can lids.

Business Meeting

Mrs. James Hazel, president, conducted a business meeting after the hostess served a dessert course.

Members were asked to make a list of wildflowers shown by Andy Webb at the November meeting. The winner, to be announced next month, will be presented a potted fern.

Mrs. Vance Cox brought a flower arrangement consisting of pink camellias and liriop foliage in a black container. This was placed on a bamboo mat.

Thursday, December 18, 1975.

Modern Gardeners Trim Hospital Christmas Tree

Members of Modern Gardeners met at Northern Surry Hospital Tuesday to decorate the lobby Christmas tree. This is an annual program with all members participating.

New ornaments made by the members were added to the collection and used to trim the tree.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson was hostess and program chairman. She served Seven Layer Dessert and Lemon Squares with coffee to the members upon their arrival.

Mrs. James Hazel, president, welcomed the group and announced that Mrs. Vance Cox was the winner of a potted fern and stand. Mrs. Cox won this for having listed the names of the most wildflowers shown at

a previous program. Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., was second place winner and Mrs. Johnny Parries, third.

Mrs. Hazel brought a collection of 64 varieties of foliage to be identified by the members. Mrs. Parries named 47 correctly, and received a handmade arrangement with garden tools.

The foliage specimens will be displayed at the January meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Kester Sink. At that time Mrs. W. A. Breedlove will present a program on "Trees."

Modern Gardeners Concentrate On Care And Planting Of Trees

Mrs. W. A. Breedlove presented a program on "The Care and Planting of Trees" to Modern Gardeners when they met Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. Mrs. Kester Sink was hostess at her home at Hollyview Farms.

Upon arrival of the guests the hostess served dessert with coffee and Russian tea. Mrs. James Hazel, president, welcomed the group.

Mrs. Breedlove gave directions for planting native and commercial nursery plants. She mentioned that the selection of native plants to be transplanted should be done one year in advance of moving. At the time of selection, root prune the tree by digging a trench around the plant 18-24 inches deep and 1½ to 3 feet from the trunk. Refill the trench and add fertilizer. This will stimulate lots of small roots. When the time comes to move this plant (dormant), these new roots can be taken with the plant, thus helping the plant to live and grow rapidly.

"It is important to plant nursery plants as soon as possible and never allow the roots to become dry," she added.

The most important thing about planting a tree is the hole you put it in. Dig the hole for the new plant ¼ larger and deeper than necessary to accommodate the root system. When the hole is dug add organic matter (peat or manure) to the soil and mix well. This aids in drainage aeration and prevents soil from becoming compacted.

Plant dogwood and other shallow rooted plants a few inches shallower to allow for setting. Plant the same depth as it was growing in nursery or wild state. Mix a small amount of phosphate and potash with

good soil and fill in around the plant.

After filling the hole with soil, make a saucer-shaped depression around the plant. Start at the stem and pull the soil to the edge of the hole, mounding the soil higher on the edges. Then slowly fill the saucer with water. Keep the plants watered for two years, especially during dry spells.

The best time for transplanting is in the late fall or winter when plants are dormant. Container grown plants can be transplanted anytime.

Mulch with 3 to 5 inches of loose materials such as pine straw or sawdust. Spread the mulch so it will shed water toward the stem of the plant and not away from it. A mulch retains moisture, keeps down weeds and helps prevent damage from hard freezes.

Always give plants growing room. Don't overcrowd them in so they must constantly battle with other trees for survival.

Business Meeting

Mrs. Ralph Edwards was welcomed as a new member and presented a potted gardenia by Mrs. Gene Garland, membership chairman.

Mrs. Hazel reminded members that Arbor Day will be celebrated on March 15 and all garden clubs have been asked to plant a "Liberty Tree." She also suggested that members plant a tree in their own yard.

Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, garden therapy chairman, visited the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School prior to the holidays and presented each child with a gift.

A report was made by Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., on National, State and Community objectives. Members voted to make donations to the Martha

Franck Fragrance Garden, Daniel Boone Native Garden and Brunswick Nature Trail.

Mrs. Vance Cox led a discussion on the Bicentennial project. Members expressed a desire to participate in a landscaping project at the old Bernard Franklin homeplace.

