

EXTENSION & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (ECA) - GASTON COUNTY October 2019 Newsletter

OCTOBER MONTHLY CLUB MEETING (NEW TIME)

Thurs., October 3rd / 10:00am - 11:30am

All members and guests are invited to attend this monthly member meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thurs., October 21st / 10:00am - 11:30am

All board members are requested to attend - please contact Pam Myers or Pam Bryson if you are unable to attend. This meeting is open to all members, but only Executive Board members can vote during this time. Also, any member who would like to have an issue discussed at the October monthly meeting (November 7th) is encouraged to attend this Executive Board meeting.

OFFICE COVERAGE NEEDED

Please contact Pam Bryson if you can assist with coverage - your help is greatly appreciated:

- Monday, Oct. 7th - Wednesday Oct. 9th: annual leave
- Thursdays, Oct. 3rd - Nov. 21st, 2 - 5pm: Pam teaching Matter of Balance
- Wednesdays, Oct. 16 - Nov. 20th, 8:30am -12:00pm: Pam teaching Living Healthy with Diabetes
- Monday, Oct. 21st and Tuesday, Oct. 22nd (all day): Pam attending ECA State meeting

CULTURAL ARTS FOR STATE MEETING

Deadline: Thurs., October 17th

Please bring these items to the Center so they can be taken to the State ECA meeting:

CATEGORY 3: NEEDLE WORK

*1st: Betty Willis

CATEGORY 4: KNITTING

*1st: Rita Kincaid

CATEGORY 8: HERITAGE SKILLS

*1st: Cindy Miller

CATEGORY 9: CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

*1st: Pamela Myers

CATEGORY 12: WATERCOLORS

*1st: Pamela Myers

CATEGORY 15: FINE ARTS - MISCELLANEOUS

*1st: Pamela Myers

CATEGORY 25: QUILTS – OTHER TECHNIQUES, CATHEDRAL WINDOW, YOYO

*1st: Kathie Andrews (BEST IN SHOW)

CATEGORY 32: MISCELLANEOUS

*1st: Pat Mantoath

2020 ECA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues of \$20 and applications are to be submitted individually to Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison, by October 15th so that state ECA dues can be paid by the deadline.

COLLECTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you to all members who supported our school supply collection. The Gaston County School students appreciate your help. These supplies will help 4-5 schools in the area.



Warm Up America afghans completed by Creative Needlers - thank you!!



Snowbabies taught by Rita Kincaid in the Ceramic Room - thank you!!

5th Annual SOMETHIN' PUMPKIN COOKING CONTEST & FESTIVAL

October 12th 10am - 1:30pm

Citizens Resource Center, Dallas, NC - Dallas Park
In conjunction with Cotton Ginning Days



*Cooking Contest, Kids' Pumpkin Decorating & Contest, **FACE PAINTING** and much more! Don't miss this family-fun event!*



Entry deadline:
Sept. 6th

COOKING CONTEST

Categories

Dessert
Main Dish
Home Grown
Miscellaneous
Youth: Ages 8 - 12
Youth: Ages 13-18

Prizes per Category

1st Place: \$100
2nd Place: \$50
3rd Place: \$25

*Pumpkin must be
an ingredient*

COOKING CONTEST WINNER GRAND PRIZE: \$200

KIDS' PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Entries accepted
Sept. 30th - Oct. 3rd

Details - Gaston County Library locations:

Main, Cherryville, Ferguson, Tech@Lowell, & Union Rd.



Grades K-5
& Family

Free!

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For More Information

Email: linda_minges@ncsu.edu
704.922.2127

Facebook: @GastonExtensionHealthyLiving

Online: gaston.ces.ncsu.edu
Click on "Annual Somethin' Pumpkin
Cooking Contest"

For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact 704.922.2127 by Oct. 4, 2019



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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Workshop Registration Information:

1. Pre-registration including payment of registration fees is required by the registration deadline. **If you have not registered by the deadline you cannot take the class.** Registration form should be completed and dropped off or mailed to the Lucile Tatum Center. **Note: Check only, made payable to Gaston Co. ECA no cash is accepted.**
2. Refunds for participant cancellations made after the registration deadline will not be provided.
3. Please note that class location, time, and fees vary with each class.
4. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact 704.865.3291 within five business days before the event.
5. Be respectful of the "Fragrance Free" Policy at the Lucile Tatum Center. Do not wear fragrances - no perfumes, scented locations, body sprays, aftershave, etc.
6. "Gaston County strives to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to access its programs, services and activities. If you will require assistance to participate in a program, service or activity of Gaston County, we request that you contact our office at least 5 business days before the event."

