

1981 ~ 1982

THE TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

OBJECT

The object of the Town & Country Garden Club shall be the advancement of gardening, the development of home grounds and civic beautification.



Janice
Stowe
+
Miriam
Hall

At Home Of Mrs. Coggins

Town & Country Garden Club Meeting Is Held 9/8/81

The September meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club was held on September 10 at the home of Mrs. Wayne Coggins. Mrs. Ed Bullard was co-hostess.

Mrs. George Hodges presided and opened the meeting with a garden prayer. Mrs. William T. Hall, Jr. gave a summary of programs for the coming year. After other committee reports, a plant swap was held with Mrs. George McClellan in charge.

Seventeen members enjoyed the delicious desert served by the co-hostesses, Mrs. Ed Bullard and Mrs. Wayne Coggins.

The Town and Country Garden Club had its October meeting in Greenwood Cemetery for the annual Fall clean-up and winterizing.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. George Hodges and delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Henry Rankin.

Following refreshments, various committee reports were given.

The Beautification Committee will have as its project, planting tulips around Belmont this Fall and annuals in the Spring. Members hope this will contribute to the overall beauty of Belmont.

After all business had been taken care of, members were organized into working groups to clean-up, winterize, and beautify not only portions of the cemetery, but other spots in Belmont, as well. This was done on October 15 and the weatherman cooperated beautifully.



cemetery cleaned up

At November 20 Meeting

Town And Country Garden Club Discusses Christmas Decorations

The Town and Country Garden Club met on November 20 in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church with nineteen members present.

Mrs. George Hodges, president, opened the meeting to committee reports, followed by the serving of delicious refreshments by the co-hostesses, Mrs. Marshall Rhyne and Mrs. Henry Stowe.

Mrs. Boyd Coggins, chairman of the Beautification Committee reported that Ray McKenney of McKenney Chevrolet had given a donation to the Town and Country Garden Club to rejuvenate the beauty spot on the corner of Wilkinson Boulevard and Park Street.

Boy Scout Troop Number 62 will be helping with the project.

The club program for the day dealt with Christmas decorations.

Mrs. T. Marion Hunter, Mrs. George W. Stowe, Jr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Hunter were in charge of the program. Mrs. Thomas Hunter read excerpts from a book on Colonial Williamsburg Christmas decorations.

Mrs. T. Marion Hunter asked individual club members to show and explain their favorite Christmas decoration to other members of the club. Mrs. George W. Stowe, Jr. demonstrated making Christmas wreaths out of wisteria and grapevines.

Following the program, Mrs. George Hodges, asked Mrs. Arthur Rose, Secretary to distribute ballots for voting for

new club members. The following new members have accepted invitations to join the Town and

Country Garden Club: Mrs. William A. Mason, Mrs. Charles D. Frye, and Mrs. Don Rogers.



Nancy Coggins

Miriam Hall
planting tulips in triangle

December

Wreath-Making December 3

Town And Country Garden Club Holds Annual Christmas Meeting

The Town and Country Garden Club held its annual Christmas wreath-making meeting December 3 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont.

Co-hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. William T. Hall Jr., Mrs. George Hodges, Mrs. David Frye, and Mrs. Edward McGee.

Christmas wreaths were made

by club members of the Belmont Public Library, the City Hall, and the Belmont Fire Station.

Mrs. Lawrence Stell, chairman of the Therapy Committee, arranged for the greenery and delivered the wreaths to their respective places.

Following the workshop, members of the club, and the staff of the First Presbyterian church, participated in a soup

and sandwich luncheon.

A guest at the meeting and luncheon was Mrs. Jerome Madens of Salisbury.



*finished
product*



*Kathryn Stowe +
The mysterious
Ann Linberger*

At Its Jan. 22 Meeting

Town And Country Garden Club Hears Rose Farmer

The Town and Country Garden club met on Thursday, Jan. 22, at the home of Mrs. Ike Payne on Julia Avenue.

Mrs. James Steele, a co-hostess, and Mrs. Payne served delicious refreshments to the twenty-three members present at the meeting.

Mrs. George Hodges, president, opened the meeting. Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr., a member of the program committee, announced that the speaker, Mr. Rodney

Blatt, was unable to give his talk on "Cooking With Herbs," because of travel difficulties.

Mrs. Hodges decided to turn the meeting into a business meeting and each committee gave individual reports.

Rose Farmer, the gardner's friend, gave many humerous and helpful gardening tips for the month of January and February.

The meeting was adjourned by the president, Mrs. Hodges.



Town And Country Garden Club Arranges Flowers

The February meeting of the Town and Country Garden club met in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church with co-hostesses, Mrs. Arch Lineberger III and Mrs. Arthur Rose.