Mrs. John Gwyn, Mrs. Joe Powell, Mrs. John Parries and Mrs. J. T. Palmer are in charge of flower arrangements at the

Mount Airy Public Library during January.

Mrs. Tom Hart brought an arrangement of flowers which merited a blue ribbon. She combined yellow chrysanthemums with pink carnations and blue Dutch iris for a hint of spring. These were arranged in a brass container and placed on a matching base.

Mrs. Glen Sawyer of Winston-Salem will speak on "Herbs" at the February meeting.



GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS INSPECT SAMPLES OF HERBS brought by Mrs. Glen Sawyer (second from right). Mrs. Peter Zonneveld, Mrs. Tom Hart and Mrs. Ralph Edwards join in the discussion. Mrs. Zonneveld and Mrs. Edwards are new members and Mrs. Hart, program chairman. -staff photo by Powell

Thursday, February 19, 1976.

Mrs. Glen Sawyer Speaks To Garden Club On Herbs

Mrs. Glen Sawyer possesses an innate love for growing herbs, cooking with herbs and spreading her enthusiasm for their uses to other garden club members.

She spoke to Modern Gardeners at their Tuesday afternoon meeting in Central United Methodist Church. A resident of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Sawyer has been collecting herbs for more than 25 years.

She told her audience that the use of and the interest in herbs had been "alive and well" probably since time began and related that in the Book of Genesis God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its own kind."

"Botanically all plants are herbs but in our discussion today we are interested in those plants that have in their leaves

and flowers essential oils that give them fragrance, a delightful interest and use that we are not aware of in other plants. The oils enable you to use them in cooking, for fragrance, in medicine, for dyes and for other industrial purposes.

Your grandmothers and mine grew roses, nasturtiums, marigolds, hollyhocks, madonna lilies and violets not just for their beauty but for a reason. These were necessities in their household and cooking preparation.

Candula were used for household dye and medicine tincture. Red Bargamot was used for Oswego Tea, perfume and hair tonic. Blue Chicory was a coffee substitute.

It is rewarding to consider the impact of herbs and spices on the story of mankind. Lands have been explored, seas charted and wars fought for

sources of spices and herbs. Records of herbal medicines go back to the days of the early Egyptians. Of the 400 herbs used by Hippocrates more than 200 of them are still being used today," Mrs. Sawyer commented.

She went on to say, "Certainly using the plants you grow puts an economic value on them. We think of one interest in herbs as being a sort of frill—a dash to enhance our homemaking and it does. But it has interested me to think of the real importance of herbs in society today economically. Any glance at the herb and spice rack in our super markets will indicate the widespread use of dozens of different kinds of herbs and how much new cost adds up.

In our state we have some of our mountain people still bringing in herbs that they

collect and that are an integral part of their income."

To elucidate the program Mrs. Sawyer showed slides of her herb garden. Sweet Woodruff, parsley, lavender, eglantine, wild ginger and sweet basil are just a few of the herbs that are used profusely in landscaping the Sawyer's home.

In addition to herbs mentioned she also passed around samples of sage, ambrosia, horse-radish, geraniums, rue, applemint, lemon balm, camomile, rosemary, ginseng, thyme and savory.

She concluded her talk by saying, "Herbs are a fascinating study if you attack them from any approach—historically, in literature, in cooking, in medicine or from a cosmetic interest.

Gardening for the beauty it produces, for the loveliness you

can bring indoors, for the food you can eat, for the privacy and charm it gives your home—all of these are good and profitable—but with herbs and a knowledge of how to use your plants you have an extra gift to share."

Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., hostess for the meeting, introduced Mrs. Sawyer, who is a member of the Winston-Salem—Forsyth County School Board. She and her husband, Dr. Glen Sawyer have four children.

Prior to the meeting lunch was served in the fellowship hall of the church. The luncheon table was covered with a patchwork cloth and held an arrangement of matching flowers.

Mrs. James Hazel, president, announced the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jim Boyd. Her subject will be, "Organic Gardening."

Organic Gardening Discussed At Modern Gardeners Meeting

Mrs. James Boyd told Modern Gardeners that organic gardening is putting back into the soil everything that you take out. She spoke to the group Tuesday afternoon at her home at Flower Gap.

