

Modern Gardeners

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Modern Gardeners

Mount Airy, North Carolina

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Organized August 31, 1956

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Meetings-Third Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.



Membership-Eighteen

Membership In

National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.,
South Atlantic Region; The Garden Club of
North Carolina, Inc., District IV; and the Mount
Airy Council of Garden Clubs.



NEW OFFICERS OF MODERN GARDENERS are (l to r) Mrs. Bill Breedlove, president; Mrs. Joe Powell, vice president; Mrs. Johnny Parries, secretary; and Mrs. Strother Smith, treasurer.

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Modern Gardeners Tour Plantation

Members of Modern Gardeners held their final meeting of the year Wednesday with a pilgrimage to Chinqua-Penn Plantation near Reidsville.

The 15 members were taken on a conducted tour of the home and grounds after which a luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn. Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., was in charge of making plans for the meeting.

Mrs. Max Hiatt, president welcomed special guests, Mrs. Jerry Coram, retiring president of the Mount Airy Council of

Garden Clubs, and Mrs. Charles Wittenauer, a new member.

Mrs. Coram served as installing officer for those who are to assume office for 1973-74. They are: Mrs. Bill Breedlove, president; Mrs. Joe Powell, vice president; Mrs. Johnny Parries, secretary; and Mrs. Strother Smith, treasurer.

Mrs. Cecil Hill presented the officers and special guests with corsages which she had designed.

Out-going president, Mrs. Hiatt, was commended for her leadership during the past year. On behalf of the club members, Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.,

presented her a silver bowl engraved with her name.

Brief announcements were made concerning the Horticulture Show to be sponsored today and tomorrow at Harris Home Center by members of the Mountain View Garden Club. They have invited other garden club members to enter horticulture specimens in the show. A report, was also given on the meeting of the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs held this week.

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



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Garden Club Members To Hear Mrs. Daber

Mrs. Kenneth Daber of Durham will speak to members of Modern Gardeners Tuesday at their October meeting to be held in the assembly room of First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Daber, the former Miss Juanita McGee of Mount Airy, is a nationally accredited flower show judge and past president of the Durham Council of Garden Clubs which has a membership of 800. She has been a member of Pinetum Garden Club in Durham for 15 years.

A graduate of Mount Airy High School and Duke University, she

works part time with the Research Triangle Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Daber have two sons, Thad and Eric. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McGee, route six, Mount Airy and Mrs. Phil Cranford, Cherry Street.

Mrs. McGee will give a demonstrated lecture on "What Judges Look for in Flower Arrangements."

Members of Mountain View Garden Club, Garden Gate Garden Club and Pilot Mountain Garden Club have been invited by Modern Gardeners to attend the program which begins at 12:30 p.m.



...Mrs. Johnny Parries, program chairman, introduces the guest speaker. ...



...pine forms the heaven, man and earth lines in this oriental arrangement. ...



...variegated Euonymus, chrysanthemums and calla lily foliage make an interesting composition. ...

Mount Airy Native

Flower Arranging Authority Speaks Here To Local Garden Clubs



... Mrs. Kenneth Daber, nationally accredited flower show judge, (center) is shown with her mother, Mrs. R. L. McGee (left) and hostess, Mrs. Vance Cox. . .

—NEWS Photos by Bryant

By ELEANOR G. POWELL

Mrs. Kenneth Daber of Durham returned to her hometown Tuesday to share her knowledge of flower arranging with members of three local garden clubs and their guests. Modern Gardeners was hosts for the occasion with Mrs. Vance Cox as hostess in the Assembly Room of First Presbyterian Church.

Members of the Mountain View Garden Club, Garden Gate Garden Club and several special guests were present. Mrs. Johnny Parries, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Daber and recognized her mother, Mrs. R. L. McGee, who resides on route six, Mount Airy.

The program was of particular interest to the garden club members since Mrs. Daber is a native of Mount Airy. A graduate of Mount Airy High School and Duke University, Mrs. Daber served last year as president of the Durham Council of Garden Clubs which has a membership of 800. She has been a member of the Pinetum Garden Club in

Durham for 15 years and is a nationally accredited flower show judge.

From a selection of roses, chrysanthemums, various types of greenery and interesting containers, Mrs. Daber created an array of colorful arrangements for her audience to view. She defined flower arranging as the art of organizing the elements used according to the principles of design to attain beauty, simplicity, expression and harmony.

She illustrated three American traditional arrangements—massed-line, mass and line design. For the massed-line, which originated in America, she used a combination of roses shading from pale pink and yellow to a bright red. She arranged them in a crystal compote for a dinner table centerpiece. It was noted that 14 inches is a good height for a table arrangement.

The mass-design, originated in the western hemisphere, is characterized by mass, color and setting. To elucidate the lines,

Mrs. Daber grouped pink chrysanthemums with Euonymus in a black vase. This was placed on a black base to balance the arrangement.

Variegated Euonymus was the dominant form for her line design placed in a black round bowl. The smooth flow of greenery and yellow chrysanthemums had calla lily foliage as contrast in her composition.

After completing the three designs, the speaker described an oriental arrangement. As she placed three pieces of pine in a black oriental container, she told the group that they represented heaven, man and earth. Three bright fuchsia dahlias were added for color.

A flat amber bowl held a free form interpretation featuring an abstract line of wisteria. Two white Fuji mums and aspidistra leaves complemented each other and three large amber baubles concealed the mechanics.

In two separate suibans, fantail willow was chosen for the main lines with fuchsia cockscomb as

the focal point. A new variety of greenery, Fatshedra, was introduced to the women. The foliage, which resembles ivy, was used along with pittosporum.

For an effective Halloween decoration, the guest artist showed a small pumpkin, scooped out on either side, to hold a crescent design of pine, persimmons, bronze chrysanthemums, grain and colorful leaves. She placed the arrangement on a brown linen mat.

Mrs. Daber gave helpful hints and suggestions during her talk. She recommended the use of a rose stripper for removing thorns and foliage from the lower part of the stems. "Dried mullein, when sprayed with various colors, can be used effectively in arrangements and is plentiful in this area," she commented.

