

1985 — 1986

Town & Country Garden Club

GARDENERS PRAYER

Let us, O God, look to the tree and the flower for the beauty and serenity of orderly living.

As each in its season, depending wholly upon Thee for development, arrives at perfection -- so may each of us in simplicity and trust, work out the divine pattern of her being. And help us to achieve in living, O God, the same harmony and loveliness that we strive for in gardening, exemplifying in both the beauty of holiness.

J. H. FILMORE

1985 - 1986

OFFICERS

President.....Celeste Mason
Vice-President.....Carolyn Taylor
Secretary.....Miriam Hall
Treasurer.....Kathy Touchstone
Historian/Photographer.....Glenda Rogers

GARDEN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Celeste Mason
Carolyn Taylor
Nancy Coggins

OBJECT

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

COMMITTEES - 1985-86

PROGRAM	Carolyn Taylor(V-Pres.) Betty Causey Kathryn Gray
YEARBOOK	Mary Margaret Hunter Libba Steele
BEAUTIFICATION	Nancy Coggins Bessie B. Stowe Janice Stowe
PROJECT	Betty Howe O'Neil Gaston Jo Payne Kathy Touchstone
THERAPY	Anne Lineberger Sue Stell Snookie Poag
ARRANGEMENTS/JUDGING	Kathryn Stowe Myra Rose
TELEPHONE	Ethel Rhyme Virginia Frye Helen Rankin
PUBLICITY	Miriam Hall(Sec'y.) Glenda Rogers(Photog.)
GARDEN HINTS	Virginia Frye (as Rose Farmer)

PROGRAMS - 1985-86

September 19 - "Winterizing Lawns and
Gardens" with
Conrad Furr, Furr Nurseries

Hostesses: Jo Payne
Libba Steele

October 17 - Fall Clean-Up
Winterizing/Planting
Beauty Spots
by Beautification Committee

Hostesses: Anne Lineberger
Sue Stell

November 21 - "Christmas Bow-Making"
with Doug Preslar,
Bouquets by Nancy,
and other "Fresh Ideas"

Hostesses: Miriam Hall
Helen Rankin

December 5 - Wreath-making Workshop
with Therapy Committee

Place: First Presbyterian Church
light lunch

Hostesses: Mary Margaret Hunter
Bessie B. and Kathryn Stowe

January 16 - "Quilts - Antique and Modern"
by Pat McGee, Gaston County
Art and History Museum

Hostesses: Glenda Rogers
Kathy Touchstone

February 20 - "Flowers Through An
Artist's Eyes"
with Scott Barnes

Hostesses: Virginia Frye
Myra Rose

March 20 - "North Carolina Wildflowers
and Edibles"
with Hugh Sherrill,
Schiele Nature Museum

Hostesses: Kat Gray
Ethel Rhyme

April 17 - "Color Analysis"
.by Glenna Brown,
Color Consultant

Hostesses: Betty Causey
Janice Stowe

May 15 - Spring Clean-Up,
Planting Beauty Spots
with Beautification Comm.

Hostesses: O'Neil Gaston
Betty Howe

June 5 - Trip and Picnic
to be announced

Hostesses: Snookie Poag
Carolyn Taylor

September



Guest - Jean Hodges



September 19th
meeting



BUSY-- Jean (Jean) Hodges, formerly of Belmont, is still busy in her beautification projects. Above, Mrs. Hodges waters some flowers in her new hometown of Edgefield, S.C. Belmont's loss is Edgefield's gain. She and her husband, George, have lived in Edgefield for the past two years.

Town And Country Garden Club Gets Pleasant Surprise - Visit From Jeano

The Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont met Sept. 19 in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, and the 15 members present were treated to a surprise visit from Jean (Jeano) Hodges, one of the most active former member of the club who moved to Edgefield, S.C. two years ago.

After refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Marshall H. Rhyne and Mrs. James G. Steele, the new president, Mrs. W.A. Mason, welcomed the club to its new season of 1985-86.

A business session was held, followed by an hilarious presentation of fall garden hints by Mrs. David B. Frye, alias "Rose Farmer." Her topics covered fragrance, potpourri, sachets, rose water and rose beads.

Next on the program, Mrs. Hodges (Mrs. George L. Hodges Jr.) took the floor and regaled the crowd with her experiences in Edgefield, S.C., her new home.