In her introduction, Mrs. Dale Simmons stated Mrs. Boyd was a missionary nurse in Nicaragua and that her husband was a United States Consul. They spent 35 years living in various parts of the world and returned to his native Mount Airy to make their home. Until recently the couple resided on Oakdale Street later building a unique rock home not too far from the North Carolina line.

Mrs. Boyd told the gardeners that today's composting

methods provide the key to building soil fertility for future crops.

She suggested that they start a compost pile by using leaves, grass, flower and vegetable debris, peelings, bones, ashes, bone meal, blood meal, manure and a sprinkling of top soil. This is done in layers and should be no higher than five feet.

Cages for the compost pile may be made from poultry netting, wire fencing, picket fences, cement blocks, planks or stone.

"When planting your gardens try mixing vegetables with your flowers. Parsley, chives, lettuce and cabbage make a nice border. And cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, and squash grow beautifully in the flowers," she commented.

She reminded the gardeners that coffee grounds are an excellent source of nitrogen and that egg shells provide calcium. Banana peelings cut in chunks are good for roses.

Marigolds repel bean beetles, nasturtiums ward off aphids that eat cucumbers, melons and squash, sage repels cabbage worms and horseradish is helpful when planted on each corner of the potato patch.

Mulching helps keep the soil cool and moist and is extremely helpful in saving tomatoes from the drought and from too much water.

To conclude her program she told how she uses various health foods in preparing her meals. Mrs. Boyd served rye sprouts and bread that she makes from her own special recipe.

Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., hostess, served chocolate pound cake and coffee.

Business Meeting

Mrs. James Hazel, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Johnny Parries and



MRS. JAMES BOYD explains to the gardeners that organic gardening is putting back into the soil what you take out.

—staff photo by Powell

Mrs. J.T. Palmer reported on their visit with the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School. They treated the group with refreshments and carried them a novelty buffalo that, when kept watered, will produce herbs.

Mrs. Vance Cox announced that native plants will be used in landscaping the Bernard Franklin homeplace. She suggested that members take note of trees, shrubs, and plants that they might contribute for this bicentennial project.

Members voted to make donations to the Elizabethan Gardens, the Heart Fund and Salvation Army.

The next meeting will be held on April 13 with Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Joe Powell as program chairmen.

Mrs. Boyd was remembered with a gift of geraniums.





MARTHA ROWE, owner of Homeplace Garden Center, (right), judged tulips grown by members of the Garden Club. She is shown with Mrs. Eugene Garland, (center), first place winner, and Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., second place winner.

Basic Flower Arrangements Discussed At Garden Club

Mrs. John Parries and Mrs. Joe Powell presented a program to Modern Gardeners Tuesday afternoon on "Basic Flower Arrangements."

The group met in the Senior High Room at Central United Methodist Church with Mrs. Max Hiatt as hostess. She served refreshments from a round table covered with green linen and centered with an arrangement of spring flowers. The Easter motif was further carried out in the table appointments. Sliced cake, cheese biscuits, fudge and coffee were served upon arrival of the members.

During the program Mrs. Parries and Mrs. Powell arranged six flower arrangements to elucidate various points.

For a Japanese design, Mrs. Parries chose fantail willow for the heaven, man and earth lines and a huge red amaryllis as the focal point. Self foliage formed the mountain and meadow helpers.

She created an effective table centerpiece by combining yellow daisies and Scotch broom in a convex design. This was arranged in an antique wooden candlestick.

Her third example was a triangle design in a brass container. Yellow gladioli, yellow daisies and white tulips were complemented with a splash of red tulips for a pleasing composition.

To introduce the Easter theme Mrs. Powell placed a ceramic Easter bunny and eggs on a nest of moss and framed the scene with a crescent of Scotch broom, pink azaleas, narcissi and periwinkle.

A hogarth curve was achieved with the use of berried

Sieboli and flowering plum foliage. The rough textured foliage was chosen to complement the cork cylindrical container.

In a Nigerie design she combined lavender lilacs, pink azaleas and narcissi in a black suiban. Graceful heather tamerisk formed the lines of the free-form composition.

After their demonstration each member made an arrangement which varied from holiday Easter Egg Trees to bowls of vibrant tulips. Containers included oriental vases, compotes, driftwood, candlesticks and lotus bowls.

