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## CEDAR OAKS GUILD NEWSLETTER

September, 2023



Cedar Oaks Guild kicked off the 2023-24 year with a business meeting and potluck salad luncheon, hosted by the Board. It was great to see so many ladies after our summer break. And we were delighted to have six guests in attendance! Patti Rish brought four DAR and gardening friends: Betty Barkett, Janis Walling, Donna Pierce, and Aletha Addenholt.



Betty, Janis, Donna, Aletha

Sharon Schreiber's friends, Emily Davis and Jennifer Neal, had so much fun at the May Fest they wanted to become involved with Cedar Oaks Guild! Emily even helped with game day parking. Jennifer had planned to be there, but Covid intervened.



Emily, Sharon, Jennifer

The **parking fundraiser** on September 16 was a huge success! We raised **\$2,555!!** A very big thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for allowing nonprofits to use their parking lot on game days, and to all the Guild members and supporters who helped plan for maximum use, direct cars, take money, handle reservations, and wave signs and pom poms: Keri Dibrell, Jeff and Patti Rish, Toni Paolillo, Karen Travillo, Lynne McIngvale, Barbara Purdon, Linda Noonan, Emily Davis, Nancy Kesselring, Sharon Schreiber, Marion Tutor, Emily Holmes, and Susan Laney. Carla and Bruce Johnson and Keri Dibrell cleaned up the lot on Sunday. Claudia Gleason couldn't be there but donated a case of ice water, much appreciated as the day grew hotter!



Friends, fun, and funds – a good combination!



Thanks to Patti for most of the pictures.

If you haven't yet paid your **dues** of \$25, please send a payment to Lynne McIngvale, 502 Dove Hollow, Oxford. Being a docent is another enjoyable way to support Cedar Oaks, and learn more about the house and its history. Contact Docent Chair **Toni Paolillo** if you are interested.

### **Get Acquainted With: Marcia Cartwright**

I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 45 years. We retired here last November after closing our Ford dealership in Booneville. We live in Fern Cove, right in the middle of all of the doctors' offices. Our daughter is a real estate agent. Our son and daughter-in-law live in Tupelo, where she is a principal in the Tupelo School System, having recently earned her doctorate. My oldest granddaughter, a freshman at Ole Miss, pledged Tri Delta and comes by often. I was a teacher, and then quit to rear children and work at the dealership. We are very social and always enjoy meeting new friends. Our current project is working on our little house renovations to make it our home. Marcia is familiar with historic homes, since she grew up in an antebellum house!

**Trick or Treat:** Cedar Oaks Guild will again host trick or treating on our trail on Sunday, October 29, 1:00-3:00. This is a *very* popular event for the Oxford community. In past years, we have welcomed 300-400 guests, about half of them children! It is a fun time for members, too, to dress up in costumes and participate. We need someone to **chair** the event, and a committee to help with buying candy, decorations, crafts, etc. Please contact Keri to volunteer.

Halloween, 2022



## Happy September Birthdays:

Suzanne Atkins     September 9  
Carolyn Lott        September 10  
Emily Holmes       September 11  
Patti Rish           September 13



## Cedar Oaks Treasure: Preserving Cedar Oaks

After more than 160 years, our lovely house needs some TLC. Work has begun to repair and paint the exterior of Cedar Oaks! Last fall Kate Kenwright, Historic Preservationist for Oxford, secured a grant for \$20,000 from the Mississippi Hills Heritage Area Alliance, to be matched by the city. The mission of the organization, which covers essentially the northeast quarter of the state, is “to preserve, enhance, interpret and promote the cultural and heritage assets of the region in a manner that enhances exposure, education and economic growth.” <https://mississippihills.org/>

Obtaining historical approval and bids took some time, but hopefully the work will be completed soon. The worker from Greene Construction who was removing rotten wood said he expected to finish this week. When it is repaired, painters will finish the job. I happened to stop by Cedar Oaks on Tuesday for another reason, and was able to see the work in progress.



Front of house



Back of house



East side



East side



West side

We are very grateful to the Mississippi Hills Heritage Area Alliance, Kate Kenwright, the Historic Properties Commission, and the City of Oxford for preserving Cedar Oaks.