

## Join NC's Celebration of 100 years of home demonstration clubs on October 27, 2013

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### Join NC's celebration of 100 years of home demonstration clubs October 27, 2013 in Raleigh, NC

North Carolina Cooperative Extension will hold a centennial gala on October 27, 2013 in Raleigh to celebrate 100 years of home demonstration programs in North Carolina. Extension invites former Extension Homemaker Club members, current members of the Extension and Community Association and those involved with Extension's family and consumer sciences program to attend this historic event at N.C. State University's McKimmon Center.

In Cumberland County, the Extension and Community Association clubs are active in communities today. Through the educational guidance and researched-based information provided by N.C. Cooperative Extension's family and consumer sciences agents and specialists based at N.C. State and N.C. A&T State universities, ECA is a grassroots institution that has actively addressed the needs of families in their communities for 100 years.

The ECA centennial gala at N.C. State will begin, weather permitting, with an opportunity to see engraved bricks that have been placed in the Jane McKimmon Garden at McKimmon Center honoring the women of ECA, family and consumer sciences and their supporters. There will also be exhibits to showcase the multifaceted work of ECA in the state and a time to reconnect with old and new friends.

The dinner, which begins at 5:00 pm, will include a multimedia presentation on the history of Home Demonstration. In addition, 25 new members will be inducted into the Jane S. McKimmon Family and Consumer Sciences Hall of Fame.

In 1911, Jane S. McKimmon, North Carolina's first woman home demonstration extension agent, convinced 14 county superintendents of education to employ home demonstration agents to support the girls' tomato club program to teach girls to can tomatoes. By 1913, the girls' mothers had learned to can so well, they began to ask for clubs where they might learn other skills for the home. Thus home demonstration clubs - later named Extension Homemakers and ECA today -- were born in North Carolina.

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