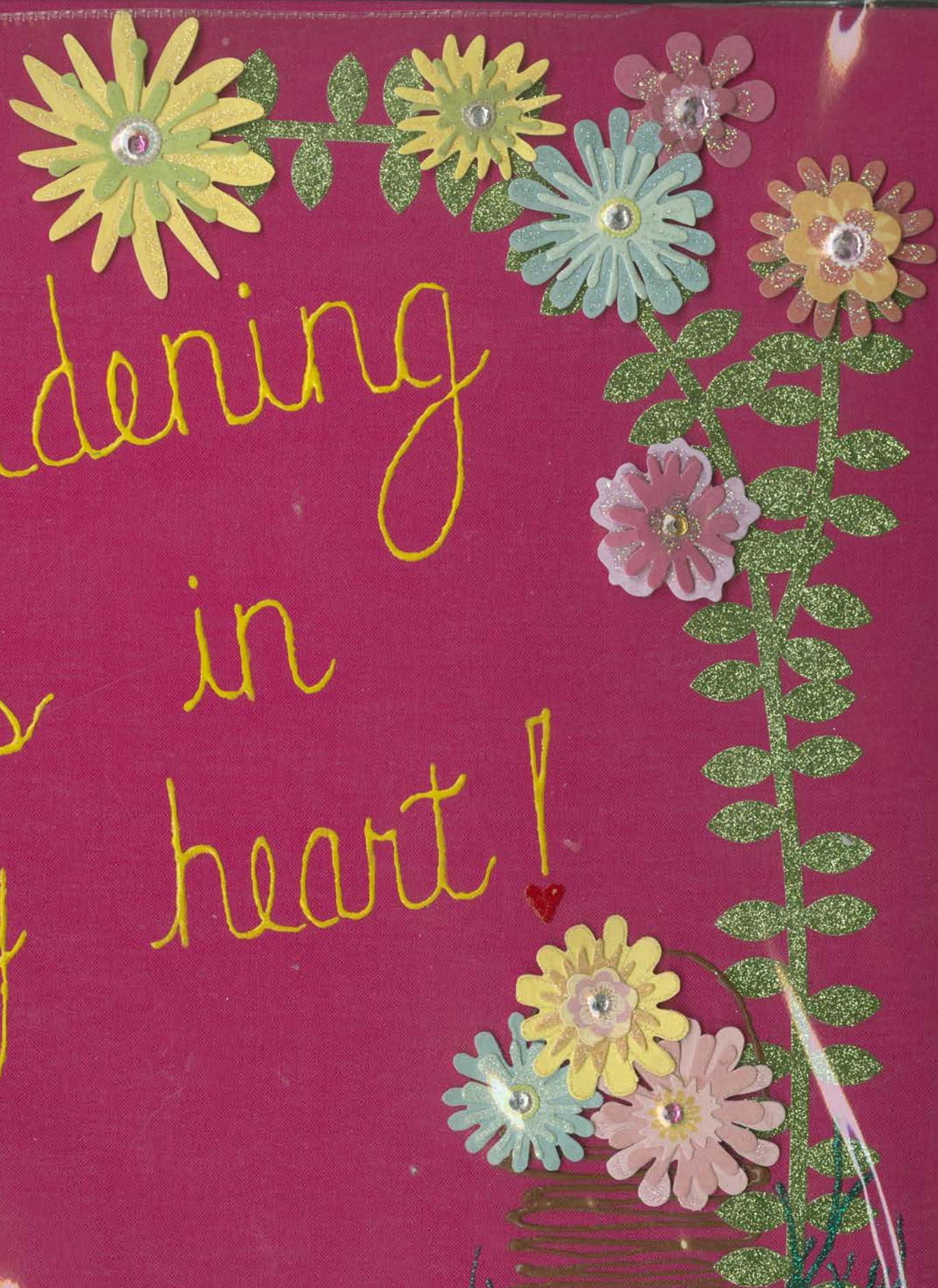
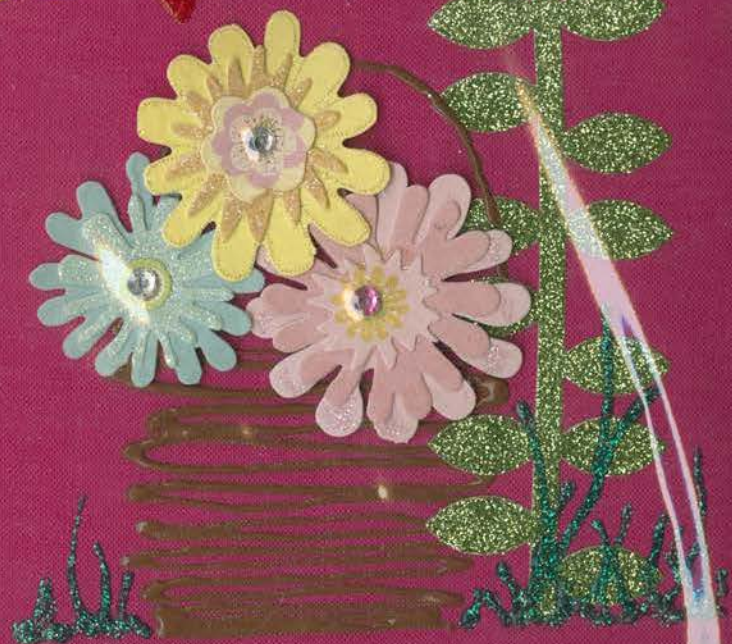
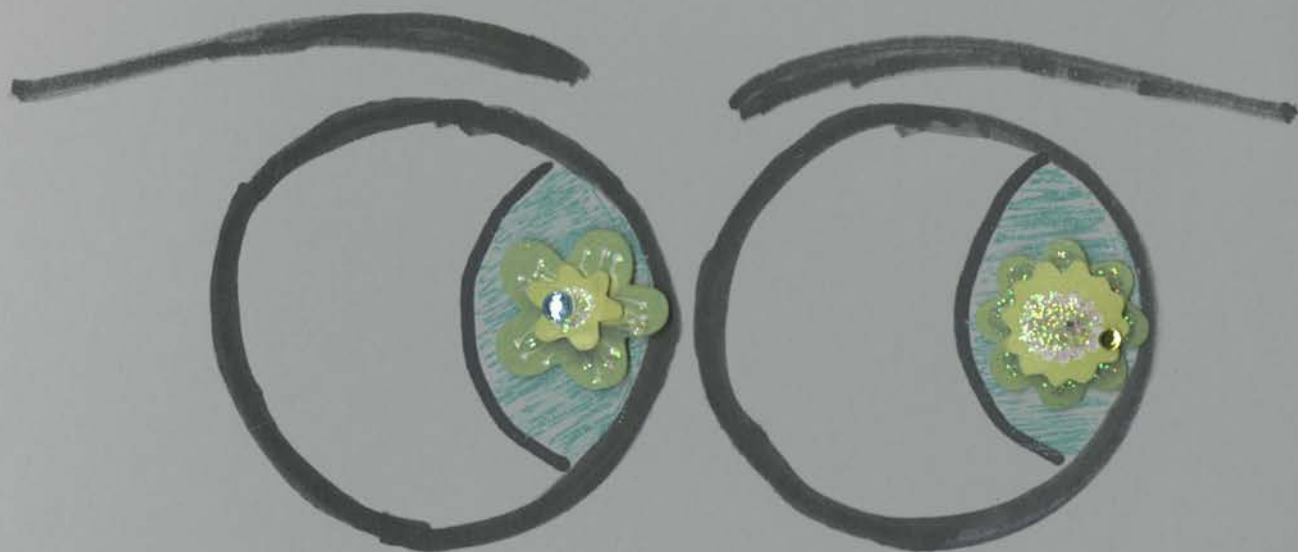


Gardening
is in
my heart!





*Scrapbook ~ Ann L. Yokeley
Modern Gardeners
Mount Airy, North Carolina*



*"Come and See"
what's inside of me!*



(Cover Artist ~ Dennis Williams)



Modern Gardeners Membership

2009 - 2010

Judy Barham
*Jewel Bondurant ***
Kim Braun
Sylvia Chilton
*Sue Cooke ***
*Helen Crane ***
*Juanita Daber ***
*Earlene Epperson ***
*Barbara Gardner ***
*Tracy Greenwood ***
*Charldean Gwyn *****
Vickie Harold
*Linda Kniskern ***
*Claire Merritt ***
*Betty Palmer ***
*Katherine Parries *****
*Mimi Patterson ***
Beth Pequeno
*Eleanor Powell *****
Peggy Rees
*Joy Snow ***
Becky Sumner
Ann Yokeley

** Charter Member*
*** Life Member*
**** Charter Life Member*

New Members

Judy Barham
Kim Braun
Peggy Rees

Honorary Charter Member

*Sarah Lee McGee *****

Inactive Member

*Mae Turpin ***

Modern Gardeners



2009 - 2010



MODERN GARDENERS
Mount Airy, North Carolina
2009-2010



"Come and See"



MODERN GARDENERS

MOUNT AIRY
NORTH CAROLINA
2009 - 2010

ORGANIZED AUGUST 31, 1956
CHARTER RECEIVED MAY 14, 1957
MEETINGS: THIRD TUESDAY, 12 P.M.

