

Irma Randall of Kinston spoke to the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club members at their November meeting in Town Hall, on the use of live foliage arrangements. Mrs. Randall, a member of the Home Gardeners Club of Kinston, explained that her program was not designed to teach formal, show-style arranging, but to use plant material we have at hand for last minute table arrangements or a touch of live greenery in the home for casual entertaining or personal enjoyment. She suggested that foliage arrangements, which tend to be large, can be every effectively used in churches.

FOLIAGE  
ARRANGEMENTS  
PRESENTED

Although Mrs. Randall prefers using foliage to dried or permanent arrangements, she suggested that it might sometimes work well to use live greens mixed with dried materials or a fake posy or two. Pretty accessories that you may have tucked away on shelves or in china cabinets can be used nicely to add extra color to foliage.

Using a basic grouping of magnolia leaves, Mrs. Randall changed the feeling from season to season by adding other foliage. For spring she used acuba, although budding branches of flowering trees and shrubs are also natural spring favorites.

In summer, shades of lighter yellow, white and green may be added by using caladium leaves, Florida plant, a simple variegated privet hedge, or spiraea. Variegated pittisporum and Dusty Miller are also nice additions.

In the fall, dogwood or maple add a red touch. Also, red tip, which grows easily and profusely, can be used at several seasons.

In the winter, all the greens associated with Christmas are popular - pine, holly, yaupon, wax myrtle, cedar, blue spruce and boxwood. An occasional winter arrangement can be perked up with bits of maidenhair or Boston fern clipped from your houseplants.

Preceding the demonstration, President Lois Jean O'Keefe thanked Ann Ratliffe, Alice Jean Noble, Marge Kalning and Muriel Chapin for serving as hostesses. Jean Craddock and Ruth McGibbon were welcomed as guests.

Margaret Mercer, corresponding secretary, read a letter from Surfside Garden Club in Morehead City, advising members of a special Christmas Arrangements show being presented on November 28 at 10 a.m. at Carteret Technical College.

Bobbie Ready, projects chairman, sketched a plan that had been prepared by the group of members studying the upgrading of the town entrances at Mimosa and Oakleaf. This will include several large ornamental stones, some new Japanese pines and pine straw covering, plus trimming and shaping the existing plants. The club members voted their approval of the plan, based on necessary permits from the State Highway Division and adjacent property owners.

Vivian Macdonald presented the popular "Did you know?" fact - the information that mace and nutmeg are similar in taste because they are actually part of the same plant. The nutmeg is the kernel of the nut or fruit, and mace is the ground seed covering.

President O'Keefe thanked Jean Zumbach and all of her committee for a successful Green Bag Day on October 24th. Plans for the December meeting center around a Christmas tour of Tryon Palace in New Bern on December 12th.

JOAN DAWSON

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Because the annual Luminaria celebration on Christmas Eve was cancelled last year by the high winds and unprecedented killing freeze that came rushing into the area in late afternoon, many citizens saved the candles and bags they purchased from the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club last year. The club will sponsor the event again this holiday season, and hope for better weather.

LUMINARIA  
RESCHEDULED  
FOR 1984

Club members will distribute flyers and take orders for additional candles from newcomers or people who used their supply of candles. If you are not contacted and would like to join in this beautiful community-wide custom, please call Margaret Smith, at 247-4211 before December 6th.

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