

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

ECA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thurs., December 5th | 11:00am - 1:00pm

Please join us for the annual ECA Christmas Party. This will be a potluck so bring something delicious to share with others. We will also have games to play.

BUILDING CLOSINGS

- Tues. - Thur., December 24th - 26th: Christmas Holiday
- Wed., January 1st: New Year's Day
- Mon., January 20th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

OFFICE COVERAGE NEEDED

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

- Mon., December 23rd - all day (Pam B. will be on annual leave)
- Fri., December 27th - all day (Pam B. will be on annual leave)

ECA 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues (\$20) and applications are to be submitted individually to Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison. The deadline for submission was October 15th - please submit asap if you have not already done so.

BUILDING ENTRANCE REMINDERS

- Volunteers and guests should utilize the front door entrance, which has been updated to accommodate handicap accessibility.
- The back door remains an "Employee Only" entrance. Carts are available if you need assistance in transporting items from your car to the inside of the building. Also, keeping the back door open (such as during loading/unloading cars) causes the building's temperature to change, which is especially uncomfortable during the cooler seasons.
- Please do not use the side door as an entrance - this is often an interruption to meetings and workshops being held in the Multi-Purpose room.

STATE ECA CULTURAL ARTS - GASTON CO. WINNERS

- Category 3 Needlework: Betty Willis, 2nd Place for her Swedish Weaving
- Category 4 Knitting: Rita Kincaid, 1st Place for her Christening Dress
- Category 8 Heritage Skills: Cindy Miller, Honorable Mention for her Basket
- Category 9 Christmas Decorations: Pamela Myers, First Place for her painted Christmas Box
- Category 12 Watercolors: Pamela Myers, Second Place for her Daffodils
- Category 14 Acrylics: Pamela Myers, Second Place for her Cardinal
- Category 15 Fine Arts Miscellaneous: Pamela Myers, Second Place for her Color Pencil Jelly Bean Jar
- Category 25 Quilts Other Techniques: Kathie Andrews, First Place and Best of Show for

- her Quilt
- Category 32 Miscellaneous: Pat Mantooth, Third Place for her Wildlife Wreath

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.

Microwave Bowl Holder: Mon., December 2nd

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

Registration Deadline: November 25th

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.

Santa's Workshop: Tues., December 3rd

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

Registration Deadline: November 27th

Instructor: Linda Jozwiakoski

Supplies Needed: List available when you register for the class of your choice - most supplies are included in registration fees.

It's time for Santa's elves to get to work to be ready for Christmas! We have a selection of four different gifts you can make - you pick which one you want to register to make:

- Christmas tree quilted block
- Exfoliating sugar scrub
- Gnome
- Set of painted tile coasters

Join us for a quick meal and get to work! Be sure to check our display at the Lucile Tatum Center in November for all four items that will be available for Santa's Workshop! If you finish one and want to go to another Santa's helper station, you just pay an additional \$4.00 for the next gift!

Joy Wreath Painting: Thurs., December 5th

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

Registration Deadline: December 2nd

Instructor: Pamela Myers

Supplies Needed: Bring a small pair of sharp scissors.

Description of Class: Paint a simple wreath full of JOY on a surface of your choice. Anyone can do this one! Bring a pillow form (\$4.99 at Hobby Lobby), a t-shirt, a 12"x12" square canvas, or anything you'd like! Paints will be provided. Bring your surface, a water container, a few sheets of good paper towels and your brushes (I'll have some brushes if you don't have them).



Day Trip: Tour of Korner's Folly, Kernersville: Fri., December 6th

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm approx. | \$11- ECA members; \$11-Non ECA members

Registration Deadline: December 3rd

Instructor: Linda Jozwiakowski

A newspaper account recently declared Korner's Folly as the best kept secrets in the Triad. This 1880 house has 22 rooms over 7 levels and 3 floors open for self-guiding tours. In December, the house is decorated for the holidays to add to our enjoyment. Ninety percent of the furnishings and details are original - partly due to the fact that the furniture is oversized and was built in the house! We will enjoy a dutch-treat lunch in a local restaurant in Kernersville before we head back to Gastonia.

Christmas Pillowcase: Mon., December 9th

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm | \$5- ECA members; \$7-Non ECA members

Registration Deadline: December 5th

Instructor: Cindy Miller and Patti Wells

Special Instructions: Registration fee included the fabric for the pillowcase. Bring scissors and straight pins.

Make a Christmas themed pillowcase to cheer up a friend who is ill or delight a child with this special reminder of the holiday season! This quick and easy project gives you basic skills in using a serger while creating a great gift!

Book Club Meeting: Mon., December 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.