**CELEBRATING 54 YEARS
OF GARDENING**

MEMBERSHIP 24

MEMBERSHIP IN:
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION
THE GARDEN CLUB OF N.C., INC.
DISTRICT 4



IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY SYDNOR COX
The Flower to Make our Bouquet Complete



November 15, 1928 -- December 22, 2008

Shirley Sydnor Cox was one of the 20 young mothers who gathered in 1955 to help organize a garden club in Mount Airy. There were two other active clubs at that time, but nothing available for those of us in our early 20s and 30s. We had a genuine interest in learning about flowers and sharing our love for them with others - making arrangements for the hospital, donating plants to the library, decorating the hospital and conducting garden therapy workshops for handicapped children. Shirley was a part of these projects until recent years when health problems prevented her from participating in these activities. Even so, she managed to create many lovely floral arrangements for our flower shows and continued to attend our meetings up until last fall. Shirley taught tap and ballroom dancing to hundreds of children in the area and some of the present-day members were in her classes. She also enjoyed her art work, and spent hours painting flower containers, Married to Jack Monday Cox, they have two daughters, Lynn Garret, who lives in Durham with her husband, Rodney, and their children, Wade and April, and Lee Hardin, who resides in Spruce Spring with her husband, Hank. They have three daughters, Jennifer, Renee and Margaret.. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church and the Robert Smith Sunday School Class. With her dry sense of humor, Shirley expressed her thoughts in a very colorful language which brought much laughter to the gardeners. When she learns this yearbook is dedicated to her memory, one senses her message coming down upon us, is bound to sound something like this, "Well, I'll be damned."

SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

Modern Gardeners dedicate yearbook to Shirley Cox



Mimi Patterson, president of Modern Gardeners, presents a framed gift to Jack Cox, whose wife, Shirley, was a charter life member of the garden club. The club yearbook was dedicated in memory of Shirley during a special part of the September program at Cross Creek Country Club. A dedicated member for 53 years, Shirley passed away last December.



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

2009 – 2010

THEME:
“Come and See”





SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

12:00 Noon

Luncheon at Cross Creek Country Club
Greenhill room

Topic:

"Come And See-You and Me"

Business Session – Mimi Patterson, President

Program:

"Club Preview for the Year"

Hostesses – Club Officers:

Mimi Patterson	President
Linda Kniskern	Vice President
Claire Merritt	Secretary
Betty Palmer	Treasurer



Reminders:

Fall Litter Sweep- September 24

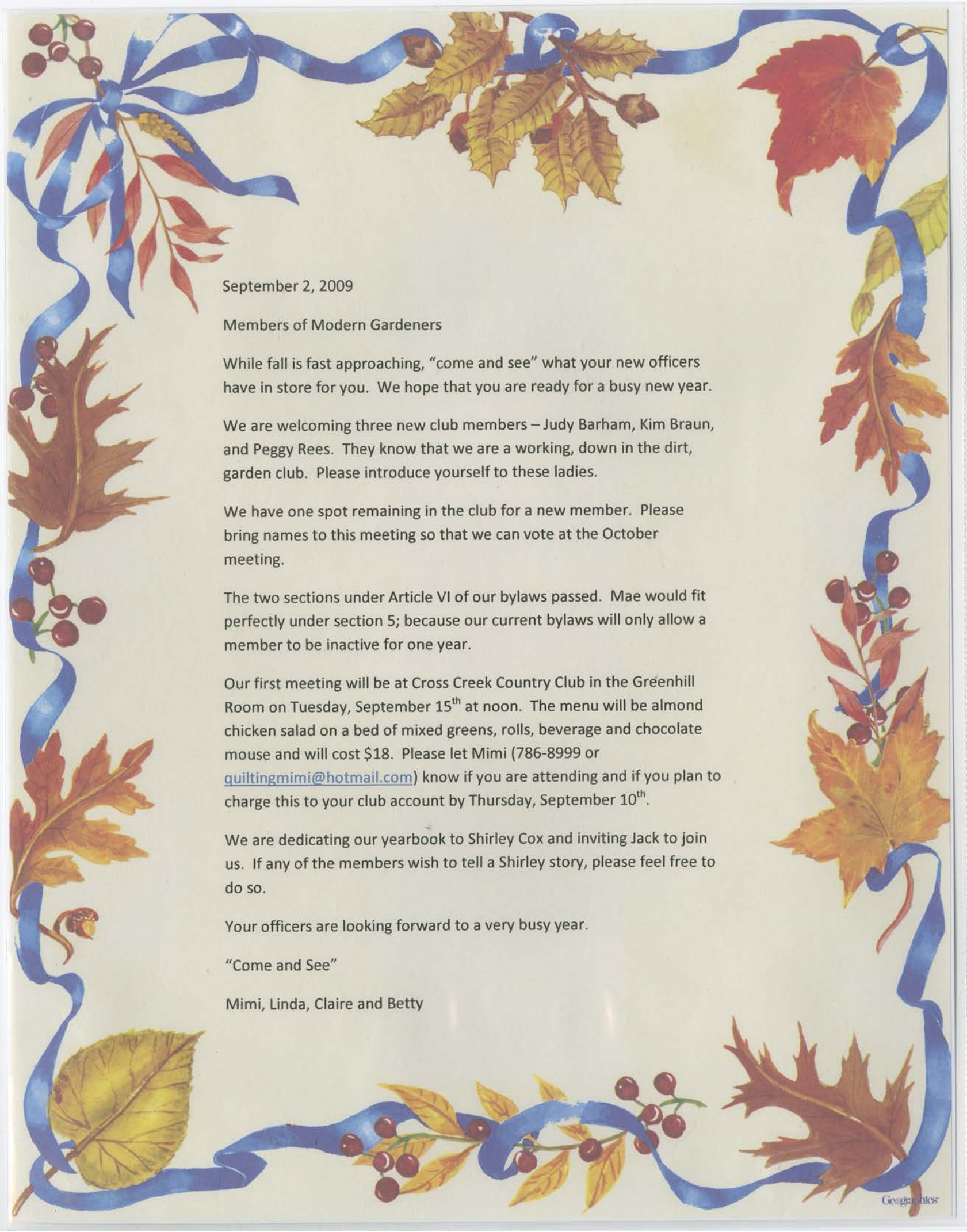
October – Hospital Lobby Vignettes

Annual Bulb Sale

District 4 Meeting—October 27 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
Winston-Salem, NC

Garden Therapy Assignments – Jones School EC Class

Welcome
to
my garden



September 2, 2009

Members of Modern Gardeners

While fall is fast approaching, "come and see" what your new officers have in store for you. We hope that you are ready for a busy new year.

We are welcoming three new club members – Judy Barham, Kim Braun, and Peggy Rees. They know that we are a working, down in the dirt, garden club. Please introduce yourself to these ladies.

We have one spot remaining in the club for a new member. Please bring names to this meeting so that we can vote at the October meeting.

The two sections under Article VI of our bylaws passed. Mae would fit perfectly under section 5; because our current bylaws will only allow a member to be inactive for one year.

Our first meeting will be at Cross Creek Country Club in the Greenhill Room on Tuesday, September 15th at noon. The menu will be almond chicken salad on a bed of mixed greens, rolls, beverage and chocolate mouse and will cost \$18. Please let Mimi (786-8999 or quiltmimi@hotmail.com) know if you are attending and if you plan to charge this to your club account by Thursday, September 10th.

We are dedicating our yearbook to Shirley Cox and inviting Jack to join us. If any of the members wish to tell a Shirley story, please feel free to do so.

Your officers are looking forward to a very busy year.

"Come and See"

Mimi, Linda, Claire and Betty

Modern Gardeners – September 15, 2009

Welcome – Introduction of new members

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Lunch

Dedication of Yearbook

Treasurer's Report

Committees

Ways 'N Means – Bulb sales

Garden Therapy – Jones School

Litter Sweep – Sept. 24

Mini Garden – fall planting

Hospital Arrangements-October

Moore House – Christmas Decorations

New Business

Names for Membership

Fall State Board Meeting – Clemmons – Sept 20-21

District 4 Meeting in Winston-Salem – Oct 27

Next meeting Oct 20 meeting will be a flower show at the library.

Fall flowers and unusual containers.

MODERN GARDENERS OFFICERS

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Autumn



ANN
Scrapbook
Sept-Garden Therapy
Moore House Co-Chairman

Jan - Hostess
Jan - Hospital Arrangement
Spring Litter

COME
AND
SEE



DO
NOT
LITTER









Three new members, from left, Judy Barham, Kim Braun and Peggy Rees, were welcomed by members of Modern Gardeners during the September luncheon meeting at Cross Creek Country Club.