Mrs. Bill Breedlove, president of Modern Gardeners, expressed appreciation to Mrs. Daber for the informative demonstrated lecture and presented her a gift from the club.

Mrs. Vance Cox invited the group to the Ladies Parlor for coffee and Moravian cookies.

An arrangement, designed by Mrs. Max Hiatt, was a focal point in the entrance hall. She combined magnolia pods and foliage with dried materials in a round brass tray. Red hot peppers, used as a center of interest, expressed rhythm.

Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., and Mrs. Cecil Hill distributed the N. C. Garden Club Calendars and displayed a variety of "Bright of America" note paper and place mats which the club is selling as a club project. Parka-Vases, another item being sold by the group, were demonstrated.

The rose arrangement created by the guest speaker was taken by Mrs. Stanley Rogge to be placed in the Mount Airy Public Library.



Eleanore Powell left and Betty Brudlowe.

Local Garden Club Receives Top Honors

Modern Gardeners of Mount Airy took top honors recently in district yearbook judging.

The local club was presented a blue ribbon for its yearbook during the annual meeting of District IV of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina held in Thomasville.

In competition with dozens of clubs in Surry, Forsyth, Davie, Stokes, Guilford, Randolph, Yadkin and Davidson Counties, the local club and a High Point Garden Club received blue ribbons.

Mrs. Bill Breedlove, president of Modern Gardeners, in accepting the award expressed her appreciation to all of the club members for their efforts. The book will now be entered in state competition.

Both the High Point and Mount Airy books received 100 point ratings which was described as quite unusual in the competition.

The yearbook was compiled and edited by Mrs. Joe Powell, club vice-president and Mrs. Bill

Breedlove. They received assistance from Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Vance Cox.

The books are judged on format, contents and overall appearance.

Modern Gardeners, Mountain View Garden and Garden Gate Garden Clubs of Mount Airy were awarded honor roll certificates for attending 100 per cent or more for their rating sheets. Modern Gardeners and Mountain View clubs also received CARE certificates denoting their contribution to World Gardening.

Those attending the annual meeting included Mrs. Breedlove, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr. and Mrs. Cecil Hill from the Modern Gardeners Club. Attending as representatives of Mountain View Garden Club were Mrs. Lynn Bradford, Mrs. C. S. Brannock, Miss Kathleen Short, Mrs. Roy Nelson, Mrs. Lewis Webb, Mrs. Weldon Pell, Mrs. C. L. Speight and Mrs. Archie Dobson.



TOP AWARD—Mrs. Joe Powell and Mrs. Bill Breedlove inspect the yearbook of the Modern Gardeners Club which won top honors in district competition. The yearbook will now be judged on the state level.

Local Garden Clubs Hear Pine Cone Crafts Instructor

Mrs. Thomas (Ann) Buchanan of Asheville paid a return visit to Mount Airy Tuesday when she conducted a class in Pine Cone crafts for members of Mountain View, Garden Gate and Modern Gardeners Garden Clubs. She was accompanied by Mrs. Frank Whitmire of Marion and Mrs. Reginald Morris of Asheville, who assisted during the "all-day" workshop in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church.

After coffee and cookies were served at a table decorated in the Thanksgiving motif, Mrs. Vance Cox, president of the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs which sponsored the event, introduced Mrs. Buchanan. A member of the Asheville Garden Club, Mrs. Buchanan is past director of District 1 and Life Member of the Garden Club of North Carolina, member of the Southern Highlands Handicraft Guild and Adult Education Teacher for McDowell Technical Institute, Mayland Technical Institute and Isothermal Community College.

The guest speaker in turn introduced her assistants: Mrs. Morris, a member of the Asheville Garden Club, who specializes in Oshibana—the craft of pressed flowers, and Mrs. Whitmire of Lake City Garden Club who does candles and pine cone work.

During the morning session, techniques were detailed and finished articles were displayed while patterns for their construction were given for various articles: petite owls from Australian pine and shells, delicate pictures and note paper from pressed plant life and various papers and unusual wreaths, table and door arrangements of all sorts of pods and cones.

After a "bring-your-own lunch", the garden club members divided into smaller groups and were supervised as they constructed their own candle wreath from wire, rosettes snipped from white pine cones and balsam cones.

Program committee members were Mrs. C. S. Brannock, chairman, Mrs. Joe Powell and Mrs. Harold Hunter. Hostesses were Mrs. Kern Harold, Mrs. C. L. Speight, Mrs. Ross Francisco and Mrs. John Gwyn.

New garden club members

attending the meeting were Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., from Modern Gardeners; Mrs. Paul Layton from Garden Gate Garden Club; and Miss Kathleen Short, Mountain View Garden Club.



EACH GARDEN CLUB MEMBER MADE A CANDLE RING during the workshop. Here Mrs. Reginald Morris (seated center) tells Mrs. W. A. Breedlove (left) and Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., (right) new member of Modern Gardeners, how to wire the pine cones. Mrs. Paul Layton (standing) holds one of the finished rings and Mrs. Stanley Rogge listens for further instructions.

Friday, November 23, 1973.



PINE CONE CRAFTS INSTRUCTOR—Mrs. Ann Buchanan (standing right) shows one of her holiday wreaths made from pine cones, assorted pods and nuts. Admiring her work of art is Miss Kathleen Short (seated center) member of Mountain View Garden Club and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, one of the hostesses. Busy at work (l to r) Mrs. Eugene Garland, Mrs. Strother Smith, and Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.



THREE MEMBERS OF MOUNTAIN VIEW GARDEN CLUB listen as Mrs. Frank Whitmire (second from right) gives instructions for making corsages, napkin ring holders, and pine cone trees. Viewing the items are (l to r) Mrs. Roy Nelson Mrs. Archie Dobson and Mrs. Weldon Pell.



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Women's Page



MISS BETTY CONLEY (center) home economist for Duke Power Company, ices a Poppy Seed Cake as (l to r) Mrs. Lynn Bradford, Mrs. Kern Harrell, Mrs. Vance Cox and Mrs. Claude Speight look on. Miss Conley served refreshments featuring herbs and spices.

