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Extension & Community Association (ECA)

November 2023 Newsletter

MONTHLY MEETINGS

November 2023

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- **Martha Goebel** - 1st Tuesday 11am (contact Mary Upton 704-867-3735)
- **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.** - 5th Thursday 10am-4pm (contact Patti Wells 980-636-3841) *Changed this month only*
- **Scrappers Unlimited** - 1st Saturday 10am & 3rd Friday 5pm-9pm (contact Kayla Adams 704.866.3706)

October HIGHLIGHT

October was a month of promoting ECA at Health Fairs, ECA Longarm Showcase and utilizing social media to market for new members. Audrey Hunt & Billie Taylor set up a wonderful ECA display at the Bessemer City Health Fair this month.

Speaking of membership - 2024 Membership applications are due no later than November 15, so be sure to submit your to Kayla! Paper copies are available at Lucile Tatum or you can submit your membership online via the QR code below!

Scan the QR Code or visit

<https://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/site-gaston-volunteer-groups/gaston-eca/>



MEET OUR SPECIALTY GROUPS

MARTHA GOEBEL

Tues. Nov 7 @ 11am - Jackson's Cafeteria
This is the regular member meeting. Visitors and guests are always welcome to attend!

SCRAPPERS UNLIMITED

Sat. Nov 4 @ 10am-6pm & Fri. Nov 17 @ 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!

SUP & SEW

Thurs. Nov 9 @ 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.

MONTHLY CRAFT DAY

Sat. Nov 11 @ 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 for you! Bring your project & supplies and join the ECA volunteers to connect with others and work on your projects. This is an informal drop-in style event.

QUILTMAKERS

Thurs. Nov 16 @ 6pm-8:30pm / LTC & P.H.D. Thurs. Nov 30 @ 10am-4pm
The Quiltmakers is a special interest group of the ECA that focuses on quilting and sewing projects. Open to ECA members and visitors welcome!

CREATIVE NEEDLERS

Thurs. Nov 9 & 16 @ 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

CHRISMON CLASS

NOV 9 | 1:30PM-3PM @ LTC

CHRISTMAS DIAMOND ART

NOV 4 | 9AM-4PM @ LTC

BARN QUILT WORKSHOP

NOV 18 | 10AM-2PM @ LTC



NOVEMBER LUCILE TATUM SCHEDULE

LTC normal operating hours are Monday-Friday 8-12/1-5, however there are some days that LTC will close for meetings or Staff obligations

November 13 - LTC Closed for Veteran's Day

November 22-24 - LTC Closed for Thanksgiving

November 30 - LTC Office Closed (Kayla at District Training - Does not affect P.H.D. Day)

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

Important Dates

- Nov. 2 -ECA Monthly Meeting
- Nov. 2 - Shirt Savers Project Day
- Nov 4 - Scrappers
- Nov. 4 - Christmas Diamond Art Class
- Nov. 4 - Learn to Sew Class
- Nov. 7 - Martha Goebel Club Meeting
- Nov. 9 - Chrismon Class
- Nov. 9 - Sup & Sew | Creative Needlers
- Nov. 11 - Monthly Craft Day
- Nov. 13 - LTC Closed for Veterans Day
- Nov. 15 - 2024 Membership Due
- Nov. 16 - Quiltmakers | Creative Needlers
- Nov. 17 - Scrappers
- Nov. 18 - Barn Quilt Workshop
- Nov. 22-24 - LTC Closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27 - Kayla @ CRC
- Nov. 30 - LTC Office Closed
- Nov. 30 - P.H.D. Day



Beginner Class
Barn Quilt PAINTING
SATURDAY NOV 18, 2023
10AM-2PM
LUCILE TATUM CENTER, GASTONIA NC

Choose your size
1 ft or 2 ft square
Choose your design
over 50 patterns available
Choose your colors
assorted colors will be provided

1 FT SQUARE \$40 | 2 FT SQUARE \$50

You will learn how to draw your pattern, and simple techniques for painting.

For accommodations for persons with disabilities, call 704.865.3291 within 5 business days before class.

TIPS FOR THE DAY

- Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on
- If you want a specific color you may want to bring it with you. We will be using acrylic paints
- Leave perfectionist thoughts at home
- Bring a can-do attitude
- There are no mistakes. Only art!

TO REGISTER:

Scan the QR Code OR
Contact Kayla Adams at
704-866-3607 or
kayla.adams@gastongov.com

Registration is limited to 20 people.

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BARN QUILT WORKSHOP



November 18 10am-2pm
Cost: \$40 1 FT | \$50 2 FT

All materials provided! Come ready to paint! This is a beginner friendly class!

To register contact Kayla or scan the QR Code to register online.

CHRISTMAS DIAMOND ART

SATURDAY, NOV 4
9AM-4PM
COST: \$25 ECA MEMBER
OR \$30 NON ECA MEMBER
CLASS FEE INCLUDES ALL
SUPPLIES NEEDED!



CHRISTMAS DIAMOND ART

November 4 9am-4pm | Cost: \$25 ECA Member | \$30 Non-ECA Member

All materials provided! Scan the QR Code to register!

SHIRT SAVER WORKSHOP

Come join our ECA for their final 2023 Community Project Day. All supplies are provided and no sewing experience is needed to participate!



