



## Bermuda Run Garden Club Celebrates 30 years | "Crown Jewel" Among Local Service Organizations

Over the past 30 years the Bermuda Run Garden Club has earned a reputation for excellence and leadership in community service not only in Davie and Forsyth counties but across the nation. A twelve time winner of the State Garden Club of the Year award and a national Shell Oil Environmental Awareness Award for starting the first recycling project in Davie County head the list. These contributions have been made possible by the hard work of many women who are and have been members of the club's 30 year history.

Founded in 1984 by the late Grace Madrey, along with charter members Ann Cornwell and Lois Price, the club continued to grow with monthly meetings and town projects. Programs planned were a variety of fun and work with vis-

its to botanical, wildflower and herb gardens. Some projects were to benefit public parks while others were to beautify our area nearby. Workshops covered information and awareness of preparation for the first annual flower show. It was during this first year the club flower, violet, was chosen and member Katie Reidenbach presented then club president Ann Cornwall with an original water color rendering. In 1987 a two year landscaping project around the Bermuda Run Post Office began. By the end of the first year the club had grown to 30 members.

Much of the club's history is captured in beautiful award winning garden club scrapbooks noting over 50+ new start-up community projects many of which are still in operation today. The club raises thousands of dollars each year by selling flowers and winning at the Dixie Classic Fair in order to support the causes they believe in. Hospice, Meals on Wheels, Lunch buddies, Pearls of Empowerment and Storehouse for Jesus to name a few.

The Bermuda Run Garden Club hosted its 30th annual anniversary luncheon on September 3rd at the Bermuda Run Country Club. In addition to the two chartered members, honored





Town Councilman, Ed Coley with Garden Club President Sue Whittaker

quests included former presidents of the Garden Club, NCGC District 4 Director Marge Silber and Town Councilman Ed Coley. The agenda for the meeting quizzed the members on club history with various prizes awarded.

The highlight of the meeting came when Town Councilman Coley presented a formal proclamation signed by Mayor Ken Rethmeier declaring Sept 5th in our great town as officially

"Bermuda Run Garden Club Day". The proclamation honored the garden club for thirty years of community service. Projects recognized by the town included trimming roses at Tanglewood Park, establishing a 'yard of the month' program to inspire beautification, supplying horticulture to the Dixie Classic Fair for 29 years, State Garden Club of the Year awards, Blue Star Memorial sponsor, and hundreds of volunteer hours to local libraries and charities.

Furthermore the proclamation recognized the organization as a "crown jewel" among local service organizations providing visually and financially significant contributions to the greater community. Accepting the award was Garden Club President Sue Whittaker. "The Bermuda Run Garden Club is honored to accept such an award" she said.

We are proud of our history  
of service and we are  
committed to continue to give  
back to our community.





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