—NEWS Photo by Bryant

Garden Clubs Learn How To Grow And Serve Herbs

a sort of magic word denoting riches; and later leading to many superstitions about herbs which grow in the temperate zone or spices which are native of the tropics.

Using slides of Winston-Salem gardens, she told of herbs suitable for outdoor gardens in this area and of those useful for terrariums with "Gro-Luz" lights indoors.

Garden club members and their guests were given pamphlets which included recipes, superstitions, growing hints and guides for usage.

After discussing spice and herb

the relative strengths of. Add seeds and water, eggs and remaining water. Beat 3 minutes until smooth and creamy. Pour batter into 2-8 x 8 x 2 square pans which have been lined on bottom with paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Cool.

Spread filling between layers and glaze top. Chill until served. Or split cake layers to make 4 layers in all. Fill with raspberry jam and top with whipped cream.

Curried Chicken Balls

Blend one 4 1/4-ounce can chicken spread, 2 tablespoons chopped chutney, 1 teaspoon

curry powder, and dash salt. Add coming month and announced that orders had been filled for Bright of America, a club project.

Mrs. Lynn Bradford, president of Mountain View Garden Club, conducted a routine business session. Plans were made for a garden therapy program for February 19 when dish gardens of growing cuttings and plants will be presented to shut-ins and patients in nursing homes. Mrs. Claude Johnson will have charge of the program. Mrs. Jesse Banner and Mrs. Rufus Walters will be hostesses. An election of officers will be held.



Friday, February 22, 1974.

Modern Gardeners Study Compatible Table Settings

Fifteen members of Modern Gardeners met Tuesday afternoon at twelve-thirty o'clock at Mount Airy Country Club.

Their hostess, Mrs. Ralph Epperson served cherry tarts and coffee during the business session while several announcements were made: (1) A weeping cherry tree has been ordered for planting in the triangle at Main and Renfro Streets. (2) Flower Show School III will be held March 12-14 in Greensboro. (3) Additional Dogwood trees will be planted at Jones School on Arbor Day. (4) Mrs. Bill Breedlove and Mrs. Cecil Hill, the February garden therapy committee, visited the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School on Washington's Birthday and helped craft logs and hatchets with the children and explained conservation—"don't cut down trees". (5) A special welcome was extended to Mrs. J. Dale Simmons, a former Modern Gardener, as she came back into the club.

After business had been tended to, Mrs. Breedlove, the club president, turned the meeting over to the program chairman, Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., who presented a study preparatory to a public showing to be held at Central United Methodist Church on March 19 on "Table Settings". Mrs. Leonard was assisted by Mrs. Joe Powell who made assignments for the March event and listed themes for both group settings and individual capsule exhibits.

Various points in planning and arrangement were illustrated for the program by table settings prepared by four club members. Mrs. Johnny Parries set a formal dinner table using ivory camellias and elaeagnus foliage in a tall silver candelabrum to harmonize with the sepia rose centering the dinner plate. She used an ivory cutwork cloth and crystal to complete the decor.

Mrs. Swanson Richards combined informal banded pottery in earth tones set on a green towel mat and a centerpiece composed of philodendron, squash and onions placed on a wooden board to illustrate the necessity of fitting the room—formal or informal.

Mrs. Gene Garland brought two groupings, one an informal white setting placed on a white mat with a spring floral arrangement. She used a butter warmer for her container. For a buffet table she selected dark green pottery, a green checked cloth, rough green glasses and a casual centerpiece of "piggy-back" plant set into an open work basket.

Mrs. Joe Powell chose a pink linen cloth for her formal luncheon table which was complemented with gold banded crystal and china with a rose floral center. Her centerpiece used the matching sugar bowl as a container for paper white narcissi and red camellias to illustrate the point that when picking up colors in the china, use less dominant color for the cloth and the dominant color for the flowers.

Social Scene



MEMBERS OF MODERN GARDENERS add a weeping cherry tree in the mini-garden located in the triangle of Renfro and North Main Streets. The plot has been landscaped as a club project and the addition of the tree has been planted there in memory of a former member, Ruby Johnson Wood. Mrs. Johnny Parries, (left) and Mrs. Bill Breedlove finish shoveling soil as Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., adds mulch and pine needles.

—NEWS Photo by Bryant







MOUNTAIN VIEW GARDEN CLUB won a blue ribbon for their table setting, "Here Comes The Bride". Mrs. Archie Dobson (left) and Mrs. C. L. Speight were in charge of the display.

Garden Clubs Sponsor Show On Table Settings

Spring arrived a day early for members of the three local garden clubs as they displayed an array of colorful flower arrangements and table settings Tuesday in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church.

This was the first time the group had exhibited an entire show of this type which featured a table for the bride, buffet, luncheon and breakfast. A special section was set up for individuals to show capsule displays consisting of one place setting complete with china, crystal, tablecloth or place mats and compatible centerpiece.

Members of the Garden Gate Garden Club, Modern Gardeners and Mountain View Garden Club competed against each other in four categories entitled, "Here Comes the Bride", "Buffet at Seven", "Luncheon for Two" and "A Bright Good Morning".

Bride's Table

Mountain View Garden Club won a blue ribbon for their bridal

table arranged for a luncheon. Mrs. Archie Dobson and Mrs. Claude Speight chose an all-white floral arrangement to complement a white embroidered linen cloth imported from Hong Kong. The centerpiece consisted of white chrysanthemums, stock, pompons, and babies-breath arranged in a silver candelabrum. White china, crystal, and white tapers in silver candlesticks completed the setting.

Garden Gate Garden Club received a red ribbon as second place winners and Modern Gardeners, third place winners, received a yellow ribbon.

Buffet

A blue ribbon was awarded to Modern Gardeners for their entry, "Buffet at Seven". Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., and Mrs. Joe (Pete) Powell used an imported embroidered white grass linen cloth centered with an arrangement of red anthuriums and wisteria tendrils placed on a teakwood base. The container, an oriental lotus bowl of gold and

black, repeated the motif that decorated their china pattern. Red napkin rings were chosen to accent the flowers.

Garden Gate Garden Club placed second and received a red ribbon while Mountain View Garden Club won a yellow ribbon for third place.