Business Meeting

Mrs. James Hazel, president, introduced Martha Rowe, owner of Homeplace Garden

Shop. Mrs. Rowe judged tulips that were grown by the members and announced Mrs. Eugene Garland as first place winner. Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., came in second place. They were each remembered with a gift.

Mrs. Hazel also presented potted red geraniums to Mrs. Parries and Mrs. Powell.

Mrs. Max Hiatt and Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., visited the Multi-Handicapped Class at Central United Methodist Church and assisted the children with a garden therapy project. Each child made an Easter Bunny from baby food jars covered with white cotton balls.

The May meeting will be a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr.



MRS. JOHNNY PARRIES arranges flowers in the Japanese manner. This was one of the six illustrations used during the program.
—photo by Powell



NEW CLUB OFFICERS were installed by Mrs. Hylton Wright (left). They are (l to r) Mrs. J.T. Palmer, president; Mrs. Max Hiatt, vice president; Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Gordon Hennis, treasurer. Ms. Martha Rowe is a new club member.

—staff photos by Powell



MRS. JAMES HAZEL outgoing president, was presented a silver bowl from the club. Shown with her are Mrs. Tom Hart (left) outgoing vice president, and Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., hostess.

Modern Gardeners Install Officers At Luncheon Meeting

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., for a luncheon meeting and installation of new officers.

Special guests for the occasion were members of the Gardenettes Garden Club of Boone. During the social hour the group toured the garden to view the rhododendrons, geraniums, zinnias and petunias that landscape the poolside area.

Mrs. Hylton Wright, a

Siloam Club

The monthly meeting of the Siloam Extension Homemakers was held at Siloam Baptist Church in the fellowship hall with 18 members present.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Bess Matthews, vice president.

Mrs. Marion Venable gave the program on "Conserving Energy." She pointed out several things that homemakers can do to conserve energy.

An oral book report on "The Will of Maga Townsend" was given by Mrs. Callie Smith.

A donation was made for the children in Nell Smith's Cottage at Governor Morehead School for the Blind, Raleigh.

A club auction was then held and refreshments served by the hostesses: Mrs. Kay White, Mrs. Alpha Taylor, Mrs. Julia Snow and Mrs. Audrey Scott.

member of the Mountain View Garden Club, installed the following new officers: Mrs. J. T. Palmer, president; Mrs. Max Hiatt, vice president; Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Gordon Hennis, treasurer.

Ms. Martha Rowe was welcomed as a new member. She was remembered with a yellow carnation corsage accented with a mushroom keychain. Mrs. Palmer's corsage was accented with the President's pin. Mrs. Goad, the hostess, was also remembered with a corsage.

Plants in ceramic containers were presented to the new officers and pottery sweet potato pots were given to the Boone guests.

Following the installation Mrs. Jim Hazel, outgoing president, was presented a silver Revere bowl for her outstanding leadership during the past year. The presentation was made by Mrs. Tom Hart, vice president.

Lunch

Lunch consisted of covered dishes brought by the club members. Mrs. Moses Massey of Chapel Hill assisted her mother in serving and entertaining.

The buffet table was decorated with begonias grown from seed by Dr. Dale Simmons. Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Kester Sink also brought

begonias used as a centerpiece for the individual tables.

Mrs. Gordon Hennis concentrated on the bicentennial theme for an arrangement she placed on a side table. Her container, a miniature top hat in red, white and blue, held roses and other spring flowers accented with novelty flags.

Following the luncheon the group visited the greenhouse of Mrs. Jim Mallory of Pilot Mountain. She gave a brief program on orchid culture after which the garden club members toured the greenhouse to view many exotic and unusual plants.

The Boone club presented Modern Gardeners with a book, "Flower Arranging," by Helen Chase. This will be placed in the gardening section at the Mount Airy Public Library.



Mrs Eleanor Fowles
P.O. Box 808
The Mount Airy News
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Dear Eleanor,

I have just returned from Richmond
with memories of a "mountain-top"
experience still lingering!

Your group of Modern Gardeners
truly plan a beautiful meeting.
Just wish there were awards
for best hostesses. I know you
enjoy getting together and I thank
you for letting me share the
special meeting with Mary Sparrow,
our district awards chairman, and
you.

May your work as a club be
as impressive this next year as
it was last.

