

Garden Club

By Yvette Bannen

The program for the October meeting of the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club was a presentation by former member Kathy Foy. Kathy is a certified floral arranger and obtained her certificate from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. She brought seven arrangements in a variety of containers, explained how each was created and described their various uses such as on a dinner table or a side table.

During the business meeting, there was discussion about the Tree City Fair to be held on National Arbor day next April. The Garden Club will be one of the sponsors.

The November 11 meeting of the Garden Club will be at town hall. Residents and visitors are welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments, and the meeting will start at 10:00. The program will be a sharing event with the members making Christmas decorations using native greens. Members are asked to bring material

from their yards so that there will be an assortment of native greens. A lot of members have experience making centerpieces, wreaths, swags and other holiday decorations. They can explain what greens hold up well and which ones do not last.

The November business meeting will make plans for participation in the town's Christmas parade, for decorating town hall and for the annual Christmas luncheon.



Kathy Foy, photographer for *The Shoreline*, describes one of her floral arrangements at the October Garden Club meeting.

News N' Notes

Holiday Art Sale. The Carteret County Arts & Craft Coalition has scheduled a holiday artsale beginning on November 22 and concluding on December 13. Featuring live demonstrations, the sale will take place at the former Shore Décor building, 4024 Arendell Street, in Morehead City. The hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, November 22 from 1 to 5 p.m.

DD-214 Available On-line. The Department of Defense form 214 (DD-214) is the primary discharge document for all military service men and women. Veterans (or their family) need this document to receive medical benefits, copies of military records, VA headstone, etc. The National Personnel Records provides the following website to gain access to this important form: [http://vetrecs.archives.gov/](http://vetrecs.archives.gov/https://webmail.cessi.net/exchweb/bin/redir.sp?URL=http://vetrecs.archives.gov/)

Local Author's Latest Work. Jack

Dudley, local photographer and writer, will talk about his latest book, *Bogue Banks: A Look Back* on Tuesday, November 17 at the Bogue Banks Public Library in Pine Knoll Shores. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring this event that will begin at 7 p.m. at the library. Mr. Dudley will be glad to sign copies for those who want to own this book about our island. Cider and donuts will be served in keeping with the season.

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As you read this, the election of a new mayor and three new commissioners will have taken place, but on Tuesday, October 13, a capacity crowd was on hand for the League of Women Voters (LWV) forum held at town hall, just three weeks prior to the November 3 election. All of the candidates were present—mayoral candidates Ken Jones and Ted Lindblad and the four candidates seeking to fill the three available seats on the board of commissioners; Larry Kacmarcik, Doug Browne, Larry Corsello and John Halada.

The format of the LWV forum utilized the following pattern. Citizens were encouraged to write their questions as they arrived at town hall. Members of LWV read these questions to consolidate duplicates and ensure the questions did not violate established fairness guidelines.

At 7 p.m., the LWV moderator began the forum by describing the evening's program. First, each candidate was given a designated time to introduce himself and describe his qualifications. Next, the moderator presented as many of the submitted questions to each of the candidates as time allowed. To conclude the program, each candidate presented a summary statement. To ensure as much fairness as possible, the order of candidate responses was rotated. The program was scheduled

to close at 9 p.m.

Throughout the evening, a total of 11 questions were presented. The topics addressed by the questions included:

- Identification of the major issues facing the town.
- Possibility of paid parking at public beach accesses.
- Potential future involvement of the town in the Country Club of the Crystal Coast.
- Modification of the current practice of off-duty police taking cruisers home each day.
- Description of candidate's leadership style.
- Candidates' recusing themselves when dealing with an issue involving their homeowner association.
- Position on static line and rebuilding after significant weather event.
- Beach renourishment and viability of inter costal agreement.
- Retention of high-quality PKS EMT professionals.

Time did not permit other submitted questions to be presented to the candidates, but the moderator did read them prior to asking each candidate to give their closing statement. The program concluded at the scheduled time; however, many lingered to have individual questions and concerns addressed by the candidates.



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