Snowflakes
Our lives are built like falling snow;
Winter gems on every bough.
Individual patterns each one,
Joined together to get the job done.
We, like the snowflake are individuals
as well
Like the snow, we come together,
in order to excel.
Keep a snowflake close at hand,
To keep you strong through all daily
demands.
As we begin a brand new year,
Let us pray that God will keep us near.

Have a healthy and happy 2011!!!

Monthly Meetings
I look forward to be with each club during
the month of January. We have a lot of our
normal business to do. You will vote on the
leader lesson of the year; the club woman of
the year; install new officers (if you will
have new officers) and go over the Calendar
of Events. I will also need the names of the
individuals that had perfect attendance in
2010. Please refer to the last page of the
newsletter as to when and where each club
will meet.

Master Farmer Luncheon
The Master Farmer Luncheon is scheduled
for Thursday, January 13th. Kathy Cook will
be in touch with those that volunteered to
help with the lunch.

Adopt a Foster Child
Linda Taylor sent me information regarding
a new child that has been placed in a group
home. If your club would like to adopt this
child please let me know.

Bibs Needed
Sara King, from the Senior Center, has put
in a request of more bibs. The Adult Day
Care is in needs of bibs for the individuals
that stay at the Center while their loved ones
are at work.

The bibs are usually made with towels with
the neck area cut out and material or bias
tape put around the neck area to tie the bib
on.

If you are blessed with the skill of sewing
and can make some of them they will ever
be grateful. Those of us that are not blessed
with sewing ability could help with this
project by donating the towels, thread, etc.
to help make this need be met.

Deadlines
Achievement Day is Feb. 8th which means
that it is much earlier than we usually have
it. Therefore, I will need your leader lesson reports and scrapbooks earlier than usual. Please have those to me no later than January 21st. I know the Sneads Ferry Club will meet on Jan. 20th so I am going to ask that nominee to have their report to me by January 24th. I apologize for the short turn around but I will have to get the plaque to the engraver in time to have it back for Achievement Day.

Leader Lesson

The Leader Lesson for January for your February Club meeting will be on Wednesday, January 26th at 10:00 am in the Learning Center of the office. The lesson will be Money at Work. Presidents: Please make sure one of your club members is present to receive the information.

District Day

The Southeast District Day is Tuesday, March 8th. We should be getting registration information very soon. I will send it to the club presidents as soon as I receive it.

Cultural Arts Contest

Our Cultural Arts Contest will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 10th. Please start looking at all the items you have made since last March and figure out what you are going to enter. We really did not have many things entered last year so I ask that you please take time and enter items. Remember some of the craft items we have made can be entered as well as pages from your club scrapbooks or any other scrapbook pages. Also, cards you have made can be entered as well.

Financial Group Wants YOUR Lunch

The Financial Group that met at the office last year in February have called and want to use our building as well as ask that you provide lunch for them again. Please consider this and let me know at your meetings. Alvin Barrett, our Finance Officer for the County, is a member of this group. This is another way of making money for the council.

Wreath Sales

If my math is correct – you should receive about $600.00 for your portion of the wreath sales. Thanks so very much for all of you that purchased a wreath and that sold them. This is a great fundraiser that is very easy to do. We sold 180 wreaths.

Employment and program opportunities are offered to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating

Peggie L. Garner
County Extension Director
The Recipe Corner

Sweet and Sour Meatballs

Ingredients
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 cup distilled white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce

Directions
1. In a medium bowl, combine the ground beef, egg, bread crumbs and onion. Mix thoroughly and shape into golf ball-sized balls.
2. In a large skillet over medium heat, gently brown the meatballs and set aside.
3. In a large saucepan, combine the brown sugar, flour, water, white vinegar and soy sauce. Mix thoroughly. Add meatballs and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring often, for 30 minutes.

Onslow County Master Gardener Volunteer Program

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program is a joint endeavor of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and volunteers who wish to learn how to be better gardeners and help other gardeners by sharing their knowledge. The program is designed to recruit and train volunteers to help meet the educational needs of the citizens of Onslow County.

The term ‘gardening’ is used in a broad sense. It includes vegetables, fruits, lawn grasses, shrubs, flowers and trees. The training focuses on developing diagnostic skills for insects and diseases of plants. Classes are also given on landscaping for water quality, soils, composting, propagation, wildlife control and much, much more!

As a Master Gardener you will receive 40 hours of intensive horticultural training.

After graduation you will be expected to provide an equivalent amount of volunteer work in the community. Examples of the types of activities that you can choose to perform are: answering homeowner inquiries at the Extension Office; mailing out information bulletins to homeowners, conducting plant clinics, working with elementary school children on special horticultural projects, talking to Garden Clubs, advising on community beautification projects and writing newsletter articles.

The volunteer work is fun and interesting and you will not be required to do anything with which you are not comfortable. Master Gardeners make ‘friends for life’ and enjoy working and learning together.

The 2011 Master Gardener course will begin February 15th and end April 5th. Classes normally will be taught Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 – Noon. Cost for the course is $100.00 which includes a comprehensive Master Gardener Manual that you keep.

If you would be interested in receiving an application for the 2011 course, please call the North Carolina Cooperative Extension – Onslow County Center at (910) 455-5873, and leave your name, address and phone number. Enrollment will be limited, so inquire early.