Luncheon

Mrs. Vance Cox, Mrs. James Hazel, Mrs. Cecil Hill, Mrs. Dale Simmons and Mrs. Ralph Epperson were in charge of the setting, "Luncheon for Two". Their entry won a blue ribbon for Modern Gardeners. Terracotta and cream colored Frankoma handmade pottery used on natural homewoven linen mats corresponded with a centerpiece of weathered pine and lichen rosette situated on a bamboo base. A novelty Mungo pine frog was selected as an accessory.

A red ribbon was presented to Mountain View Garden Club and

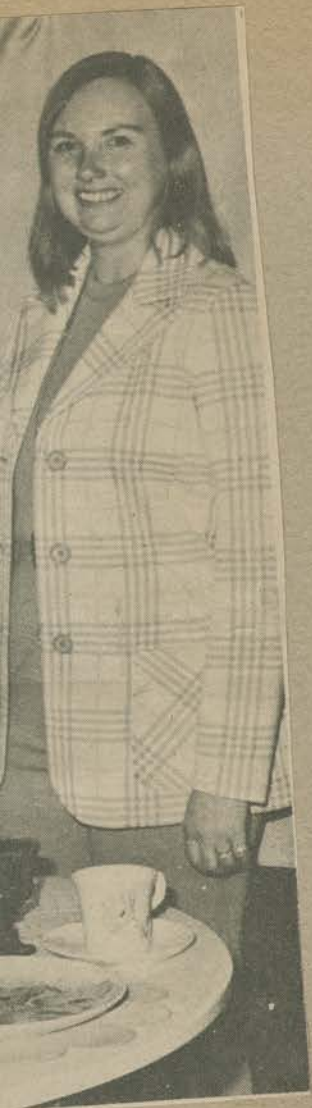
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GARDEN GATE GARDEN CLUB placed first in the breakfast table division entitled, "A Bright Good Morning". Mrs. Stanley Boyd, Mrs. Jerry Coram and Mrs. Smith Holcomb (l to r) show their pleasure at receiving a blue ribbon.



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MODERN GARDENERS RECEIVED A BLUE RIBBON for their entry, "Buffet at Seven" which was arranged by Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., (left) and Mrs. Pete Powell. —NEWS Photos by Bryant

Garden Gate received a yellow ribbon.

Breakfast

Potted yellow tulips in a yellow pail and yellow floral patterned china were combined by members of Garden Gate Garden Club for their blue ribbon winning table, "A Bright Good Morning". Green crystal, yellow place mats and napkins, accented with green flowerette napkin rings, were used to carry out the theme. Their round white

table featured green rattan legs. Members working on the setting were Mrs. Stanley Boyd, Mrs. A. S. Holcomb, Mrs. Jerry Coram, Mrs. Edward Foy, III., Mrs. Harold Hunter and Mrs. Douglas Porter.

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Capsule Settings

Ribbons were awarded to the following in the capsule settings:

"Holiday with Flowers"—Mrs. Joe Powell, blue ribbon; Mrs. Weldon Pell, yellow.

"Drop by for Coffee"—Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., blue ribbon; Mrs. Hylton Wright and Mrs. Vance Cox, red.

Casual Buffet"—Mrs. Joe Powell and Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., blue ribbon.

"Introducing a Foreign Motif"—Mrs. Joe Powell, blue ribbon; Mrs. Edward W. Jones, red; Mrs. Weldon Pell, yellow.

"Welcome to Spring's Return"—Mrs. S. K. Harrell,





FLOWER SHOW

Division _____ Section _____

Class _____ Entry _____

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MAKING PLANS FOR AN EXHIBITION of table settings and flower arrangements are (back left to right) Mrs. Jim Hazel, Mrs. Gene Garland, Mrs. C. S. Brannock, Mrs. Lewis Webb, Mrs. Archie Dobson and Mrs. Lynn Bradford. On the floor are Mrs. Bill Breedlove, Mrs. Ed Foy and Mrs. Harold Hunter.

—NEWS Photo

Garden Clubs Plan Show On Table Settings

Representatives from the three local garden clubs met recently at the home of Mrs. C. S. Brannock to make plans for an exhibit on table settings to be held on Tuesday, March 19 in the fellowship hall at Central United Methodist Church from 1 to 3 p. m.

The show, entitled "Imagination Plus in Table Settings" will feature four types of tables and compatible centerpiece arrangements: formal—"Dining in Elegant Style"; buffet—"Buffet at Seven"; informal luncheon—"Luncheon for Two"; breakfast—"A Bright Good Morning".

Members of the three clubs will be responsible for entering one table in each of the four divisions.

Capsule settings, a new technique of exhibiting flower show tables, will be open for

individual members to exhibit their table settings. Titles for the six classes are: "Holiday with Flowers", "Drop by for Coffee", "Casual Buffet", "Introducing a Foreign Motif", "Here Comes the Bride" and "Welcome to Spring's Return".

The show is open to the public. No admission will be charged.

Mrs. Brannock, member of Mountain View Garden Club, and Mrs. Joe Powell, of Modern Gardeners, are co-chairmen for the event. Meeting with them to make final arrangements on the show were Mrs. Lynn Bradford, Mrs. Archie Dobson and Mrs. Lewis Webb of Mountain View Garden Club, Mrs. Ed Foy and Mrs. Harold Hunter of Garden Gate Garden Club and Mrs. Bill Breedlove, Mrs. Jim Hazel and Mrs. Gene Garland of Modern Gardeners.

April 1974

Modern Gardeners

Visit Landscaping

Projects In City

Modern Gardeners visited the sites of three beautification projects for their April meeting which was held Wednesday. Mrs. Strother Smith was hostess for the occasion at the Mount Airy Country Club with Mrs. Bill Breedlove, president, conducting the meeting.

Strawberry shortcake and coffee were served upon arrival of the members. The serving table held a centerpiece of lilies-of-the-valley and Scotch Broom arranged by Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr. The lotus bowl container was placed on a teak-wood base.

