

Mooresville Garden Club Has Fascinating Program On Art Of Japanese Flower Arranging

Mrs. Roger Little, of Mat, a teacher and lecturer of the Ikenobo School of Ikebana, presented one of the most fascinating programs on Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging, at the monthly meeting of the Mooresville Garden Club on Thursday morning.

The Japanese rules for Ikebana are to be learned by guidelines and after learning these rules, you do not have to adhere strictly to them.

The art of Ikebana is moving with the times and Mrs. Little stressed this point. If you study Japanese flower arranging, learn the Japanese words shin, soe and tai. The American words usually used for these are sun, earth and man.

In making an arrangement, the Japanese use an uneven number of kinds of plant material, because to them, odd numbers mean good luck and even numbers mean bad luck.

Perry Couple To Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Perry, of Statesville, route 7, will be honored at a golden anniversary reception on November 25, from 2 until 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Church of God in Troutman.

The reception will be hosted by the couple's children: Mrs. Norman Grankham of Bennett, Colo.; Rev. Albert C. Perry of Greensboro; Rev. Ernest Perry of Pineola; Mrs. Dwight P. McDaniels, Ralph B. Perry and Kenneth Perry, all of Statesville.

Personals

Harold Cashion is spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Fort Worth, Texas, visiting his son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. James Harold Cashion, Jr., and his grandson, James Harold Cashion, III.

The Japanese have the same type of plants as we do and appearing in many of their arrangements is the chrysanthemum, which is the national flower of Japan.

"The purpose of arranging flowers is to make the flowers come alive," Mrs. Little said. "The Japanese try to improve on nature and their culture is much more attuned to nature than is ours."

Ikebana dates back to the sixth century when Buddhists monks arranged flowers to be placed before Buddha. In her arrangements, Mrs. Little traced the history of Ikebana, beginning with the earliest Rikka arrangement. Rikka is more than a style of Ikebana, it is a teacher of patience, a way to commune with nature and a method of becoming familiar with its history and language of Japan. It has very strict rules and regulations. The mechanics, knowing where to place each piece of material and how each piece should be shaped are the secret to the arranging.

Mrs. Little made arrangements representing several different styles which included the Rikka, the Nagare and the Shoka.

One Rikka arrangement depicted a mountain scene with mountains near and far, a waterfall, the town where people live and a river flowing to the sea. "In Japan, you can see that many kinds of landscape at one time," she said.

A Rikka arrangement is generally created to fit in the Tokonoma, an alcove in the living room of a Japanese home.

The arrangement was in a heavy bronze container 250 years old that she had gotten in Kyoto. Mrs. Little displayed many containers, emphasizing that containers are important and a different type is used for different kinds of arrangements.

Along with her explanations of each arrangement were bits of information about the Japanese way of life.

Mrs. Little was introduced to the club members and the local and out of town guests by Mrs. W. L. Pressly. Mrs. Little lived in Japan for one and one half years and has made two return trips to Japan. On one of the return trips in 1968, she concentrated on Ikebana study for three weeks. During that time she had private lessons at the

Rokkakudo Temple in Kyoto where only Ikenobo teachers are allowed to study. The Japanese were amazed at the interest Mrs. Little showed in wanting to learn their art of flower arranging.

In addition to being a teacher and lecturer, Mrs. Little is a past president of the Charlotte Chapter No. 48, Ikenobo International and she is an exhibitor at the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte. She is also a practicing landscape designer and contractor in North and South Carolina and a housewife and mother of three children.

Mrs. Allan Eakle, president of the Mooresville Garden Club, conducted a short business session at which time reports from the various committees were heard. Mrs. Richard Doughton reported plans were underway for a court at the Lowrance Hospital to be planted in the spring and the club also voted to suspend the annual Christmas lighting contest due to the energy crisis.

The club also has straw flower pictures for sale and these can be obtained from any member of the club. Again this year the members will make wreaths for the VA Hospital in Salisbury and favors to be placed on the trays at the local hospital.

A luncheon followed the meeting with Mrs. Evelyn McCully as hostess at her Lake Norman home.

Attending the luncheon were Mrs. Roger Little, Mrs. W. L. Pressly, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Jr., Mrs. A. Rikka, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. Jason Westmoreland, Mrs. John Shinn and Mrs. Gene Deaton.

These giving book reports were: Mrs. Goodman Mrs. Olin Lambert Mrs. Cansler, Mrs. J. E. Smith Mrs. Brown Murdoch and Mrs. Queen.