Book Club Meeting: Monday, Oct. 7th

Time: 6:30pm | Free

Registration Deadline: none

Meets at member's home

Facilitator: Pamela Myers

Registration deadline: None - contact 704.861.9328 or pcmyers2013@hotmail.com or Linda Jozwiakowski (704.866.7677)

The book club selection this month is *An Anonymous Girl* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen. Looking to earn some easy cash, Jessica Farris agrees to be a test subject in a psychological study about ethics and morality. But as the study moves from the exam room to the real world, the line between what is real and what is one of the doctor's experiments blurs. Jessica's behavior will not only be monitored, but manipulated. Caught in a web of attraction, deceit and jealousy, Jess quickly learns that some obsessions can be deadly.

Terra Cotta Pumpkin: Wednesday, Oct. 16th

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm | \$5-ECA members, \$7-Non ECA members

Registration Deadline: Oct. 14th

Instructor: Pamela Myers

Make a pumpkin that will last until next year and beyond! Paint a terra cotta pot to look like a pumpkin or your favorite jack o'lantern. BRING: Terra cotta/clay pot in size of your choice with a terra cotta/clay saucer that will fit on the top (or buy a larger size to place on top for a candle holder!), paint brushes, good paper towels, and a water container.



Christmas Placements: Friday, Oct. 18th
Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm | \$10 members \$12 non members
Registration Deadline: Oct. 11th
Instructor: Patti Wells



This is a basic sewing class (need to know how to use a sewing machine for straight stitching). Each participant will receive a kit containing a Christmas printed fabric for the top of the placemats, a “batting layer” and a backing fabric. Enough to make four placemats - two red and two green coordinating placemats.

The instructor will have the supplies for one placemat ready for you to assemble and sew. There should be time for you to cut out another placemat and work on assembly. You should be able to have the skills to complete the remainder of the placemats at home if needed. These placemats would be great for your holiday decorating or make a great gift!

Christmas Ornaments (2 sessions): Tuesday, Oct. 15th & 29th
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm | \$12- ECA members; \$15-Non ECA members
Registration Fee: Registration Deadline: Oct. 14
Instructor: Rita Kincaid

Participants will clean one greenware ornaments and choose and pour a 2nd ornament if desired. On 2nd class you will stain or glaze 1st bisque ornament and clean 2nd chosen ornament. Wear old clothes or a coverall shirt/apron if desired as dust paint stains are possible. Supplies needed: Bring any ceramic tools you may have and /or paint brushes if you wish to have your own.

Serger Class Making Pajama: Monday, Oct. 28th
Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm | \$7 ECA members \$9 Non ECA members
Registration Fee: Registration Deadline: Oct. 10th
Instructor: Patti Wells

Special Instructions: Hip measurement needed when you register so you can be informed of the amount of fabric needed. Measure around the fullest part of your hips about 7” – 9” below the waist. Sizes available are XS – XXXL. This will be the length you need for 1” elastic. Instructor will furnish the pattern based on this measurement. So be sure to register by Friday, October 18.

Supplies Needed: Fabric for Pj (lightweight cotton, flannel or rayon would be good choices) , 1” elastic, scissors, pins, We have a limited number of sergers to share or bring your own. Please notify Pam Bryson if you re going to use one of our machines or if you are bringing your own. Description of Class: We will be using the serger to make a pair of comfortable, loose-fitting panama pants (pairing the pants with a purchased t-shirt makes a great lounging or sleeping outfit!) The Pattern will be furnished. This is a great way to learn how to use the serger for a practical easy project! Find a t-shirt with a favorite saying or favorite band and buy fabric for the pj pants in a coordinating fabric for a great gift (or outfit for you!)

Christmas Card Workshop: Tuesday, Oct. 29th

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm | \$10 ECA members \$12 Non ECA members

Registration Fee: Registration Deadline: Oct. 22nd

Instructor: Linda Alexander

Learn to create four different Christmas cards to get a head start on your special holiday greetings!