Officers for the new year were announced as follows: Mrs. Gene Garland, president; Mrs. Ralph Epperson, vice president; Mrs. Vance Cox, secretary; and Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., treasurer. They will be installed at the May luncheon meeting to be held in Boone, on Tuesday, May 21.

Mrs. J. T. Palmer was in charge of the program and tour which included visits to the mini-park landscaped by the club at the triangle of Renfro and North Main Streets. From there the agenda included stop overs at the Old Methodist Cemetery and the Mount Airy Public Library. Modern Gardeners, along with

the other two clubs in the council, helped restore the cemetery and are responsible for maintaining library grounds.

May 1974

Modern Gardeners Visit Boone Garden

Members of Modern Gardeners held their May meeting in Boone where they were guests of Mrs. Swanson Richards' former garden club, the Gardenerettes. Mrs. Richards served as program chairman.

The two clubs met at the Daniel Boone Native Gardens for a tour conducted by Mrs. Constance Stallings and Mrs. Nan Spainhour. Mrs. Stallings, who was an instrumental force in starting the garden, installed Modern Gardener's officers before the tour began. One section of the garden, The Fernery, is dedicated to Mrs. Stallings.

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Lunch was served at the home of Mrs. Perry Green with members of her club as hosts: Mrs. W. A. Breedlove, president, expressed appreciation to them for their invitation to visit the gardens and their hospitality.

Mrs. Breedlove was presented an engraved silver bowl from the club as a token of their appreciation for her dedicated services this past year. She in turn presented the President's Pin to Mrs. Garland.

Corsages of peppermint carnations, made by Mrs. Cecil Hill, were presented to the officers and new member, Mrs. Tom Hart, and hostesses from the Boone club. Modern Gardeners remembered the Gardenerettes

with Angel Leaf begonias. After a tour of Mrs. Green's garden, the meeting adjourned.

The group then visited Mrs. Breedlove's brother-in-law,

Gales Scroggs at Scroggs & Sons Landscaping, Boone. They were taken on a guided tour of the garden center before returning to Mount Airy.



...new member, Mrs. Tom Hart, is shown with Mrs. Eugene Garland, newly-installed president, and Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., vice president...

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MODERN GARDENERS OFFICERS

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Mrs. Gene Garland

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Mrs. Ralph Epperson

Secretary:

Mrs. Vance Cox

Treasurer:

Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr.

Garden Clubs Resume Meetings

Members of the the local garden clubs began their regular meetings Tuesday. Mr. Doug Porter was hostess to the Garden Gate Garden Club Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at her home, 13 Lakemont Trl. Mrs. J. W. Pell entertained Mountain View Club members at her home on North Main Street, the same time. That afternoon Mrs. Bill Breedlove was hostess to members of Modern Gardeners at her home on Woodmill Drive.

Garden Gate Garden Club

New officers of arden Gate Garden Club began their term of office: Mrs. Hayld Hunter,

president; Mrs. Frank Lowry, vice president; Mrs. Dennis Moody, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Jack Moore, treasurer.

Yearbooks were distributed to members by the co-chairmen, Mrs. Harry Vaughn and Mrs. Paul Layton.

Mrs. Lowry discussed programs for the year and announced that the committee had selected a book on flower arranging which the club will study for the year. The programs have been divided into four categories. They are: (1) Flower Arranging—traditional design. (2) Flower Arranging—oriental design. (3) Flower Arranging—modern and abstract design. (4)

Rules Governing Flower Show Entries.

Mrs. Lowry stated that the purpose of the concentrated study is to learn the basics of flower arranging.

Mrs. Porter invited the guests into the dining room for refreshments.

Mountain View Garden Club

Fifteen members of Mountain View Garden Club were present along with two visitors, Mrs. Jim Pell and Mrs. H. T. Fussell.

New officers are: Mrs. Edward W. Jones, president; Mrs. C. J. Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Archie Dobson, secretary; and

Mrs. Wayne Hayes, treasurer. Mrs. Edward W. Jones and Mrs. Pell served refreshments upon arrival of the group.

Each member brought a horticulture specimen which was judged by Mrs. F. W. Sturtevant, nationally accredited flower show judge. She gave a lecture on constructive criticism and explained the proper procedure for preparing and showing horticulture.

Mrs. Jones conducted a business session and announced plans for 1974-75. The program dealt primarily in discussing the new yearbooks. "Knowing—Growing—Showing" is the theme chosen for the year.

Modern Gardeners

Mrs. Tom Hart and Mrs. Dennis Arnold were welcomed as new members of Modern Gardeners.

New officers serving for the year are: Mrs. Gene Garland, president; Mrs. Ralph Epperson, vice president; Mrs. Vance Cox, secretary; and Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., treasurer.

Mrs. Garland conducted a business session and Mrs. Epperson distributed yearbooks. They expressed appreciation to Mrs. Max Hiatt who assisted with the printing. The theme chosen for the year is, "Let's Have A Flower Show".

Mrs. Garland reminded members of the District meeting to be held in High Point on October 11 several members plan to attend.

Mrs. Vance Cox reported on the council meeting held this summer and announced plans for a flower show to be held next spring.

Mrs. Cox and Mrs. J. T. Palmer were responsible for flower arrangements which decorated the living room. A bachelor's chest held a free form design of privet in an antique pewter compote. Mrs. Cox combined Jerusalem artichoke, goldenrod, and mullein with dogwood and sourwood foliage for an effective arrangement on the dining table. She used an antique casserole container and placed the composition on a bamboo mat.

Coffee and dessert were served by Mrs. Breedlove. Mrs. Britt will be hostess for the October meeting.



MODERN GARDENERS OFFICERS are greeted by hostess (r) Mrs. Bill Breedlove. They are (l to r) Mrs. Vance Cox, secretary; Mrs. Gene Garland, President; Mrs. Ralph Epperson, vice president; and Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., treasurer.



PROGRAM CHAIRMEN for Garden Gate Garden Club discuss the book they plan to study this year on flower arranging. Mrs. Doug Porter, hostess, (standing) is shown with (l to r) Mrs. John Stevens, Mrs. Harry Vaughn, Mrs. Elliott Woltz and Mrs. Frank Lowry.