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The hostess served potato chips, waters, persimmon pudding, tea and coffee during the social period.



Mrs. Roger Little, of Matthews, a teacher and lecturer of the Ikenobo School of Ikebana, presented the monthly program of the Mooresville Garden Club on Thursday morning at the War Memorial. Mrs. Little demonstrated the art of Ikebana by making a number of Japanese flower arrangements. She is pictured above as she makes a Nagare arrangement of branches and chrysanthemums, which is the national flower of Japan.

Mr. Stanford Guest Of Ostwalt Club

Mrs. J. C. Murdock Sr. was hostess to the members of the Ostwalt Homemakers Club Friday afternoon at her home on Murdock Road in Troutman.

Mrs. J. Brown Murdoch presided. Mrs. Carlton Goodman gave two readings as her devotions "Pilgrims and the Indians", and "Thank God for Beauty", which were appropriate for the Thanksgiving Season.

Mrs. W. B. Cansler gave the treasurers report, and Mrs. L. T. Queen read the minutes of the last meeting.

Announcements were made of the annual homemakers club meeting to be held Tuesday November 27 at Race Street United Methodist Church in Statesville. At this time the 17 decorated Christmas trees in the tradition of other countries will be on exhibit. Also the November 21 and 28 schedule of the T.V.C. and N.C. State University Agriculture Extension Service was given.

The following members turned in the dolls they had dressed for the Salvation Army Christmas program: Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. Jason Westmoreland, Mrs. John Shinn and Mrs. Gene Deaton.

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"Nine Year Old Smile"

Angela Wardlow is the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wardlow of 305 Stevenson Street, Mooresville. Angela is in the third grade at South School.

Mrs. Crouch Presents Program At Homemakers Meeting

Mrs. E. J. Troutman and Mrs. Glen White entertained the Shepherd's Homemakers Club Wednesday, November 14, in the home of Mrs. Troutman on McNeely Avenue.

Mrs. Bert Cornelius had the devotional using the 103rd Psalm concluding with prayer. The group joined in singing "America the Beautiful." The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the roll was called with 18 members present and one visitor, Miss Sylvia White. Mrs. Walter Goodman, conducted a short business meeting, reading an announcement, urging all members to attend Achievement Day to be held at the Race Street Methodist Church in Statesville, November 27. She also told of a program that is in the planning stage. It is a series of studies that the clubs of Iredell County can select to be conducted in their clubs by competent leaders of Iredell County. Among those that will be given is "The Meaning of America" and another is of the history of Iredell County Schools, and many other interesting subjects are listed, also.

Mrs. Faw asked for project leaders to report Mrs. Lester Boyd, on Family Life. She said that co-operation with each other in a family would

Lowrance Hospital News

J. W. Minter is a treatment patient.

Mrs. B. H. Craven is receiving treatment.

Mrs. Billy Gene Parker is a treatment patient.

Mrs. Squire Brown is convalescing.

Mrs. Annie Lou Woodfin is a treatment patient.

Mrs. F. L. Cantrell, of Davidson, is receiving treatment.

E. D. Wilson is a treatment patient.

J. N. Levan is receiving treatment.

Mrs. C. E. Sherrill is convalescing.

Mrs. R. B. Goodman, of Davidson, is a surgical patient.

Mrs. Geraldine Roberts, of Charlotte, is a surgical patient.

Benjamin McLean, of Stanley, is a treatment patient.

Charlie Chapman is a treatment patient.

John Holcomb is a surgical patient.

Mrs. J. A. Wyatt, of Troutman, is convalescing, from surgery.

Mrs. S. T. Mayhew is a surgical patient.

Mrs. T. T. Stockton, of Davidson, is a treatment patient.

Mrs. V. G. Brown is a surgical patient.

Lonnie Mills, a surgical patient, is convalescing.

Elijah Corriher, Jr., of Kannapolis, is a treatment patient.

Ralph Cornelius is a treatment patient.

Ralph C. Beard is a surgical patient.

Mrs. Marie Seabolt is receiving treatment.

Mrs. Harriet Curtis is a treatment patient.

Man Gets Wrapped Up In Strolling With Python

Pedestrians along Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles hastily retreated and several autos came to a screeching halt as Richard L. Gehring walked down the street with a seven-foot python wrapped around him.

Unamused by the incident, police conducted Gehring, 19, to the station. He was freed when he promised to leave town.

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