Walking In the Rain: Wednesday, Oct. 30th

Time: 5:30pm-9:00pm | \$5-ECA members; \$7- Non ECA members

Registration Deadline: Oct. 28th

Instructor: Pamela Myers

Paint a pretty Autumn scene—take a walk through the park with your umbrella. BRING: paint brushes, good paper towels, water container and an 11x14 or 16x20 canvas. Paint will be provided.

Shirt Front Apron: Tuesday, Nov. 5th

Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm | \$6- ECA members; \$8-Non ECA members

Registration Deadline: Oct. 29th

Instructor: Patti Wells

This is a delightful, fun and practical apron made from a man's dress or casual shirt. Bring one you salvage from the gentleman of the house closet or order one from the instructor. Basic knowledge of machine sewing is required.....know how to sew a straight stitch! This would make a great gift for a cook.

Supplies Needed: Man's cotton shirt (button down the front) scissors, straight pins, thread for sewing machine,

Charlotte Skyline with American Flag Sky: Wednesday, Nov. 6th

Time: 6:00pm-9:30pm | \$5- ECA members; \$7-Non ECA members

Registration Deadline: Nov. 4th

Instructor: Pamela Myers

Charlotte celebrates the 4th! Come paint a sky full of America with the Charlotte skyline. Bring an 11x14 canvas, 1" flat brush, 1/2" or 3/4" flat brush and a small round brush, and a water container. Paint will be provided.



Microwave Bowl Holder: Tuesday, Nov. 12th

Time: 5:30pm-9:30pm | \$6- ECA members; \$8-Non ECA members

Registration Deadline: Nov. 5th

Instructor: Patti Wells

This quick and easy class will create a great practical addition to your kitchen or make a great gift. Putting your bowl of soup or vegetables in a bowl caddy before you put the

bowl in the microwave gives you a safe way to lift the bowl out of the microwave protecting your fingers from the hot food. You will create two bowl “cozies”.____one for you and one for a gift!

Supplies Needed: Rotary cutter or scissors, straight pins_and snips.____Fabric, batting and thread will be provided for this class.

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Time: 6:30pm | Free

Registration Deadline: none

Meets at member's home

Facilitator: Pamela Myers

Registration deadline: None - contact 704.861.9328 or pcmyers2013@hotmail.com or Linda Jozwiakowski (704.866.7677)

We're going classic this month! The book club selection for November is *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë. Widely regarded as a revolutionary novel, Brontë's masterpiece introduced the world to a radical new type of heroine, one whose defiant virtue and moral courage departed sharply from the more acquiescent and malleable female characters of the day. Passionate, dramatic, and surprisingly modern, *Jane Eyre* endures as one of the world's most beloved novels

Book Club Meeting: Monday, Dec. 9th

Time: 6:30pm | Free

Registration Deadline: none

Meets at member's home

Facilitator: Pamela Myers

Registration deadline: None - contact 704.861.9328 or pcmyers2013@hotmail.com or Linda Jozwiakowski (704.866.7677)

First published in 1945, *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck focuses on the acceptance of life as it is—both the exuberance of community and the loneliness of the individual. Steinbeck interweaves the stories of the people in this world where only the fittest survive—creating what is at once one of his most humorous and poignant works. He creates an evocative portrait of life as it is lived by those who unabashedly put the highest value on the intangibles—human warmth, camaraderie, and love.

Basic Quilt Class: Saturdays (9 sessions) Feb. 22- Oct. 24, 2020

Time: 9am-3pm | Total cost: \$90 (can be paid in two payments; 1st payment - \$45 is due when you sign up; 2nd payment - \$45 due at class 4)

Registration Deadline: Jan. 2, 2020

Instructor: Pat Mantooth

Sewing skills are a must. This is not a sewing class. Rotary cutting skills and reading a ruler is needed but there will be a free class for those who pay for the Basic Quilt Class on Saturday Feb. 15th at 1:00pm to show you how to use these tools. You will need basic sewing and cutting supplies, rotary cutter, 6 ½ x 9” ruler, thread, etc. Supply list will be furnished when you sign up.