Folded Fabric Stars: Tues., December 10th
Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm | \$4- ECA members; \$6-Non ECA members
Registration Deadline: December 6th
Instructor: Pamela Myers

Supplies Needed: Bring a small pair of sharp scissors

Description of Class: This technique will remind you of folding bubble gum wrappers into stars as a kid! Come fold strips of Christmas fabric into a pretty 'quilted' star for your tree. Fabric and instructions will be provided. Bring a small pair of sharp scissors.



JANUARY CLASSES

Scrappy Valentine's Day Tablerunner: Tuesdays, January 7th & 21st
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm | \$7- ECA members; \$14-Non ECA members
Registration Deadline: January 3rd
Instructor: Angela Nona

Supplies Needed: large pieces of neutrals (at least 4 but more better), and 4 or more red and pink fabrics. The reds and pinks should be at least 10" square

Description of Class: This fun project is a raw edge layered technique. The more fabrics produces a scrappier look so if you have large scraps of neutrals, red and pinks, bring them. Perhaps you can swap some of your fabric for part of someone else's fabric. You both get a larger selection to use in creating your tablerunner! Angela will have a few fabrics for sharing but you need to bring a minimum of 4 neutrals and 4 reds/pinks.

FRIENDLY ECA REMINDERS

2019 HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Please mark your calendars with the following Lucile Tatum closings:

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 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 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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@ExtensionHealthyLiving (NC Cooperative Extension: Nutrition & Wellness Programs)

@GastonExtension (NC Cooperative Extension)

ECA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Gaston County Extension & Community Association (ECA)
October 31, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Members attending: Pamela Myers, Patti Wells, Angela Nona, Martha Spurrier, Audrey Hunt, Rita Kincaid, Pam Bryson

OLD BUSINESS

Cotton Ginning Days Update: Discussion of event. Felt we were successful in giving people information about ECA. Having a booth closer to the rides might have more people stopping by booth. Made \$195 (less the \$35 fee = profit of \$160). Board felt it would be worthwhile to do the booth again next year to provide a better evaluation of success.

There is a craft fair at the Senior Center, Nov 23: \$5 per table, max 2 tables. Felt this was an additional opportunity to fundraise and provide information about ECA. Patti will go to Parks and Recreation office in Dallas to sign us up for 2 tables.

Christmas Bazaar Update: Advertising has been successful. Potential for 16 vendors. As of today, 5 have paid. Goal is 20 vendors. Flyers given to 25 vendors at Cotton Ginning Days. November 11 is cut off to register. Have had responses through Facebook. Plan to offer breakfast item (possibly sausage biscuit) and hot dogs. Need volunteers to staff the ECA table and to sell food. Jane Falls and Carol Dillinger have volunteered—need more people.

State Meeting: Board members were generally positive about their experience at state meeting. Felt educational programs were a bit lacking in useful content. Too basic in information—especially the digital class. Importance of submitting hours was discussed. Martha will post annual report in several locations around building. Consider having a training or pep rally about hours. We may be able to offer some of the craft classes. Pam M will schedule the folded fabric star in December. Consider contacting 4-H to schedule technology classes for us. How can we get more family activities?

Meeting Times: Discussion about proposal at the October meeting to move all meetings to daytime hours. Original intent in evening hours was to provide working members an opportunity to attend meetings. Not many working people are attending. Evening meetings are a recruitment tool to entice working people to join. Suggestion made to alternate meetings day and evening every other month. Any change requires a Standing Rules change. Will be on the agenda for the November 7 meeting.

Use of Side Door: Reminder that the side door should NEVER be used unless entering for a meeting or class that you are attending. ALWAYS go to the front door. It is rude to interrupt a class or meeting in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party December 5: Need a coordinator for this event. Suggestions made for each Special Interest Group decorate a table. Angela and Pam Bryson will research how much was budgeted.

Leader/Member of the Year: Start thinking of who you'd like to nominate. Forms will be updated and will be available in January.

Comfort Dolls: Betse Cordell visited with group making dolls and will provide an update at Nov 7 meeting.

Catherine's House: Article in paper about Catherine's House has been posted at the collection box.

Standing Committee Reports

- Building Committee - Martha Spurrier: Decorating for Christmas will be November 25, 10:00-12:00. Project room book and rules are being updated.
- Ceramic Room Committee - Rita Kincaid: YMCA events will be scheduled only in the summer when they have better control over transportation. Pam B reminded us that any youth activities must have qualified adults attending (background checks).
- Marketing Committee - Audrey Hunt
- Programs Committee - Linda Jozwiakowski: Raleigh Kitchen Class coming up! See the new demo kitchens at the university. \$20 paid by October 31. Patti will contact Linda to determine plans to contact other counties to increase the number of people enrolled. David Fogarty has committed \$150 towards a van for the trip. Community Service Workshop Baby Quilts November 8 2-8pm Soup at 5.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ECA Monthly Meeting

Gaston County Extension & Community Association (ECA)\November 7, 2019

10: 00Call to order/Welcome

Attendance: Patti Wells, Audrey Hunt, Linda J. Pam Bryson, Billie Taylor, Martha Spurrier, Mary Upton, Bertie Smith, Angela Nona, Jane Falls, Jean Caldwell

Thought of the Day: Jane Falls gave a wonderful thought titled “7 ways to overcome challenges”

Treasurer’s Report: Approved

Reminder: Dues for the year for membership are due so please get your \$20 check in as soon as possible.

