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Mrs. Sincox hosts KM Garden Club at Patrick House

The King Mountain Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. at the Patrick House. Fran Sincox was hostess.

Mrs. Sincox followed a Valentine theme with refreshment plates of Italian cream cheese cake, cheese wafers, pecans, strawberries, Valentine candy, and hot spiced tea. Displayed on the tea table was an arrangement provided by Donna Canova in shades of red and green consisting of breath of spring with white flowers, eunonymous, and nandina in a red container.

Jackie Cooper, president, called the meeting to order and opened with a gardener's prayer. Mary Mauney gave timely tips from the horticulture committee. She noted that pine is a great frog in arrangements to hold flowers in place. Sugar and vinegar should be added to warm water. When cutting roses, the stems should be immersed in water and cut at an angle.

For the program, Tence Rhea introduced Bob Scoggins, a retired teacher from Shelby and Gaston County school districts, who now maintains greenhouses at his home on Phifer Circle. He is available for landscaping and horticultural advice. The topic of his program was "Camellias," and he delighted members with the scope of his knowledge and love of plants.

Before beginning the program, Scoggins made general comments. He cautioned against using electric shears, which he said resulted in bushes that resemble "green toadstools." He advised that hand clippers are preferable, allowing sunlight into the interior of the plant.

General instructions for camellias included the following tips: Plant them in early spring, do not mulch heavily as the top roots need air and the mulch can result in the formation of a second root system,

chip mulch is harmful near plants due to nitrogen depletion, bloom size has an inverse relationship with hardness as plants with larger blooms are more susceptible to cold, and camellias should be fertilized in April and July with a fertilizer containing the regular ingredients plus micronutrients in a nine-month time release formulation.

Scoggins brought numerous cuttings as samples of different camellias, including the Tea Camellia from whose leaves Lipton Tea is made; the Professor Charles Sargent Camellia with a beautiful double bloom; and his favorite, the Canjero, which has been in bloom since mid-September.

The speaker also brought four full-sized plants for display and discussion. The first was the Governor Mouton Camellia which sports variegated blooms. The second was the Drama Girl Camellia, a hardy, upright plant with huge flowers. The third was the Hardy Gardenia Azalea with double white flowers. He interjected the observation that flowers are now being named for other flowers, such as this azalea named after a gardenia due to similarity in their appearances. The fourth was the Vyukes Johanna Azalea from Sweden whose red foliage is reminiscent of the nandina.

After warning members about the dangers of overusing pesticides, he closed with the following quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Beauty is its own excuse for being."

Winning the display plants and a surprise grab bag as prizes from a drawing were Jackie Cooper, Emily Suber, Jeanne Ware, Hazel Jackson, and Hilda Leonard. Mary Mauney received the sample clippings to take home and attempt to root.

Lynda Frye and Sarah Faunce will share responsibilities for the March meeting.

Open Gate Garden Club meets at Eden Gardens

Members of the Open Gate Garden Club met at Eden Gardens on February 9. A delicious dessert course with a Valentine theme was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Sam Collins, President, welcomed members and introduced Mrs. Paul McGinnis. She presented a very interesting program on "Around the Year with Flowering Bulbs."

She stated that bulbs play an important part in beautifying gardens throughout the year. They herald the spring and continue in a pageant of color all year. Bulbs are among the easiest of plants to grow successfully in all types of soils, thriving well in town and country gardens. This is a guarantee of their lasting and increasing popularity.

Snowdrops bloom from January to early March. Crocus appear in February. They are prettiest when planted in grass or open woodland where they may remain undisturbed for many years. Daffodils appear in March and are the best of all flowers. Tulips are the gayest of all spring flowers that bloom in April. There are many species of tulips and some late varieties bloom in May. The fragrant hyacinths are among the most admired spring bulbs. The Iris

come in many colors and varieties and early species bloom in May. They are hardy if given good drainage and sunshine.

Lilies, especially Day Lilies, are the aristocrats of the flower garden which bloom profusely in June. They are among the most beautiful and ornamental of bulb plants.

No flower presents a wider range of brilliant colors than the gladiola which blooms in July and August. They are valuable for both garden display and cutting for flower arrangements in the home.

The Colchium is an autumn crocus which blooms in September. It bears rose flowers. There are several varieties including forms with single and double flowers. In October, the Tall Iris is in full bloom. The Thanksgiving Cactus presents an array of beautiful flowers. The Amaryllis is the most popular and most spectacular of all tender bulbs which bloom at Christmas.

