



# OWC GARDEN CLUB

## October 2011

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### FROM THE CHAIR

"Men argue, Nature acts," Voltaire. (French philosopher) Well, we won't argue with that! Irene was certainly a case in point. During the long, hot and dry summer, I kept wishing for a really good rain. Perhaps I should have begun with the quote, "be careful what you wish for. ". With the lovely fall days we are having it is hard to believe that Nature could also be so violent. But the evidence is all around us as the cleanup continues. Some of our members were really hit hard by Irene; please know that you are in our thoughts.

### TODAY'S MEETING

Thank you to those of you who came out last month to decorate pots for the bazaar. I especially want to thank Linda Parker, Lee Duer and Jan Nixon for returning to paint more pots and putting on a sealer coat. Beautiful work ladies!

This month we continue with bazaar crafts. We will make fall and Christmas centerpieces and decorations from Styrofoam, greens, ribbon and candles. I hope to see you all at the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18: 9:00 for the social, 9:30 for the activity.

### NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM

We will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 15, to repair the Christmas decorations used at the clubhouse, post office and town hall. Linda Parker is the chair for this activity.

### IN THE GARDEN - Snippets from the Pamlico County Cooperative Extension Center's Website

#### *Pamlico County Master Gardeners*

Are you looking to expand your knowledge for Gardening and Lawn Care and all things related. Would you be willing to share that knowledge with the rest of the world?

If so, consider becoming a Pamlico County Master Gardener Volunteer. Applications are available for the 2011 class, which will begin on January 24. See <http://pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu>.

#### *Fire Ants – the other Hurricane Pest*

The mosquitoes are biting and your blood is boiling, but do not forget to look down. As you wildly flail in an attempt to rid yourselves of those buzzing marauders, a misstep into fire ant mound could mean even greater discomfort. With heavy rains from Hurricane Irene, numerous fire ant mounds have been popping up overnight. Now that these ants have risen to the surface, it is time to take action. Cooler temperatures will eventually force these ants underground, so this may be your last opportunity of the year to limit the spread of this pest. See <http://pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu/index.php?page=lawngarden> for information on control of fire ants.

**Snippets (continued)**

*Extension Gardener Newsletter*

Extension Gardener™ is a statewide horticultural program that provides timely, research-based horticultural information. See <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/successg>.

From the fall issue of the Coastal Plain edition of the Extension Gardener Newsletter come the following tips:

- Fall is an excellent time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials in the South.
- Replace summer annuals with cool-season favorites like pansies, ornamental kale and snapdragons in September and October.
- Do not prune trees and shrubs in fall. This will stimulate new growth that will not have time to ripen before frost. *[And don't fertilize either!]*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Nov 1      Annual Meeting 1 pm Clubhouse-Election of 2012 Officers
- Nov 5      The bi-annual holiday bazaar 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Let Christine Garman (249-3513) know how you can help out.
- Nov 15     November meeting – tree decorations
- Dec 14     11:30am Christmas luncheon

**Yard Care, 10am**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Capt: Anne Parker-1985  
Lynne Rousseau-0792  
Ann Albee-7249

**December 5th**

Capt: Lynne Kaplan-2567  
Ann Albee-7249  
Nancy Miller-1443

Remember: If you are not available, please find a substitute

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

