



PKS Garden Club

A very lively plant auction was held at the meeting of the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club on Wednesday, January 9 at Town Hall. Bill Johnston, husband of member Beth Johnston, acted as auctioneer, assisted by Yvette Bannen. He kept the bidding rising and lively with his humorous and sage comments about the plant or shrub up for bid. Beth Johnston, Jeanne Umbarger, Arlene Terrell, Dot Belding, Judy Poit and Lois Jean O'Keefe prepared the scrumptious refreshments for the meeting.

The auction was fast moving, competitive and lots of fun! Several varieties of trees were auctioned - fig, magnolia, live oak, red maple and native holly. Shrubs that brought competitive bidding were fatsia, dwarf yaupon, holly, acuba, dwarf nandina and forsythia.

The variety of marvelous plants and flowers offered had the air quivering with ever rising vocal bids and waving hands. The keen competition was for spider plants, spiderworts, strawberry begonias, aloes, jades, coffee plants, orchids, lucky bamboos, crotons, a Thanksgiving cactus, devil's backbone, hoyo carnosa, rain lily, golden lantana, an Amazon lily, peace lily, cyclamen, rosemary, lariope, bromiliads, clivias, calenchoes, and arrowhead vines. Two dish gardens chock full of small plants arranged in their shallow bowls brought healthy competitive bidding. At the meeting's close, members were spotted staggering happily to their cars with armloads of hard won pots of greenery.

Vice President, Betsy McGibbon announced that from January 1 to December 31 of 2001, garden club members had worked 515.5 hours weeding and beautifying the public gardens of Pine Knoll Shores. She also demonstrated and shared information about a fascinating lucky bamboo plant that she brought for Show and Tell. It's a member of the dracena family, grows best in water, and has wonderful fat stems that can be curled and spiraled by placing it in darkness, which makes it very pliable. It has pretty little leaves, but the thick green spiral stems are what make it so unique and attractive.

Ecology Chairman, Vivian Macdonald reported that 102 crape myrtles, 11 dogwoods, 174 shrubs, 464 wildflowers, 552 bulbs, and 3, 317 various flowers had been planted by Garden Club members from January 1 to December 31, 2001.

Luminaria Chairman, Chris Walters was thanked for arranging the beautiful display of luminaria lights encompassing all the marinas and extending the length of Mimosa Boulevard on Christmas Eve. She, in turn,

thanked all the members and other town residents who aided with placing and retrieving the candle kits.

Francoise Boadman of Station Club in Morehead City will be guest speaker at the next meeting on February 13. His topic will be Gardening with Bulbs. Guests are always welcome.

Submitted By: Clare Winslow

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Heartfelt appreciation to all those who made donations and helped in any way to make the Christmas Eve display such a success. Fifty-one residents and guests helped with this endeavor. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

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PKS Women's Club

The PKS Women's Club will have its February meeting on Friday, February 22nd at the Town Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. The program will feature Sharon Jones, the patient care coordinator for Hospice who will give a History of Hospice in Carteret County.

After the February meeting the Lunch Bunch will go to Amos Mosquitos restaurant. Anyone interested in joining this group can sign up at the meeting.

The club's Beach Book Club will meet at Jeannette Lindgren's home on February 14th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss *Sullivan's Island* by Dorothea Frank. The book Bums Book club will meet on February 11th at Martha Randall's home and will discuss *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan. The third book club will meet on February 4th at Diane Donovan's home at 101 Walnut Circle (call Diane at 247-6409 for the meeting time). They are reading the biography of *John Adams* by David McCullough. For more information on this newly formed book group, contact Dot Miller at 808-2981.

One of the club's committees, the Cook's Night Out Group, will go to the Royal Pavillion on February 8th. Please call Pat Filan at 210-3119 or Kay Spiegelberg at 247-7970 to make reservations. The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club meets monthly, except in the summer and promotes social, civic and educational interests of the community. Membership dues are \$15.00 and may be mailed to Dot Belding at 9 Fairways Court in Pine Knoll Shores. For information on the PKS Women's Club, call Jerri Matthews at 240-2544.

Submitted by: Rita Randall