State Meeting
Thanks for all of your help on our table favors for the State Meeting. They were placed on the table for the Opening Luncheon and I got a lot of comments saying how much people liked them. Many folks used them throughout the conference so that was a good sign as well.

Ruth Clifton was installed as the District President. Now, she is going to make us work by hosting the District Spring Meeting on March 13th. Please mark your calendars now!!!

Nancy Goad received second place on her quilt. She had a lot of competition. Congratulations Nancy for keeping Onslow on the map.

Fair Booths
Thanks so much for all of your work on your fair booths. They were wonderful. Congrats to all of our winners. Start working on next year’s booths. I will let you know the dates of the fair as soon as I know them.

District Day
We will need to discuss the ins and outs of District Day at our November area meeting on November 10th at 10:00. The County Manager’s office needs to use the room until 9:45 so we will meet starting at 10:00 am on the 10th.

We need to plan table favors, door prizes, table decorations, speaker, entertainment, refreshments, etc. on the 10th. Please come with ideas.
Achievement Day
I have scheduled Achievement Day for Tuesday, February 7th at 10:00 am. We will decorate and set up on Monday, February 6th at 1 pm. Please make note of this on your calendars. We need ideas for speakers and entertainment. Do you want it catered again?

Festival of Trees
We have been asked to provide cookies and juice at the Festival of Trees again. We will book times of when folks will work on the 10th. We will also set a day for the next week to bag the cookies unless you want to bring them in already bagged with two cookies in each bag.

We need to have individuals work Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The office will supply the cups and napkins and bags if needed.

Holiday Wreaths
The wreath sales are coming in pretty slowly this year. Please try to sale wreaths and bring the money in with you on the 10th. I challenge each member to purchase or sell one wreath. If each members does that we will do our part. This is a really easy fundraiser but we have to at least make the forms available to people.

Please call me if you need wreath forms.

Do Your Own Thing
Please remember to let Nita or me know what your club is going to do for the month of December so we can put it in our December newsletter.

Ideas for educational sessions next year
We were told at the State meeting that we can come up with our own training for next year. Robin and I have some ideas but please let us know if you have any ideas for us to do a training on. All suggestions appreciated.
Pumpkin Ginger Cupcakes

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 (3.4 ounce) package instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/3 cup finely chopped crystallized ginger
- 1 cup butter, room temperature
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree

Directions

1. Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease 24 muffin cups, or line with paper muffin liners. Whisk together the flour, pudding mix, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ground ginger, allspice, cloves, and crystallized ginger in a bowl; set aside.

2. Beat the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until light and fluffy. The mixture should be noticeably lighter in color. Add the room-temperature eggs one at a time, allowing each egg to blend into the butter mixture before adding the next. Beat in the vanilla and pumpkin puree with the last egg. Stir in the flour mixture, mixing until just incorporated. Pour the batter into the prepared muffin cups.

3. Bake in the preheated oven until golden and the tops spring back when lightly pressed, about 20 minutes. Cool in the pans for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on a wire rack.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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