Sincerely,
Jane Rhoads
District 14 Director

December 19, 1975

Dear Mrs. Guynn,

Thanks so much for
the colorful balls. The Children
just loved them.

We love our engagement
Calendars with so much
historical information, and
beautiful flower arrangements.

Again thanks a million.

Gratefully yours,
Trainable Class
Clarastine Jones
Susan Grayley



"to the world - the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King"

-The Mount Airy News.

Thursday, September 23, 1976.

Modern Gardeners Plan Agenda At Tuesday Meet

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock for a salad-luncheon at the home of Mrs. Gordon Hennis at Laurel Hills. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Hennis were Mrs. J.T. Palmer, Mrs. Max Hiatt and Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.

Mrs. Palmer welcomed the members and Mrs. Hennis invited the group to the dining room table for refreshments. Yellow linen cloths covered the buffet table and individual tables arranged for the group.

The centerpiece was a mass arrangement of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums. Tiny wicker baskets filled with orange pyracantha berries and foliage centered the other tables. Coffee, tea and chocolate pound cake were served along with the salads.

During the business session Mrs. Palmer, president, reminded the group of the District IV meeting to be held in Winston-Salem on October 29.

Members voted to make a donation to World Gardening.

Daffodil bulbs were distributed to each member. These are to be planted by each one and brought to the March meeting to be judged in a horticulture show.

Mrs. Palmer also announced that daffodil bulbs were purchased to be planted in the Mini-Garden located in the triangle of North Main and Renfro Streets. The planting project is under the direction of Mrs. Johnny Parries. The landscaping was begun several years ago and each year the members add various shrubs, trees, plants and seasonable bulbs for continuous bloom.

Mrs. Max Hiatt, vice president, distributed new yearbooks and discussed duties of each member for the coming year. Since the club is observing its 20th year, the yearbook committee chose "Our Twenty Years" as the theme for the year.

Mrs. Tom Hart was named

chairman of the garden center at the public library. Members are responsible for placing flower arrangements there during the year. Mrs. Joe Powell, Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., Mrs. Tom Hart and Mrs. T.C. Britt, Jr., have charge of this assignment for the month of October. Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Goad are also responsible for the garden therapy program with the trainable class at Tharrington Elementary School for September. Two club members plan gardening activities for the children each month.

The October meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Johnny Parries. Miss Ruth Minick will speak on The Franklin House Project. The Bernard Franklin home is a project undertaken by Modern Gardeners last year. They plan

to continue with the garden restoration of the home place. Also during that meeting club

members are asked to bring a miniature flower arrangement to be judged.

Thursday, October 21, 1976—1A

Modern Gardeners Study Miniature Flower Designs

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John Parries with 12 members present. Cake and coffee were served upon arrival of the members.

Miniature arrangements were brought by each member and placed in seven inch niches. First prize went to Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.; second to Mrs. Gordon Hennis and third to Ms. Martha Rowe. A strawberry begonia was presented to Mrs. Leonard.

Mrs. J. T. Palmer, president, conducted the business session. She announced the district meeting is to be held Friday, October 29 in Winston-Salem. Guest speaker will be Peter Hatch, horticulturist for Old Salem.

Handmade or bought ornaments were requested for the Christmas tree in the lobby of the hospital. Tray favors will be made at the November meeting.

Mrs. Tom Hart, club chairman of the library garden center, reported a permanent place was decided on at the Public Library for the garden

clubs to place their monthly arrangements.

Mrs. James Hazel, program chairman of the month, introduced guest speaker, Miss Ruth Minick. Her program on the Franklin House Project was most informative. Slides of Fisher River Scenes, the Franklin House and several old houses which were built in the

late 1700 and 1800's in Surry County. She gave a progress report on the Franklin House which is a continuing project of the garden club.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gene Garland. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Hylton Wright. The program will be on Heirloom Wreaths.

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Heirloom Wreaths Topic,

Modern Gardeners

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Gene Garland with 14 members present. Refreshments were served upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. Hylton Wright presented a program on "Heirloom Wreaths." They were made of corn shucks, calico and yarns on straw bases. One wreath consisted of corn shuck rosettes with corn shuck dolls and calico ribbon. A weathered board holding a cornucopia with green pears and white branches and pine sprays with a turkey standing by was a very appropriate decoration for the Thanksgiving season.

