

## EXTENSION & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (ECA) - GASTON COUNTY June 2021 Newsletter

### Building Use Policy for the Lucile Tatum Center - Updated 5.18.21

The following COVID-19 guidance is provided in accordance with North Carolina Governor's Office, NC State University, and Gaston County Government:

1. The Lucile Tatum Center is resuming normal weekday operations as follows:  
8:30am - 12:00pm & 1:00 - 5:00pm (closed 12-1pm)
2. Specialty interest groups can resume their regular meetings and do personal projects inside the building.
3. All limits on mass gatherings along with social distancing requirements have been lifted.
4. Effective Monday, June 21st, the Lucile Tatum Center will be available for public rentals. This delay is to allow for new cleaning and setup protocols with the maintenance staff.

### ECA Monthly Meeting

*Thurs., June 3rd | 10:00am - 11:30am - Lucile Tatum Center*

*Attend in-person and/or online*

We're pleased to announce that you can participate in-person (at the Center) for this meeting or attend online with Zoom: <https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/97501580068>

We would like to get an idea of how many members plan to attend in person - please contact Pam Bryson by June 1st: 704.865.3291 or [pam.bryson@gastongov.com](mailto:pam.bryson@gastongov.com).

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

*Thurs., June 17th | 10:00am - 11:30am - Lucile Tatum Center, Gastonia*

All board members are requested to attend this meeting - contact Audrey Hunt if you are unable to participate. This meeting is open to all members, but only Executive Board members can vote during this time. *Please note that a contact person from each committee needs to participate in monthly Executive Board meetings.* Also, any member who would like to have an issue discussed at the next monthly meeting is encouraged to attend. We will be talking about 2022 officers.

### 2021 GASTON COUNTY ECA SCHOLARSHIP

*Submission Deadline: Thurs., June 30th (extended deadline)*

Gaston County ECA plans to award at least one \$1,000 scholarship for 2021 - both youth and adults can apply. Scholarship applications are available on our website (<https://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/gaston-eca/>) and for pickup by appointment. Please share this information with anyone you know who can benefit! The Gaston County School system has the application on its website.

**Attention Scholarship Committee:** An in-person meeting needs to be held to discuss the next steps. Please contact Pam Bryson for more information and let her know of dates/times that work for you.

### **ECA COMMITTEE WORK**

Now is the perfect time for ECA committees to come together and review our goals for 2021. The following dates have been scheduled for committee meetings (to include the ECA President and ECA Liaison). Please notify Pam Bryson one week in advance if you cannot attend the following meetings:

- Building Committee - June 17th @ 1pm
- Marketing Committee - June 10th @ 4pm
- Program Committee - June 28th @ 10am
- Scholarship Committee - meeting will be held in July (due to extension of scholarship submission deadline)
- Cookbook Committee - the cookbook project has been postponed and we will not meet for the remainder of 2021

### **PROJECT ROOM DONATIONS**

Staff are currently not accepting donations typically collected in the project room. Staff plan to work with the Building Committee to have completed blankets, lap robes, scarves, etc., distributed/mailed to their designated recipients as soon as possible.

### **ECA WEBSITE UPDATE**

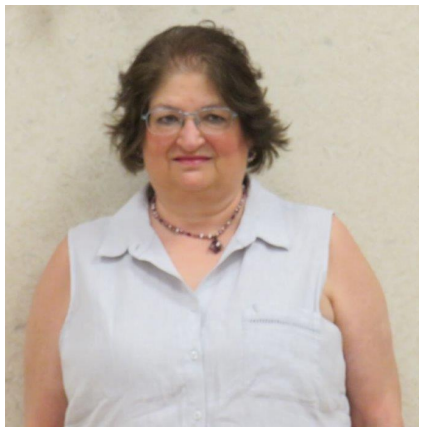
Please note that information has been updated on our website, located at: <https://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/gaston-eca/>. At this site, you can find copies of the newsletter, forms, scholarship applications, and operational guidelines for ECA at both the state and county level.