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BIENNIAL CLEANUP DRIVE
Volunteers Wanted to Help Clean North Carolina's Roadsides!

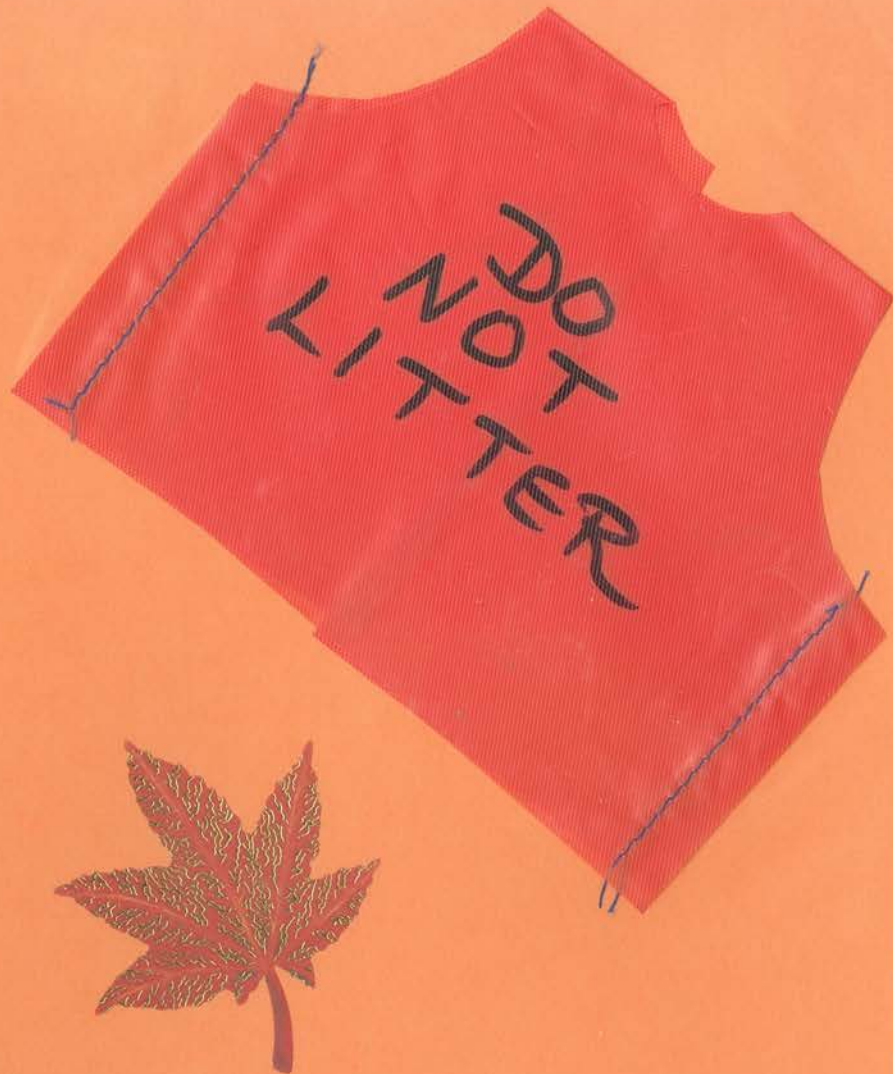
FALL 2009

LITTER SWEEP

September 19 thru October 3



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



2009

Certificate of Appreciation

AWARDED TO

Modern Gardeners



FOR COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF
NORTH CAROLINA BY PARTICIPATING IN THE

Litter Sweep **Fall Cleanup Campaign**

Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor of North Carolina

Eugene A. Conti, Jr., Secretary
Department of Transportation



OCTOBER 20, 2009
12:00 Noon
Mount Airy Public Library

Topic:
"Come and See What Fall Can Be"
Fall Flower Show

Program Chairman:
Katherine Parries

Hostesses:
Jewel Bondurant
Vickie Harold



Reminders:
Hospital Lobby Vignettes
Annual Bulb Sale
Garden Therapy Assignment – Jones School EC Class











Welcome to Autumn

Modern Gardeners created this Autumn scene at the mini-garden located at the triangle of Renfro and Main streets. Pumpkins and scarecrows, gourds and a frightful witch welcome passersby to the city.



Modern Gardeners help decorate the town



Modern Gardeners spring bulb sale

Members of Modern Gardeners are conducting their annual sale of spring blooming flower bulbs that includes tulips, narcissus, hyacinths, iris, crocus, and Dutch. Betty Palmer, left, and Sylvia Chilton are bagging the bulbs that go out for delivery. Proceeds from the fund-raiser are used to plant and maintain the Modern Gardeners Mini Garden at the triangle of Renfro and North Main streets. To place an order contact Palmer at 786-4871 or any member of the garden club.