As usual, she was replete

with ideas and good humor. All of Belmont remembers her and Nancy (Mrs. B. Wayne) Coggins, who went up and down Main Street and all around town with watering hoses, with their spray jug of weed killer, and appearing at city council meetings presenting new city beautification ideas.

Following is an excerpt from *The Edgefield Advertiser* of July entitled "Jeano, Jeano, How Does Your Garden Grow?"

"Jeano Hodges has been responsible for the new plants in the urns furnished by the Jaycee Women around the square, and has convinced the local store owners to help give the plants the much needed water.

"Jeno (along with her husband George) has proved to be a most welcome addition to the fair town of Edgefield. Not only has she worked hard to improve on the already lovely home at 611 Bumcombe St., but she has extended her beautification expertise to the local town

square as a member of the Village Gardeners.

"Thank you, Jeno, for proving to be such a good citizen in caring as much about Edgefield as the rest of us natives do. Belmont, North Carolina's loss is Edgefield's gain."

October 17th
Fall Clean-Up





PLANTING TIME -- It was planting time at this garden spot at McKenney Chevrolet in Belmont for these four members of the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont recently. From left are Mrs. Joseph S. Stowe, Mrs. B. Wayne Coggins, Mrs. R.W. Taylor, and Mrs. Thomas E. Touchstone.

Town And Country Garden Club Has 'Planting' Time



It was **PLANTING** time again Oct. 17 for members of the Town and Country Garden Club.

The club met in Greenwood Cemetery, where it maintains one of the circles. The members enjoyed refreshments served tailgate style by Mrs. A.C. Lineberger III and Mrs. Lawrence I. Stell.

A brief business session was held. Announcement was made of sales again this December of crepe myrtles, with lights and red bows under the auspices of the "Look Up Gaston" organization.

Members then dispersed to various sites to plant pansies for the early spring blooming season. Able assistance was rendered in these projects by Ron Angle, Roger Richards and Jerry Swift of the Belmont Public Works Department.

One of the sites is located on the southwest corner of Wilkinson Boulevard and Park Street on the state right of way.

It is maintained by the Town and Country Garden Club with the assistance in upkeep from Ray McKenney, owner of McKenney Chevrolet. He also has made considerable financial contribution to its development.

This beauty spot is an attractive welcome to the City of Belmont.

November 21st
meeting



Doug Preslar &
Mrs. Dennis Gray



Doug Preslar Speaks To Town And Country Garden Club



WINS WREATH -- Mrs. Dennis Gray was the winner of this wreath during a special drawing of the Thursday, Nov. 21, meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont.

The Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont met Thursday, Nov. 21, in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Hostesses were Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr. and Mrs. Henry H. Rankin. After refreshments were served, Mrs. Hugh W. Causey Jr. introduced the guest speaker, Doug Preslar, floral designer for "Bouquets by Nancy."

Preslar described Christmas decorations in the style of Old Williamsburg, done with all natural materials. He demonstrated this art form with several designs, one of which was a della-robbia wreath he had constructed that morning.

He then gave detailed instruction for bow-making with every member forming her own bow under his supervision.

At the conclusion of his program, the person with a "marked" card was the recipient of his beautiful wreath.

Mrs. Dennis Gray was the lucky winner.

Preslar's presentation of the wreath was enthusiastically rewarded with

a vigorous round of applause. During the business session, members voted on prospective new members. Instructions were also given concerning the December plant sale and wreath-making, both on Dec. 5.

December 5th
meeting



Town And Country Garden Club Places Up Christmas Wreaths

The Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont enjoyed a thrice-fulfilling day on Thursday, Dec. 5, in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church.

Christmas wreaths for Belmont's public buildings were constructed amid mounds of greenery and with much chatter and good humor.

The wreaths were delivered and placed by various club members.

The annual poinsettia sale was completed by the project committee with Mrs. Harold

R. Howe, chairperson, Mrs. William F. Gaston, Mrs. J. Ike Payne, and Mrs. Thomas E. Touchstone, treasurer.

One hundred and twenty eight poinsettias were sold and delivered. The red, pink, and white plants created a spectacular array of beauty.

Four new members were admitted to the club. The new members are Mrs. George E. Field, Mrs. Larry G. Powell Jr., Mrs. David A. Rinehart, and Mrs. Robert L. Stowe III.

Mrs. T. Marion Hunter, Mrs. George W. Stowe Jr., and Mrs. Henry G. Stowe

were hostesses.

A luncheon was served on a bright Christmas table. Seventeen members were present.



