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CEDAR OAKS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Cedar Oaks Guild met on April 9 for an informal “grab and go” lunch prior to an active business meeting. The decorated lunch sacks held chicken salad, pasta salad, broccoli salad, lemon cookies, trail mix, and robins’ eggs. Hostesses were Patti Rish, with help from Marianna Ochs, Tricia Redditt, Marcia Cartwright, and Nancy Kesselring.



Officers for 2024-2026 were elected. Keri Dibrell graciously agreed to continue as president of the Guild, while several new officers will join the board: Vice president Donna Pierce; Treasurer Carla Johnson; Recording secretary Becki Bressler; Corresponding secretary Shellie Harrison; Member at large Claudia Gleason. Committee chairs will be Hospitality Tricia Copelin; HPC liaison Barbara Purdon; Newsletter Sharon Schreiber; Archives Patti Rish; Docent Toni Paolillo and Marianna Ochs; Landscape Keri Dibrell; Furniture acquisition and speakers will be decided by the board. Volunteers were solicited for the Yard Sale on April 20 and the May Fest scheduled for May 5.

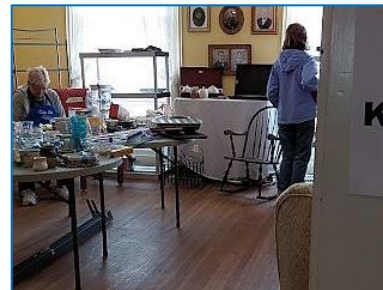
Four guests were welcomed at the meeting. Caroline Felker, Leita Patton, Janis Walling’s daughter Lauren Raper, and **Peggy Best** (now our newest member.) Other new members are **Griff Brownlee**, **Martha Maynard**, and **Lindsey Estes**. We are delighted to have these wonderful ladies as Guild members.

New rug and table pads: We recently purchased a “new” handmade 11’x14’ Persian rug for the dining room for \$749, plus shipping. We also purchased custom made table pads to protect the top of our beautiful antique dining table. Thanks to Tricia Copelin for arranging for these acquisitions.





The **Yard Sale** was a huge success! We earned more than **\$1,700!!** A big thank you to chair Lynne McIngvale and the many volunteers who donated items, organized and set up the wares, helped during the sale, and packed up afterwards. Holding Hands picked up many unsold items for their resale shop, which will further benefit the community.



The **May Fest** will be held on Sunday, May 5, from 2:00-4:00. Greg Johnson and Shaundi Wall will provide live music for guests to dance around the 10' Maypole. There will also be a smaller Maypole for little ones, games, crafts, refreshments, and a Fair Store. Fairy wands, magic wands, Robin Hood hats, and floral head wreaths will be sold again this year. In the event of rain, the event will be held inside the house with the small Maypole. Volunteers are still needed to help next Sunday. Costumes aren't required, but feel free to dress up in Renaissance faire clothing, fairy wings, headgear, or other festive attire. As the picture from last year shows, the ribbons wind around the post to make a colorful Maypole.



Happy April Birthdays:

- Sharon Schreiber April 16
- Carla Johnson April 22
- Susan Laney April 25
- Robin Buchannon April 30



Cedar Oaks Treasure: Le Jour



Last fall my sister and her husband, Judi and Robert Whiting, came to visit me from Washington. They enjoyed touring Cedar Oaks, and after their visit Bob offered this statue because he thought it would look good in the house. It had belonged to his mother, Kathryn (Kitty) Coquet, and before that, his grandmother or a great aunt. Le Jour, or The Day, was often represented by a man holding a torch, a companion to La Nuit, a woman holding a star to represent night. He is kneeling on an eagle with spread wings. Spelter became very popular for use in Art Deco and Art Nouveau statues and figurines in the late 1800s and early 1900s, because it was more affordable than bronze. It is an alloy primarily of zinc and lead, developed in China and East India before it was imported to Europe in the 16th century.