



By Gracie Bender

Our life story continues

The weather was good and the restrictions favorable to gather for a Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club meeting at Brock Basin on March 26. It was delightful, and we welcomed new members and guests. As we gathered, we spoke of how thankful each of us is to share our lives in person again and hear the laughter and the stories of what we have been up to this last year.

We made plans to meet at our regular time, the fourth Friday of the month at 10 a.m. We also are making plans for other social events. Our Wine and Tapas will resume on May 16, and our book clubs continue to meet. We have scheduled our installation of new officers at the Coral Bay Club on May 14 at 11:30 a.m. At that time, our new officers—Co-Presidents Libby Gallagher/JoAnne Ferguson, Co-Vice Presidents Lee Sullivan/Carrie Critz, Treasurer Brenda Sheppard, Co-Recording Secretaries Mary Cam Boudreau/Cindy Batson, and Corresponding Secretary Carroll Beckham—will be installed. We are trying a system of co-officers this year, which worked well last year for the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club.



Dressed as her Grammy might have been when she visited Bogue Banks in the early 1900s, Martha Edwards shared her longtime connection to Pine Knoll Shores with members of the Women's Club.—*Photo by Gracie Bender*

the tract of land named Abonita by seller Oscar Kissam, who sold lots measuring 180 feet by 300 feet for \$180. Her grandfather, William Young, bought a parcel with three other people. This land was passed down to Martha's father, Woodhull Young. Her family kept the lot over the years. Her father died in 1998, owning two-thirds of the lot. In 1999 Martha and her siblings sold that lot for \$300,000.

She reminisced from stories passed down from her mother and father, uncles

The theme for our club (Community Involvement, Intellectual Enhancement, Local Charities, CCC Scholarship and Social Opportunities) is still the driving force for our positive engagement in the Pine Knoll Shores community. One member, Martha Edwards, has been engaging in this community for longer than most, especially when you count the past years of her family. She shared with us recently part of her history.

For her, time in Pine Knoll Shores started when her family purchased sound-view property in the early 1900s. It was part of

and even her grandmother. She had many pictures to share, showing what life was like in the early part of 1900 along Bogue Sound and in present-day Pine Knoll Shores. One was of 6-8 inches of snow in 1918. Another was of her father as a toddler perched upon an alligator and holding a shotgun. She conveyed how brave her family was to have traveled to our shores from New York and how amazed she was at the challenges they must have faced. For instance, her grandfather,



The train Martha's family took on one leg of their journey to reach Bogue Banks.—*Photos from family photo albums*



Family friend Jim Smith built this small cabin—and he claimed he could fry an egg while sitting on his bed.



Photo from the winter of 1913 of the Bogue Banks cabin built by Martha's grandfather, William Young. Left to right: Melby (shipmate), Great Grandmother Harriet Young holding Woodhull Young (Martha's father) and Grammy Carrie Young.

along with a shipmate, would sail down from Long Island, NY, since the Inland Waterway had opened, while her grandmother would take a ferry to Lewis, Delaware, and catch a train to Morehead City. Her grandfather would pick up her and other family members by boat in Morehead City and pole the dingy across

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