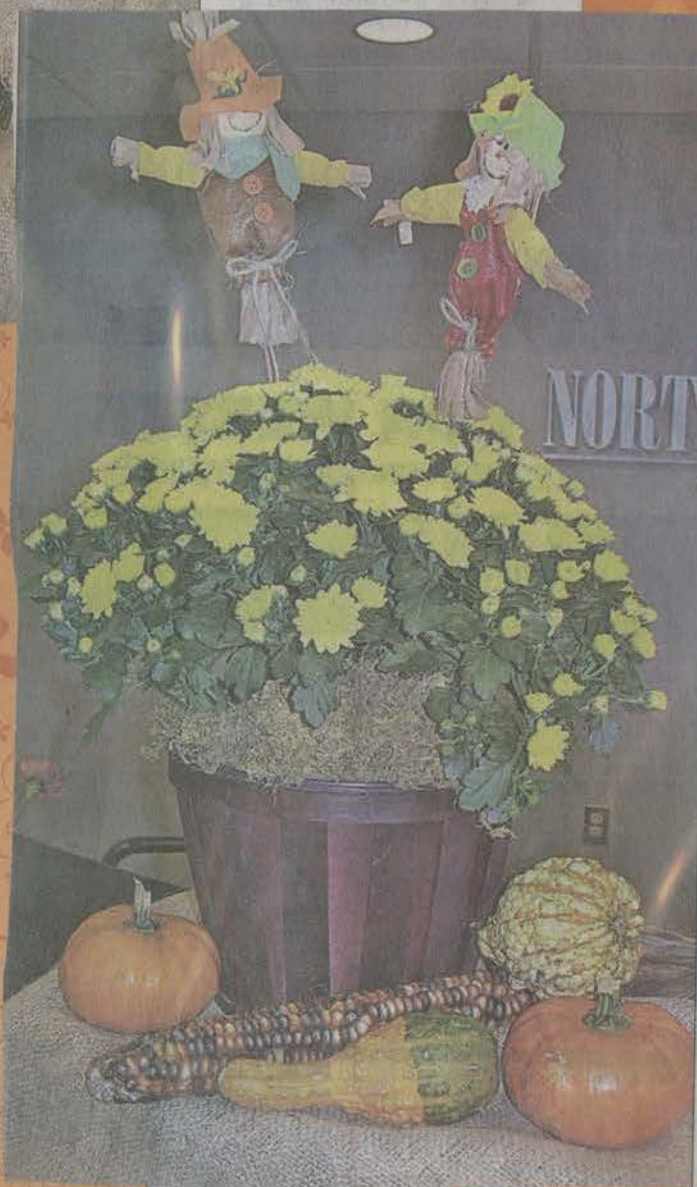




Fall scene for hospital

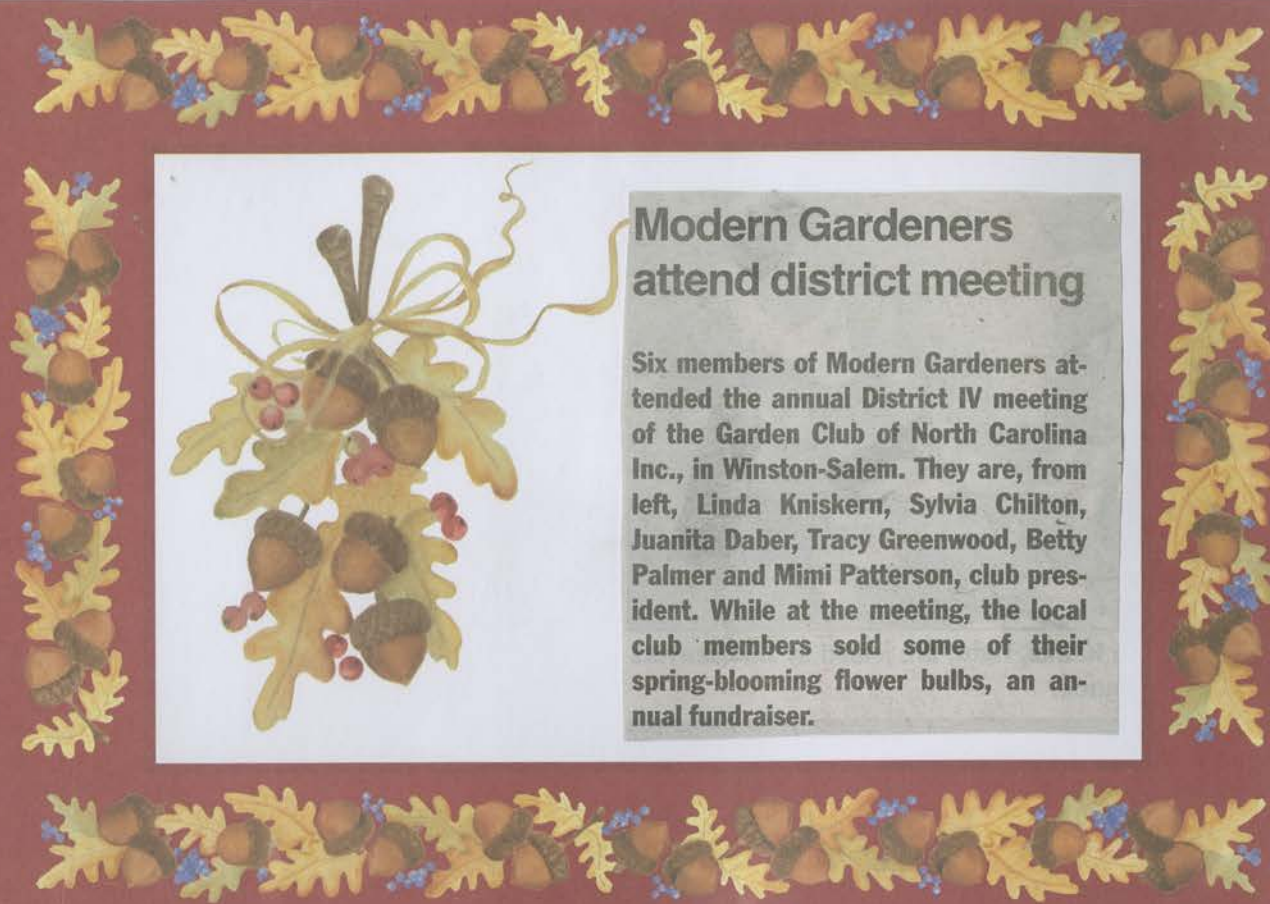
Members of Modern Gardeners have brightened the lobby of Northern Hospital of Surry County with a vignette of fall items. A black cat holding magnolia foliage and pods looks down at a smiling pumpkin of chrysanthemums, dried corn and gourds. The arrangements will remain on display through October.

Photos by
Eleanor
Powell



Dancing scare crows

This pair of scarecrows dances on top of yellow chrysanthemums at Northern Hospital of Surry County. Pumpkins, corn and gourds add color to the arrangement created by Modern Gardeners.



Modern Gardeners attend district meeting

Six members of Modern Gardeners attended the annual District IV meeting of the Garden Club of North Carolina Inc., in Winston-Salem. They are, from left, Linda Kniskern, Sylvia Chilton, Juanita Daber, Tracy Greenwood, Betty Palmer and Mimi Patterson, club president. While at the meeting, the local club members sold some of their spring-blooming flower bulbs, an annual fundraiser.



 Netherland Bulb Company
13 Mc Fisher Dr. Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Modern Gardeners



Mimi PATTERSON

District 4 Vice-Director

MODERN GARDENERS

Mt. Airy

ANNUAL MEETING OF DISTRICT IV



The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

"Come and See"

October 27, 2009

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
520 Summit Street
Winston-Salem, NC

Hostess Clubs:

Audubon Garden Club
Clemmons Garden Club
Club of Twenty Gardens
Grandview Garden Club
West End Garden Club

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 27, 2009

BEGINNING AT 9AM

DISTRICT IV MEETING

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

520 Summit Street
Winston Salem, NC 27101

*Gardening Improves your
State of Mind*

SPEAKER: CRAIG MAUNEY
"LANDSCAPE DESIGN"

Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care

*gratefully acknowledges your generous gift
in the amount of \$20.00*

given in memory of

Magdalena M. Lowry

*Your entire gift goes directly to help patients
with limited life expectancy and their families.*

(please retain for your tax records)



*The family of
Magdalena Lowry
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation the kind expression
of your sympathy*



NOVEMBER 17, 2009

12:00 Noon

Mount Airy Museum of Regional History Annex

Topic:

"Come and See Our Advent Wreath To Be"

Program Chairman:

Betty Palmer

Hostesses:

Beth Pequeno

Earlene Epperson

Charldean Gwyn



Reminders:

Dec. 1 – Decorate Moore House and Museum





Advent wreath demonstration
 Betty Palmer, right, gives a demonstration on making a Moravian Advent wreath to members of Modern Gardeners. Assisting her with the presentation is Joy Snow.





Mount Airy Museum of Regional History

November 19, 2009

Modern Gardeners Garden Club
Attn: Mimi Patterson
120 Plantation Place Lane
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

Dear Mimi,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, Inc., I would like to thank you for your generosity in renewing your membership at the Friends Circle of \$100. Your support enables the Museum to offer free admission to all Surry County students and their teachers on school related visits. We are grateful to you for your generosity.

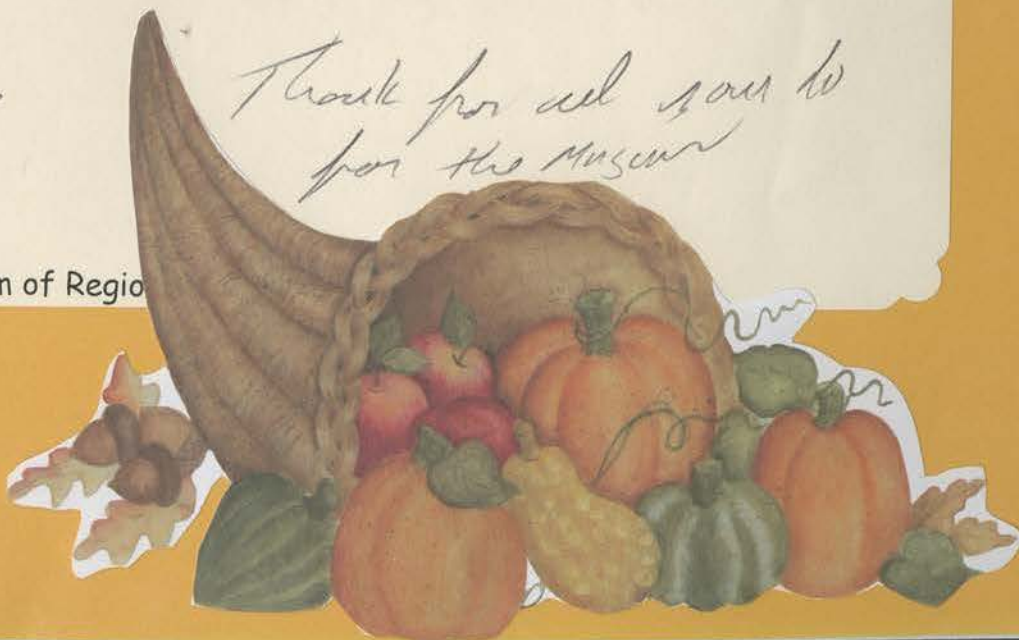
This letter will also certify that no goods or services, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, have been provided to you, by the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, Inc., as a consideration for your membership renewal at the Friends Circle of \$100, check # 1351 on November 17, 2009. The Museum's tax exempt classification number is 58-1975330.

Once again, thank you so very much for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Edwards
Executive Director
The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History

*Thank for all your do
for the Museum*





DECEMBER 1, 2009

12:00 Noon

The Antebellum Moore House and
Mount Airy Museum of Regional History

Topic:

"Come and See Our Holiday House With Glee"

**The Antebellum Moore House
Dining Room, Adjacent Living Room, and Kitchen**

Decorating Program Co-Chairmen:

Ann Yokeley

Joy Snow

Hostesses:

Tracy Greenwood

Eleanor Powell

Kim Braun



Mount Airy Museum of Regional History

Decorating Program Chairman:

Claire Merritt

Reminders:

Garden Therapy Assignment – Jones School EC Class





















you dedicated to each
Holiday Motif with the
anticipation of winning
the Pat Alljar Holiday
Decoration award.

Again thank you for
making the William
Alfred Moore ^{House} a holiday
landmark that will long
be remembered throughout
the new year -

Sincerely:
Betty Wrist

12.31.09

Dear Modern Gardeners Garden Club,
On behalf of the Mount Airy
Restoration Foundation, I
want to thank you for your
time and talent so generously
given to the success of our
Tour of Homes. As master
gardeners, you transformed
our historic home into an
exquisite masterpiece of
southern charm and hospitality
to welcome our guests.
I appreciate the hours



Garden clubs adorn house

MONDEE TILLEY
STAFF REPORTER

In its 24th year the Mount Airy Restoration Foundation is sponsoring the Christmas Holiday Tour of Homes in Mount Airy on Saturday. This year the theme at the William Alfred Moore House is an ante-bellum Christmas.

