



Bermuda Run Garden Club Installs New Officers

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Bermuda Run Garden Club celebrated the end of one outstanding club year and welcomed the beginning of a new club year with the installation of new officers. Mary Ann Spainhour, District 4 director for Garden Clubs of North Carolina, conducted the installation. Using a snowflake theme, Mrs. Spainhour presented each officer with a hand crocheted snowflake as she reminded them of the unique responsibilities of each office.

The incoming president of BRGC is Peggy Schuppert. First vice president for programs is JoAnn Mintz and second vice president of membership

is Lynn Marcellino. The secretary is Patricia "PJ" Guerra, and treasurer is Kathy Zeitvogel. President Schuppert has chosen the theme for the year of "Flower Power from Bud to Full Bloom."

Prior to installing the new club officers, outgoing President Sue Whittaker reviewed the record of accomplishment of the BRGC for 2015-2016. The list provided significant reason for celebration.

In 2015-16 the club welcomed five new members and honored our two charter members, Lois Price and Ann Cornwell, with life memberships in the Garden Club of North Carolina. BRGC kicked off our own website to improve communications within our club and with the public. Club activities were frequently shared with

the public also through local news media. The club's annual geranium sale provided profits to fund a variety of the club's community projects. In addition, the club held two successful shredding events, which benefitted local charities, in addition to helping the community dispose securely of old personal documents and recycle the remains.

BRGC won the prize for Best Club Yearbook at the 2015 District 4 meeting for the third year in a row. The club contributed to its Endowment Fund with the Davie Foundation, which benefits the Children's Reading Program. The garden club collaborated with Bermuda Run Country Club to serve nearly 200 students and school staff at our Luncheon for Exceptional Children of Davie County Public Schools and initiated a new community partnership with Walmart in Mocksville, which, with Lowe's Foods of Kinderton, donated 70 pounds of cooked turkey for the event.

The Club continued our ongoing efforts to benefit the Storehouse for Jesus by donating food and other staples at club meetings, purchasing needed school supplies, holding a blanket and pajama drive, and donating 75 Thanksgiving meals. BRGC completed a five-year membership commitment to Pearls of Empowerment of the Davie Community Foundation. Many members are personally active in Pearl projects.

Besides making significant contributions of goods and services to the community, we have learned to attract birds to our yards, toured the awesome Tanglewood Arboretum, trimmed and trimmed roses at Tanglewood, entered specimens in the Dixie Classic Fair, learned to make bird nests from dried flowers and herbs to decorate our Christmas trees, heard about plants that cause allergies and illnesses, planted and cared for our own amaryllis bulbs and shared that knowledge through our website and local media. We created beautiful centerpieces for charity events, collaborated with the Town of Bermuda Run to plant and care for three beautiful planters at the post office and the town hall, sold 704 geraniums to friends and neighbors to beautify our community, and created 450 bouquets for lunch trays for Meals on Wheels recipients. We gave an appealing children's book about plant germination to each of our little lunch buddies along with their own "air plant" and spray bottles to keep them healthy.

In recognition of her leadership in all these endeavors, the club presented outgoing President Sue Whittaker with a hand-painted ceramic flower pot, painted with light houses, filled with a plant arrangement from Myer's Greenhouse.

The Bermuda Run Garden Club has completed one year of so much learning and community involvement, and we have another great year ahead!



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