PREPARING WREATH -- These two ladies of the Town and Country Garden Club display a wreath made by club members. they are Mrs. Larry G. Powell (left) and Mrs. David A. Rinehart, both new club members. Christmas wreaths for Belmont's public buildings were consutructed midst mounds of greenery, delivered, and placed by various club members.

January 16th
meeting



Town And Country Garden Club

Pat McGee Of Gaston County Museum Of Art And History Guest Speaker

The Town and Country Garden Club met Jan. 16 in the parlor of First Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Don Rogers and Mrs. Thomas E. Touchstone.

The pressident, Mrs. W.A. Mason, welcomed new members to the club and also two guests, Mrs. Louise Hoyle, mother of Mrs. Robert W. Taylor, and Mrs. Carol Anderson, sister of Mrs. James G. Steele.

Mrs. Taylor, program chairman, introduced the speaker for the day, Mrs. Edward H. (Pat) McGee, Curator of Education at Gaston County Museum of Art and History in Dallas.

Mrs. McGee is a former member of the Town and Country Garden Club.

Her program consisted of slides and running commentary about many quilts currently on display at the museum. These quilts are of various designs and most are quite old, a goodly number on loan from other museums.

Mrs. McGee received an enthusiastic round of applause for her presentation.



PAT McGEE—Displays quilt at Town and Country Garden Club meeting.

Then Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Touchstone and Mrs. Rogers showed actual quilts of a more modern time. These had been made by members and their families.

"The workmanship was

lovely and colorful," said a Garden Club spokesperson.

A business session followed, with discussion of several ongoing projects of the club. Twenty-three members were present.

February 20th

Flowers Through An Artist Eyes



Mrs. Ronald Barnes



Town And Country Garden Club Hears Local Artist Scott Barnes

Mrs. L. Ronald (Scott) Barnes, an artist who moved to Belmont in 1977, was the guest speaker at the Thursday, Feb. 20, meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont.

The club met in the recently dedicated meeting room of the Belmont Public Library. Hostesses were Mrs. Dennis Gray and Mrs. Marshall H. Rhyne.

Mrs. W.A. Mason, president, welcomed a new members, Mrs. George E. (Nancy) Field.

Mrs. Thomas E. Touchstone introduce Mrs. Barnes, whose subject was "Flowers Through An Artist's Eyes."

Mrs. Barnes paints in both oils and water colors. She carefully described her techniques. Mrs. Barnes has won several awards at the Art Guild Spring Show in Gastonia.

She had a dozen or more paintings in the last AIDA Designer House in Charlotte. In addition, her works hang in a number of private homes and some have been on display at several establishments. She is essentially a self-trained artist.

At the business meeting, an

announcement was made of the March sale of Easter flowers. The third week of April has been designated as Gaston County Clean-Up Week.

"Rose Farmer" (Virginia Frye) delighted the audience with her humorous spring planting tips.



MRS. L. RONALD (SCOTT) BARNES

March 20th

"North Carolina Wildflowers And Edibles"



Hugh Sherrill

Schiele Nature Museum

Schiele Museum's Hugh Sherrill Speaks To Town And Country Garden Club

Hugh Sherrill, outreach director for the Schiele Museum of Natural History of Gastonia, spoke to the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont on Thursday, March 20.

The meeting was held at the Woodrow Avenue home of Mrs. Arthur M. Rose, with Mrs. David B. Frye as co-hostess.

Mrs. Robert W. Taylor, program chairman, introduced Sherrill. His subject was "North Carolina Wildflowers and Edibles."