This year three Mount Airy garden clubs will use their decorating skills to compete for an award with other garden clubs across the state.

The tradition began when

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HOUSE:

Continued from page 1

Susan Ashby got the idea to host a tour of homes in the Mount Airy area in order to raise money to purchase the Moore house, which is the oldest residence in Mount Airy.

The garden clubs participating this year include Mount Airy's oldest garden club, the Mountain View Gardeners; Garden Gate and Modern Gardeners. Photographs will be taken of the fully decorated Moore house and a book will be created for judging.

All of the decorations created by the garden clubs consist of natural materials such as boxwood, pine, cedars, holly, aucuba, nandina berries, fruits and poinsettias.

"Modern Gardeners decorated the front parlor, dining room, a bedroom and back porch. Garden Gate did the sun room and all of the outside. Kathy Pruett is decorating the gazebo outside today



ELEANOR POWELL/THE NEWS

Juanita Dahar puts a finishing touch to the front parlor mantel in the Antebellum Moore House. She and Jewel Bondurant, both members of Modern Gardeners, created the arrangement using native greenery.

in the rain. She does a wonderful job every year," Wright said Wednesday.

Wright, who serves as chairman of the Mount Airy Restoration Foundation, said Mountain View Gardeners decorated the living room and stairway, a bedroom and the hall. She said they decorated a Christmas tree that features dried pink roses.

"We will be serving tea. And of course, the Moore house is the number one spot for people to come to get their tickets, maps and instructions. The headquarters is really at the Moore house."

"Everyone on the tour must have a ticket," Wright said.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and the tour is self-guided. Tickets are also available at the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, at the Gertrude Smith House, by calling Betty Wright at 786-4512, or at the individual's homes on the days of the tours.

Contact Mondee Tilley at mtalley@mtairynews.com or at 719-1930.



ELEANOR POWELL/THE NEWS

Completing the table centerpiece at the Ante-bellum Moore House are, from left, Kim Braun, Ginny Adams and Peggy Rees. The back porch table is covered with a red cloth and quilted runner and holds an arrangement of holly, cedar, pine and magnolia foliage.



Moore House Christmas Decorating Assignments

"An Anti-bellum Christmas at the Moore House"

Tuesday, December 1st, 12:00 Noon



Kitchen: Mimi Patterson

Back Porch: Peggy Rees, Jenny Adams, Kim Braun

Dining Room:

- ★ Table: Joy Snow, Ann Yokeley
- ★ Hutch: Betty Palmer
- ★ Chandelier over table: Mimi Patterson
- ★ Fireplace: Eleanor Powell, Katherine Parries
- ★ 2 Corner tables: Sylvia Chilton
- ★ French doors & windows: Helen Crane

Parlor:

- ★ Fireplace & 4 Sconces: Jewel Bondurant, Juanita Daber
- ★ Long table (behind sofa): Judy Barham
- ★ Secretary & Tall chest: Becky Sumner, Vickie Harold
- ★ Window table & Window: Charldean Gwyn

Ladies' Bedroom: Linda Kniskern, Tracy Greenwood, Barbara Gardner

- *PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MATERIALS WITH YOU (GREENERY, WIRE, CLIPPERS, ETC.)**
- *ALL CLUBS ARE USING RED AND/OR GREEN RIBBONS**
- *PLEASE DECORATE WITH NATURAL ITEMS**
- *ALL THREE GARDEN CLUBS ARE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A STATE GARDEN CLUB AWARD**
- ★ PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOU DECORATE**

#12 PAT OLEJAR HOLIDAY DECORATION AWARD

DONOR: Raleigh Garden Club

A \$100 cash award given in memory of Pat Olejar for the best holiday decoration of a public building or a historic building by a garden club or clubs. The decoration should use plant materials and include both interior and exterior of the building. It may be any holiday season.

BUILDING A CHRISTMAS TREE



ELEANOR POWELL/THE NEWS

City employees constructed this Christmas tree for Modern Gardeners Tuesday in the mini-garden triangle at North Main and Renfro streets. The garden club recently installed a flowing fountain in the center of the garden, but club members also wanted tree in that area. The three engineers built a wood frame cage over the fountain, covered it with chicken wire and tarping. Juanita Daber, from left, Mimi Patters Kniskern hand the evergreen roping to Danny Brintle, Richard Sink and Rock cover the frame. This is one tree that can be used again for many years to cc



WINTER



JANUARY 19, 2010

12:00 Noon

First Presbyterian Church

Topic:

"Come and See The Tile On Me"

Mosaic Pots

Program Chairmen:

Club Members

Mimi Patterson

Linda Kniskern

Hostesses:

Ann Yokeley

Sylvia Chilton

Peggy Rees



Reminders:

Hospital Lobby Vignettes

Garden Therapy Assignment – Jones School EC Class

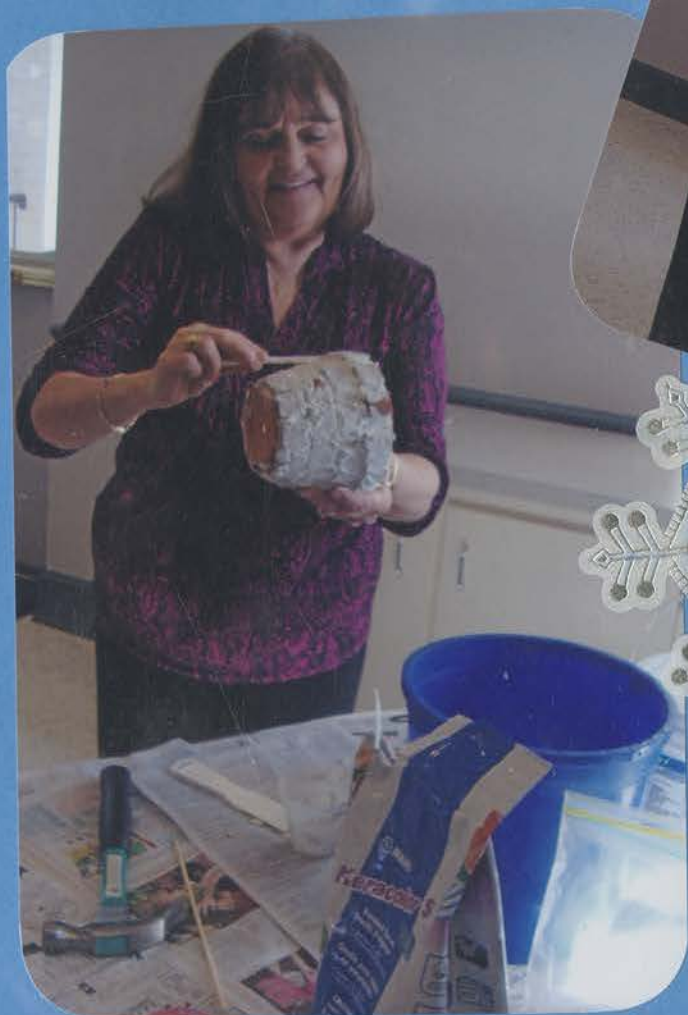


"Carnation" won Modern Gardeners Ann Yokeley and Sylvia Chilton the January 2011 picture in the North Carolina Garden Club calendar!



Hostesses, from left, Ann Yokeley, Sylvia Chilton and Judy Barham used a snowman theme for the refreshment table centerpiece.





Gardeners create original flower pots



Modern Gardeners watch as Linda Kniskern, left, and Mimi Patterson direct a hands-on demonstration for making mosaic flower pots. The group met in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church and created original designs for their homes.



Helen Crane glues colorful glass to a terra cotta flower pot.



Beth Pequeno adds tiles for a one-of-a-kind look. Mosaic items can include broken tile, broken plates, jewelry, beads, beans, marbles, smooth rocks and sliced cork.





Hostesses for the meeting were, from left, Jewel Bondurant, Katherine Parries and Beth Pequeno. They used a Valentine's Day theme.



FEBRUARY 16, 2010

12:00 Noon

First Baptist Church



Topic:

"Come and See Our Topiary Tree"

Presented by Cindy Puckett

Landscape Supervisor for

The Gertrude Smith Foundation

Program Chairman:

Tracy Greenwood

Hostesses:

Helen Crane

Becky Sumner

Katherine Parries



Reminders:

Garden Therapy Assignment – Jones School EC Class





Modern Gardeners study
art of topiary





Sylvia Chilton adds sprigs of boxwood to complete her arrangement.



Cindy Puckett, center, presented a program on creating topiaries to members of Modern Gardeners. The workshop was held in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Judy Barham, left, designs her arrangement in a silver wine cooler. Becky Sumner, right, adds boxwood to her design. Puckett is the horticulturist for the Gilmer-Smith Foundation.





