

COMMUNITY

50 Master Gardener volunteers certified

Perquimans residents receive master gardeners of the year honors
SUBMITTED REPORT

More than 50 local Extension Master Gardener volunteers were certified or recertified through the Chowan-Gates-Perquimans County Extension Master Gardener program. Managed by Area Horticulture Agent Katy Shook, the program requires participants to complete a 40-hour training course, pass an examination, and volunteer a

minimum of 40 hours in the area of horticulture education. To remain certified, volunteers must complete a minimum 20 hours of volunteer service and receive a minimum 10 hours of advanced training.

In 2018, Chowan, Gates and Perquimans County Extension Master Gardener volunteers contributed more than 2,500 hours of horticulture education to the community and received more than 650 hours of advanced training. Volunteer projects included managing demonstration

gardens, presenting public education programs, writing publications, working with youth, developing community gardens, and fundraising through a regional spring garden show. Program highlights included receiving the statewide Extension Master Gardener Search for Excellence Award, awarding the Master Gardener Scholarship, receiving recognition from the Chowan Hospital Foundation Community Benefit Grants

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Micki Levine (left) and Nancy Dougherty (right) are the 2018 Chowan-Gates-Perquimans County Extension Master Gardeners of the Year.

CHECK IT OUT!

Become a friend of library

The Friends of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library are the best friends any library or librarian can have. Over the years, I've been here the Friends have been one



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of the greatest supports that this library has. They volunteer to create events, fundraise to purchase

materials and pay for programming. In general, the Friends serve as a great sounding board from the community to the library. If you are new to Edenton and Chowan County or have been here a while and are looking for something new to do — joining our Friends board is a great way to put energy into action. If you have an idea about something that you see missing from our community — the library is a great place to try out ideas and fill any gaps that you may see.

The Friends Board meets five times a year and is always looking for new board members. The main reason I'm writing this column is to thank Peggy Pond, who has served as the treasurer of the Friends for the past few years. Peggy is moving back to her home state in June to make sure her children behave. It has been a great pleasure to work with her and to learn from her professionalism. From all of us at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and the Friends — thank you!

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Rocky Hock Ruritan Club



Barbecue chicken gets flipped over during the recent May Day hosted by the Rocky Hock Ruritans.

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May Day among Ruritans' programs

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

For the past several years, Rocky Hock Ruritan Club has opened the Rocky Hock Community Building, near Rocky Hock Baptist Church, to kids of all ages as the organization hosts May Day.

The event, held this year on May 4, featured games for children, a fishing derby and BB gun target practice. And let's not forget their famous barbecue chicken dinners. In the past, these delicious meals have gone fast, selling out before May Day closes.

The Ruritan Club is among the many civic organizations that make Chowan County great. According to Keith Rollins, Ruritans secretary, there are 41 "active members." He is also past secretary of the Albemarle District Ruritans.

"Some may be more active than others, but all participate in multiple efforts to better our community and to help our neighbors," he said.

Besides May Day, the Ruritans raise approx-



Children participate in games during May Day, hosted by the Rocky Hock Ruritans.

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imately \$1,000 for the 4-H Junior Livestock Show and Auction. The group is also a main sponsor of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

"In addition to paying a sponsorship fee, we provide one judge for the parade and four or five members to assist with staging the parade," Simmons said.

"We annually present a

Students Dictionary to every third-grader in D.F. Walker Elementary School," he continued. "And we have a special meal and program each year to honor our educators living in Rocky Hock, as well as another meal honoring our law enforcement officers where we also present them with 30 Rudy Bears to be given to children who are injured or otherwise in a

frightening situation." To pull all of this off, the organization relies on the community to support its fundraising activities, whether it be the many events the group holds to support Relay for Life, or the fundraisers like May Play Day, Hee Haw Shows or the annual Pancake and Sausage Supper.

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Gilliard appointed to board

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RALEIGH — Governor Roy Cooper recently announced Lynn Gilliard, of Edenton, as new appointee to the North Carolina Historical Records Advisory Board.



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"I appreciate these experienced, knowledgeable appointees giving their time to serve our state on boards and commissions," Cooper said.

Gilliard was appointed as a member at-large. She is the Chowan County register of deeds and served a member of the local Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to Gilliard, Cooper appointed Dr. Jim Martin, of Buies Creek, and Karen Feeney, of Winston-Salem, to the board as members at-large.

Martin is a professor of history at Campbell University in the College of Arts and Sciences and chairs the History, Criminal Justice and Political Science Department. Feeney is a library supervisor in the Forsyth County Public Library and is a certified archivist. She also is a member of the North Carolina Preservation Consortium and chairs the Development Committee of the Society of North Carolina Archivists.

According to the State Archives website, the North Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board is the "central advisory board for historical records planning and project assistance in the state and is responsible for assuring that the objectives of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission are implemented in North Carolina."

In 1975, state statute created the board.

Boys and Girls Club honors Faircloth

SUBMITTED REPORT

Congratulations to Brockasia Faircloth for earning the April Student of the Month Award at the Boys & Girls Club. The fourth-grader loves the time she spends at the Boys & Girls Club. Whenever she enters the club, she is wearing a pleasant smile and always has a pleasant greeting. Faircloth works very hard to complete her homework. Most of the time, she completes her homework before Power Hour is over.

Brockasia is always willing to do whatever needs to be done in and around the club; whether its cleaning up or checking to see if



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all lights are out at the end of the day. On Fun Fridays, you often can catch her doing something good, such as assisting Unit Director Susan Brothers take all of her supplies back to the office.

She will go that extra mile for any staff at the club. "I keep encouraging her that we are all winners even if you lose a few times," Brothers said.

Brockasia's smiles portrays her personality and that is a special trait to have. Keep up the good work and success is yours!

EC chapter members welcomed

Edenton Tea Party NSDAR hosts guests

BY SANDRA SPERRY
For the Chowan Herald

Edenton Tea Party Chapter NSDAR Regent Anne Rowe welcomed three members of the Elizabeth City Betsy Dowdy Chapter during a recent meeting.

Chapter Registrar Candy Roth introduced Betsy Dowdy Chapter Vice Regent Kathleen Ingram, Secretary Terry Roberts and Treasurer Ann Howell to the Edenton Tea Party members on May 8, the final monthly meeting of the DAR program year. Over the years, many Edenton Tea Party Chapter members have worked with and



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The Edenton Tea Party chapter recently welcomed Betsy Dowdy NSDAR members. Pictured are (l-r) Edenton Tea Party Parliamentary Sandy Sperry, Betsy Dowdy Vice Regent Kathleen Ingram, Betsy Dowdy Treasurer Ann Howell, Betsy Dowdy Secretary Terry Roberts, and Edenton Tea Party Regent Anne Rowe, Registrar Candy Roth and Historian Beth Taylor.

shared the DAR mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotic activities with the Betsy

Dowdy Chapter members. The Betsy Dowdy Chapter was formed in April 1937; there were 14 charter

members, and they met in the home of various

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