MOUNTAIN VIEW GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS admire a hanging basket grown by the hostess (second from right) Mrs. J. W. Pell. Mrs. Edward W. Jones is president; Mrs. Archie Dobson, secretary; Mrs. C. J. Johnson, vice president; and Mrs. Wayne Hayes, treasurer.

Friday, October 25, 1974.



Modern Gardeners Concentrate On Horticulture Show Procedure

Mrs. Vance Cox presented a program on "Horticulture Procedures for Showing" at the October meeting of Modern Gardeners Monday afternoon. Mrs. Gene Garland was hostess at her home on Greenhill Road.

Mrs. Cox gave helpful hints and suggestions for preparing horticulture specimens. She said all entries, regardless of class, should be properly cultured and conditioned several days or weeks before showing. Specimens should be gathered and conditioned one to three days before showing, depending on maturity, weather conditions and species.

The speaker used chrysanthemums and philodendron brought by Mrs. J. T. Palmer to illustrate her points. She mentioned that all specimens should be cut in early morning or late evening when the stems and leaves are turgid. Stems should originally be cut two to three inches longer than necessary for showing and the proper stage for cutting specimens depends upon their color, the amount of doubleness of the flowers and manner in which the flowers are borne.

She concluded the program by telling how to transport the specimens and procedure for recutting and conditioning. All spray and dust residues should be removed after cutting and oil and wax sprays should not be applied to show specimens.

Business

Mrs. Garland welcomed Mrs. Kester Sink as a new member and presented her a corsage of white camellias.

The hostess served hot apple cider and homemade cookies.

During the business meeting, a report was given on the District IV meeting of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina held in High Point. Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Tom Hart and Mrs. Bill Breedlove attended from Modern Gardeners and accepted an honor roll certificate presented to the club. Mrs. David Bates of Greensboro spoke to the garden club members on "Herbs for all Seasons."

It was announced that the clubs will participate in "Operation



...new members are Mrs. Kester Sink (left) and Mrs. Tom Hart. Mrs. Dale Simmons (standing) has rejoined the club...
—staff photo

Wild Flowers" in cooperation with the N. C. State Highway Department and Federal Highway Administration. The program is designed to promote propagation and growth of wild flowers along federal highways. It was suggested that members collect seeds of butterfly flowers, wooley mullein and cardinal plant and send them to a collection point to be planted on the N. C. highways. The Bicentennial Committee of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., has tentatively adopted this as a project.

Members were also reminded of the Bicentennial Collage Contest and asked to participate by incorporating the state bird,

flower and tree on a 24 x 18 inch collage board. Entries will be judged and announced at the annual meeting of The Garden Club of N. C., to be held in April, 1975.

As a local project each member has been asked to plant a crepe myrtle in conjunction with the Bicentennial program.

Mrs. Max Hiatt distributed the North Carolina Garden Club calendars for 1975 and members voted on a rummage sale and Christmas decoration sale to be held at Mayberry Mall on Friday, November 22. As a money-making project, the group will hold a revolving plant sale among the members.

Three flower arrangements

were brought by Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., Mrs. Johnny Gwyn and Mrs. Joe Powell. Mrs. Leonard designed a Hogarth curve using mauve chrysanthemums in a gold antiqued candle holder. For a timely decoration Mrs. Gwyn chose a pair of small jack-o-lanterns containing ivy and chrysanthemums. They were placed on a wooden base. Mrs. Powell arranged white Sasanqua camellias in a Jefferson cup.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 10 a. m. at the Duke Power Company on Fowler Road. Miss Betty Conley, home economist, will present a program on "Christmas Foods and Decorations."



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Friday, November 22, 1974.

Betty Conley Shows Garden Club How To Have 'Homespun Holiday'

Miss Betty Conley, Home Service Advisor for Duke Power Company, presented a program on "Homespun Holidays" to members of Modern Gardeners Tuesday morning at the Duke Power Operations Center on Fowler Road.

Mrs. Gene Garland, president, welcomed the group and conducted a short business session. Mrs. Ralph Epperson was hostess for the occasion.

Miss Conley said that providing reliable electric services is the responsibility of the company, but helping everyone receive full benefits of their service is the goal of the Home Service Department.

She showed a collection of craft ideas for the holiday season which carried out the homespun theme. Several of the decorations were recycled items made from detergent bottles, milk cartons and tin cans.

A large Christmas tree was accented with ornaments made from wooden drapery rings that featured cross-stitched items and three-dimensional scenes. Suspended from the branches were replicas of Mrs. Santa Claus created from yarn and felt. Cookie cutter tree trimmings were adorned with tiny Christmas figures and dressed up with rick rac.

Miss Conley suggested using miniature lights on the tree and turn other lights off in the house in order to conserve electricity. She used styrofoam packing strung together to give a popcorn effect and quilled sno-flakes made from quill strips.

An attractive Can-Do wreath was constructed from cat food cans sprayed white and cemented together in a wreath shape. A bright red ribbon was attached to the top.

For the golfer in the family she showed how to make a golf ball glowworm using 6 golf balls and a red knee sock.

From a plain ordinary styrofoam bucket she created a holiday ice bucket covered with red felt and white fringed braid.

And for the birds she gave instructions on how to make a potted bird feeder from a 6 inch flower pot and rope.

An upholstered footstool was created from 7 46-ounce juice cans—an ideal gift for Christmas.



...Miss Conley (left) holds a wreath made from milk pods sprayed gold and Mrs. Ralph Epperson holds a wall hanging featuring an angel. Mrs. Dennis Arnold sits on a footstool made from tin cans and admires a homespun wreath for the holidays... —staff photo

For the holidays or any occasion, Miss Conley suggested a bread dough basket made from ordinary dough. Leftover scraps were used for napkin rings. She tied the loaf of bread with a green and white checked ribbon.

Scraps of gingham, calico checks and small plaids were combined for her homespun wreath. Directions call for 13 circles made into "Yo-Yo's" and placed on a styrofoam wreath.

Tiny lights decorated one of the cloths used for covering her display table.

On the serving table was a Williamsburg Apple Tree. The centerpiece was created on a wooden form and featured bright

red apples and boxwood topped with a fresh pineapple.

