

Hello,  
September!

# Garden Club

## September 19 Newsletter

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Yard Care: By Committee

**Message from Chairman Betsy:** Welcome back. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Be sure to attend the September meeting with Daniel Simpson of the Pamlico County Agriculture Extension Office. Those of you with Yard of the Month duty over the summer sure found some beautiful yards in the County to recognize. Thank you.

**September Activities:** Meet at the clubhouse Tuesday at 9 am, September 19 for refreshments. Daniel Simpson of the Agriculture Extension Office will be our guest speaker beginning at 9:30 am. Let's have a good turnout for his presentation. Bring friends! We will also have a discussion on possible impacts to the Garden Club of the effort underway to re-focus the objectives and activities of the OWC. Hostesses for the meeting are Lee Duer, Carol McAdoo and Lynne Rousseau.

**October Activities:** Meet at the clubhouse Tuesday at 9 am, October 17 to do a bit of yard maintenance. Bring pruners, gloves, rakes and anything else you use to maintain your own yard. Hostesses are Jean Chastang and Linda Parker.



**November Activities:** Meet at the clubhouse Tuesday at 9 am on November 21 to refurbish and make new Christmas ornaments for the Town Hall and Post Office. Bring glue guns. Other items to bring will be announced next month. Hostesses for the meeting are Betsy Hughes and Cindy Porter. Also, we will be electing officers and committee chairs for 2018, so consider volunteering.

**Yard of the Month:** Thank you to Jean Chastang and Suzanne Jantzen for judging the June YOM and congratulations to Lynn and Sonny Stiller. Thank you to Lee Duer and Linda Parker for judging the July YOM and congratulations to Flo Sylvia. Thank you to

Elizabeth Buckman and her husband for judging the August YOM and congratulations to Julia Talley. Thank you to Anne Parker and Gay Webster for judging the September YOM and congratulations to Finola and Henry Corbett. October judges are Marlene Miller and Lynne Kaplan and November judges are Betsy Hughes and Lynne Rousseau. December judges are Debbie Montgomery and Cindy Porter. Remember to get a blank check for \$25 from Jean Chastang to award to the December winner.

## Other Activities:

- There were 39 votes to defederate, three votes to stay in the Federation of which one would hold the charter, one vote to hold the charter if there were at least 20 votes to stay federated, and one vote to stay federated but not hold the charter. As a result of this vote the OWC will leave the Federation on January 1, 2018. A meeting for anyone in the Club was held on September 6 to gather ideas for re-focusing the OWC's mission, objectives and activities. The EC met on September 8 and formed several Focus Groups to further identify and refine the OWC's objectives and functions/activities. The goal is to have these Focus Groups present their recommendations at the October 31 EC meeting. Results will be presented to the full membership. The Focus Group leaders will be asking or accepting volunteers to assist in developing the recommendations. If you are interested in participating in one or more of the Focus Groups please contact the following: Arts Focus Group – Rosalyn Kutchins; Conservation Focus Group – Carol McAdoo and Suzanne Jantzen; Education Focus Group – Elizabeth MacDonald; Home Life Focus Group – Carol Herman. Additional Focus Groups will be formed at a later date to consider committee activities as well as fundraising and donations.
- There will be a road clean-up under the Adopt-a-Highway program sponsored by the OWC Conservation CSP on Saturday September 31. Meet at the parking lot of Town and Country Grocery at 9 am.
- The LON/OWC fall bazaar is Saturday November 4. If you can help with set-up on Friday the 3rd or on the day of the bazaar please contact Marguerite Garrett. If you can bake cookies for the Cookies by the Pound sale contact Jean Chastang.
- The OWC will be selling BBQ sandwiches during the Ol' Front Poarch Music Festival to support maintenance of the Blackwell Point Cemetery. Please let Jean Chastang know if you can help.
- The OWC Christmas Luncheon and installation of officers will be on Tuesday December 5, 11:30 am. Tickets at \$15 will be available soon. The luncheon will be catered by Mary Ellen Hamm. Please plan to attend this festive holiday event and bring some friends.