FRIENDLY ECA REMINDERS



2019 HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Please mark your calendars with the following Lucile Tatum closings:

Veterans Day	November 11	Monday
Thanksgiving	November 28 & 29	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 24, 25, & 26	Tues-Wed-Thurs

2020 HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Please mark your calendars with the following Lucile Tatum closings:

New Year's Day	January 1	Wednesday
MLK Birthday	January 20	Monday
Good Friday	April 10	Friday
Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
Independence Day	July 3	Friday
Labor Day	September 7	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11	Wednesday
Thanksgiving	November 26 & 27	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 23, 24, 25	Wed - Thurs - Fr

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the monthly newsletter is the 10th of the month. If the 10th falls on a weekend the information is due before the 10th. Information received after the 10th will be included in the following month's newsletter.

FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER? PLEASE STAY AT HOME

For the health of ECA members, staff, and visitors please stay home when you are sick or not feeling well.

PERFUME & FRAGRANCE POLICY

For the health and comfort of our staff and volunteers, we strive to be as fragrance-free as possible. Please do not wear fragrances - no perfumes, scented locations, body sprays, aftershave, etc. This policy includes all business hours, after-hours and weekends.

DAILY HOUSEKEEPING SCHEDULE

The Lucile Tatum Center is closed daily from 12:00 - 1:00pm for servicing by cleaning personnel. Please do not ask the cleaning staff to stay in the building they do not have authorization to permit this. You must ask Pam Bryson at least a week in advance for permission to stay in the building during lunch. This will only be allowed for County functions or meetings.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

All ECA club meetings, lifestyle classes or any other ECA activity scheduled at the Lucile Tatum Center will follow the Gaston Co. School system cancellation schedule for all activities, workshops, etc. as follows:

1. *During school cancellation:* If the school system is closed during inclement weather, all ECA meetings, classes and activities will be cancelled.
2. *During school delays:* If the school system is on a delayed schedule, ECA activities not affected by the delay will continue as scheduled. If the ECA activity is scheduled prior to the beginning of the delayed school schedule - these events will be cancelled.
3. When ECA activities are cancelled, it is the ECA President's responsibility to notify members of the cancellation. The ECA Liaison will be responsible for working with program instructors to ensure that all participants are notified of delays/cancellations.

SUNSHINE VOLUNTEER

Many thanks to Betty Agerton, who has agreed to send cards to ECA members who are sick, hospitalized, or experienced the loss of a loved one. Please let Betty know if any members who are in your special interest group have the need for a card. We would appreciate if only one person from your Special Interest Group would contact Betty. If the ECA member is not part of a special interest group, please let Pam Bryson or Pamela Myers know.

NC ECA STATE INFORMATION BOOK

There is a red book in the project room that has all the information about the NCECA included: bylaws, standing rules, current year book, general information/forms, cultural arts/forms. This book is for reviewing at the Lucile Tatum Center - please do not remove.

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

- January, February, March, October, & November: first Thursday - 10:00am
- April, May, June, August & September: first Thursday - 6:30pm
- No meeting in July
- Christmas Party in December

ECA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- Bel-Heights - 2nd Monday, 10:00am @ Presbyterian Church of Lowell (contact: Betty Willis)
- Creative Needlers – Wednesdays, 6 - 8pm @ Lucile Tatum Center (except the last Wednesday of the month); Warm Up America - Last Wednesday of the month, 6 - 8pm (contact: Ruth Ferns)
- Lucile Tatum - called meetings only (contact: Sharon Smith)
- Martha Goebel - 1st Tuesday, 10:00am (contact: Mary Upton)
- Quiltmakers - 3rd Thursday, 6:30pm (contact: Linda Jozwiakowski)
- Scrappers Unlimited - 3rd Saturday, 10:00am - 12:00pm & 2:00pm - 6:00pm (contact: Sheri Vance)

ECA 2019 PROJECTS

The following projects are ongoing and supported by all ECA clubs:

1. RADA sales: RADA cutlery sales are ongoing and proceeds are used to support ECA scholarships. Contact an ECA member to learn more! (contact: Lucy Baier)
2. Ronald McDonald House: collection of drink tabs (contact: Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)
3. Gaston County Schools: collecting Campbell soup labels and education labels from food containers (contact: Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)
4. First Baptist Mission Trips: collecting eyeglasses (contact: Martha Spurrier)
5. Pennies for Friendship: supports Association of Country World Women (contact: Teresa Weaver)
6. Baby Quilts & Baby Caps: making quilts and caps for infants in the neonatal intensive unit at CaroMont Regional Medical Center (contact: Gloria Snyder)
7. Surgical Pillows: sewing pillows for surgical patients of CaroMont Regional Medical Center
8. Operation Gratitude: knitting/crocheting scarves for the military (contact: Carol Dillinger)
9. Shirt Savers for Holy Angels: making shirt savers for residents – cloth/supplies purchased by Holy Angels (contact: Martha Spurrier)
10. Farmers Market Activities: local food demos provided onsite at the Gastonia Farmers' Market from May through September (contact: Linda Jozwiakowski)
11. Women's House for Habitat for Humanity
12. Catherine's House: collect supplies needed