### **ECA ACHIEVEMENT DAY 2021: DERBY DAY**





**Congratulations to our “2020 ECA Leader of the Year”  
Patti Wells, member of the Quiltmakers ECA Specialty Group**



**Congratulations to our “2020 ECA Member of the Year”  
Karen Rhyne, member of the Martha Goebel ECA Specialty Group**

## **Congratulations to Winners of the Gaston County ECA 2021 Cultural Arts Exhibit**

### **Category #2 Sewing: home furnishings**

1st: Peggy Rowland                      2nd: Patti Wells  
3rd: Sandy Hamrick

### **Category #6 Embroidery**

1st: Sandi Henderson                      2nd: Patti Wells

### **Category #7 Craft Recycling**

1st: Patti Wells

### **Category #8 Heritage Skills**

1st: Diane Smith                      2nd: Cindy Miller

### **Category #9 Christmas Decorations**

1st: Pamela Myers                      2nd: Peggy Rowland  
3rd: Sandi Henderson

### **Category: #14 Acrylics**

1st: Pamela Myers                      2nd: Patti Wells

### **Category: #15 Miscellaneous: Tole painting, etching, painting on wood or glass**

1st: Audrey S. Hunt                      2nd: Pat Mantooth  
3rd: Pamela Myers

### **Category: #16 Quilts Appliqued, Machine quilted**

1st: Pat Mantooth

### **Category: #17 Quilts Appliqued hand quilted**

1st: Sandi Henderson

### **Category: #18 Quilts Pieced, machine quilted**

1st: Sandi Henderson                      2nd: Faye Wiggins  
3rd: Patti Wells

### **Category # 19 Quilts Pieced, hand quilted**

1st: Cindy Miller

### **Category #21 Quilts Stamped pattern**

1st: Sandi Henderson

### **Category #24 Quilts Wall hanging**

1st: Sandi Henderson                      2nd: Pamela Myers

### **Category #26 Flower Arrangement**

1st: Pat Mantooth

### Category # 28 Photography

1st: Billie Taylor

### Category #32 Miscellaneous

1st: Pat Mantooth

2nd: Cindy Miller

3rd: Billie Taylor



**Congratulations to Sandi Henderson, member of the Quiltmakers ECA Specialty Group, for winning both Best in the Show and People's Choice Award!**

### ECA WORKSHOPS & CLASSES COMING SOON

We're excited to announce that the Program Committee is now able to schedule in-person classes with members and non members. Keep in mind that all Building Policy Guidelines do apply for these workshops.

### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Workshop Registration Information:

1. Pre-registration including payment of registration fees is required by the registration deadline. 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.

**Christmas Gnome Diamond Art Class:** Fri., July 16th

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm | \$10 - members; \$12 - non-members (Price includes 12 x 16-inch kit with everything needed for class: canvas, tool for placing crystals, tray to hold crystals, adhesive to apply to tool and all the crystals)

*Limited kits available - 4 participants only.*

Instructors: Patti Wells & Pam Bryson

Registration deadline: July 9th - contact 704.865.3291 or [pam.bryson@gastongov.com](mailto:pam.bryson@gastongov.com)



Enjoy a “Christmas in July” class, that includes a full drill diamond painting kit,

“Christmas Gnome” Round with Crystal Rhinestone Embroidery Painting. Designed for adults and beginners. This is a very satisfying project and will help relieve stress...and who doesn’t need that?

Note: You will not finish this project in class, but you will receive instructions needed to complete this at home.

**BABY QUILTS**

Even though ECA has not been able to gather together like we used to, we have still had opportunities to do our good work. Several of us have been working on getting kits put together for the NICU baby quilts. I now have about 7 kits ready for sewing.

If you would like to get one of these kits (for the tops only) and sew it up, please contact Patti Wells at 980-636-3841 or [pawells123@gmail.com](mailto:pawells123@gmail.com). You can also contact Pam Bryson at 704.825.3291.

We will handle getting them quilted. You are more than welcome to do the quilting yourself if you want. Just let us know and we will make sure you get the batting, backing and binding. You will get some extra love for that!

While on the subject of baby quilts, Angela Nona, Patti Wells and Marsha McLamb completed 26 baby quilts and Angela delivered them on May 6th to the NIC Unit at CaroMont Regional Medical Center. Thank you, Angela, for delivering them to the hospital. We have several quilt tops ready for quilting, thanks to Marsha McLamb, Sandy Hamrick, Patti Wells and Billie Taylor.

**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

Please note that staff rely on the input from ECA members for the information presented in monthly newsletters. Since there have been recent comments that information is incorrect and/or missing, the newsletter is now being reviewed by the Executive Board prior to being distributed.

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. Please note that information needs to be submitted in written form to Pam Bryson.