Miss Conley used a microwave oven to prepare the Creamy Beef and Cheese Dip which she served the guests along with Cherry Pound Cake and coffee.

The speaker presented each member a booklet, "Homespun Holidays" with directions on how to make the craft items and recipes for the holiday season.

The group commented they had never seen so many attractive and economical gifts for the holidays ahead. They expressed their appreciation to Miss Conley for such an informative program.



Friday, November 29, 1974.



...Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., (left) and Mrs. Max Hiatt are shown getting items ready for the sale to be held at Mayberry Mall...
—Staff photo

Sponsor Rummage Sale December 7

Members of Modern Gardeners will conduct a rummage sale Friday, December 7 at Mayberry Mall beginning at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Max Hiatt and Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., chairmen of the ways and means committee, announced that in addition to the rummage sale, assorted Christmas ornaments and decorations made by the club

members will be available.

Decorative plants and spring blooming bulbs are included in the list of items that will be sold. "We have amaryllis potted Delft containers packaged for gift-giving, as well as Paperwhite Narcissi and crocus to be planted in Delft bowl kits. These will all make excellent gifts for the holiday or perfect for your own

home," the chairmen added.

All types of clothing for men, women and children will be sold. Members are asked to have articles sized and priced when they are delivered Friday morning.

The club will also hold a white elephant sale.

Proceeds from the event will be used for community and state projects.

Garden Clubs Decorate Hospital For Holidays



Modern Gardeners Decorate Trees

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday afternoon at Northern Surry Hospital to decorate the lobby Christmas tree. This is an annual event conducted by the garden club under the sponsorship of the Hospital Auxiliary.

A business session was held in the conference room at one o'clock with Mrs. Eugene Garland, president, in charge. Mrs. Max Hiatt reported that the rummage and plant sale held recently was a success. Mrs. Hiatt and Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., were chairmen for the event.

Mrs. Garland announced that January is garden center month

for the club and reminded members to place arrangements at the Public Library during the month. Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., Mrs. Swanson Richards, Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., and Mrs. Dale Simmons are responsible for having arrangements there on the four consecutive weeks.

It was reported that Mrs. Johnny Gwyn had bought and wrapped gifts for the club to be taken to students in the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School.

Mrs. Dennis Arnold, hostess, served sandwiches, fruit cake and coffee. Members then divided into two groups to decorate the lobby Christmas tree and another one on the third floor. Mrs. Stanley Rogge was program chairman.



MEMBERS OF THE THREE LOCAL GARDEN CLUBS added a note of cheer to Northern Surry Hospital Tuesday as they decorated trees in the lobby and all four floors. Choir boys and wreaths greet visitors at the entrance. In the left photograph Mrs. Doug Porter and Mrs. Jerry Coram of Garden Gate Garden Club place tinsel on the fourth floor tree. Modern Gardeners decorated the lobby Christmas tree (center). Here Mrs. Bill Breedlove, Mrs. Stanley Rogge, Mrs. Johnny Parries, Mrs. Jim Hazel, Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., Mrs. Dennis Arnold and Mrs. Ralph Epperson unwind colorful roping. Each brought a homemade ornament to add to the tree. Mountain View members (right) Mrs. Lynn Bradford, Mrs. Jimmy Pell, kneeling, Miss Kathleen Short, Mrs. Weldon Pell and Mrs. Roy Nelson decorated two trees on the second floor.

—Staff photo



Friday, December 20, 1974.



Proper Containers Topic For Modern Gardeners

Mrs. Johnny Gwyn spoke to members of Modern Gardeners on "How To Choose Materials and Containers", when they met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Tom Hart, 1522 Park Drive.

The hostess served a dessert course with coffee upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. Gwyn stressed that the beauty of a flower arrangement depends in no small part on the container. It must agree with the plant materials in line, form, texture and color. Therefore, it is necessary for a flower arranger to have a variety of containers if possible.

Six basic containers that would probably be of most use to a homemaker are: a medium-size low, round banded around the base; a medium-sized, low oval fine pottery container in white shading to green at the top; a tall, banded, pewter container with slightly curved sides; a tall beige container with straight sides; an urn without handles and a large tall brown pottery jar for floor arrangements of foliage or large flowers.

Glass is delicate and suitable for roses and sweetpeas. Pottery containers are suitable for almost all flowers. Orange flowers look well in any copper container while yellow is effective in brass. Silver containers suggest elegant flowers such as roses. Baskets lend themselves to casual arrangements of rather simple materials. Wooden containers are good with weathered wood, driftwood and dried flowers.

She concluded the program by adding that searching for containers may be a life-long hobby that never loses its appeal. This search takes one to gift shops, department stores, dime stores, junk yards and of course, from the ocean to the mountains.

Business Meeting

Mrs. Gene Garland, president, conducted the meeting and welcomed Mrs. Gordon Hennis back into the club. She is a charter member.

Mrs. Gwyn reported that she visited the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School prior to the Christmas holidays and delivered gifts to the students from the club members. The

teachers were also remembered with gifts.

Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., and Mrs. Swanson Richards were reminded that they are responsible for conducting garden therapy projects with the class this month.

Mrs. Britt, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Ray Goad and Mrs. Dale Simmons have charge of placing flower arrangements in the garden center at the Mount Airy Public Library this month.

Mrs. Garland reminded members of the Southern Living Show to be held in Charlotte, February 22 through March 2.

Members voted to make a donation to "World Gardening."

Three arrangements were brought to the meeting for evaluation. Mrs. W. A. Breedlove chose an all-foliage design of aucuba and philodendron in a ceramic mug. Mrs. Ray Goad used bronze mums, yellow and white snowdrift pompons and acacia with camellia foliage in a mass arrangement. Mrs. Vance Cox displayed a red potted amaryllis in a delft bowl.

Mrs. Swanson Richards reported on national, state and community objectives.

Mrs. Jim Hazel will be hostess for the February meeting at her home on Howard Street.

Friday, February 21, 1975.

Correct Preparation Of Flowers For Arrangements Is Detailed

A program on the preparation and conditioning of flowers and a report on a special party given for the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School were featured at the February meeting of the Modern Gardeners.