Timely tips were given by Mrs. C.L. Morris. It is time to cut Monkey Grass before new growth begins. Start saving sturdy plastic boxes to use for sowing seeds later. Appreciate your pansies.

The friendship basket was won by Mrs. McGinnis.

True Love Waits

Christian Freedom teens pledge to be abstinent until marriage

By GARY STEWART
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Nineteen teenagers from Christian Freedom Baptist Church in Kings Mountain last week completed a five-week Bible study on True Love Waits and signed pledges committing to remain sexually abstinent until marriage.

True Love Waits was adopted in 1991 by the Southern Baptist Convention, and over 750,000 teenagers have committed to remain abstinent since that time.

Greg Moore, Minister of Music and Youth at Christian Freedom, said the local church in its second year of the program.

Average attendance for the study, led by Moore, was 24. Teens ranged in aged from 13 to 19.

This year's program began in January and was capped off last week with a Valentine's banquet. The class met each Wednesday night.

Brooke Blackburn, a 13-year-old eighth grader at Kings Mountain Middle School, wrote an impressive poem that has been sent to the Southern Baptist Convention True Love Waits office for possible publication.

She wrote: "It's sad the way love goes today, seems the wrong road is the only way."

"To be with the ones you think matter, Conscience should tell us not climb that ladder."

"But it's so hard to hold steadfast and true, and not give in, no matter what they do."

"The most important thing is knowing that True Love Waits and being very careful how you choose your dates."

"For nothing will ever mean as much I'm sure, as knowing that for my husband I'll be pure."

"Happy that unlike so many



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Greg Moore, right, Minister of Music and Youth at Christian Freedom Baptist Church, discusses True Love Waits program with Christen Hollifield, Steven Blanton and Brooke Blackburn.

others that have given in, that my virginity did not come to an end."

Moore said abstaining from sex is difficult for teens of today, and that churches need to get involved in discussing with them the dangers.

"This time of year a lot of students are going through the Family Life Curriculum at school," Moore said. "There are a lot of things the school system can't say that we as Christians can say and encourage."

"When I was growing up you didn't mention sex in church. But now we think it's important. The teenagers are not getting it from school and not getting it from home, so the churches have to take a stand."

His students agreed.

"It provided us as a group a chance to come together and fellowship, and gave us a good chance to talk about a real sensitive subject," said Steven Blanton, a 16-year-old sophomore at Kings Mountain High School. "It really helped us to understand some things that we didn't know and it challenged us to stay pure in our everyday walk."

Christen Hollifield, a 15-year-old KMHS sophomore, said she liked the Bible study because "it was a comfortable environment and gave you the Biblical way instead of the world's way about sex before marriage."

Moore said a valuable part of the study was having the students look at the consequences of pre-marital sex. At the banquet,

Blanton presented an impressive message that encouraged young people to stay pure, and spoke of some of the consequences, including:

- the possibility of getting caught
- teen pregnancy
- hurting family and loved ones
- stress of caring for an unplanned child
- contraction of sexually transmitted diseases
- harm to the body

The 19 teens who signed the commitment cards also made their pledges in front of the entire church and were given pocket cards that they keep in their wallets to remind them daily of their commitment.

Choral clinic set at KMHS

The annual Cleveland County Choral Clinic will be held February 16-17 at 7:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium in Kings Mountain. Admission is \$2.

The clinic will feature the middle school and high school choirs from Burns, Crest, Kings Mountain and Shelby.

The middle school choir will be singing several selections including "Psallite," "I Will Joyfully Sing," "The Lord is My Shepherd," "Where Do the Stars Go," "Seize the Day," and an Israeli folk song in Hebrew, "Ma Navu."

Mrs. Libby Blanton, who is the Choral Director for Forbush High School in Yadkin County, will conduct the middle school clinic. The choir will be accompanied by Mrs. Susan Canipe from Crest Middle and High School.

The high school choir will be singing several selections, including "Brother's Sisters Join Hands," "Stomp Your Foot," "Antiphonal Alleluia," "Dixit Dominus," and "Give Me Jesus." The high school clinician is Dr. Janna Brendell, Professor of Music at East Carolina University where she teaches music education classes and conducts the East Carolina University Women's Choir. The accompanist will be Mrs. Sharon Young from Kings Mountain High School.

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