GASTON CO. ECA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2019

President - Pamela Myers

President-Elect - Patti Wells

Secretary - Ruth Ferns

Treasurer - Angela Nona

Advisor - Mary Upton

Committee Chairs:

Building Committee - Martha Spurrier

Ceramic Room Committee - Rita Kincaid

Marketing Committee - Audrey Hunt

Program Committee - Linda Jozwiakowski

Scholarship Committee - Kathie Andrews

LUCILE TATUM CENTER

Location & Mailing Address: 959 Osceola St., Gastonia, NC 28054

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday | 8:30am - 5pm (closed daily from 12-1pm)

For More Information:

Pam Bryson - Gaston County ECA Liaison

Phone: 704.865.3291

Email: pam.bryson@gastongov.com

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Mailing Address: PO Box 1578, Gastonia, NC 28053

Physical Address: Citizens Resource Center, 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy., Dallas, NC

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday | 8am - 5pm

For More Information:

Phone: 704.922.2111

Website: gaston.ces.ncsu.edu

NC Cooperative extension website: go.ncsu.edu/nceca

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ECA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Gaston County Extension & Community Association (ECA)

July 25, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order at 10:00 a.m.

Attending: Pamela Myers, Angela Nona, Sharon Smith, Audrey Hunt, Patti Wells, Linda Jozwiakowski, Martha Spurrier, Pam Bryson

OLD BUSINESS

Corrections to Executive Board Meeting Minutes of June 27. (NOTE: See minutes below for additional information.)

- Orientation: Pam Bryson will make up a list of all members (not just new) to be distributed to board members and contact person of special interest groups.
- Adding new guideline: property returned within 3 days
- Scholarships: Recommendations: Leave a base of \$1000 in account. Give a minimum of one scholarship. Give a maximum of three scholarships. Additional awards may be given based on money available.

Update on Pie Day (Martha Spurrier)

Flyer has been created. Lucile Tatum telephone number given on flyer. Decision made to not offer presale tickets as there is no advantage for us and people are served on a first come basis. Same for group ticket sales. All sales will be at the door. We have 15 recipes as of this date. Recipes are due by August 15. We need 80-90 pies. Final arrangements will be reviewed at the August 1 ECA meeting. Volunteers should arrive no later than 10:30. All donations must be made by check.

Update on Cotton Ginning Days (Pamela Myers)

Will ask members to bring samples of what they are making to August 1 meeting. Hope to encourage all members to participate in the craft sale.

Update on New Member Orientation (Ruth Ferns)—Ruth not at meeting. Pam Myers will call and get information about how board can participate. Scheduled for August 3 at 10:00 a.m. Need to contact new members to confirm attendance.

Update on Tax ID (Pam Myers) – No action taken in July. Pam will get the form completed.

Quilting Machine (Linda J): Linda will revisit need for larger table with Quiltmakers and present request at September 5 ECA meeting.

- Larger table approved by ADA Coordinator
- Ask membership for permission to install larger table
- Quiltmakers to purchase table

Purchase of spreadsheet software/Microsoft Office for ECA laptop. Angela and Patti will work together to install Google docs.

Use of laptop—create policy (Pamela Myers): The following policy was proposed:

- Laptop may be used for ECA business only.
- Laptop is to be secured in the ECA Liaison Agent's office.
- Laptop and/or Projector can be reserved for an ECA meeting or Special Interest Group meeting through the ECA Liaison Agent. Reservations must be made at least two days prior to meeting.
- Treasurer or Secretary may take laptop home for a maximum of three days.
- Members may borrow a laptop for a maximum of three days with the approval of President or Vice President for ECA business only.

Scholarship Foundation: (Pamela Myers): Propose to the membership that the amount in the Scholarship Foundation account be moved to Gaston County ECA and added to the Scholarship line item in our budget. Option to place \$1,000 into a CD.

