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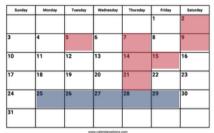
December 2023

Newsletter

## Extension & Community Association (ECA)

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

## December 2023



- Martha Goebel Cancelled for December due to holiday
- ECA Monthly Meeting -1st Thursday @ 10am
- Creative Needlers 2nd & 3rd Thursday 6-8 pm @ Lucile Tatum Center (contact Rita Kincaid 704-907-3607)
- Monthly Craft Day 2nd Saturday 10am-6pm (contact Kayla Adams 704-866-3607)
- Quiltmakers Sup & Sew 2nd Thursday 3pm (contact Patti Wells 980-636-3841)
- Quiltmakers Meeting 3rd
  Thursday 6pm (contact Patti Wells
  980-636-3841)
- Quiltmakers P.H.D. Cancelled for December due to holiday
- Scrappers Unlimited 1st Saturday 10am & 3rd Friday 5pm-9pm (contact Kayla Adams 704.866.3706)

# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT

At the end of October 4 of our ECA Members and our ECA Liaison attended the NC ECA State Conference in Kill Devil Hill, NC. This conference was an opportunity for ECA Members across the state to come together, learn updates about ECA, meet fellow Members from across the state and so much more. Gaston County was well represented this year and even brought home some amazing awards!



Read more about our State Conference Recap on the next page!

# **MEET OUR SPECIALTY GROUPS**

### MARTHA GOEBEL

No meeting for December This is he regular member meeting. Visitors and guests are always welcome to attend!

### MONTHLY CRAFT DAY

Sat, Dec 9 @ 10am-6pm | LTC Do you have sewing or craft projects that you're working on? If so and you want to join other crafters, this monthly event may be you! Bring your project & for supplies and join the FCA volunteers to connect with others and work on your projects. This is an informal drop-in style event.

### SCRAPPERS UNLIMITED

Sat. Dec 2 @ 10am-6pm & Fri. Dec 15 @ 5pm-9pm | LTC

This ECA Specialty Group enjoys paper crafting - from community projects to personal projects. Visitors are always welcome - a little business is discussed and lots of crafting!

### QUILTMAKERS

Thurs. Dec 21 @ 6pm-8:30pm / LTC & P.H.D. has been cancelled for Dec The Quiltmakers is a special interest group of the ECA that focuses on quilting and sewing projects. Open to ECA members and visitors welcome!

## SUP & SEW

Thurs. Dec 14 @ 3pm-8:30pm/LTC Sponsored by the Quiltmakers ECA Specialty Group, this monthly session is an informal time to work on personal projects with ECA members. A great time to get out of the house, socialize and enjoy time together.

## **CREATIVE NEEDLERS**

Thurs. Dec 14 & 21 @ 6pm-8:30pm | LTC

This ECA specialty group focuses on knitting and crocheting. Members work on various personal and community projects. ECA members and visitors are welcome. One-on-one lessons are offered during this time for those who want to learn to knit or crochet.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & CLASSES**

See Upcoming Workshops & Classes for detailed info

## UNDERSTANDING ECA MEMBERSHIP

JAN 30 @ 10AM @ LTC

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## UNDERSTANDING ECA MEMBERSHIP FEB 3 @ 9AM @ LTC



# DECEMBERLTC normal operating hours are Monday-Friday 8-12/1-5, however<br/>there are some days that LTC will close for meetings or Staff obligationsLUCILEDecember 8 - Extension Staff Retreat @ LTC; Office Closed 8am-2pm<br/>December 11 - Kayla at CRCTATUMDecember 12-14 - Extension Staff Training @ LTC; Kayla in the Office but<br/>Building is ClosedSCHEDULEDecember 25-Jan 1 - LTC Closed for Christmas/New Years

When LTC is closed, contact 704-922-2111 for immediate assistance.

## **Important Dates**

- Dec 2 Scrappers
- Dec 7 -ECA Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party
- Dec 8 LTC Closed 8-2
- Dec 9- Monthly Craft Day
- Dec 11 LTC Closed (Kayla at CRC)
- Dec 12-14 Building Closed for Extension Training; Office is open
- Dec 14 Sup & Sew | Creative Needlers
- Dec 25-Jan 1 LTC Closed for Christmas & New Years



# UNDERSTANDING ECA MEMBERSHIP A WORKSHOP FOR ALL MEMBERS

WHEN: JAN 30, 2024 @ 10AM OR 5:30PM; FEB 3, 2024 @ 9AM

Learn about ECA, what membership includes and how to remain an active member



#### Your NC state University and North Caronia Aki state University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, political beilefs, family and marital status, sex, age, veteran status, sexual identity, genetic information or isability, NC State University, NC. AkT State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.

## UNDERSTANDING ECA MEMBERSHIP

As an ECA Member, there are certain things that you're responsible to do to maintain Active Membership, but more importantly there are so many ways you can be involved within the Community that many of our members don't know about! As we enter the new year, it's important that all of our members have a clear understanding of what ECA is, who we are as ECA Volunteers, what perks we get as being members and how to stay involved. While this workshop may sound like it's only for new members, it's meant for all ECA Members regardless of how long you've been a member.

There will be 3 sessions, and the ECA Board has asked that each member attend one if possible. The dates are as follows: Tues, Jan 30 @ 10am OR 5:30pm | Sat, Feb 3 @ 9am

Please let Kayla know which class you plan to attend by emailing her at kayla.adams@gastongov.com or calling 704-866-3607.

# ECA STATE CONFERENCE

In October, 4 Members & our ECA Liaison attended the ECA State Conference and was able to represent Gaston County in various ways. From "ECA Sparks" where Kayla and Dana spoke about the success that Gaston County has had through our Learn to Sew Classes and introducing electronic payment to ECA all the way to bringing home various awards and ribbons from Cultural Arts. Take a look at how their week went!