Mrs. J.T. Palmer opened the meeting with reports from Mrs. Carroll Gardner and Mrs. Kester Sink, chairmen of ways and means.

Mrs. James H. Crossingham, Jr., a former member, was welcomed back into the club.

Gifts were distributed to members to be gift wrapped for Christmas for the Trainable Class at Tharrington School for their Christmas party in December. The class is the club's monthly project in Garden Therapy.

Mrs. Gene Garland and Mrs. Carroll Gardner will work with the class in November.

Modern Gardeners yearbook won a blue ribbon at the District IV meeting October 29 at Fairview Moravian Church, Winston-Salem.

One hundred hospital tray favors were made by the members for the month of December. This was voted on to be done each year for the hospital.

The December meeting will be December 14 at Northern Surry Hospital to trim the lobby Christmas tree.

Mrs. Dennis Arnold will be hostess and Mrs. T.C. Britt, Jr., program chairman.

Thursday, December 16 1976



MODERN GARDENERS untangle Christmas tree lights and place them on the ceiling high tree in the main lobby of Northern Surry Hospital. Working on the project (l to r) are Lib Arnold, Betty Sink, Lea Simmons, Rocelle Hart, Helen Crossingham,

Geneva Goad and Earlene Epperson. The three garden clubs assist the Hospital Auxiliary each year in decorating the entire hospital for the holidays.

Modern Gardeners Decorate Hospital Christmas Tree

Modern Gardeners gathered at Northern Surry Hospital Tuesday afternoon at twelve-thirty o'clock to decorate the lobby Christmas tree. This is a project the club has participated in for a number of years.

Each year the members add new ornaments to decorate the tree. Many of these decorations are handmade.

Those assisting with the decorating were Betty Palmer,

Betty Sink, Lea Simmons, Helen Crossingham, Geneva Goad, Lib Arnold, Eleanor Powell, Earlene Epperson, and Rocelle Hart.

Mrs. T.C. Britt, Jr., was program chairman.

A short business session was held in the Conference Room of the hospital. Mrs. J.T. Palmer, president, had charge of the meeting. Mrs. Dennis Arnold, hostess, served Fruit Cake, Cheesecake Cookies and coffee to the guests.

Christmas gifts for the children in the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School were wrapped in holiday paper. Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, chairman of the therapy project, delivered these gifts to the students following the

meeting. Mrs. Jones, the teacher, was remembered with a potted plant.

Mrs. Tom Hart, garden center chairman, announced that Mrs. Gene Garland, Mrs. Johnny Parries, Mrs. Carroll Gardner and Mrs. Vance Cox are responsible for placing flower arrangements in the library during January.

Mrs. Kester Sink of the ways and means committee announced that a rummage sale is planned for early spring. Mrs.

Gene Garland distributed the North Carolina Garden Club Calendars.

Mrs. T.C. Britt, Jr., and Mrs. Kester Sink have been assigned to visit the children during January and conduct a garden therapy project.

Mrs. Johnny Gwynn will be hostess for the January meeting. Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., and Mrs. Joe Powell will have charge of the program, "Memories of Our Twenty Years."

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Four Charter members

Modern Gardeners Celebrate 20th Anniversary

"Memories of our Twenty Years" was the program topic for Modern Gardener's February meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John M. Gwyn, 332 Marion Street. This meeting was to celebrate the club's 20th anniversary.

Four charter members, Mrs. Gwyn, Mrs. Johnny Parries, Mrs. Gordon Hennis and Mrs. Joe Powell were present.

Program chairman were Mrs. Walter D. Leonard, Jr., and Mrs. Joe Pete Powell. Special guests were Mrs. Claude Johnson and Mrs. Edward W. Jones of Mountain View Garden Club. They were responsible for helping lay the ground work and getting the club chartered in September, 1956.

Mrs. Powell gave the introduction. Mrs. Gordon Hennis then read the history of the club's first ten years. This information, compiled by Mrs. John Gwyn, included details of the club's first organizational meeting held at the home of Anne Smith in September, 1956.

Charter members were: Susan Ashby, Shirley Cox, Inez Cox, Lyda Hennis, Butch Marion, Chardean Gwyn, Marie Moorefield, Anne Smith, Sarah Lee McGee, Katherine Parries, Eleanor Powell, Sarah Greenwood, Cassie Mackie, Lou Carson, Lib Boyles, Edna Allran, Betty Barnhardt, Marjorie Holcomb, Jane King and Nancy Merritt.