Cotton Ginning Days Update: Patti Wells reported we made \$195 less the \$35 fee for admission = \$160

Senior Center Craft show: November 23 – We are not in the “show” since they are full and have a waiting list.

Christmas Bazaar:

Audrey has 19 people committed. Monday is the cut-off date. 4 members from ECA and 3 more from outside our group. Jane Falls and Carol Dillinger to visit tables: Need 8-10 to make sausage biscuits. Biscuits will be bought from Sam’s Club along with hot dogs. Please remember this craft show is on December 14th. Please plan to attend to get your last minute gifts and to support your ECA Club.

State Meeting: Patti Wells reported on the results of this meeting. The workshops were educational; food was excellent, beautiful surroundings with lots of garden flowers, the lake to look at and many porches with rocking chairs to enjoy down time. She also pointed out that it was emphasized that it is necessary to get your hours in as a volunteer so that we show that this organization is doing all it can to keep this building open. We know you volunteer but it is necessary to submit the forms so that the commissioners know we are active.

Minutes of last Meeting: Betty Willis made a correction to the minutes It was omitted from the past meeting that we had tabled a discussion on changing the monthly meetings to all days so it will be discussed at this meeting. To change the time of the meetings will require a Standing Rules change. Discussion included the fact that members who work cannot come to day meetings. It was noted that 4 people wanted a change but 6 to stay as they are. Again it was tabled.

Library Display – Teresa Weaver once again did the library display and we would like to thank Teresa for her hard work.

Afghan raffle by Creative Needlers was won by Barbara Boiling and they made \$95 on the raffle.

Christmas Party – planned for December 5th. Need a coordinator and since no one offered to take this job then Patti Wells and Audrey Hunt will be the coordinators. Each Special Interest will decorate their own tables as they wish. Time 11:00a.m. If we have pot luck we will need donations. A sheet was passed around and everyone made their choice as to what they are bringing. Needed are vegetables and desserts. Someone donated \$125 for the party.

Forms are in the office for Leader of the Year in January.

Dolls for Comfort Kids Doll Ministry were passed around for everyone to see. These are handmade dolls and if you are interested in making the dolls or helping with stuffing these dolls or interested in donating money, please let us know. Patterns were left for anyone interested. These dolls are Foster Children since they are not allowed to take anything from their homes when they leave for sanitary reasons.

We will need cakes for commissioners this year. It was decided to do the same as we did last year. Cakes should be round. It was noted that the commissioners were thrilled with the cards we did last year for

Veterans. We received a note thanking us for these cards. We have seven commissioners and the Attorney plus secretary. It was voted on and Linda J. submitted a motion to accept this project and Billie Taylor seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Reminders ALWAYS enter through the front door. NEVER enter through side door unless attending class/meeting in that room

Project Room Update – First remember to keep this room neat at all times. Patti Wells and Martha Spurrier are updating the book which will have special pages for all projects.

Catherine House had an article in the Gazette stating they need gift cards.

Marketing – Audrey Hunt mentioned that she will stay on until we have a new Marketing person to replace her as she will be our new Vice President for next year.

Program Committee – Linda J. has several new classes scheduled including one on sergeants. 5-6 have already scheduled for these classes.

Trip to Raleigh – scheduled for November 16 to visit the new kitchen at the NC State University. A van has been scheduled the cost is \$140 for individuals the cost is \$20

which includes lunch. We will be observing them cooking and we are the first group to be invited to see this state of the art kitchen.

Day trips – We will be going to see the Gingerbread House the first day it is open to the Public.

We will also be visiting Kernersville House ,

Santa's projects have been scheduled and these are night classes

Babyquilt workshop is on Friday November 8th at 2:00pm.

Remember we will be looking for your Cultural Arts projects for 2020. We did very well at the State Meeting. Rita Kincaid won 1st prize for her baby Christening gown, Cathy Andrews for her quilt which was beautiful, our President Pam Myers won several awards for her paintings including a 1st prize. Betty Willis won 2nd prize for her Swedish Weaving, Cindy Miller Honorable mention for her basket and Pat Mantooth third prize for her Wildlife Wreath.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45