The following scholarship guidelines are proposed:

- Suggest that we leave a minimum base of \$1,000 in account at all times.
- Scholarships can only be given for the amount over the \$1,000 base.
- All monies received from Community Run must be given in scholarships in the year received.
 - Minimum of one scholarship, maximum of three scholarships if money is available.
 - Scholarship committee decides how many scholarships can be given based on money available.
 - More than two must be voted on by membership

Proposed addition to Standing Rules—Returning ECA property (Pamela Myers):

Ordinarily, ECA property should be used within the Lucile Tatum Center. A request to borrow ECA property for a special ECA project must be submitted to the ECA Executive Board. During the course of fulfilling ECA officer, special interest group, or special project responsibilities, an ECA member may have ECA property in their possession. Upon completion of a project or fulfillment of officer responsibilities, all ECA property should be returned to the Lucile Tatum Center within five business days.

Add the following to the Treasurer responsibilities:

17. Upon completion of term as Treasurer, coordinate transfer of all records to new treasurer no later than January 15. If Treasurer leaves office before the end of the year, all records should be delivered to the new treasurer within three business days.

Update on Membership List: Pam Bryson distributed to board members. Reminder to board members that list is not to be copied as the information is confidential. List will be shared with Special Interest Group contacts with the same caution.

NEW BUSINESS

Embroidery Machine: Value of missing hoops and cards is \$300. Recommend selling the embroidery machine online (One Man's Junk) and if not sold then offer via silent auction in September newsletter to ECA members. Patti will research amount to sell for.

Budget Committee: Need a group to create a proposed a 2020 budget. Pam Myers, Angela Nona, and Patti Wells will meet to create a proposed budget. Recommend each standing committee chair and a person from each special interest group also participate in discussion.

Nominating Committee: Current Board has agreed to serve for 2020

- President: Patti Wells
- Vice President: Audrey Hunt
- Secretary: Ruth Ferns
- Treasurer: Angela Nona

Project Room Documentation: (Pam Bryson): Intern who was scheduled to work on this is no longer with Extension. Pam and Martha will work on the documentation after Pie Day is complete.

- Include place for donor names so thank you notes can be sent
- Book should include tabs for all county projects

Standing Committee Reports

- Building Committee - Martha Spurrier: August 21 at 1:30 is scheduled to decorate the building for fall.
- Ceramic Room Committee - Rita Kincaid: YMCA has expressed interest in doing something for the kids.
- Marketing Committee - Audrey Hunt: Waiting on the posters for Pie Day. Need to determine where the money comes from for the Somethin' Pumpkin firings for the pumpkin ornaments the kids will paint.
- Programs Committee - Linda Jozwiakowski: Disappointed in the lack of participation in the Christmas in July classes. Nearly all classes were cancelled.

ECA Executive Board Meeting

August 29, 2019

10:am

Members Present: Pam Myers, Patti Wells, Audrey Hunt, Rita Kincaid, Angela Nona, Marths Spurrier, Ruth Ferns

OLD Business

Cancellation of Pie Day

Pam Myers

30 recipes were turned in and the number of volunteers for staffing was less than half Of what was needed.

Cost for the event is about \$200-\$100 for church and \$100 for supplies/coffee/tea

Decision to cancel was made at Called Board Meeting August 16, 2019.

Since this was a “fund raising” event we need to address how we intend to generate funds

A suggestion was made to create an ECA Cookbook. Recipes turned in for Pie Day could be used for this purpose as well as collecting additional recipes from members it was noted that Cleveland County has been very successful with selling their cookbooks and so it was suggested that we should contact ECAA in Cleveland County to solicit Their help and give us guidance in approaching this project.

TAX ID: We now have a tax ID which Pam Myers worked on with her accountant, We can now

sell things and charge taxes and get reimbursed, We have choices for three different types of

Tax numbers. 501(c)4 would require us to pay \$600 to get this particular number, also the IRS

Can audit us and if taxes were not paid there would be a penalty due for each month the returns are delinquent up to a maximum of \$5000. In the past we have never filed a return.

Tax #501(3) under this number all donations to ECA would be tax deductible and we would get a reduced rate for postage from USPS to mail the Operation Gratitude boxes. The cost for this number is about \$250. Unanimous vote by the Board that we go with the 501c(3).