Mrs. Johnny Parries recalled incidents relating to the past ten years of garden club activities and Mrs. Walter Leonard recollected community projects carried on for the past 20 years.

Garden club scrapbooks and yearbooks, dating back to the first year, were displayed for the members to view, along with a poster containing pictures taken at numerous events.

To conclude the program Mrs. Powell compared two flower arrangements. One, poorly arranged, was an example of an arrangement garden club members might have made 20 years ago. The other was a beautifully designed line arrangement brought by Mrs. Johnny Parries. This illustrated some of the points garden club members have learned during the years. She used pine for a graceful line, dried hydrangea as the focal point and geranium foliage. Her green cylindrical container was placed on a wooden base and accented with a mahogany accessory.

Mrs. Powell summed up the program with this thought, "May the future learn from the past."

Business Session

Mrs. J.T. Palmer, president, conducted the business session. Reports were given by Mrs. Carroll Gardener, ways and means chairman, and Mrs. Leonard, and Mrs. Gwyn.

It was announced that flower arranging books will be placed in the Mount Airy Public Library in memory of two deceased members, Mrs. Thomas (Butch) Marion and Mrs. Jim (Joanne) Bryant. Mrs. Marion, a charter member of the club, passed away last year. Mrs. Bryant had served as club president. She was fatally injured in an automobile accident on January 8.

The next meeting will be held at Homeplace Garden Center with Martha Rowe as program chairman. Mrs. Bill Breedlove will be hostess.

The hostess served cherry tarts and hot punch.



ATTENDING THE FIRST MEETING OF MODERN GARDENERS in 1956 were: (front row l to r) Susan Ashby, Shirley Cox, Inez Cox, Lyda Hennis, Butch Marion, Chardean Gwyn, Marie Moorefield and Anne Smith. Back row—Sarah Lee McGee,

Katherine Parries, Eleanor Powell, Sarah Greenwood, Cassie Mackie, Lou Carson, Lib Boyles, Edna Allran, Betty Barnhardt, Marjorie Holcomb and Jane King.

Tuesday, February 22, 1977.

Ms. Rowe Speaks To Club

On Aspects Of Pruning

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday at twelve-thirty o'clock at Homeplace Garden Center. Coffee and various

dainties were served on arrival of the members by Mrs. Bill Breedlove, hostess.

Ms. Martha Rowe presented

a program on "Biological Aspects of Pruning." She demonstrated the correct way to prune several varieties of evergreens and shrubs.

Ms. Rowe also gave instructions on how to cold force bulbs. She displayed some daffodils that had been cold forced.

Mrs. J.T. Palmer, president, conducted a short business session. Mrs. James Hazel, Sr., reported that she and Mrs. Tom Hart gave a Valentine Party for

the Trainable Class at Tharrington Elementary School. Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Dennis Arnold are responsible for the garden therapy program in March.

Mrs. Max Hiatt discussed the rating sheet with the members and collected the information needed.

The next meeting will be March 15 with Mrs. Ralph Epperson. Mrs. Ray Goad will be program chairman.



KATHERINE PARRIES arranges vegetables for "Doc Rabbit" display.



Modern Gardeners Create

Easter Bouquets At Workshop

Members of Modern Gardeners met Tuesday afternoon at the Mount Airy Country Club. The program was an afternoon workshop with the members arranging, "Easter Bouquets."

Mrs. Ralph Epperson was hostess for the occasion. She served cake and coffee upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., program chairman, gathered crocus, tulip magnolia, geraniums, impatiens plants and jonquils for the members to use. She presented each one present with a pewter container and copies of "Fullfillment," her favorite words of wisdom.

Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Joe Powell conducted the workshop. They brought a variety of Easter arrangements for the members to view and also assisted the other members in arranging effective designs for their homes.

Arrangements created by Mrs. Parries and Mrs. Powell were displayed on a large table. They each did arrangements for a dining table centerpiece using containers they purchased recently at the Southern Living Show in Charlotte.

