

Garden Club

By Clare Winslow

With the cancellation of the proposed trip to the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, the Garden Club's May program was the perusing of the club's yearbooks back to the 1970s. Longtime members enjoyed finding photos and articles about former members who were close friends and who had moved away or died.

Newer members poring over the books were most interested in the changes to the club's programs and activities—Green Bag Day for one. This was a massive clean-up day with club members, husbands and friends gathering refuse from every street in Pine Knoll Shores. When the pickup was complete, all participants were invited back to town hall to enjoy lunch. Pickup on Salter Path Road was eliminated from the program in the 1990s because of the huge amounts of refuse discarded on the side of the road and the serious safety factor with the cars whizzing by. Green Bag Day was eventually replaced by scheduled pickup days, with areas assigned to club members throughout the year.

Other members were busy filling five large baskets of items for the Kayak for the Warriors auction at the aquarium on June 1. The Garden Club chose the theme "For the Birds" for their contribution this year and found among the items five colorful bird houses, bird toys, feeding items, bird seed, assorted bird food, and other related items.

At the meeting, two proposed changes in the club's by-laws were distributed to members to be voted on.

President Kay Howe noted that the captains of our six town gardens are making efforts to purchase perennials rather than annual flowers to save both money and



"For the Birds" themed baskets created by the Garden Club for the Kayak for the Warriors auction at the aquarium.—Photo by Clare Winslow

time planting. She also informed members that we are again ordering evergreen Christmas wreaths for our fundraiser and adding several more bundles to the order because of the very successful sales last holiday season. It was noted, sadly, that our Garden Club identification marker beneath one of the memorial trees that we planted is missing, and Susan King reported that the Bradford pear trees above her Roosevelt Boulevard garden were successfully pruned.

The Nominating Committee announced that their slate of new officers for the coming year was almost complete, and President Howe reminded members that our June installation luncheon meeting will be held at the Coral Bay Club in Atlantic Beach on June 14.

Garden Club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at town hall at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments, followed at 10 by the program. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

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