MARCH 16, 2010
12:00 Noon
Grace Moravian Church

Topic:
"Come and See Flower Arranging 1,2,3"

Program Chairmen:
Charter Members

Hostesses:
Joy Snow
Barbara Gardner
Judy Barham



Reminders:
Hospital Lobby Vignettes
Garden Therapy Assignment-Jones School EC Class
GCNC Annual Meeting April 25-26, Raleigh
\$20.00 dues







March 8, 2010

Dear Contributor:

The Surry Arts Council appreciates your recent donation to help promote the arts in the schools in Surry County. This letter is an acknowledgement of your donation for tax deductions that you may wish to claim. The Surry Arts Council has a 501(c)(3) tax status.

Listed below are the items contributed along with the name of the successful bidder.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of individuals, schools and local businesses, the 2010 ArtsBall raised over \$20,000 for free cultural arts programs in Surry county schools in 2010-2011.

Thank you for your contribution and your support.

Sincerely,

Tanya B. Jones

Tanya B. Jones
Executive Director

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION

The successful bidder(s) for your donation(s) was

Mark and Lisa Blums

Date of Contribution March 5, 2010

Value of Contribution

Description of Item(s) Contributed

Tulip bulbs, garden gloves, spade, pot



Apologies - I am not sure of the contact person for this donation. Please extend our gratitude.

GARDEN CLUB WITH STUDENTS



MONDEE TILLEY/THE NEWS
Fallon Cook, who is visually impaired, feels the hummingbird feeder pole while Mimi Patterson, president of the Modern Gardeners, tells her about the tiny birds. Student Lexis Nitten, left, also learns about the birds while they place the feeders outside of Carol McAtee's classroom at Jones Intermediate School Thursday afternoon.



MONDEE TILLEY/THE NEWS
Joy Snow, a member of the Modern Gardener's Club, hangs a bird feeder while Meagan Poff watches at Jones Intermediate School Thursday morning. The gardeners taught Carol McAtee's class about hummingbirds.

Miranda
Hicks
Dora Merwin
Tallia
Dora

Mar Garcia

Paul
Noah
Thomas
Cecilia



Becky Smith

Samantha
Slate
Eduardo
Perez

Matthew
Griffin



Megan
Poff
Alexis
Mitten
It was so nice

of you!

Jones School E.C. Class

Carol Mente
EC Teacher

Lisa Porter Asst.

Sandra Jones Asst.

(2010)

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

85th Annual Meeting



Come and See ... Spring in the City of Oaks

**Member of
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
(South Atlantic Region)**



SPRING



APRIL 20, 2010

12:00 Noon
Foothills Nursery
Old Siloam Road

Topic:

"Come and See Rosemary, Thyme and Thee"

Karen Harris
Owner of Foothills Nursery

Program Chairmen:

Beth Pequeno

Hostesses:

Juanita Daber
Sue Cooke



Reminder:

Spring Litter Sweep-April 29
Hospital Lobby Vignettes

State Garden Club Meeting April 25-26 Raleigh



Gardeners learn about herbs

Members of Modern Gardeners held their April meeting at Foothills Nursery to hear a program on growing and planting herbs. Karen Harris, owner, selects a variety of plants suitable for planting in a terra cotta planter. Other herbs were identified.



Hostesses for the April meeting of Modern Gardeners are Juanita Daber, left, and Sue Cooke. The group enjoyed picnicking in a natural environment.





MAY 11, 2010
12:00 Noon
Mimi and Linda's Garden

Topic:
"Come and See What Spring Can Be"

Installation of 2010-2011 Officers
Mimi Patterson, Vice Director District 4

Program:
Hanging Baskets
Michella Huff
Landscape Supervisor, City of Mount Airy

Hostesses:
Mimi Patterson
Linda Kniskern
Claire Merritt
Betty Palmer



Michella Huff, left, landscape supervisor for the city of Mount Airy, gives members of Modern Gardeners directions for making flower baskets that hang in downtown Mount Airy. Following the program, Linda Kniskern, center, and Mimi Patterson entertained the group with a luncheon at their homes.





Modern Gardeners entertained at

May luncheon



Southern luncheon features Chicken Tetrazzini, trifle, Plantation Iced Tea

Cooks
of the week



Hostesses Mini Patterson, left, and Linda Kniskern, serve yummy Chocolate-Toffee Trifle in crystal goblets. The desserts are topped off with whipped cream and rolled prouette cookies.

CHICKEN TETRAZZINI

1 (16-oz.) package angel hair pasta
2 cups diced chicken

1/4 cup pimento
1 1/4 cups grated cheddar cheese
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup chicken broth

Cook pasta and drain. Mix chicken, pimento, onion and green pepper in a large bowl. Pour in undiluted mushroom soup and chicken broth. Add 1 1/4 cups of the cheese and pasta - lightly toss. Spray 9x14-inch casserole dish with Pam. Place all ingredients in the casserole dish. Top with remaining cheese just before baking and cover with aluminum foil. Bake in a 350-degree oven for approximately 1 hour. Serves 10-12.

PLANTATION ICED TEA

14 individual tea bags
20 mint leaves
1 cup sugar
1 (12-oz.) can frozen lemonade concentrate
3 cups (24-ozs.) pineapple juice

Pour 8 cups boiling water over the tea bags, mint and sugar in a pitcher. Steep for 30 minutes.

Remove tea bags, squeezing out excess liquid and mint leaves. Prepare lemonade according to the instructions on the container and add to the tea. Add the pineapple juice and stir. Serve over ice. Makes 1 gallon or 20 servings.



ELEANOR POWELL
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

What can cool you down more than a glass of iced tea? Plantation Ice Tea is extra special when Mimi Patterson and Linda Kniskern are serving this thirst quencher on a hot summer day.

At a recent meeting for members of Modern Gardeners, these two culinary artists entertained with a delightful luncheon at their homes at Plantation Place. The neighbors live side by side, so it was convenient for the group to enjoy lunch at Linda's home, then drop next door for a wonderful dessert of chocolate trifle served in crystal goblets.

The two worked in their kitchens preparing Chicken Tetrazzini, fresh fruit with strawberry dressing, spinach salad topped with raisins and almonds and Plantation Iced Tea.

They share those recipes for a tasty luncheon and also add several others that make a delicious meal on a hot day.

Please enjoy these as much as the garden club members did. Are you thirsty? Go for this tea.



Some of the garden club members are seated at the dining table in the Kniskern home. They are, from left, Joy Snow, Barbara Gardner, Earlene Epperson, Chardean Gwyn, Tracy Greenwood and Kim Braun.

CRUNCHY CHICKEN SALAD

6 cups chopped chicken
 1 1/2 cups unpeeled, chopped apple
 1 cup chopped celery
 1 (3-oz.) package cream cheese, softened
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1/4 cup sour cream
 1 1/2 tablespoons honey-dijon mustard
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 3/4 cup chopped, toasted pecans

Place chicken, apple and chopped celery in a large bowl; set aside.

Beat cream cheese in a small bowl on medium speed until smooth. Add mayonnaise and all the oth-

er ingredients, except the pecans. Add to chicken mixture, stirring gently. Cover and chill at least 4 hours.

Spoon chicken salad onto plates and sprinkle with chopped pecans.

BROILED BLUE CHEESE AND BACON TOMATOES

1 sleeve round buttery crackers, crushed
 1 (5-oz.) container crumbled blue cheese
 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
 1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
 1/4 cup butter, melted
 3 large tomatoes, cut in half crosswise

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil.

In a small bowl, combine cracker crumbs, blue cheese, bacon and green onion. Add butter, stirring well to mix. Place tomatoes, cut sides up, on baking sheet. Divide cracker mixture evenly among tomato halves. Broil 5 inches from heat, for 6 to 8 minutes, or until lightly browned. Serves 6.

BACON AND CARAMELIZED ONION ASPARAGUS

6 slices of bacon, cooked and chopped
 3 pounds fresh asparagus, trimmed
 2 tablespoons water
 1/2 chopped onion
 3/4 cup Kraft Light Ranch Dressing

Spray frying pan with cooking spray and cook onions until tender. Stir in dressing.

Place asparagus in microwaveable casserole or 10x4-inch dish. Add water and microwave on high 4

to 5 minutes or until asparagus is crisp tender. Drain asparagus. Top with onion-dressing and crumbled bacon. Serves 12.



Modern Gardeners enjoy a delightful luncheon consisting of Chicken Tetrazzini, fresh fruit and spinach salad.

CHOCOLATE TOFFEE TRIFLE

1 (5.9- oz.) box instant chocolate pudding mix
3 cups milk
1 pan brownies
1 (8-oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Fat free caramel topping

Pirouette cookies

Pour milk into medium bowl. Add chocolate pudding mix and mix at low speed for 2 minutes. Let thicken for two or three minutes.

Spoon 2 large tablespoons of pudding into each goblet, top with one crumbled brownie, spoon one tablespoon of caramel topping over brownie and top with whipped topping. Repeat layers, ending with whipped topping. Chill at least 1 hour. Add pirouette cookie to each goblet before serving.

All ingredients can be layered in one large trifle bowl instead of individual glasses. Serves 10-12.