Mrs. George Hodges opened the meeting with the Gardener's Prayer, which was repeated in

unison by the club members. Mrs. Leslie Tucker was introduced as a new member and welcomed into the club.

The program for the day was Flower Arranging, with Mrs. Harold Howe and Mrs. Ed Bullard in charge.

Various members of the club

arranged the following flowers into: Side Triangle, Crescent, Hogarth Curve, Circle, Pyramid, Perpendicular, Oval, and Half Circle.

After committee reports, Mrs. George Hodges adjourned the meeting.



Town And Country Garden Club Hears Mark Morgan

The March meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club was held at the First Presbyterian Church with Mrs. Lawrence Stell and Mrs. Crawford Poag as co-hostesses on March 18.

Mrs. George Hodges opened the meeting with an Irish thought for the day.

The speaker for the morning, Mark Morgan, of Kelley Green, spoke on landscape design. He il-

lustrated his talk with slides and covered a variety of approaches to landscape design involving basic family needs, desires of the family, etc.

After his presentation, he opened a period for questions from club members.

Committee reports followed the informative talk after which the meeting was adjourned by the president, Mrs. Hodges.



*Town Beauty Spot PLANTINGS
by
OUR Garden
Club*

For City Beautification

Town And Country Garden Club Receives Big Boost

The Town and Country Garden Club has received a check from Ray McKenney, owner of McKenney Chevrolet, to be used for city beautification.

In presenting the check, Mr. McKenney stated that he wanted to work with the garden clubs in promoting town beautification because it helps to create a positive image of Belmont and its business community.

The specific project made possible by this donation is located at the corner of Park Drive and Wilkinson Boulevard.

This is a joint project of the garden club, Life Scouts, Boyd Coggins and Clark Moore, and McKenney Chevrolet.

The scouts have spent many hours preparing two new beds and one old one for replanting.

In accepting the check, Mrs. Wayne Coggins and Mrs. George McClellan, co-chairpersons of beautification for the club, thanked Mr. McKenney for his generous donation, and cited the need for more involvement of the business community in city beautification.

"When a visitor comes to our

town, its appearance mirrors the kind of people and businesses who live and work in this com-

munity," said Mrs. Coggins.

The garden clubs of Belmont

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RECEIVES CHECK—Mrs. Wayne Coggins (left) and Mrs. George McClellan accept a check from Ray McKenney, owner of McKenney Chevrolet in Belmont, to be used for city beautification by the Town and Country Garden Club.

have as their primary objective to further city beautification.

All money raised through projects or received by the club from any source goes to develop and promote beautification.

At the present time, the club is considering a project for downtown Belmont.

"City beautification is a tremendous job and can not be accomplished without the help of city government, business and community groups working together.

"Mr. McKenney's donation is a step in the right direction and makes me excited about what Belmont could do if everyone felt as he does," said Mrs. George Hodges, president of Town and Country Garden Club.

Wed March 1982

Town And Country Garden Club Has A Busy Spring

This spring has been an active one for members of the Town and Country Garden Club.

The April meeting was in the form of the Tour of Homes sponsored by the Mint Museum of Charlotte.

May 20, 18 members met at Greenwood Cemetery for practical garden work of weeding the circle. After that, members dispersed to the following garden spots for spring clean-up:

P. and N. Depot, City Hall,

the triangle at the intersection of N. Central and N. Main Streets, McKenney Chevrolet, and the Mary Edna Dixon Memorial at Belmont Central School.

Co-hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Malloy Davis Jr. and Mrs. William Gaston.

The June meeting will be held on June 10 and will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Stowe. This will involve a salad luncheon and the installation of new officers.



Beauty Spots

Litter Clean-Up Day April 17

City, Town And Country Garden Club Participate

The Town and Country Garden Club, with the support and cooperation of the city of Belmont, is sponsoring a Litter Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 17.

At that time, all citizens and community groups and organizations are asked to join in a city-wide canvas to pick up litter which has accumulated over the winter months.

The city will buy plastic garbage bags in which to collect the litter. These will be available at City Hall the morning of April 17.

In addition, the city will provide a garbage truck to pick up all bags of litter collected.

Mrs. George McClellan, chairman of the litter campaign, requests the support and help of everyone in the community.

Civic organizations, church groups, scout troops,

"We're asking that you contact a member of our committee if your group is willing to participate," Mrs. McClellan said. "We will assign areas of town to particular groups in order to assure that every section is picked up."

Members of the litter campaign committee, and their phone numbers, are as follows: Mrs. George McClellan—825-5712; Mrs. William Mason—825-2939; Mrs. Joe Stowe—825-3189.