SHIRT SAVER PROJECT

for Holy Angels

ALL SUPPLIES FURNISHED - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

THURSDAY NOV 2 11:30AM-4:30PM

704-866-3607

LUCILE TATUM CENTER
959 OSCEOLA ST
GASTONIA NC







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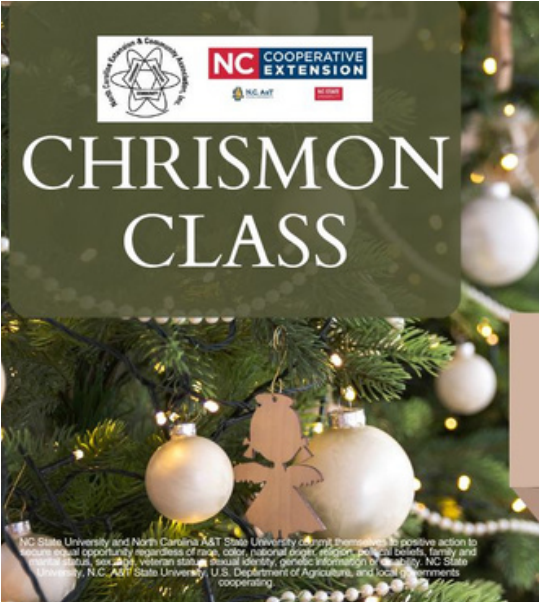
CHRISMON CLASS

November 9 @ 1:30-3pm
Cost is \$15 Class Fee + \$25/Kit.
1 kit is required to participate.
Your kit choices are Latin Cross or Angel.






CHRISMON CLASS




Latin Cross



Angel

Date: November 9 @ 1:30-3pm
Location: Lucile Tatum Center
Cost: \$15 Class Fee + \$25/Kit Fee
You may purchase more than 1 kit, but only 1 kit will be completed in class.



Scan the QR Code to register or email
kayla.adams@gastongov.com

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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.

BECOME AN ECA MEMBER

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN SEPT 1 - NOV 15!

WHY TO JOIN ECA

Extension & Community Association (ECA) is a state volunteer organization supported by NC State Extension. By being apart of ECA, you get to be apart of community projects that serve families and residents in various ways. From supporting the local NICU, Special Needs Residents, Group Homes, our military troops and everything in between, ECA offers unique volunteer opportunities for everyone!

When you join ECA, in addition to volunteer opportunities, you get special perks like discounts on ECA sponsored craft classes and workshops, Extension Trainings - ranging from leadership skills to CPR and more - and a standing invitation to State and Nationwide Conferences to connect and network with other Volunteers with the same interests and passions as you! You'll stay up to date with monthly newsletters!

The better question is why not join ECA?!



ComicCon 2023 display. ECA participated to raise funds for County Projects and to support giving back to the community.



Patti - an ECA Volunteer - working on baby quilts for our local NICU

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

- Active Member - \$20 (For those who can participate in meetings/workshops)
- Family Member - \$15 (purchased with an Active Member in the same household)
- Associate Member - \$10 (For those unable to attend meetings but want to support ECA)

SO HOW DO I JOIN?

ONLINE

Scan the QR code or visit
<https://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/site-gaston-volunteer-groups/gaston-eca/>



IN PERSON

Contact Kayla Adams > 704-866-3607 or kayla.adams@gastongov.com < to make an appointment to join in person at the Lucile Tatum Center. You can also join in person at one of our meetings or workshops! When joining in person cash or check is accepted. *Cash must be exact change!*

Gaston County Extension & Community Association 2024 Membership Form

Instructions: Please mail this completed form along with membership fees (check made payable to Gaston Co. ECA) to Gaston Co. ECA, 959 Osceola St., Gastonia, NC 28054.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES:



- ☐ Active Member - \$20 (this includes \$10 State ECA Dues)
- ☐ Family - \$15 (for each additional member in same household)
- ☐ Associate - \$10 (for former active members who are unable to attend meetings)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

~ PLEASE PRINT ~

NAME: _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

ADDRESS: _____
Street Address

State

City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

Please check all ECA Special Interest Group(s) that you may be interested in and would like to receive more information:

☐ Creative Needlers Group

☐ Martha Goebel Group

☐ Scrappers Unlimited Group

☐ Quiltmakers Group

Has any of the above information changed since last year's application? ☐ YES OR ☐ NO

May your contact information (address, phone number, and email) be listed in the Gaston Co. ECA directory to share with all Gaston Co. ECA members? ☐ YES OR ☐ NO

Would you like to receive text message updates for Lucile Tatum Center and ECA? ☐ YES OR ☐ NO

Completion of this section is optional:

AGE: Circle One 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 over 65 over 85

RACE: _____ **GENDER:** _____

BIRTHDAY: Month _____ Day _____

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



- Ronald McDonald House: 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
- Baby Quilts & Baby Caps: making quilts and caps for infants in the neonatal intensive care unit at CaroMont Regional Medical Center
- Surgical Pillows: 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
- Warm Up America: 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 UPDATES

- 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.

ECA CONTACT INFO

2023 ECA Executive Board

President - Karen Rhyne
Vice President - Lori Friesenhahn
Secretary - Jana Fetch
Treasurer - Dana Croston
Advisor - Audrey Hunt
ECA Liaison - Kayla Adams

Standing Committee Contacts

Building Committee - Peggy Dameron (chairperson), Pam Davis, Martha Spurrier & Patti Wells

Marketing Committee - Pam Davis, Audrey Hunt, Sheri Vance

Program Committee - Marsha McLamb & Patti Wells

Ad Hoc Committee - Marsha McLamb (chairperson), Betse Cordell, & Pam Davis

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

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



EXTENSION CONTACT INFO

Lucile Tatum Center

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

Citizen Resource Center

1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy. Dallas, NC 28034
Phone: 704-922-2111

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