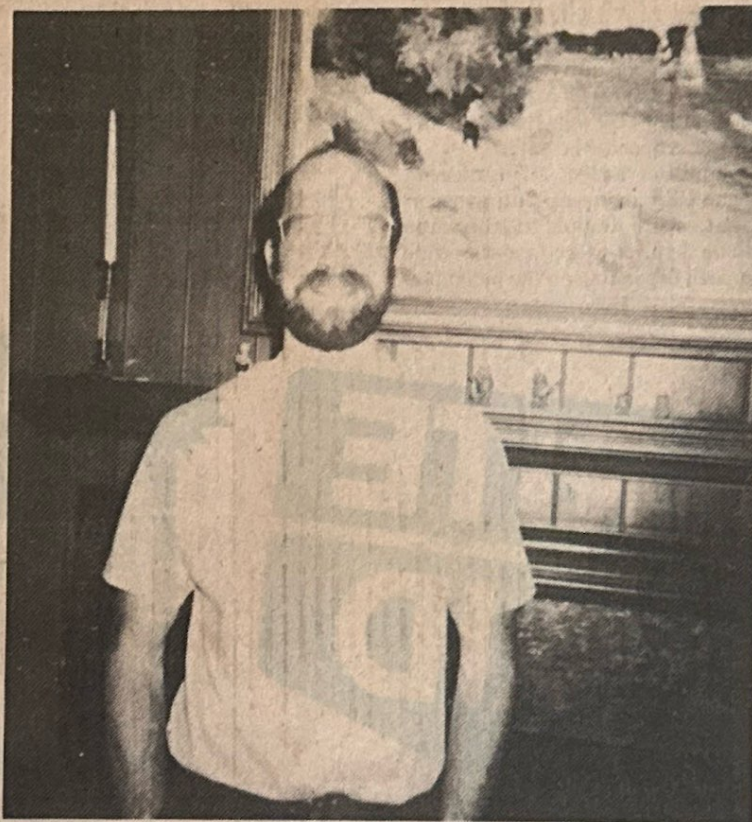
With lively conversation and slides of superior clarity, he opened the eyes and ears of all present. Each plant was identified with its edibility or poisonous nature revealed.

Its native habitat was noted as well as its peak of ripeness. The program was replete with surprises.

In Sherrill's position as outreach director, he deals primarily with school children. He mentioned several upcoming events at the Museum.

The viewing of Halley's Comet in early April and the "Wild Food Festival" on April 27 from 1-5 p.m. were mentioned. Visitors are welcome to the museum to taste the wild foods prepared by personnel and volunteers.

At the business session of



CLUB SPEAKER -- Hugh Sherrill, outreach director for the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia, was the speaker at the March 20 meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont. Sherrill is shown in the home of Mrs. Arthur M. Rose, where the meeting was held.

the meeting, word was given of a \$1,000 prize in crepe myrtles to be awarded during Gaston County Clean-Up Week April 14-21.

The prizes will be won by the group or organization

which achieves the best "before and after" results with some location badly in need of attention. Watch your newspaper for further details.

Gaston County Library
Belmont Branch



Open House





April 17th

"Color Analysis"



CONSULTANT, MODELS -- Color consultants, Mrs. Glenna Brown (left) and Mrs. Mildred Weatherly (center) gave a demonstration before the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont at the club's April 16 meeting. Doing the modeling is Mrs. David A. Rinehart.

Town And Country Garden Club Hosts Color Consultants, Brown, Weatherly

Two color consultants demonstrated their specialties on April 16 for the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph S. Stowe on South Central

Avenue, with Mrs. Hugh W. Causey Jr. as co-hostess.

After refreshments were served, everyone gathered around a demonstration table.

There, consultants, Mrs. Glenna Brown and Mrs. Mildred Weatherly, explain-

ed their procedures.

The club participated in an actual experiment in color with Mrs. David A. Rinehart, club member, serving as "guinea pig."

First, varied swatches of the same color were draped around the model to determine her type. It soon became obvious which shades were best for her.

Next came a demonstration of facial make-up to complement Mrs. Rinehart's skin tone.

In other business during the evening, a lengthy business session followed,

with discussion of Gaston County Clean-Up Week (April 21-26).

A report was made of a profit of approximately \$300 from the sale of Easter flowers. It was decided the club would visit the Mint Museum of Charlotte in June.

New officers for 1986-87 were announced as follows:

Mrs. Robert W. Taylor, president; Mrs. J. Ike Payne, vice president; Mrs. Larry G. Powell Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Archie Lineberger, treasurer.

Eighteen members were present for the meeting.



May 15th

Spring Clean - Up

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SCENE AT NIGHT -- This picture made by Joseph S. Stowe is located at the corner of Park Street and Wilkinson Boulevard just below McKenney Chevrolet. It was erected in late 1983 and the City of Belmont has now lighted the sign. It was turned on April 22 of this year. Belmont was chosen by the Look-Up Gaston organization as the pilot city for the use of hand-made signs. These signs were to be placed at entrances of the cities and towns throughout Gaston County. Financial solicitation was conducted by the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont. Funds were donated by the city of Belmont and three Belmont business firms.

