



Chad Butler is presented an artistically-decorated brick by Iris Garden Club President Ginny King.

Iris Garden Club holds first meeting of 2022

The Iris Garden Club held its first meeting for 2022 on Tuesday, January 11, at the Robert Toombs House as members and guests welcomed speaker Chad Butler.

Butler, in his program arranged by Gail Boyd, first vice-president and program chairman, spoke primarily about organic gardening.

He and his family moved to Washington from Chicago in 2018 and currently live on a 20-acre farm in Northwest Wilkes County. During the last four years they have raised a variety of livestock including American Guinea hogs, chickens, and diverse produce. Butler shared that in the early 2000's his "personal journey led him to begin examining what we eat and where it comes from" and this led to his renting some small garden plots in the Chicago area and begin selling to a local farmers market. He referenced a number of literary resources which helped guide him in this journey. Wanting more space to pursue this passion, Butler and his family came south and found Washington-Wilkes. He graciously commented on a variety of topics around the theme of organic gardening and answered questions ranging from the certification processes and procedures for growing and selling, to composting, to soil nutrients, etc. Butler is a strong supporter of our local Farmers Market and is there every Saturday morning with diverse produce and wonderful fresh eggs.

Following the presentation, President Ginny King presented Butler with one of the Iris Garden Club's beautifully-decorated bricks.

Prior to the program President King opened the meeting, welcomed members and guests, and thanked host and hostesses Morris Branson, Pat Amrine, and

Paula Butts.

A business meeting followed the program with reports from various committees.

Jane Bundy, Ways and Means chairman, led the discussion for the upcoming Spring Garden Tour scheduled for Saturday, May 14. Cost for the day tour will be \$30. She thanked Elizabeth Crabbe for handling the state-wide publicity and getting information into three state-wide publications along with the District Meeting, and the Chamber of Commerce. She encouraged all club members to reach out to friends involved in clubs across the state to urge them to attend the event. Mrs. Bundy noted the club's special project of producing 70 artistically-decorated bricks for sale during the event is progressing.

Other committee heads for the event are working on activities such as optional lunch boxes at \$10 under the direction of Nancy Farris and the raffle baskets of \$2-3 under the leadership of Elizabeth Crabbe. Committees for the Outdoor Classroom led by Ginny King and the Robert Toombs Historic Gardens led by Krista Gillespie will need to organize clean up days for those sites. Debbie Holes will handle reservations.

Different members of the club shared some of their personal discoveries from their own gardening experiences for the meeting's horticultural moment.

It was announced that Robert Richardson will present the program on February 8.

Members and guests present were Paula Butts, Pat Amrine, Diane Jordan, Jane Bundy, Ginny King, Elizabeth Crabbe, Nancy Farris, Juanita Tyler, Debbie Holes, Skeet Willingham, Morris Branson, Krista Gillespie, Amy Potter, Ed Brown, Carolyn Reynolds, and Chad Butler, speaker.

PERSONALITIES!

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United Methodist Women of Bethel UMC gathered January 8

The United Methodist Women of Bethel United Methodist Church met Saturday, January 8, in the home of Belle Eberhardt.

Judy Brown offered the opening prayer and Mrs. Eberhardt continued with the devotional using Proverbs 29:18 as her scripture reference.

During the business meeting, members spent time discussing ways to grow the church membership.

They reviewed several of their Christmas projects that included gifts for shut-ins, a coat drive, and bringing Toys for Tots to their Christmas meeting.

In looking ahead they worked on plans for a Valentine Luncheon to be held Sunday, February 13, following the morning worship service.

Mrs. Eberhardt served delicious refreshments during a time of fellowship.

Present with Mrs. Eberhardt for the meeting were Judy Brown, Dell James, Ann Chafin, and Barbara Wolter.

Keep Washington Clean Campaign Continues

The Keep Washington Clean campaign continued Tuesday, January 4, as several members of the Iris Garden Club and Rotary Club gathered at the Robert Toombs House to disburse to several areas for litter pick-up.

Areas covered included the Ingles/F&M Bank entrances, Spring Street, Episcopal Way, Liberty Street, and East Robert Toombs Avenue.

Participating were Amy Johnston, Jane and Jim Bundy,

and Barbara and Frank Fulbright.

On January 8 the Fulbrights continued the project as they covered South Alexander Avenue.

While this event is co-sponsored by the Iris Garden and Rotary clubs, any organization or individuals are invited to join the group. The litter pick-up schedule is the first Tuesday and second Saturday of each month. Gloves and bags are provided.

Evelyn Hernandez celebrates first birthday

Evelynn Cade Hernandez, daughter of Lydia and Moises Hernandez of Tignall, celebrated her first birthday on Tuesday, December 21.

Evelynn was treated to a "Happy Bee-Day" theme party on Saturday, December 18, at her home on Independence Street in Tignall.

Decorations included honeycomb tissue paper bees and streamers with a large beehive cutout surrounded by balloons. A centerpiece of white daisies and solidago was placed in the center of the food table. Photos of Evelynn's first year were placed throughout the party area.

Evelynn's two-tiered vanilla cake was decorated with yellow buttercream icing with edible bees and honeycomb. She was also treated to a matching smash cake.

Guests enjoyed a meal of chicken strips, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, macaroni and cheese casserole, deviled eggs, and rolls. To extend the bee theme, Oreo cookies were decorated to represent bees and a bee-shaped cheese ball was served.

Evelynn celebrated with many family members and her special guest was her great-grandmother, Betty Stephens of Washington.



Personal Mentions

Joanne Pollock accompanied her daughter, Pam Reese of Evans, to Athens Saturday to attend a bridal shower honoring Ellen McClure of Watkinsville, bride-elect of Jack Horn, son of Jimbo and Susan Pollock Horn of Watkinsville.

Freda and Bill Richardson of Tifton arrived in Washington Friday to visit Evelyn George and take her to Augusta for a birthday dinner in honor of her upcoming 85th birthday on January 18. Others joining in the celebration were Trudie, Tony, Lawrence and Eve Gallo of Grovetown, Savannah and Kyle Richardson of Tifton, and Molly and Drew Richardson of Augusta. After the birthday dinner at a favorite restaurant, the family returned to the home of Molly and Drew for birthday cake, ice cream, and coffee. Mrs. George was an overnight guest in the Gallo home.

Beth and John Guin joined Eddie Palmer of Americus Saturday for a special visit at the home of Julia and Dennis Palmer where they all enjoyed an early birthday meal in celebration of Dennis's 89th birthday which was Monday, January 17.

Doug Gale arrived Monday for a visit with his mother, Jackie Gale. Marcia Delany returned home Tuesday after several days visit

in Buford with Gina, Ron, Jack, and Jessica Gay where the family enjoyed the beautiful snow.

Visiting Saturday with Susan and Edward Pope Jr. were Katherine and John Gentry of Athens.

Scott and Gunter of Rayle named to Kennesaw State Dean's list

Omar Scott and Haven Gunter of Rayle have been named to the Kennesaw State University Dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

Undergraduate students enrolled in at least nine credit hours and with a grade point average of at least 3.5 were named to the list.

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