Quilting Machine: Linda J stated that the gentleman from ADA said that we can put the quilting machine on the current table as is and can buy a longer table to fit the machine, Marsha

Is willing to teach classes on the use of the machine When quilters were asked if they would want to take classes 5 out of 10 said "yes", Angela Nona pointed out that they should try using the machine and making a small quilt before agreeing to take a class. Her observation is that it takes several hours standing to make a large quilt with this machine and not everyone can stand for hours to finish their project. Quilters would have to take several days to finish their quilt and we should establish time and dates for use of the machine Marths Spurrier stated that the machine takes up space in the Project Room and we shouldn't have the room becoming a junk room. A longer table will be taking up 2 more feet of space and Angela noted that for the past 10 years no one has been using the machine. It was decided that we would give it a trial basis for the next year and keep track of when it is used and who uses it and if it isn't being used then we would sell the machine, A full membership vote is needed on this matter. Linda J. feels by having this machine it might bring in more members to ECA. Rita Kincaid put up a motion and Patti Wells seconded the motion. There were 4 approved and 2 against.

It was also brought up by Linda J, that the quilting machine belongs to the quilters club and there was a discussion as to whether it could belong to ECA. It was also noted that the Cricket machine belongs to the Scrappers.

It was further decided that ownership of these machines should be stated in the By-laws and documented for future reference,

Cultural Arts: First prize items must be delivered to ECA by October 17th for the State Meeting to be held in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Committee consisting of Martha Spurrier, Patti Wells, Pam Myers, Audrey Hunt, Angela Nona and Ruh Ferns scheduled a meeting on this subject for Tuesday, September 3, 2:00pm.

Project Room: Rita Kincaid said she has after school day care children from the YMCA coming in to make snowbabies on September 8, 2019. They will be cleaning the molds at this session..

State Meeting: Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday October 20-23. We will be paying for 3 rooms and each participant will pay their \$140 registration fee. We have a budget this year of \$1200 for this purpose. The Board voted unanimously to pay for this expense.

ECA has been asked to support the Boys and Girls Home by bringing in gift cards for the children at our October meeting. These gift cards can be \$5, \$10, etc. and can be purchased at any store especially Walmart.

Dolls for Foster Children is a new community project and we were asked to participate in this endeavor so it will be discussed at the regular meeting to see if there is any interest by our members.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT:

Linda Minges reported that Pam Bryson receives complaints from our members on various subjects and she feels that the Board should be responsible for handling these issues. It was decided that any member having an issue should address this issue to Pam Myers and Pam will handle each issue on a one-to-one basis, If necessary that it cannot be resolved by one she will then call a special meeting to have the Board review the issue and make a decision on how it is to be handled, It was suggested that every member should try to handle their own issues before calling Pam. Issues should not be addressed to Pam Bryson since she is not responsible for ECA members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

ECA Monthly Meeting

September 5, 1919

6:30 - 8:pm

Call to Order:

Turn in monthly Hours Sheet to Pam Bryson

Be sure to sign the sign-in sheet

Reminder turnoff cell phones

Pledge to Flag

Program: Vacation Memories - Vote for best Autumn Hat.

The best hat was worn by Audrey Hunt

Vacation memories by members including vacation to many states, Yellowstone Park and Graceland in a previous year. Rita went to Minnesota to visit family and saw a flour mill and experienced a video being shown in an elevator. A past trip to Ireland, was explained by Ruth and Pam Myers went to a painting convention in Columbus, Ohio. Patti Wells is going to Canada on that great train excursion across all of Canada. Various places of vacation were the Islands, Mexico, Honduras. The prize given to Audrey for winning best hat was a wonderful basket of apples from an orchard in Lincolnton.

Thought of the Day: Jane Falls read a beautiful poem with wonderful ideas to have a peaceful day from the book "Gift of Friendship", Another thought was "smiles are free so share them".

Treasurer's Report: The 2020 budget was presented by Angela Nona. A motion to accept was proposed by Jane Falls and seconded by Patti Wells.

New Officers for 2020 ECA Board: Names were presented as follows:

President:	Patti Wells
Vice President:	Audrey Hunt
Secretary:	Ruth Ferns
Treasurer:	Angela Nona

All were voted for unanimously.

