

BEAUTIFICATION MEETING
MONDAY, November 13, 2023
10:05AM

Brenda opened meeting with overview and definition of the Beautification Committee in the community.

Attending meeting:

Dick Martel, Charla Lake, Gary King, Liz King, Brenda Shouey, Brenda Bowling, Gail Parker, Pam Behrensprung, Betty Denall, Weezie Sanders, Angela Bageant, Laurie Talarico, Kim Snook.

THE ROLE OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Your Beautification Committee's goal is to identify areas in Lee Plantation that need improvement or attention. We will plan and submit a yearly budget that is workable for the community. We will create a plan that continues to improve and beautify our common grounds. We recognize the importance of providing nature areas for small animals and pollinators. Protecting nature is crucial to our environment.

We know the importance of research and will identify plants and trees that fit the planting zone where we live.

Beautification strives to be a positive resource in our community. We do that by providing information to home owners that will improve their individual landscape and add value to their property and also the community.

Beautification each year holds a Christmas Extravaganza event. This occurs on the 22nd of every December. This is our way of celebrating our gardens with luminaries, Christmas decorations a parade and of course Santa.

Overall your Beautification team is here to support all clubs, committees, the Lee Plantation Board and our neighbors.

Please join us for a meeting and support our ongoing efforts.

Also note BC does an outing each year to a nature center. We Celebrate the year as a team.

Preston Becker is our Beautification team liaison. His role is to share any beautification activity that needs approval with the Lee Plantation board.

BUDGET AND DONATIONS:

- There was no set budget this year for beautification. We worked with our board to purchase what is needed to bring our community up to par.
- Beautification still has \$1107.88 in donation money.
- Thank you Phil and Bev Stevens for your recent donation.
- There were three Shady Lady trees donated. Thank you Dan and Brenda Hart, Peter and Pam Behrensprung , Shane and Suzette Riddle.

IRRIGATION:

- This is a big issue because the water from our lake has a large salt content following Hurricane Ian.
- We have lost fruit trees as they are not tolerable to salt water.
- We need more rain and since salt water is heavier than fresh water, we hope it settles to the bottom of the lake. This may help the salinity of our lake and allow for better irrigation over time.
- Our lake water is getting additional testing. This will be done on a regular basis.
- We are still anticipating that some irrigation pipes may need replacing. Work is being done also on pump that runs the irrigation. Updates will follow.
- We continue to hand water trees and plants as needed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELPING HANDS:

- Lots of help with water hoses. Thanks for keeping our plants alive without irrigation.

Weezie Sanders	Angie Bageant	Patti Melvin
Gail Parker	Pam Behrensprung	Dan Hart
Suzette Riddle	Sam & Mary Livingston	Larry & Vicki Butcher

MULCH/SOIL FOR LANDSCAPE:

- Mulch is not being used at this time. We found a compost soil that is a perfect substitute. It adds more nutrients to our stressed soil.
- Soil is now available for sale to the Community for \$25.00 a bucket from the Kubota. Contact Preston or Brenda to purchase.

HERB GARDEN:

- Pam Behrensprung has done extensive work on information for our new Herb Garden.
- There is now a harvesting instruction sheet and additional information on how to use herbs. More herbs will be planted in the future.
- Thank you goes to Suzette Riddle for donating many of the current herbs and taking care of the new plants that are now thriving.

- Your herb garden is located on the back area of clubhouse porch overlooking the tennis courts.
- Any questions get with a member of the Beautification team.

BEES/BEEKEEPER:

- We now have a bee keeper that will assist you if bees are an issue at your home. He has removed several swarms of bees recently. Price is very reasonable. You can see some recent photos on the community Facebook.
- There is more information on Marcelo Lang on the board in the back hallway. Marcelo Lang 239-878-4303. (Affordable Bee and Critter Solutions)

STAGHORN FERN:

- Gary King will recruit a few guys to see if they can build a holding table for a Staghorn fern.
- This is a very large plant that we hope to save.
- Right now it's lying on the ground under the large oak tree as you exit the community. Update to follow.

GARDEN PLAQUES:

- Brenda showed a sample of a donation plaque which can be purchased on Amazon.
- If you want to donate a tree to the community, you can also order a plaque to celebrate its planting with your name and date it was planted.
- See Brenda for information. A folder will soon be created to assist you with the order.
- We expect these will hold up nicely to the weather.

PHOTO CONTEST:

- Everyone has a camera on their phone. So get started now!
- Residents are being asked to snap a picture that can be used on the cover of our next Lee Plantation directory.
- Contest is being chaired by the Communications Committee.
- Beautification will also support this contest.
- Picture must be **PORTRAIT** size only.
- Angie has created a bulletin board for the contest which is located in the main hall of the clubhouse.
- Contest information was also posted on the community Facebook.
- Any photos you have already taken THIS YEAR are eligible too!
- \$25.00 prize for best photo.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA:

- This will take the place of our usual BC meeting.
- This is a Beautification Committee event. Also supported by the Men's & Women's Clubs and the Super Happy Hour group. Thank you.
- Our 4th annual Christmas event will be held on December 22, 2023.
- Event will have a community parade, pot luck dinner, secret Santa gift exchange and music.
- Planning meeting is Friday December 1st at 10AM.
- We need hands to make this evening a success. Please make time to be part of this fun evening at the clubhouse.

NEXT PROJECT's FOR 2024:

- New bushes along the south side of Clubhouse.
- Asheboro Cul-de-sac.

Hope to see you at our December meeting.
No shovel required!