

## LIFESTYLES

# Neisler receives Preservation Award

Mary Neisler received the Lifetime Preservation Achievement Award for her work in Cleveland County for preservation at the recent annual Soiree for members of the Historic Shelby Foundation.

Mrs. Neisler served on the Historic Preservation Task Force that culminated in the production of the volume, "Architectural Perspectives of Cleveland County, North Carolina" and the Certified Local Government designation and subsequent creation of the Historic Properties

Commission.

She has worked on her own historic properties in the city of Kings Mountain and been a force for preservation in that community. She was instrumental in Kings Mountain having a Historic Properties Commission of its own and thereby encouraging to the process of forming the county-wide commission. She researched and restored the 1870 store and later attached residence at 104 Battleground Avenue.

# Andrianna Padgett hosts Magnolia Garden Club

Members of the Magnolia Garden Club met January 22 at the home of Andrianna Padgett. Ms. Padgett served delicious breakfast refreshments as members arrived.

After the reading of the club's collect, the minutes of the previous meeting were read. Molly Savage, Club President, noted a correction to the minutes and then they were approved. Discussion continued pertaining to the uptown garden spot. Molly told the group that mulch had been delivered to the spot and Kay Davis and husband, Bill had spread it. Bess Phifer, Susan Kiser, Molly Savage, and Kay Davis have worked in garden spot, planting the plants that were purchased at Akers' Nursery. The Monkey Grass has been trimmed and Preen will be spread in February.

Team points were taken (Team I-19 and Team II-14) and the Treasurer reported a balance of \$222.10.

A discussion followed as to the date for providing a birthday party for the residents of the Life Enrichment Center. The date of March 10 was selected. Molly stated that she would find out by next meeting as to the number to provide for.

Molly welcomed former member Anita Campbell back as a member and thanked Adrianna for hosting the meeting.

An arrangement of evergreens was critiqued by the members followed by a program,

"Gardening Where the Sun Don't Shine," prepared by Teresa Rupp and presented by Kay Davis. Gardeners find themselves stumped for ideas about what to do with those shady areas of their yards. One of the first steps in preparing a shade garden is to understand the type of shade you have, type of soil and amount of moisture in the shady area. Some plants that love the shade are: Bunchberry, Toad-lily, Golden Star, Lungwort, Coral Bells, Lenten Rose, Lady's Mantle, Garden Astilbe, Forget-me-nots, Hosta, Ivy, and Ferns. With this endless array of plants, get started, and turn a ugly shady spot into a favorite hideaway paradise. Geneva Yelton won a pamphlet, "Complete Planting and Care Guide" provided by Wayside Gardens.

The club's next meeting will be with Geneva Yelton and Pat Shronce will provide a program on Topiaries. Mabel McGill and Molly Savage will have the arrangements.

### Food distribution set at KM's Patrick Center

Commodities distribution will be Tues., March 11 from 1-2:30 p.m. at The Patrick Center. Low income senior adults may qualify. Pre-register at the Center on Tues., Feb. 12, Wed., Feb. 13 or Thurs., Feb. 14 between 9-11 a.m.

# Library ambassador for Bird Count

Millions of novice and accomplished bird watchers can make their fascination with nature add up for science and for the future during the 11th annual Great Backyard Bird Count, led by Audubon and the Cornell

Lab of Ornithology. During "Presidents' Day" weekend, February 15-18, 2008, anyone can count birds from wherever they are and enter their tallies online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org) <<http://www.birdcount.org>> .

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