Scholarship Update:

The Board had voted to have the money withdrawn from Raleigh and placed into our ECA checking account. The Board had also agreed on \$1000 would be kept in the account at all times which would leave us the opportunity to give 1-2 scholarships each year. In the event that we had additional monies the maximum amount of scholarships would be 3 in a given year. It was also voted on that Scholarship Committee can give out 2 scholarships but the 3rd would have to be voted on by the entire ECA membership.

A motion was presented to accept the above and it was unanimous that all members agreed to this motion. Additionally Pam Myers would draw up a proposal to add the above agreement to the By-laws and Standing Rules which would be voted on by the membership at meeting in October. All monies received from Community Run must be given in scholarships in the year received.

Scholarship Foundation account has a current balance of \$4,137.52. Scholarship form is completed by the recipient, sent to foundation and funds sent to the school of choice. Fund earned \$22.29 in interest this year.

Pie Day: As recently announced the Board decided to cancel Pie Day on August 16h. Reason being that we only had 30 recipes submitted and we had very few members who had agreed to work on Pie Day.

Much credit should be given to those who worked so hard on preparing for Pie Day. They include: Martha Spurrier, Sharon Smith. Audrey Hunt

Alternative fundraising will be needed since Pie Day cancellation was also a fundraiser; therefore it was suggested that we create a cookbook using the recipes turned in for Pie Day and collect additional recipes from members. Cleveland County has been very successful with selling their cookbooks and it has been since the 1990's since we have done a book. Pam Bryson frequently gets questions about previous books and some of the recipes.

Angela Nona has already called some publishing companies and they are sending us samples for us to review along with the start-up costs. A Cookbook Committee was established consisting of Angela and Ruth Ferns as co-authors with additional assistance from other members. Rita Kincaid also agreed to help in this project.

Tax ID: We have received a tax ID from the IRS: We have several choices as to how we wanted to be identified by the IRS:

501(c)3 *Exempt from paying taxes.*

Donations to ECA are tax deductible

Limited liability

Eligible for grants

Discount postage rates and special mailing privileges

Discount or free announcement/press releases. Cost \$250

504(c)4 IRS may audit tax returns and if they have not been submitted

Then a penalty may be due for each month the returns are

Delinquent up to a maximum of \$5,000. Cost for this program is \$600

It should be noted that Pam Myers paid her accountant for his help in this Matter. The cost was \$150 which Pam paid out of her own pocket. A motion was made by Ruth Ferns to have Pam reimbursed and seconded by Rita Kincaid. 112 members approved, 1 abstained, 1 opposed.

Audrey Hunt made a motion that we accept the 501c(3) option and it was seconded by Betty Willis. It was approved unanimously..

Cotton Ginning Days:

Workshop to organize items on Wed. September 11, 1:30 pm. Anyone who has handmade items to Cotton Ginning Days should drop them off on this date. October 16th final organization day and items will be packed up to be transported to Dallas.

There is a sign-up sheet for everyone to staff the booth on October 11 and 12th.

Status of embroidery machine is that we have not received any bids so the machine is still for sale. If interested please contact a Board member and let them know.

State Meeting: 3 rooms have been reserved. Six members have registered to attend . They will be sharing rooms and will pay their own registration fee of \$140 by September 27.

Members need to bring \$5 or \$10 dollar gift cards to the October meeting for the Boys and Girls Home,

Ceramic Room Update: Rita Kincaid has 13 members of the after school daycare coming in to make snowbabies . She is also scheduling more snowbaby classes in October.

Linda Jozwiakowski is planning new programs for the coming year.

Marketing Committee: Audrey Hunt mentioned that our new sign looks great and all members thank Audrey for doing such a great job in getting us the sign.

Audrey also mentioned that supplies are needed for Catherine House such as all paper products and diapers. Please think about these items as you do your grocery shopping.

ECA table: The Board decided that after it was ok'd by ADA that we could add an 8 ft. table in the project Room that we could give it one year in which we would monitor the time spent on the machine on how long it takes to make a bigger quilt and the number of people who have used the machine. This situation will be re-evaluated at the end of the year to see if it is worth keeping the machine Martha Spurrier pointed out that adding this larger table will take more space in the room The machine is now on a 6 ft table and Marcia McLamb is willing to teach those who wish to learn how to use the machine. A motion was taken to keep the machine for the year and the vote was "yes" 9 for and "No" 5 against.