



By Jean McDanal

On Wednesday, October 10, members of the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club, ablaze with neon yellow and orange vests, worked a total of 46 woman hours in the Pine Knoll Shores gardens. The worker bees first swarmed Oakleaf garden, weeding, deadheading, and cutting back errant growth as well as picking up trash. Following Oakleaf, we headed over to the Mimosa and Dogwood gardens to do the same. Members ended their work day by attacking the gardens at Pine Knoll Boulevard. The work day had originally been scheduled for November, but it was decided that with the visit of Hurricane Florence, the beds needed some TLC. All in all, the gardens fared well. Following the work activities, members were provided a nice lunch at town hall, and our business meeting commenced.



The Garden Club moved its fall workday to October to facilitate cleanup in the town gardens after the hurricanes. A portion of the 26 club members who came out for the workday are pictured here, left to right: Sandy English, Martha Edwards, Michelle Powers, Ilene Karlsson, Jean McDanal, Lisa Park, Linda Pearson, Jo McGovern, Donna Belanger, Jan Corsello, Linda Langheld and Barb Yankauskas.—Photo by Susan King

President Susan King welcomed back members, old and new, to what was our first meeting of the year. Our theme is "Butterflies, Birds and Pollinators," which will be a major focus for us this year. The yearbook was distributed by Barbara Yankauskas, who did a fabulous job of putting this together for us. Susan reported that she and Jean McDanal attended the state meeting, "A Garden Party," in Fayetteville on September 10. National Garden Club President Nancy Hargroves gave a presentation of ways to decorate outside.

First Vice President JoAnn Shallcross mentioned that since we switched our meetings for October and November, our next meeting will be hands-on demonstrations and creations of ornaments, terra cotta pots, oyster shell art, wreath bows and block Christmas trees. Our December meeting is our Christmas gala, and January will be an evening program with Bill Flexman giving a presentation on birds found around Pine Knoll Shores.

Second Vice President Jean McDanal thanked everyone for their hard work on the gardens. Members were reminded that pine straw and mulch will be coming soon. This year is the 20th year of the Hereth Garden, located in front of town hall. Lois Jean and Paul O'Keefe do yeomen's work in keeping this garden looking wonderful throughout the year. We will be making swags from greenery to be hung on street signs for the holidays on December 3 at the fire station.

Our fundraisers this year will include our annual wreath sale that runs through November 14. Please see a Garden Club member or use the order form shown below. The cost is still \$27 each, with a pickup date of November 28. Wreaths will be in the bay at town hall. They are beautiful and last a very long time. We will also be selling garden gloves as we did last year. Since the town yard sale was postponed until the spring, we will gather items to sell at that event. We are also looking at selling bulbs in the spring.

The public is invited to the lighting of the Blue Star Memorial. The Veteran's Day ceremony will take place on Sunday, November 11, at 5 p.m. on the corner of Pine Knoll Boulevard and Highway 58. There will be a wine and cheese reception immediately following at town hall.

Changes in the by-laws were presented to the membership and will be voted on at our next meeting.

All Pine Knoll Shores residents are invited to our meetings that take place on the second Wednesday of every month. A social begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the business meeting. Our next meeting is November 14. All are welcome to join us.



## Christmas Wreath Sale

This year once again the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club will offer Christmas wreaths for sale. Wreaths may be ordered from any member of the club or by using the order form below. Orders must be placed by November 14, and the wreaths will be available for pick up at town hall on Wednesday, November 28, between 10 a.m. and noon.

These lovely wreaths of mixed greens last well past the Christmas season, and are a perfect size for your front door. They are made in the mountains of western North Carolina and delivered to us the next day. This is as fresh as you can get—and they are only \$27 each.

For more information, contact Sheryl Woodbury at 726-9746 or sawoodbury@ec.rr.com, Kay Howe at 240-0987 or nortonkayhowe@embarqmail.com, or email the club at pksyardenclub@gmail.com.

Make your check payable to PKS Garden Club and send it with the order form to PKS Garden Club, 100 Municipal Circle, Pine Knoll Shores NC 28512.

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