FRESH FRUIT WITH DRESSING

Mix together chunks of

cantaloupe, pineapple and strawberries with seedless red grapes.

Dressing:

1 (8- oz.) container plain yogurt
1/3 cup strawberry preserves
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and stir well.

Spoon 2 tablespoons dressing on plate beside the fruit.

SPINACH CRAISIN SALAD

1 (16-oz.) bag spinach
1/4 cup sliced roasted almonds
1/4 cup Craisins (dried cranberries)
1/8 cup light Raspberry Vinaigrette

Put all ingredients in a zip lock bag and shake until leaves are well coated.

CHOCOLATE ÉCLAIR SQUARES

2 packages (3.4-oz. each) **Jell-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding**
2 cups cold milk
1 tub (8-oz.) **Cool Whip** topping, thawed
64 **'Nilla Wafers**
2 squares **Baker's Semi-Sweet chocolate**

Beat pudding mixes and milk in a large bowl with a whisk for 2 minutes. Stir in **Cool Whip**. Arrange 16 wafers on bottom of 8-inch square dish; cover with 1/3 of pudding mixture.

Repeat layers twice. Top

with remaining wafers. Refrigerate 4 hours. Microwave chocolate in microwaveable bowl on high 1 minute or until melted when stirred. Drizzle over dessert. Serves 16.



Life memberships are presented to, from left, Ann Yokeley, Vickie Harold and Becky Sumner.

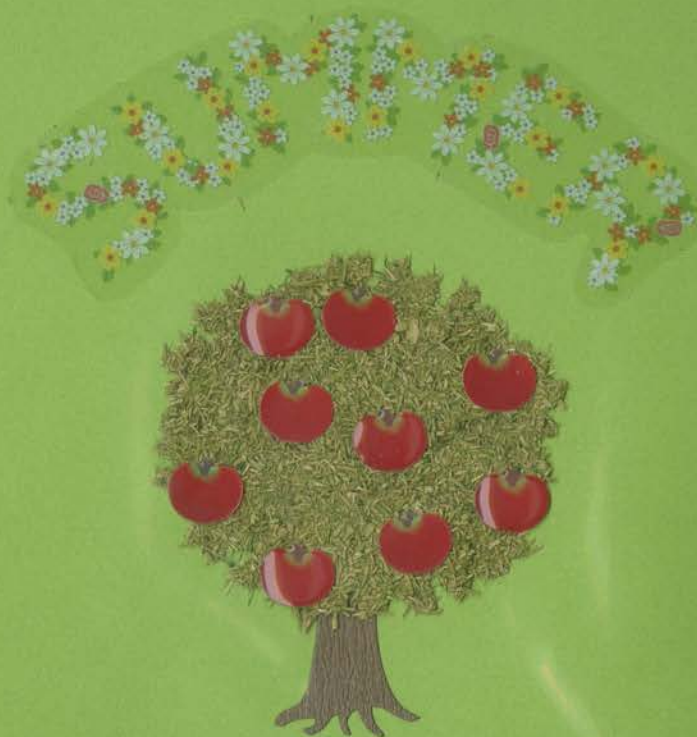


New officers of Modern Gardeners were installed for the coming year during a luncheon meeting hosted by Mimi Patterson and Linda Kniskern. They are, from left, Becky Sumner, president; Eleanor Powell, vice president; Joy Snow, secretary; and Beth Pequeno, treasurer.



Mimi Patterson, right, is presented an engraved container for having served as president of Modern Gardeners for the past year. Linda Kniskern, vice president, made the presentation on behalf of the club. Patterson was commended for her dedicated leadership.





No meetings are scheduled during the summer months. However, Modern Gardeners do get together on occasion to shop, celebrate important events, plan next year's yearbook, or to just have a good time enjoying each other's company!





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*Celia Dollihigh of F. Rees Upstairs
invited Modern Gardeners to a day of
Shopping for flowered apparel*



Miss Ellie celebrates 80th birthday

For one special lady in Mount Airy, who usually knows everything about what's going on around the city, a surprise was awaiting her Sunday afternoon about which she knew nothing.

Eleanor Powell, lifestyle editor of *The Mount Airy News*, typically spends her week collecting information on everyone else's happenings, writing about birthday and anniversary celebrations for other people and covering other people's special events. But this week, she became the highlight of a very special event in her honor.

A surprise party, organized by her children and grandchildren, was thrown at Cross Creek Country Club Sunday afternoon in honor of Eleanor's 80th birthday, with hundreds in attendance to help her celebrate. Those hosting the party were Kay Ashburn, Nick Ashburn, Garland Powell, Chad Smith, Jamie and Pete Smith and Kathy and Chuck Smith.



**Modern Gardeners turn out for
Charter Life Member Eleanor Powell's
80th birthday party**



After attending church at Central United Methodist Church Sunday, Eleanor's family told her they were going on a ride down Main Street. When they exited the church, a YVEDDI minibus was waiting outside the church with a large sign that read, "Bubbles," a nickname for Eleanor.

The family escorted Eleanor onto the bus and it headed out of the parking lot, but instead of going south toward downtown, it headed north on Main Street en

route to Cross Creek.

Eleanor said Sunday afternoon she had no idea why they had taken her to Cross Creek, but when they got out and walked into the ballroom, it was filled with people blowing bubbles and wishing her "Happy Birthday."

As the afternoon progressed, more and more people continued to show up to help Eleanor celebrate her 80th birthday in style, even Santa Claus made an appearance in beach sandals and shorter red pants than normal.





Joy Snow and Sue Cooke serve cake during the celebration.











Wish Eleanor a
"HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY"!

Turn card over and share a memory with her
or just wish her a Happy Birthday!
Be sure to sign it!



Reserved Powell Family





The honoree's sister, Estelle Belton, left, and sister-in-law, Joyce Greenwood, enjoy the celebration.



PROJECTS

Museum:

Chairman: Claire Merritt
Sue Cooke
Tracy Greenwood
Beth Pequeno
Earlene Epperson



COMMITTEES

Programs and Yearbook:

Current Officers:
Mimi Patterson
Linda Kniskern
Claire Merritt
Betty Palmer

Public Relations:
Eleanor Powell
Earlene Epperson

Horticulture:
Helen Crane

Scrapbook:
Ann Yokeley

Gifts:
Betty Palmer

Awards:
Juanita Daber

Membership:
Katherine Parries

Telephone:
Mae Turpin
Email:
Mimi Patterson

Advisory:
Tracy Greenwood
Helen Crane
Vickie Harold
Juanita Daber

By-Laws:
Mimi Patterson
Linda Kniskern
Claire Merritt
Betty Palmer

PROJECTS

(Cont.)

Northern Hospital of Surry County Lobby Arrangements/Vignettes

Chairman: Jewel Bondurant

October 2009 Autumn/Fall

Oct. 5 – Eleanor Powell Oct. 12 – Katherine Parries
Oct. 19 – Chardean Gwyn Oct. 26 – Claire Merritt

January 2010 Winter/Greenery and Berries

Jan 4 – Tracy Greenwood Jan. 11 – Jewel Bondurant
Jan. 18 – Sue Cooke Jan. 25 – Ann Yokeley

April 2010 Spring/Flowers and Birds

Apr. 5 – Joy Snow Apr. 12 – Helen Crane
Apr. 19 – Vickie Harold Apr. 26 – Barbara Gardner



PROJECTS

(Cont.)

Garden Therapy Assignments With Jones School EC Class Schedule date with Carol McAtee 336-786-4131

Chairman: Chardean Gwyn

September-October 2009 - Litter Bug

Ann Yokeley Becky Sumner
Beth Pequeno Vickie Harold

November-December 2009 – Paper Whites

Claire Merritt Sylvia Chilton
Barbara Gardner Linda Kniskern

January-February 2010 – Feeding Birds

Chardean Gwyn Sue Cooke
Earlene Epperson Betty Palmer
Peggy Rees

March-April 2010 – Monarch Butterfly

Juanita Daber Joy Snow
Helen Crane Mimi Patterson
Kim Braun





PROJECTS

(Cont.)

LITTER SWEEP

8:15 AM Ocie's for breakfast

Fall-September 24, 9:00 AM

Rain date, September 25

Chairman: Barbara Gardner

Mimi Patterson

Jewel Bondurant

Sue Cooke

Juanita Daber

Tracy Greenwood

Vickie Harold

Betty Palmer

Beth Pequeno

Joy Snow

Judy Barham

Kim Braun

Spring-April 29, 9:00 AM

Rain date, April 30

Chairman: Becky Sumner

Linda Kniskern

Sylvia Chilton

Helen Crane

Earlene Epperson

Charldean Gwyn

Claire Merritt

Katherine Parries

Eleanor Powell

Ann Yokeley

Peggy Rees





PROJECTS

(Cont.)

