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The ladies of Cedar Oaks Guild enjoyed a beautiful and delicious formal luncheon at the October meeting, hosted by Beth Ducrest, Jan Huckaby, Nina Patrick, Mary McLane, and Barbara Purdon. We were pleased to welcome guests Adielade Chapman (Dianne Fergusson) and Keri Dibrel (Toni Paolillo).



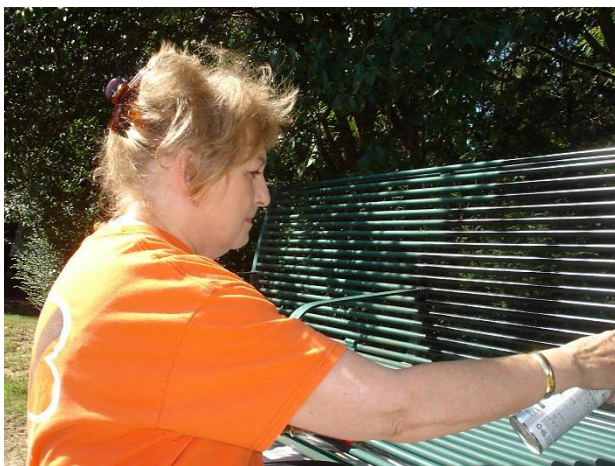
Our **guest speaker**, Dr. Elizabeth Payne, spoke about some of the pioneering efforts of women's groups in Mississippi, from supporting children's health to co-education to preventing lynching. This state even led the nation by enacting the Married Women's Property Rights Act in 1839. Dr. Payne was the founding director of the Honors College at the University of Mississippi and has published widely, including editing the two volume work, *Mississippi Women*.



Afterwards, the Guild posed for a **group picture** on the steps of our beloved home. Sharon Schreiber, Member at Large, has emailed a picture directory of Guild members.



Thanks to Jan Huckaby for painting the posts, railings, fern pots, and benches. They now have a fresh, unified look.



Tea for Two (or more): We still need two more teapots to add to our serving inventory for the Spring Tea. And continue to save items for the Indoor Yard Sale.

Next month: November 13 will be a business meeting and informal lunch, hosted by Douglas Vance, Tricia Copelin, Anne Asger, and Mary Sweeney.

Celebrations: Birthday greetings to:

Nina Patrick	November 1
Emmie Lou Brunson	November 4
Maralyn Bullion	November 10
Mary Sweeney	November 29

Cedar Oaks Treasure:

Have you noticed the small piece of furniture in the library, with a red glass lamp on top? It is a keyboard instrument called a melodeon. Some of them were portable; the cross piece at the bottom could be removed and hinged legs folded to make them easier to transport. Such melodeons were apparently popular during the westward movement. I first thought ours was portable, because the crosspiece is held with screws, but the top seems to be firmly attached to the base rather than with hinges. It still has a carved music stand but I couldn't find any other markings by crawling underneath or feeling behind it. Repairs have been made to the piece. I am definitely not an antiques expert but I find it very interesting. If you know more about this piece, please share your information! If you are want to know more about melodeons, this is a good link from Montgomery History Organization in Rockville, MD.

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Sharon Schreiber, Member at Large