### **SUNSHINE VOLUNTEER**

Many thanks to ECA member, Betty Agerton, who sends cards to our 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 it 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 notify Pam Bryson or Audrey Hunt.

The Martha Goebel Special Interest Group is our new call tree partner that will provide reminder calls to members each month for the monthly ECA meetings. Thank you Martha Goebel Special Interest Group.

### **UPCOMING SPECIALTY GROUP MEETING**

The **Martha Goebel Special Interest Group** will be meeting at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 1st at the Taylor Memorial Church, Gastonia. All ECA members are cordially invited to attend. They will be having a covered dish lunch.

### **MEMBER UPDATE**

Many of our members are dealing with health issues and the isolation restrictions created by COVID continues to be a burden. Please reach out to ECA members with a phone call or card - your contact is so important and a great way to help check in with our members.

Please let others or Extension staff know if you become sick, develop health concerns, or have special needs, during this most difficult time. We are family and can work together to help look after each other!

### **MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE**

Beginning with the June meeting, please note that regular monthly meetings will resume in-person with the option to participate online - 1st Thursday of the month - 10:00 - 11:30am):

- June 3rd
- No meeting in July
- August 5th

### **ECA 2021 PROJECTS**

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

1. Ronald McDonald House: collecting drink tabs (contact: Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)
2. Gaston County Schools: collecting school supplies in August (contact: Pam

Bryson, ECA Liaison)

3. First Baptist Mission Trips: collecting eyeglasses (contact: Martha Spurrier)
4. Pennies for Friendship: supporting Association of Country World Women (contact: Dana Croston)
5. Baby Quilts & Baby Caps: making quilts and caps for infants in the neonatal intensive unit at CaroMont Regional Medical Center (contact: Gloria Snyder & Angela Nona)
6. Surgical Pillows: sewing pillows for surgical patients of CaroMont Regional Medical Center (contact: Pat Mantooth)
7. Operation Gratitude: knitting/crocheting scarves for the military
8. Shirt Savers for Holy Angels: making shirt savers for residents – cloth/supplies purchased by Holy Angels (contact: Martha Spurrier)
9. Farmers Market Activities: providing local food demos at the Gastonia Farmers' Market (contact: Audrey Hunt)
10. Warm Up America: making afghans for the homeless (contact: Angela Nona)
11. Habitat for Humanity Women's Build
12. Food Pantry: collecting food supplies for local pantries, twice a year
13. Gaston Skills: providing workshops for adults with special needs (contact: Audrey Hunt or Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)

#### **GASTON CO. ECA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2021**

President - Audrey Hunt  
Treasurer - Dana Croston

President-Elect - vacant      Secretary - Billie Taylor  
Advisor - Patti Wells

**We still need a President Elect for 2021. It is time to decide on our 2022 board.**  
If you are interested in serving on the board please contact a member of the board.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE CONTACTS**

- Building Committee - Jean Caldwell, Peggy Dameron, Jane Falls, Sandy Hamrick, Pat Mantooth, Martha Spurrier, & Patti Wells
- Marketing Committee - Dana Croston, Sandy Hamrick, & Patti Wells
- Program Committee - Pamela Myers & Patti Wells
- Scholarship Committee - Chairperson: Karen Rhyne, Martha Spurrier, Billie Taylor, & Patti Wells

#### **AD HOC (TEMPORARY) COMMITTEE CONTACTS**

- Cookbook Committee - Dana Croston, Karen Rhyne, & Nina Tarte

The 2021 Executive Board Meetings are scheduled for every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00am:

June 17th  
September 16th  
December 16th

July 15th  
October 21st

August 19th  
November 18th

## **2021 ECA SPECIALTY GROUPS**

- Lucile Tatum - contact: Martha Spurrier
- Martha Goebel - contact: Mary Upton
- Quiltmakers - contact: Patti Wells
- Scrappers Unlimited - contact: Betse Cordell
- Creative Needlers - contact: Rita Kincaid

## **2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

- Independence Day - July 5 (Monday)
- Labor Day - September 6 (Monday)
- Veterans Day - November 11 (Thursday)
- Thanksgiving - November 25 & 26 (Thursday & Friday)
- Christmas - December 24 & 27 Friday & Monday

## **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](mailto: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](http://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu)

NC Extension & Community Association website: [go.ncsu.edu/nceca](http://go.ncsu.edu/nceca)

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