

PKS Garden Club

By Clare Winslow

Members of Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club were mighty busy at their January 14 meeting assessing past holiday club projects and planning new events for the coming months. Second Vice President

place in Garner Park March 20 and the trees planted will honor past members Lola Council and Helen Granger. The 35th anniversary celebration of the garden club will be a picnic at the home of Lois Jean O'Keefe, May 13 and will include a plant exchange.

Joann Shalcross and Arleen Graczewski were guests at the meeting. Ms. O'Keefe brought two lovely plants from home for members to enjoy, a beautiful Eucharist lily with two gorgeous white blossoms and a paper white. Sheryl Woodbury's hint at protecting these plants from white fly and other garden pests included using a strong spray of warm water or the use of insecticidal soap. Kay Howe shared a helpful hint on feeding our winter birds. Place a small screen on top of an empty summer hanging plant container, cover it with birdseed, and hang from a branch on a tree.

The program of the day was presented by Sandra McCuin, owner of "English Rose", a European style flower shop at

1013A Arendell Street in Morehead City. Her theme was "transitional arranging," for making your holiday basket of Christmas flowers look more like a crisp spring arrangement. She removed the red Christmas bows, added sprigs of pussy willow and a few cyclamen plants nestled inside a handsome genuine birch bark container, topped it off with several fragrant branches of heather, a few mushroom birds or a pastel bow if it's intended as a gift. The reconstructed plant was even more attractive than the original!

On February 11, Gwendy Womble, horticulturist at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, will speak to members about wetlands vegetation and plants suitable for a bog garden. Guests and visitors are always welcome to join members at garden club meetings which are held at 9:30 a.m. every second Wednesday of the month. Come visit and join the club.



Lois Jean O'Keefe and Sandra McCuin

Helvi Larson reported the great success of the club's luminaria display along Mimosa Blvd., from Salter Path Road to Oakleaf Drive, and around the marinas on Christmas Eve. Cooperating weather allowed the glitter of 250 candles to create a spectacular light display from dusk till early morning.

President Carol McVitty thanked members and their spouses and the non-member town residents who filled jugs with sand and candles, set them out along the route Christmas Eve, lighted them at dusk, and retrieved them December 25. Since all this work took many hours, Mrs. McVitty would like to know if most town residents came out to enjoy the holiday luminaria display and if the project should be continued. If you have an opinion as to whether the luminaria effort should be repeated next year, let your thoughts be known to one of your garden club neighbors or to someone at town hall.

The club's Arbor Day program will take

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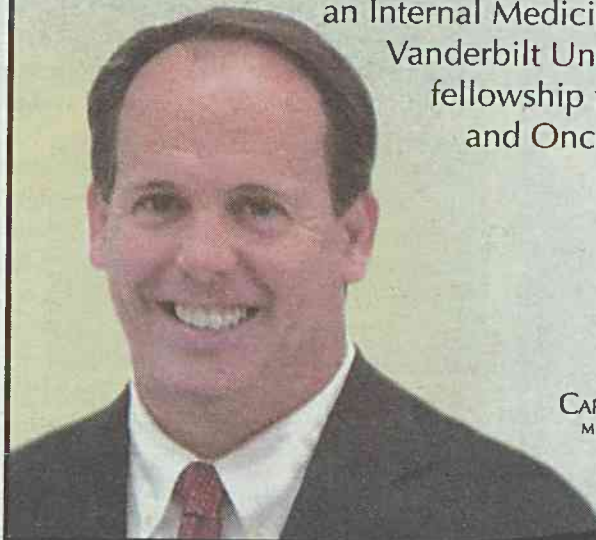
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