Marsha McLamb won 2nd place for Handmade Ornaments!



Gaston County ECA 2023 President, Karen Rhyne, accepted the Gold Award of Excellence for Gaston County from Dr. Bonanno at NCSU. This award was presented to Gaston County for the amount of volunteer hours our volunteers completed for the last year!

Sandi Henderson won First Place in the Handmade Quilt Category along with Best of Show for the 2023 State Cultural Arts!



Pam Davis won 2nd place for Handmade Jewelry & 1st place for Scrapbooking!



# Have an idea for a class or workshop?

Let the Program Committee or Kayla Adams know what you want to see offered!

Not all ideas are guaranteed to be available, but we will work on getting a variety of classes and workshops scheduled to offer something for everyone!

## Want to attend but you're not an ECA Member?

That's okay!! Our classes and workshops are open to the public. Contact Kayla Adams (704-866-3607) to learn more and register for upcoming classes or workshops.

All monies are due at the time of registration. Should an event be cancelled, you will be refunded. If there are any changes in event information post-registration, you will be notified via phone and/or email.

# Want to become an ECA Member?

Now is the perfect time to become an ECA Member. From creative workshops to volunteer projects, ECA offers something for everyone.

Yearly membership is \$20 and renews every September.

For questions about joining ECA or to become a member, contact Kayla Adams (704-866-3607) or stop by Lucile Tatum Center.

# WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED WITH ECA

If you are wanting to learn more about ECA, stay connected with everything happening at Lucile Tatum Center and ECA Programs, Events and more there's two ways to keep up with us!

Email: Email kayla.adams@gastongov.com or call 704-866-3607 to be added to our monthly email list.

Text: Text **GASTON ECA** to 844-311-2991 to be added to our text updates for projects, meeting reminders, important updates and more. You can also email kayla.adams@gastongov.com or call 704-866-3607 to be added to the text list.

## **ONGOING ECA PROJECTS FOR 2023**



- <u>Ronald McDonald House</u>: The Martha Goebel Group is collecting drink tabs
  - Gaston County Schools: collecting school supplies in August
  - First Baptist Mission Trips: collecting eyeglasses
- Pennies For Friendship: supporting Association of County World Women
- <u>Baby Quilts & Baby Caps</u>: making quilts and caps for infants in the neonatal intensive care unit at CaroMont Regional Medical Center
   <u>Surgical Pillows</u>: sewing pillows for surgical patients of CaroMont Regional Medical Center
- Operation Gratitude: knitting/crocheting scarves for the military
- Shirt Savers: making shirt savers for residents at Holy Angels with
- supplies purchased by Holy Angels
- <u>Warm Up America</u>: making afghans for the homeless
   Gaston Skills: providing workshops for adults with special needs

## **PROJECT INFO**

**OPERATION GRATITUDE**: Please be aware of size requirements for scarves. No smaller than 4" x 48" or larger than 5" x 50". Any that are outside that size will be saved to gift to schools in the fall along with ear warmers.

WARM UP AMERICA: Contact Bertie Smith (704-864-6655) for more information or questions about this project.

## ECA CONTACT INFO

2023 ECA Executive Board President - Karen Rhyne Vice President - Lori Friesenhahn Secretary - Betse Cordell Treasurer - Dana Croston Advisor - Audrey Hunt ECA Liaison - Kayla Adams

<u>Standing Committee Contacts</u> Building Committee - Peggy Dameron (chairperson), Pam Davis, Martha Spurrier & Patti Wells

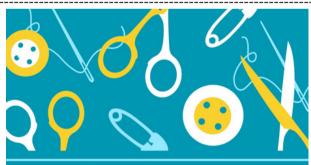
Marketing Committee - Pam Davis, Audrey Hunt, Sheri Vance

Program Committee - Patti Wells (chairperson), Marsha McLamb, Ann Mustian

Ad Hoc Committee - Betse Cordell (chairperson), Patti Wells

Scholarship Committee - Audrey Hunt (chairperson), Karen Rhyne, Martha Spurrier, Billie Taylor, & Dana Croston

NC State ECA Website: go.ncsu.edu/nceca



# Quiltmakers PHD

JOIN US THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 10A-4P TO WORK ON YOUR HALF DONE PROJECTSI BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OTHER QUILTERS!





- Make sure you submit any information and classes for the newsletter no later than the 15th of the month to Kayla Adams via email (kayla.adams@gastongov.com) or by phone (704-866-3607)
- Sunshine Volunteer: Pam Davis has volunteered to be the Sunshine Volunteer. Pam's contact info is 704-689-1708 or pammy0402@msn.com
- The ECA Website is updated regularly. You can find the monthly newsletters, forms, scholarship information and more here.
- The Martha Goebel Special Interest Group is our Call Tree partner that provides reminder calls for the monthly meetings.
- Feeling under the weather? To help protect our members and staff, if you are sick please stay home.
- ECA's primary source of sharing updates and happenings is done through the monthly newsletters. Newsletters are sent via email and can be mailed upon request.
- LTC is a fragrance-free building. No perfumes, lotions, body sprays, aftershaves, etc.

## **EXTENSION CONTACT INFO**

Lucile Tatum Center 959 Osceola St. Gastonia, NC 28054 Phone: 704-866-3607 Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-12pm / 1pm-5pm

<u>Citizen Resource Center</u> 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy. Dallas, NC 28034 Phone: 704-922-2111

<u>NC Cooperative Extension</u> Mailing Address: PO Box 1578 Gastonia, NC 28053

<u>Website</u> gaston.es.nscu.edu

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