The group met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. James Hazel, on 325 Howard St.

Mrs. Ray Goad reported that a Valentine Party was given to the trainable class at Rockford Street. She noted that the students made fans from lace dollies and hearts. The class was presented with a potted Amaryllis by the club and each student received candies.

Club members discussed their planned trip to the Southern Living Show in Charlotte, on Tuesday. Several garden club members from Mount Airy will be joining club members from Pilot Mountain for this trip.

Mrs. Bill Breedlove proposed that the members adopt a project for the Bicentennial. Each member was asked to give thought to such a project for a discussion at the next meeting.

The main program was given by Mrs. Hazel and centered on preparation and conditioning of flowers and plant materials for arrangements. She discussed the opinions of many noted experts in the field including Julia Cleweats, Joyce Rogers, Constance Spry, Ruth Kistner and the American Garden Guild.

Mrs. Hazel pointed out that blooms do well to live after the shock of being severed from the growing plant and stressed that they should be given all the help possible. She also pointed out that flowers are hard to grow and arrangements take time and effort to make—therefore conditioning to make the materials in the design are very worthwhile.

When cutting, use sharp clippers and cut the stem slantwise, she explained, adding that stems of hard stemmed flowers such as lilacs, flowering shrubs, chrysanthemums, evergreens, should be split or bruised. Mrs. Hazel also explained that a container of water should be carried so that cuttings can be placed in the water immediately, then soak in deep water in a cool dark place, preferably overnight. Flowers should be cut in early morning or after sundown, she suggested.

Wilted flowers may be brought back to life by putting stems into hot water for a short period, she noted. Large leaves such as canna, hosta, and ferns should be laid flat and submerged entirely in cold water for several hours.

Stems that emit a milky substance (narcissus, poppies, tulips) may be singed on the tip of the stem in a candle flame, taking care to protect the bloom from the heat.

Mrs. Hazel gave many points for treating individual types of

flowers to make them last longer in an arrangement. She also distributed information sheets containing pointers for conditioning various plant materials that require special handling.

A special arrangement was designed by Mrs. Dale Simmons.

An arrangement brought by Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., consisting of a line design used Japonica branches with a focal point of Camellia buds and foliage. This was placed in an oriental brass pitcher on a black teak base.

Mrs. Hazel displayed her

collection of over fifty different potted house plants arranged on a black spiral wrought iron antique step holder topped with a "flower illumination light" in an antique glass lamp shade.

The hostess, Mrs. Hazel, presented each club member with a potted Aloe (a burn treatment plant).

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18 at 12:30 at the home of Mrs. J. Dale Simmons. Potted plants and cuttings will be exchanged among the members.



Friday, March 28, 1975.



MODERN GARDENERS added two more pink dogwood trees to the Jones School playground during the Arbor Day. Mrs. Dennis Arnold and Mrs. James Hazel, members of the club, and Vickie Arnold, add fertilizer and mulch to the trees. The club has carried out this project for more than ten years.

—staff photo



Friday, March 28, 1975.



ARBOR DAY is a time set aside during the month of March to encourage school children to plant trees and beautify the local environment. Cornelia Parries and David Simmons, children of Modern Gardener's members, are assisted by Phil Russell in planting a pink dogwood on the Jones School playground.

Friday, May 23, 1975.



MRS. GENE GARLAND (left) outgoing president, accepts a silver bowl from Modern Gardeners. Mrs. Ralph Epperson, vice president, made the presentation.



OFFICERS INSTALLED were (l to r) Mrs. James Hazel, president; Mrs. Tom Hart, vice president. Mrs. Carroll Gardner was welcomed as a new member.

—staff photos

Modern Gardeners Instal

Modern Gardeners installed their new officers at a luncheon meeting Tuesday in the Garden Terrace of Hyatt House, Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Gene Garland, outgoing president, conducted an impressive ceremony using as her theme, "A Forest of Living Trees." She said that in our changing world, trees remain the most constant of all living things. The giant redwoods in California grow as high as 400 feet and have lived for 4,000 years. We use lumber for homes and furniture, for fuel and heat. We eat their fruits.

Tobacco, oil varnishes and paper are some of their by-products. But as we garden clubbers think of trees, we think of their beauty in landscaping, their shade in summer and their conservation of soil and moisture.

She associated each officer with the characteristics of various trees and presented each with growth and foliage from the birth, red maple, cedar and pine.

Mrs. Garland noted that the birch tree grows straight and tall in the forest and as she called Mrs. James Hazel forward to accept the presidency she told her she would stand above the others as she led the club.

"Our vice president, Mrs. Tom Hart, may be likened to the red maple. At each of the four seasons the red maple shows some sign which tells its name and so your programs will be effective and colorful in presentation."

Lead pencils are made from the wood of cedar trees, so cedar sprigs were selected for the secretary, Mrs. Johnny Gwyn. The pilgrims stamped a picture of the pine tree on the first money minted in America and therefore, Mrs. Ray Goad, Sr., was presented pine growth.

Mrs. Garland concluded the service by saying, "We hope that you garden club officers together with all the members, will be a forest of living trees with their dignity, grace and quietness and their ability to weather storms, protect precious soil and always growing for generations to come."

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, outgoing vice president, presented Mrs. Garland with an engraved silver bowl from the members in appreciation of her capable leadership.

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Mrs. J.T. Palmer was hostess
for the occasion. Special guests
were former members of the
club, Mrs. Ronald Boyles, Mrs.
P.M. Sharpe and Mrs. Richard
Wimbish.

Prior to the luncheon the
garden club members enjoyed
a tour of the Reynolda House
and Gardens.



Modern Gardeners Plan Agenda

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 homeplace.

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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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.

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.

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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.



EASTER DECORATIONS were made Tuesday by students in the Handicapped Class at Central United Methodist Church. Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., (left) and Mrs. Max Hiatt, members of Modern Gardeners, conducted a garden therapy project for the class. Troy Hatcher and Cynthia Hiatt, right, show novelty Easter bunnies they made from baby food jars and cotton balls.

—staff photo



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.

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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

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.