Mrs. Parries used violets and jonquils and centered this with a cupid container holding a fountain of flowing greenery. In the same type container Mrs. Powell combined mauve pompon chrysanthemums, purple statice and ivy. Pink tapers complemented a large pink and white Bunny rabbit placed in the center.

They each did a basket arrangement using yellow and white jonquils, forsythia and star magnolia.

An effective arrangement that appealed to all was the humorous design Mrs. Parries created by placing a ceramic 'Doc Rabbit' on a gray slate tile. With this she combined carrots, spinach and turnips for the line arrangement.

For another composition she arranged jonquils, eucalyptus and pachysandra in a wicker basket and placed this on a wooden base. Mrs. Powell did an oriental arrangement using star magnolia for the line with purple statice and yellow crocus at the base. This was featured in a black suiban.

Easter baskets, rabbits and eggs on display were from Mildred Gilley's Ceramic Shop.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Goad remembered Mrs. Parries and Mrs. Powell with decorative china Easter egg containers.

Business Session

Mrs. J.T. Palmer, president

Mrs. Jack Zonneveld was awarded a prize for having grown the most beautiful jonquils from bulbs presented to the members last fall. Mrs. Gordon Hennis was second place winner.

Mrs. Palmer reminded members of the Garden Center assignments for April. They are: Rachel Hazel, Bep Zonneveld, Charledean Gwyn, and Lib Arnold.

Betty Palmer and Lib Arnold are responsible for the Garden Therapy Assignment for March. Betty Breedlove and Bettie Leonard are chairmen for April.

The April meeting will be held with Lea Simmons. Rocelle Hart is program chairman.



HELEN CROSSINGHAM AND EARLINE EPPERSON add tulips to an arrangement.



BEP ZONNEVELD displays a copper container of jonquils and tulips.



MODERN GARDENERS PLANT and rummagesale will be held Saturday at Mayberry Mall. Mrs. Carroll Gardner (left) and Mrs. Kester Sink, chairmen of the ways and means committee, select plants to be sold.

—staff photo by Powell

Mini-Gardens Discussed At Modern Gardeners Meeting

"Mini-Gardens" was the program topic for Modern Gardeners April meeting. Jack Waddell, Surry County Agricultural Agent, was guest speaker Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Dale Simmons entertained at her home, Shangri-La.

Waddell went into detail describing the proper planting of fruits and vegetables. He said you should determine your vegetable needs consistent with your garden space and family

preferences. If space is limited, concentrate on vegetables that yield greatest returns for your effort.

Plan for year-round production through successive plantings. Group tall growing props together.

He cautioned that labels for pesticides should be read and follow directions carefully. Pesticides have been used, misused and abused but they are necessary as gardening aids.

Waddell suggested if space is limited you might plant strawberries as a border. Some vegetables are grown in hanging baskets and barrels.

He distributed pamphlets on gardening that included a planting guide, insect control on ornamental plants and selecting gardening insecticides.

Mrs. Tom Hart was program chairman. A gift of appreciation was presented to the guest speaker.

Business Section

Mrs. Simmons entertained the members in the garden room. A profusion of beautiful potted begonias, grown by Dr. and Mrs. Simmons, were used as focal points along with a variety of hanging baskets.

She served a dessert course upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. J.T. Palmer, president, conducted a short business session.

Mrs. Carroll Gardner and Mrs. Kester Sink, chairmen of the ways and means committee, announced final plans for the rummage and plant sale scheduled Saturday at Mayberry Mall from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Each member is responsible for bringing at least one potted plant to be sold. Rootings, cuttings and various clothing items will also be available.

This is the only money-making project the club conducts during the year. Proceeds go to gardening projects.

Reports were made on the garden therapy projects at Tharrington Elementary School. Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Dennis Arnold visited the Trainable Class there during March and carried the class a ceramic bunny rabbit containing a Piggy Back plant. For Easter Mrs. Walter Leonard and Mrs. Bill Breedlove treated the children with gifts of Peter Cottontail rabbits.

Mrs. Kester Sink stated that the May meeting will be a tour of the Museum of Southern Decorative Arts, Winston-Salem. Officers for the coming year will be installed at a luncheon to follow at Old Salem. They are: Mrs. Dale Simmons, president; Mrs. Joe (Pete) Powell, vice president; Mrs. Johnny Parries, secretary; and Ms. Martha Rowe, treasurer.

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