

Trent Woods Garden Club

December 2025

Happy Holidays Everyone,

I am doing a little better each day and am thankful for everyone's prayers and concern. TWGC does not rest on its laurels and I am proud that everything has gone so smoothly.

Garden Therapy's visit to Monarch and the Garden BEE's visit with Smokey the Bear looks like everybody had a great time, thanks to Karen Kimball and Karen Powers. I understand that the Bishop Home was decorated and the pointsettias were distributed to the residents, thanks to Paula Hartman and June Boyd.

I am looking forward to this month's program, a Festival of Wreaths. I cannot wait to see what creativity everyone brings. Thanks to all who volunteered and to Maureen Loomer, our 2ndVP of Programs.

Debbie Durham has been very busy this month, not only creating an arrangement for Bank of the Arts but also for the Holly and Ivy Tour, thank you Debbie.

I understand that the Awards committee, led by Paula Hartman and Kathy Perretta were successful in sending in all of the award applications, thank you ladies.

I hope to see you all at the Gold Star dedication on December 10th at the Clark's Road Rest area at 11:00 am!

Many Thanks to all!

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Trent Woods Garden Club Members' Meeting

December 11, 2025

New Bern Golf & Country Club

4301 Country Club Road, New Bern, NC 28562

10:00 am – Coffee and Social 10:30 – Meeting and Program

12 Noon – Lunch

Program

A Festival of Wreaths

Presented by

Maureen Loomer and TWGC Members

Menu

1. Pecan Chicken Salad – Homemade chicken salad topped with Carolina candied pecans served on a bed of iceberg lettuce with fresh fruit & apple nut bread.

OR

2. Brie and Raspberry Chicken - Pan seared marinated breast of chicken served with Brie cream sauce and raspberry compote, roasted garlic potato puree with shallot and balsamic haricot verts

Please contact Judy Boyd to make a reservation by

Tuesday December 9th and indicate your choice to

judysboyd@embarqmail.com

Lunch cost \$25. due before start of meeting.

Meeting only \$10.

November 2025 Seasonal Design

by Annette Daugherty



Welcome Sue Jones to TWGC



November 2025 Monthly Program

Our own Dr Karen Powers gave a marvelous presentation about her work with the Boys/Girls Club and the community garden that they have all worked so hard to create out of nothing. With a mix of both vegetables, herbs and flowers the garden provides endless learning opportunities for the kids.



Beautification

The Beautification Committee was busy in early December decorating the park and the Blue Star Memorial Marker



Horticulture and Environmental Concerns December 2025

by Maureen Loomer

“How did it get so late so soon?” — Dr. Seuss

Another Holiday season is upon us! A casual check of the suppliers suggests that the prices on Christmas trees and plants have not gone up much. It appears that supply, constrained by the Sars-CoV pandemic impact on growers, has recovered.

Yesterday, while buying poinsettias at Pinecone Garden Center, I saw a gorgeous Mahonia (Oregon Grape) groomed almost like a small tree. I was tempted and may give in (I deserve an early Christmas present!). This is one of my favorite native plants and one that deserves more attention. It features in this great article from <https://www.almanac.com/best-flowers-bloom-winter>.

Garden Tasks. Under our Fearless Leader, Sue Wyatt, the Beautification Committee has kept the plantings at the Blue Star Memorial and the Town Park watered and groomed. We are about due for a rest! Sue and Marcia Sproul cut evergreens to “deck” the monument. The vermillionaire I brought to the November meeting has at last stopped blooming but there has been no frost at our house. I’m concentrating on keeping things tidy in the home garden but looking forward to working with Master Gardeners at the CropMaster garden on winter crops. Still waiting for frost to sweeten the collards! Now is the time many home gardeners are planning for starting seedlings indoors. If you are doing this, please drop me a line at bee27534@aol.com and let me know what you are growing this coming year.

