

NOTES FROM JAN 19TH MEETING

The Garden Club gathered at the home of Angie and Louis Fender for the annual planning meeting. After a delicious potluck meal we discussed our plans for **2009**.

Many people requested the spring meeting be about beekeeping. Annie will arrange for a speaker and a location.

An Arbor Day Celebration will take place on April 25 at the Courthouse. A tree will be planted in Bill Ligon's honor. Nancy Knapp will contact the County Commissioners and arrange for Bill Glass to plant the tree. A general clean up of the garden spots at Cooper Park will also happen in April. Julie Coffin will coordinate a clean up at the Triangle in April.

The annual plant sale will take place at the first Farmers' Market [on May 2]. JoAnn Ligon, Jean Bruce, Julie Coffin, and John Fuhs will be in charge of that event.

During the discussion of the urns, it was noted that some are damaged and need to be repaired or replaced. Two have been destroyed. Sue and John Ciresi will check them all for damage. We generated a list of volunteers to plant and water urns. Urns should be planted, if possible, before the first Farmers' Market. Urns may be planted with volunteers' choice of plants.

The summer meeting will be a visit to view the gardens of Anne and Dave Henk and Sue and John Ciresi. A date in June will be chosen at the Spring meeting [March 30, 2009 at the Extension Office].

Linda Hancock reported that this year's theme for the County Fair is "Christmas in July." She wasn't sure what the Fair Board was going to do about judging. The first Saturday of the Fair is July 4th. She is concerned that it will be difficult to find judges willing to work on the holiday. The Center display was also discussed. Annie stated she would like to see the display be more educational. Several ideas involving growing vegetables were discussed. Possible ideas for the display are square foot gardening, raised beds or sister gardens. Sister gardens are based on the Native American practice of planting corn, beans, and squash together. Floyd Richards and Dave Brinson will work on this project.