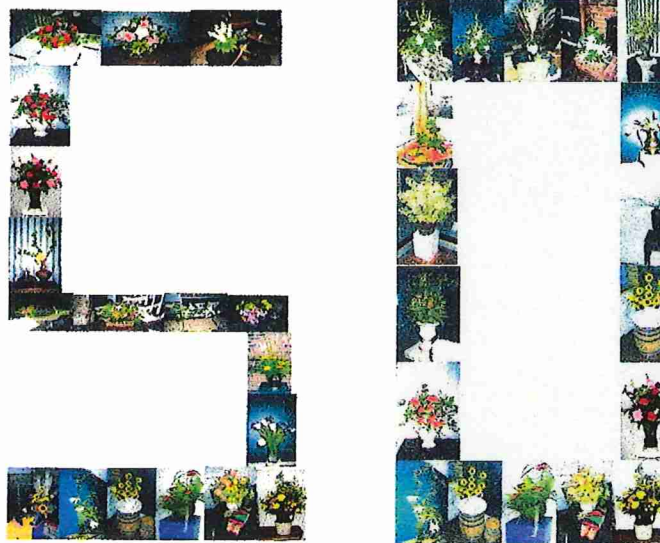


MODERN GARDENERS
Mount Airy, North Carolina
50th Year of Gardening
2005 – 2006



“Our Footprints Will Tell Our Story”





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

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

Sept. 1956 Modern Gardeners Charter Club Here

The first regular meeting of the Modern Gardeners was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John W. Parries on North Street with Mrs. Parries and Mrs. Pete Powell as hostesses.

Mrs. Robert Carson, president, presided over the meeting discussing the constitution and the by-laws, followed by a report from Mrs. Ronald Boyles, Jr., vice-president and chairman of the yearbook. A treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Robert Allran, and Mrs. Raymond Barnhardt, secretary, reported on the organizational meeting which was held on August 31 with Mrs. Strother Smith at Woodknoll. Mrs. Claude Johnson of the Mountain View Garden Club was in charge of this meeting at which time the members voted to elect officers alphabetically and the by-laws were made.

Mrs. Ed Ashby, Jr., and Mrs. Jack Cox were in charge of the flower arrangements. Mrs. Ashby used a low pink container of rosebuds and Chinese holly foliage, while Mrs. Cox had a line arrangement of yellow chrysanthemums and magnolia leaves in green pottery with an accessory.

The hostesses served a refreshment course upon the arrival of the guests.

Mrs. Edward McGee and Mrs. Haywood Merritt, Jr., will be hostesses at the next meeting at Mrs. McGee's home on Wrenn Avenue on November 7.

Charter members of the Modern Gardeners are Mrs. Robert Allran, Mrs. Edward C. Ashby, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Barnhardt, Mrs. Ronald Boyles, Jr., Mrs. Robert Carson, Mrs. Jack Cox, Mrs. James Cox, Mrs. Wayne Greenwood, Mrs. Johnny M. Gwyn, Mrs. Gordon Hennis, Mrs. W. L. Holcomb, Mrs. Winfred King, Mrs. James Mackie, Mrs. Thomas Marion, Mrs. Haywood Merritt, Jr., Mrs. L. J. Moorefield, Jr., Mrs. Edward McGee, Mrs. John W. Parries, Mrs. Pete Powell, and Mrs. Strother Smith.

Modern Gardeners celebrate 25th anniversary



Charter members present were (l to r) Eleanor Powell, Lyda Hennis, Katherine Parries, Charleean Gwyn and Marjorie Holcomb. Other members (standing l to r) Charlotte Corder, Mary Lou Bartley, Sarah Johnson, Geneva Goad, Jane Britt, Betty Palmer, Inglis Rowe, Lydia Garland, Earlene Epperson, Sue Cooke, Sue Crouse, Frieda Hughes and Barbara Gardner.

Modern Gardeners celebrate 35th anniversary



Members of Modern Gardeners met at the home of Jewel Bondurant in 1991 and celebrated the 35th anniversary of the club. Four charter members, Eleanor Powell, Lyda Hennis, Charldean Gwyn and Sara Lee McGee, are shown on the front row. Two other charter members, Katherine Parries and Marjorie Holcomb, were unable to attend. Special guests were past presidents of the club, from left, Dottie Hiatt, Barbara Gardner, Sue Cooke, Rocelle Hart, Betty Pamer, Lydia Garland and Mae Turpin. Back row: Jane King, Lib Boyles, Earlene Epperson, Sandra Marshall, Geneva Goad, Bettie Leonard, Mary Lou Bartley, Sarah Johnson and Frieda Hughes.

Modern Gardeners plan 50th anniversary celebration



Members of Modern Gardeners gathered recently to organize the 50th anniversary of the club. The six active charter members of the club are, from left, Marjorie Holcomb, Shirley Cox, Charldean Gwyn, Sarah Lee McGee, Eleanor Powell and Katherine Parries.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF MODERN GARDENERS

Mrs. Robert Carson	1956-1957	Mrs. Ralph Cooke, Jr.	1983-1984
Mrs. Gordon Hennis	1957-1958	Mrs. John Gwyn	1984-1985
Mrs. Winfred King	1958-1959	Mrs. Tom Hart	1985-1986
Mrs. Edward McGee	1959-1960	Mrs. Richard Johnson	1986-1987
Mrs. Ronald Boyles	1960-1961	Mrs. C. B. Turpin	1987-1988
Mrs. John Gwyn	1961-1962	Mrs. Carroll Gardner	1988-1989
Mrs. W. L. Holcomb	1962-1963	Mrs. John Gwyn	1989-1990
Mrs. John Parries	1963-1964	Mrs. Ronald Marshall	1990-1991
Mrs. Richard Wimbish	1964-1965	Mrs. David Rowe	1991-1992
Mrs. Jack Greenwood	1965-1966	Mrs. P. J. Snow, Jr.	1992-1993
Mrs. William Johnson	1966-1967	Mrs. Horace Bondurant	1993-1994
Mrs. Joe Powell	1967-1968	Mrs. Paul Sink	1994-1995
Mrs. Ralph Epperson	1968-1969	Mrs. Andrew Kilby, Jr.	1995-1996
Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.	1969-1970	Mrs. P. J. Snow, Jr.	1996-1997
Mrs. James H. Bryant	1970-1971	Mrs. Steve Yokeley	1997-
Mrs. Marshall Clark	1971-1972	Mrs. Ralph Cooke	-1998
Mrs. Max Hiatt	1972-1973	Mrs. Thomas Greenwood	1998-1999
Mrs. Bill Breedlove	1973-1974	Mrs. Gary Kniskern	1999-2000
Mrs. Gene Garland	1974-1975	Mrs. Haywood Merritt, Jr.	2000-2001
Mrs. James Hazel	1975-1976	Mrs. David Patterson	2001-2002
Mrs. J. T. Palmer	1976-1977	Mrs. Ralph Cooke	2002-2003
Mrs. J. Dale Simmons	1977-1978	Mrs. Kenneth Daber	2003-2004
Mrs. Carroll Gardner	1978-1979	Mrs. Carroll Gardner	2004-2005
Mrs. Ray Goad	1979-1980		
Mrs. W. L. Holcomb	1980-1981		
Mrs. Dale Hughes	1981-1982		
Mrs. J. D. Bartley	1982-1983		

THE FOOTPRINTS THAT STARTED OUR STORY



CHARTER MEMBERS AUGUST 31, 1956

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