

Blowing Rock Garden Club Meeting August 5, 2026

Hummingbird (Life in Fast Forward) Gardening Seminar

The meeting began at 11:48 featuring a presentation by Dr. Patrick McMillan from PBS and Expedition. He is currently the horticulturalist at a 7 acre park in Cary, NC. He discussed the unique characteristics of hummingbirds, including their small size, aggressive behavior and the reflective nature of their colors. Dr. McMillan highlighted the importance in pollination, noting they visit red flowers and have a specialized tongue structure. He also shared insights on hummingbird migration, breeding habits and the impact of human activities on their populations.

Our guest speaker answered our many questions and received a warm round of applause.

Our business meeting opened at 12:36.

Our first order of business was acknowledging the incredible award to our own, Evenlight Eagles, for her volunteer work in our community. Her amazing background was a delight to learn about and she is truly worthy of the award for the many long hours she has put in for our club and township.

Secretary report: Barbara Law: no additions or corrections to our last month's minutes. Joyce Zellner made a motion to approve the minutes with Joann Mitchell seconding it. All approved. The roster was not sent out with the minutes, but will be updated before the next meeting and will be sent out. We've had new additions and resignations. I introduced my sister-in-law, Chris Fulford, who is visiting from Tarboro, NC and others introduced their guests...from local friends to Ft. Myers. Welcome all.

Treasurer report: Tricia Aiken reported we have \$39,300.

We still have money for Evenlight to spend on the Memorial Garden and we are ahead in our scholarship account. The statue committee (Pat Wheeler, Marie, Linda Beverly and Susie Taylor...went to Anvil Art Sculpture Studio in Linville has been doing lots of

research and has meetings scheduled with many artists. We will get a report on the results at our next meeting. Hopefully, some of the artists will come to the meeting.

Field Trips: The Springhouse flower picking was a great success. Melaine reported the Dahlia festival has been cancelled due to the owner's health situation. We will go to the native nursery in Burnsville instead.

Website: Lise: What's the magic word? FlowerPower

Facebook: Marilyn thank you for all your work.

Newsletter: Thank you, Lynda. We met about 50% which is excellent. And, we will be doing apple cidering this year on Sunday, October 4th around noon.

Wildflower Bingo: It will be similar to last year with tables at the front to welcome people. It will be at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. Please get your tickets and raffle items to donate.

Next month's meeting: Will be at the BRAHM's with Will Ritter as the speaker. He will present Seed and Song. It will start earlier at 11:00. Please sign up on the website.

We have a slate for next year's board in progress. It will be presented at next month's meeting.

Thank you, Peggy Appleton, for the lovely table arrangements..much appreciated!!

The monthly raffle started and resulted with many happy winners.
Marie adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Law, Secretary