



PKS Garden Club

Eight members of the Cape Carteret Garden Club and nine members of the Emerald Isle Garden Club were welcome guests at the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club meeting on November 10th at Town Hall. Plans of reinstating a seashore council were discussed and will be considered.

Honored speaker Ernest Giles of Through the Looking Glass in Morehead City and Swansboro created several exquisitely beautiful holiday floral displays for the members and guests. The originality, balance and creativity of each arrangement made for six breath-taking floral pieces.

For Thanksgiving he crafted a turkey centerpiece with a brown, tan and yellow chrysanthemum body, gold-sprayed emerald leaves for the tail display and a yellow squash for the neck and head. This was one extremely handsome turkey!

His giant cornucopia also spoke of autumn with its Italian ruscus leaves, cockscomb blooms, Gerbera daisies, pomegranates, pumpkins, bosc pears, apples, grapes and yellow chrysanthemums.

Christmas decorations were represented with an old-fashioned wicker sleigh, a wreath, a topiary and a formal white and gold arrangement. The sleigh was filled with black pine boughs, poinsettias, white snapdragons and red carnations. To create the wreath, into a dampened oasis frame he inserted pittosporum, fern, eucalyptus, holly berries, pine cones, pears, lady apples and oranges and topped it off with a red plaid bow.

The topiary and white arrangements were more formal with pittosporum, lemons, pinecones and variegated ivy as the basis of the topiary, and white roses, white daylilies and gold-sprayed Italian ruscus leaves in the white and gold arrangement.

Honored local guests at the meeting were Ruth Dutcher, Billie Hathome, and Barbara Flint. Hostesses Yvette Bannen, Irene Beattie, Joan Bone, Casey Griffin, Barbara Guilfoyle and Joan Smith set a delicious table of home baked breads, cakes and muffins and a fruit platter. Casey Griffin created the whimsical center piece---"Pot Man", a two foot high fetching reclining gentleman constructed entirely of multi sized terra cotta flower pots and surrounded him with gourds, grapes, Indian corn, apples and pumpkins.

Joan Smith, Environmental Chairman, cautioned that using hard water with insecticidal soap solution will prevent its adherence to leaves. For improved results she suggests mixing it with soft or sterile water.

President Judy Poit announced a gift exchange and gift-wrapping contest, which will take place at the annual Christmas luncheon meeting to be held at Jane Page's house on the beach on December 8th.

Submitted by: Clare Winslow



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Paula and John Houston have built a lovely three-story home at 121 Cedar Road. They are part-timers 'til they retire in a few years. They are from Danville, PA.

Paula was born in Manhattan, NY, went to Rosemont College outside Philadelphia, PA, and met John there where he was finishing medical school.

John was born in Mt. Carmel, PA, went to school at Holy Cross in Worcester, MA and attended medical school at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, where he interned at Walter Reed. He practiced at Temple, then moved on to Geisinger Hospital in Danville, PA as an anesthesiologist.

They have three daughters, all married. Monica is married to John Vesprani. They live in Cincinnati, OH and have three children. Kathy is married to Jeff Miller, and they live in Hershey, PA. They have three children. Amy is married to Paul Cara. They live in West Hartford, CO. They have one child.

Paula enjoys golf and tennis and plays bridge. She also dabbles in oil painting, does oodles of volunteer work for the church and the hospital and food bank.

John plays golf and a little bridge. He is on the local planning board and is Treasurer for the Township Authority for Montour County back in Danville, PA.

They enjoy kayaking. John wants to know the secret of how to get into his kayak in the canal.

They have vacationed at Emerald Isle since 1975. Some friends moved to Kinston and had a condo at Summer Winds and offered the use of it for awhile. They enjoyed it here so much they bought a lot in PKS and finally built here last year. Can't wait 'til they retire here full time.

Submitted by: Betty Lee Foulk