

# January 2012 Newsletter

## NC Cooperative Extension



**January Thoughts**—Feed the birds and take care of habitats for insects and wild life: they are the hidden helpers for everything from pollination to breaking down materials in compost .



### **Rowan County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association Meeting**

**Tuesday January 10 10AM to 3PM — lunch at 12:30 —  
Oak Park Retirement Community 548 White Oaks Drive Salisbury**

This full day meeting is our annual planning meeting. The agenda will begin with welcome and announcements, followed by a brief review of 2011. We will leap into a brainstorm session to help plan programs, educational sessions, projects and day trips. Lunch will begin at 12:30. Lunch will be served by Oak Park for \$7.00. Following lunch Darrell will update us on his projects, plans for us, the new class and anything else he can share. We will adjourn at 3PM.

If you plan to attend this all day meeting and social time, please let Carole Massey or I know by noon Friday January 6, so we can contact Oak Park to reserve your lunch!

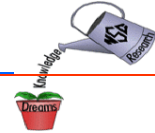
A car pool will leave the Extension Office at 9:15 for Oak Park. If you are planning to car pool please let Sue know.

**Directions:** White Oaks Drive is off of Enon Church Road.

**From Statesville Blvd** (US 70) turn onto Ridge Road then right onto Enon Church Road. Follow Enon Church to White Oaks Drive, turn right.

From **Woodleaf Road off Jake Alexander** Follow Woodleaf Rd to Enon Church turn left then left again of White Oaks Drive.





*Greetings for the New Year from Sue Davis*

This is the time of year when we think ahead to our gardens. It is hard not to be too ambitious or too hard on ourselves for last year's gardening failures or short comings. As you begin to think ahead, give Master Gardeners a place in your plans. You may find 2012 a little different from recent years because our focus is going to be on educating ourselves to be better gardeners and volunteers. We will focus on sharing our enthusiasm and knowledge about horticulture with the community.

We will have new Master Gardeners. Darrell plans to have a class of 2012. He looks to us to work with them and encourage them to contribute to our programs. I have talked with several people interested in the class. It surprised me that they had no idea what the class included or what a Master Gardener is! Take time to put down on paper what you think a Master Gardener IS... It is a good exercise.

When you come to the January 10 meeting please come with some ideas about programs, activities and education opportunities for yourself. Be able to talk about what you would like to invest time in during 2012.

Our purpose is education; our reason to exist is to support the projects of the Extension Office. We have worked hard to create balance between the two. In 2012, it is important to have fun while improving ourselves. Surrounding yourself with like-minded people is part of what we are about.

*Sue*

**Calendar**

**January**

**7** Annual Planning Meeting 10AM to 3PM Lunch at 12:30  
Oak Park Retirement Community

**31** 1—3PM Gateway Building BOD Meeting (1st Floor)

**February**

**14** Monthly 1PM Association Meeting at Extension Office

**28** 1—3PM Gateway Building BOD Meeting (1st Floor)

**March**

**13** Monthly 1PM Association Meeting at Extension Office

**27** 1—3PM Gateway Building BOD Meeting (1st Floor)

Thursday Radio...we are always looking for suggestions and volunteers!