June 5th

Trip to Mint Museum



AT MINT MUSEUM -- Mrs. T. Marion Hunter, Mrs. Marshall H. Rhyne and Mrs. George E. Feild of the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont are shown at the entrance of the Mint Museum of Charlotte June 5. Sixteen members of the club and a guest visited the Mint Museum.



Town And Country Garden Club Visits Mint Museum In Charlotte

The Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont enjoyed a trip to the Mint Museum of Charlotte June 5.

Sixteen members and one guest, Mrs. Claude G. Wilson Jr., met at the First Presbyterian Church and left by cars on their excursion.

At the Museum, they were conducted on an extensive tour of the recently enlarged museum.

They viewed first the Delhom Collection of

Porcelain. These pieces are from many periods of time and from various geographical locations.

Other galleries were filled with countless treasures of paintings, including the Dalton Collection. At this time the museum is featuring

different Southern artists.

Weaving throughout the whole expanse were additional forms of artistic creation - stained glass, cut glass, silverpiece formation, sculpture, et cetera.

Afterwards the members reassembled at Eli's Restaurant for a luncheon.

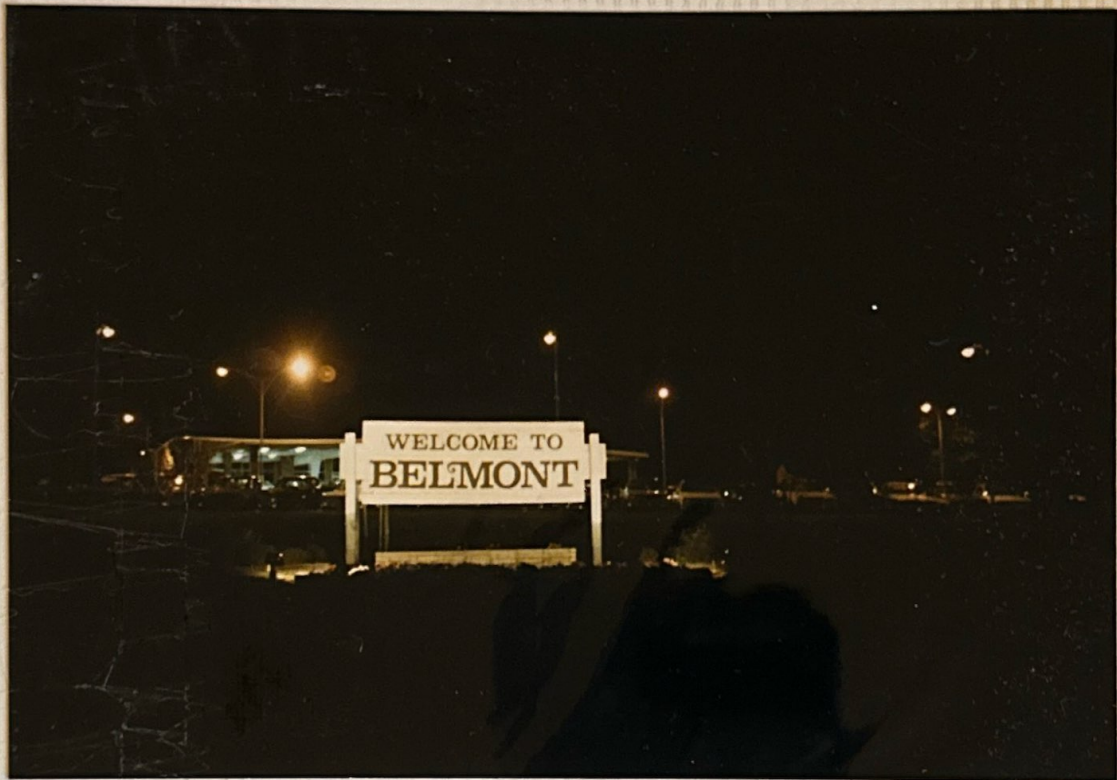


Photo by Joseph S. Stowe

The Gardener's Creed

I believe in good brown earth,
sun, seed, and soil. Rest is sweetest
when it comes after happy toil. I
believe in miracles, bud and leaf and
fruit, springing into loveliness from
the hidden root.

I believe that God who made rose
and bird and bee, wanted us to make
His world beautiful to see. Meant us
to be gardeners, making ^{green} things grow.
I believe we do His work when we
plant and sow.

I believe that He whose hand
fashioned Eden's bowers, put into the
heart of man, love of trees and
flowers. That is why a garden gives
us blessings manifold... health
and healing and contentment,
peace and joys untold.

Patience Strong