Mini-Garden:

Co-Chairman: Eleanor Powell

Co-Chairman: Sue Cooke

Sylvia Chilton

Tracy Greenwood

Vickie Harold

Beth Pequeno

Judy Barham



Members of Modern Gardeners are busy planting annuals at the mini-garden on Main and Renfro streets. Hot pink vincas and purple angelonias add a splash of color around the granite fountain.



PROJECTS

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FALL BULB SALES

Chairman: Betty Palmer
Beth Pequeno
Becky Sumner
Sylvia Chilton



PROJECTS

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PLANTING TREE FOR ARBOR DAY

Helen Crane
Joy Snow





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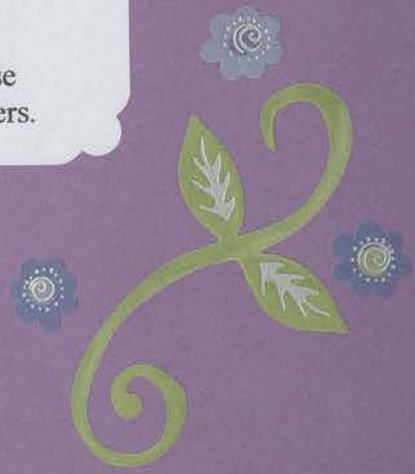
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PROJECTS

- I. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall continue upkeep of the mini-park garden of the triangle entrance to the business district on North Main and Renfro streets.
 - II. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall actively assist The Mount Airy Restoration Foundation in decorating The Antebellum Moore House at Christmas.
 - III. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall assist in decorating the Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History at Christmas.
 - IV. **MODERN GARDENERS**, as a club, shall provide the EC Class at Jones School with materials and programs on garden therapy during the school year.
 - V. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall provide arrangements and/or exhibits for the lobby at Northern Hospital of Surry County.
 - VI. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall assist the Mount Airy Appearance Commission in projects relating to conservation, litter and beautification.
 - VII. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall participate in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Fall and Spring "Litter Sweep" Roadside Clean-up.
 - VIII. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall observe Arbor Day each year by planting a tree, or trees, at appropriate sites.
 - IX. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall continue their annual fall bulb sale as a ways and means project.
 - X. **MODERN GARDENERS** shall continue to purchase North Carolina Engagement Calendars for all members.
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2009

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PLACE**





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PLACE**

Is Presented To

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Presented During The Garden Club Year(s)

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2010

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Modern Gardeners

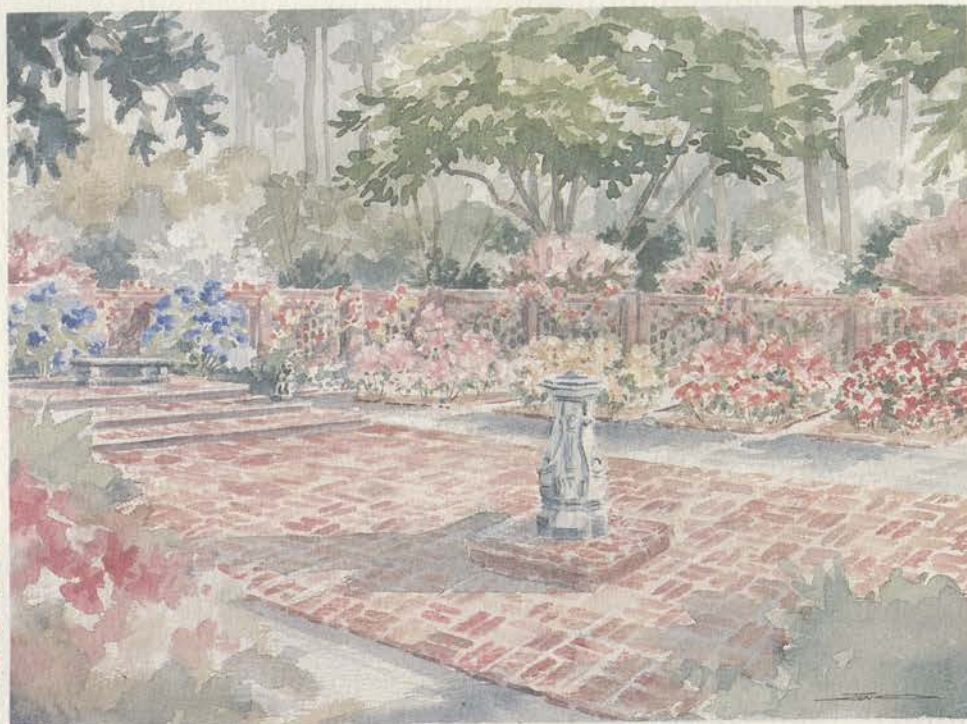


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*Charter Life Member
Charldean Gwyn*



*Celebrates 54 years as a Modern
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RETIRING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Let's Have Fun!"

2008 - 2009

On behalf of my Officers Helen Crane, Juanita Daber, Vickie Harold and myself, we want to thank you for all the fun that we shared with you. There is nothing quite like sharing and enjoying each other while working on something we all have in common; A common love for gardening, learning and contributing to our community.

I want to thank my Officers for all they did to make this a successful year. They were on top of everything. Juanita Daber took on a double role as treasurer and chaired our fundraiser. Getting the bulbs ordered, ready to be delivered and keeping up with the money is a big job.

A special thank you to Michella Huff is in order as well. She is always so good to help us when deciding on what to plant in the mini garden. She has such a wealth of knowledge and has been kind enough to share it with us. She also has been wonderful to order the plants we need. This has made it much easier on the mini garden committee. It used to be very time consuming to run from nursery to nursery to get plants in large quantity and quality.

Our mini garden Chairs and committee did an outstanding job. Whether it was fall or the dead of winter there was plenty of color in our mini garden. Our spring was spectacular with the brilliant color of red tulips. Our summer garden has been beautiful, full and lush all summer.

We had some wonderful programs. Joe Lampl' educated us on how to garden green. He does know how to make learning fun and interesting. No wonder he is such a successful Master Gardener, Television Garden Show Host and Author. In his honor we donated two of his books to Surry Community College.



Our next two meetings were spent planning and decorating The Antebellum Moore House and the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. What a way to get into the Christmas Spirit.

A special thank you to Joy Snow, Sue Cooke and Ann Yokely for the wonderful Christmas Luncheon. Joy we appreciate you graciously welcoming us "Crazy Ladies" into your home.

We all enjoyed learning about "Eye Catching Plant Combinations" from Our City Landscape Supervisor Michella Huff. I have said it once and I will say it again "What a wealth of gardening knowledge she has".

Juanita Daber presented us with a "Flower arranging 101" workshop. It was good to learn for the first time or to be reminded how to put an arrangement together.

I am very proud that we are a working club. We are community minded.

Arbor Day was celebrated by planting a tree at Millennium Charter Academy.

We continue to try and keep our community litter free by participating in Litter Sweep.

Every other month our club is divided in groups of four to plan an activity and refreshments for our Life Skills Garden Therapy Class. It is wonderful to have time with this wonderful group of Special Children.

Three months out of the year, four ladies per month, provide beautiful flower arrangements each week to beautify the Lobby at Northern Hospital of Surry County.

I want to thank our Telephone and Email committee for getting all the much needed information out to the club and for reminding us of our meeting times and location.

We made a couple of trips to join our sister clubs at the District 4 meeting and the State Garden Club meeting.

We have accomplished a lot this year, ladies. I hope you had as much fun as I did!

I am now happy to pass the gavel on to our 2009 -2010 President Mimi Patterson, Linda Kniskern, Betty Palmer and Claire Merritt. I know they will give us another fantastic year.

Tracy Greenwood, Past President
2008-2009



2009 North Carolina Wildflower of the Year

**Piedmont Barbara's-buttons,
Marshallia obovata var. *obovata***



Piedmont Barbara's-buttons blooms from late April to May. This composite is made up of all disc flowers (there are no "rays"). Their tiny white petals give each button-shaped flower head its lacy appearance. Each flower head is approximately 1 inch across. Plants generally produce a single inflorescence atop an upright stem. This stem bears few leaves and can reach 2 feet tall but is more often shorter. Most of the glossy green leaves are arranged in a basal rosette. The natural habitat of piedmont Barbara's-buttons is dry open woodlands and sunny edges, such as power-line right-of-ways, primarily in the Piedmont of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia.



MODERN GARDENERS BRIGHTEN MINI GARDEN



ELEANOR POWELL/THE NEWS

Members of Modern Gardeners add yellow pansies to the mini-garden at the triangle on North Main and Renfro streets. Participating at the planting are members, from left, Ann Yokeley, Mimi Patterson, Sue Cooke, Linda Kniskern, Juanita Daber and Sylvia Chilton.



ELEANOR POWELL/THE NEWS

Just days later red tulips, planted by the garden club members last fall, burst forth and stand at attention along with the yellow pansies, to welcome everyone to downtown Mount Airy. This is an on-going project that the gardeners provide to make Mount Airy beautiful. Modern Gardeners sell flower bulbs in the fall and use the proceeds to plant and maintain the garden.