Crop/Wildlife Watch. Even as temperatures drop, and folks yearn outdoor burning, please be conscious of dry, windy conditions. An open fire at an oyster roast can quickly become a disaster. Juncos and White-Throated Sparrows have come to drink at the bird baths in my backyard, and the latest Drought Monitor report reveals that 95% of Craven County is under D1 (moderate drought) conditions. Under these conditions crop yields may begin to decline, and irrigation demands increase. Reservoir levels may start to drop, affecting local water availability. Wild vegetation may show signs of stress, impacting wildlife habitats. There were fewer tropical systems this year along with some brief extreme temperature variations over the growing season. These stressed our state’s agriculture although crop yields have been average-slightly above average for the year with the best yields occurring in our region. Craven, Pamlico, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrell, Martin, Hyde, and Pitt Counties are part of North Carolina’s historically fertile coastal plain frequently called the Blacklands because of the richly organic soil produced from ancient cypress swamps.

<https://wfpc.sanford.duke.edu/podcasts/visit-middlecreek-farms-blacklands-north-carolina/>

Until next time...

Bishop Home

TWGC Members gathered in early December to create swags to hang on the gates and front entrance. They also delivered poinsettia plants to all 23 residents.



November 2025 Garden Therapy

by Karen Kimball

On Monday, November 17, six members of the Trent Woods Garden Club visited Monarch Adult Day Care. 22 participants were assisted by our volunteers to help make pinecone bird feeders. Although a bit messy with the spreading of the lard on the pinecones, this activity was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There was lots of laughter and fun conversations. When the feeders were completely covered with seed, the participants each hung theirs from branches out back. They looked forward to watching the birds enjoy feeding in the coming days. A delicious snack of juice and homemade cookies was enjoyed by all along with singing songs.

Monarch very much enjoys our yearly visits doing this activity. Changing the dates from March to November only made sense because of the scarcity of food over the winter months.



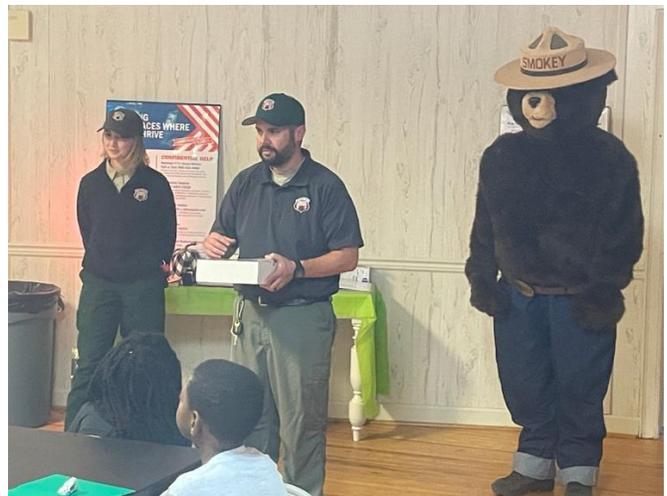


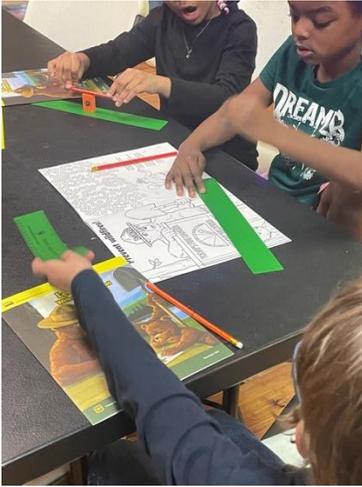
Garden Bees Youth Garden Club

November 2025 by Karen Powers

Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires

The Garden Bees got a visit from two U.S. Forestry Agents, Daniel and Caitlin, who surprised them by bringing Smokey Bear with them. The members were read the story of the real Smokey Bear. They were shown the many items that our forest is responsible for, including Oreos! They then had an animated, interactive discussion with the forest rangers about being responsible when visiting the forest and how to completely extinguish a campfire. The rangers patiently answered many, many questions and before leaving, shared lots of great Smokey Bear gifts, coloring books, rulers, pencils, erasers, etc. with the group.





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Birthdays

Christine Bryon 12/21

Sue Forgione 12/1

Paula Hartman 12/1

Elizabeth Lassiter 12/14

Michelle Rose 12/6