



# Garden Club

By Yvette Bannen

President Martha Edwards conducted the April meeting of the Garden Club on a bus returning from a field trip to Wilmington. We were blessed with a pretty day for trooping around looking at new and interesting plants at three locations.

Forty people boarded the bus at town hall, 22 from the Garden Club and 20 from the Women's Club. Hostesses had prepared a "goodie" bag, containing snacks and information, that was waiting on our seat on the bus.

The first stop was in Pender County at Poplar Grove Plantation, where there was a Farmers' Market on the grounds. After visiting the various stalls, we headed to the picnic tables and had lunch.

The next stop was at the New Hanover County Arboretum in Wilmington. It encompasses seven acres of gardens and plantings that demonstrate the best plant species for southeastern North Carolina. Plants were available for sale.

On the return back to Pine Knoll Shores, we stopped at Pender Pines Garden Center in Hampstead, where there was a dazzling array of pots, yard art and many, many more plants. When we left the garden center, the baggage area of the bus was filled with plants of every description.

Once everybody settled down, President Martha Edwards conducted the April business meeting and reminded members about the Tree City Fair at town hall on April 30 and when to drop off our plants for the plant sale. After the meeting was adjourned, the hostesses passed out more snacks. There were also some drawings for door prizes, including two donated plants from Pender Pines Garden Center.

The next meeting will be on May 11. Tia Douglass, who is a certified Master Bee-keeper and a member of the Crystal Coast Beekeepers Association, will talk about the secret life of bees and their impact on the environment. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., and the program will be at 10 a.m. Residents and visitors are invited to join Garden Club members to learn about these important workers.

## PKS Historical Collection

By Phyllis Makuck

Last September, a small group, hosted by Town Manager Brian Kramer, Commissioner Clark Edwards and long-time town employee Betty Carr, met at the Crystal Coast Country Club for a discussion of Pine Knoll Shores' history. In the group were early players in the town's development—Vernon Schrum, Jack Goldstein, John Barnes, Carolyn Moran and David Waller. Many brought with them documents and photographs. And so, an interest in having a way of preserving the town's history began.

More recently, A.C. Hall, owner of the Atlantis Lodge, who created plans for the central section of Pine Knoll Shores, donated aerial photographs, maps and other papers representing ideas accepted and rejected as the town developed. A need to put these valuable historical documents together with what was donated earlier and make information in them available to residents and future historians has motivated an interest in developing an historical committee or commission. Such an entity would assume responsibility for the current collection and future additions to it.

An exploratory group met on Tuesday April 5 at town hall. Brian Kramer led the meeting. Betty Carr, Clark Edwards, Martha Edwards, Kathy Foy, Bill Foy, Ted Lindblad, Walt Zaenker, Michele Powers and I were present. Annette Thompson, who has owned property on Knollwood Drive since 1957 and currently works with the New Bern Historical Society, joined in by conference call.

After reviewing a framework for establishing an historical committee, considering do's and don'ts of managing a collection and agreeing on the appropriateness of organizing under the town's oversight, Kramer said he would introduce the subject at a Board of Commissioners' meeting. In the meantime, a number of those attending, including Walt Zaenker, Clark Edwards, Ted Lindblad, Michele Powers and Kathy and Bill Foy, agreed to begin the delicate task of identifying donated materials. Edwards and Lindblad would also help Kramer investigate how other towns are managing their historical records.

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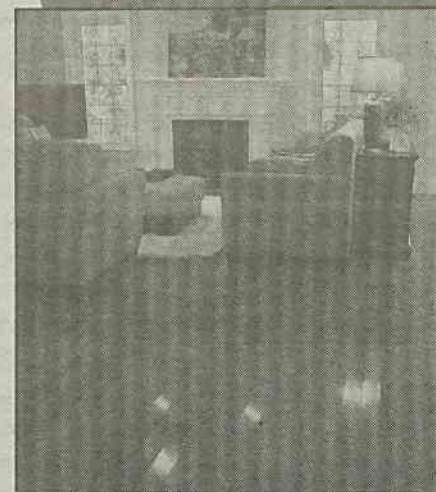


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