Please let one of these ladies know if your club or group would like to participate.

It's time for spring cleaning!

The Town and Country Garden Club has challenged our city to its own spring cleaning and invites everyone to get involved.

Belmont is at its most beautiful in the spring, and clean streets and sidewalks help Mother Nature



Away With The Litter

Belmont Clean-Up Day Slated This Saturday

A final reminder that this Saturday, April 17, is city Clean-Up Day. Mrs. George McClellan of the Town & Country Garden Club is chairperson of the litter campaign.

Many groups and organizations will participate in cleaning up the litter in the city.

Those participating in Clean-Up Day to clear away the winter's litter and to get Belmont at its springtime best should appear behind city hall at 9:30 a.m. this Saturday to secure plastic bags supplied by the city of Belmont.

The Clean-Up Day will last from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Motorists are reminded to be extra careful on Saturday during those hours and be watchful of children, although Mrs. McClellan stated that the younger children would be assigned to the parks and sidewalk areas.



Jan 82



extra photos



Dec. 81

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

FINAL - FINALLY !

LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR

SALAD LUNCHEON

JANICE STOWE'S

11:30 A.M.

THURSDAY

JUNE 17, 1982

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SALAD.

THE ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE WANTS EACH MEMBER TO BRING



(3) BLOSSOMS AND SOME GREENERY FROM YORE'

GARDEN. WE WILL MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH ALL OF THE FLOURS!

SEE Y'ALL THAR'.

UNSIGNED

Dear Pat,

Please have your report on the plant sales for this past year. All we need is a total on each one. BRING THE CAMERA! See you on the 17th.

Jane

@ - Absent
 x - Present
 * New Member

ATTENDANCE RECORD 1981 - 1982 TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Clara Bullard	x	x	x	x	@	x	@	@	@	x
Nancy Coggins	x	x	x	x	@	x	x	x	x	@
Jennifer Davis	x	x	x	x	x	@	x	@	x	@
Chris Frye *				x	x	x	x	x	@	x
Jenny Frye	x	x	x	@	x	@	x	@	x	x
O'Neil Gaston	x	@	x	x	x?	x?	x?	x	x	? (A) +
Kat Gray	@	@	x	@	x	x	@	x	@	x
Miriam Hall	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	@	x	x
Jean Hodges	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Betty Howe	@	@	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	? (A)
Mary Margaret Hunter	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Patti Hunter	x	x	x	x	x	x	@	@	x	? (A)
Anne Linberger	@	x	@	x	@	@	@	@	@	? (A)
Chick Mason *				x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sissy McClellan	x	-	@	@	x	@	LEAVE OF ABSENCE			
Pat McGee	x	x	x	x	x	x	@	x	@	x
Jo Payne	x	@	x	x	x	x	x	x	@	x
Snookie Poag	@	@	@	@	x	-	x	x	x	? (A)
Helen Rankin	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Glenda Rogers *				x	x	x	x	@	x	? (A)
Ethel Rhyne	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Myra Rose	@	@	x	@	x	x	x	@	@	x
Libba Steel	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	@	x
Sue Stell	@	@	x	x	x	x	x	@	@	x
Kathryn Stowe	x	@	x	x	@	@	x	@	x	? (A)
Bessie B. Stowe	x	@	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Janice Stowe	@	x	x	x	x	x	x	@	x	x
Lenoir Tucker *							x	x	x	@

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a a long trip that spans the continent. We are traveling by train. Out the windows we drink in the passing scene of children at a crossing, of cattle grazing, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of rows of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains, skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Once we get there so many dreams will come true.

How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering - waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry. "When I'm 18."
 "When I buy a new 450SL Mercedes Benz!" "When I put the last kid through college". "When I get a promotion." "When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!".

Sooner or later we must realize ther is no station, no one place to arrive. The tru joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

September 1982 - 1983

Gaston



• Gastonia
• Lowell
• Smyre

• Cherryville
• Belmont
• Ranlo

• Cramerton
• McAdenville
• Mount Holly

• Bessemer
• Dallas
• Stanley

Good Neighbor

Every Wednesday

The Charlotte Observer

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Look Up Gaston: Sam Kiser of Kiser Nursery in Bessemer City unloads some of the 60 crepe myrtles ordered by the R.L. Stowe Mills Inc. in Belmont for

company grounds in connection with the Look Up Gaston campaign. Assisting him are Nancy Coggins (center) and Jean Hodges of the Town and Country

Garden Club of Belmont. The R.L. Stowe Mills office at the corner of East Catawba and Main streets in Belmont is in the background.

This Picture Speaks for

It's Own Self - Our MAIN Project For the Year