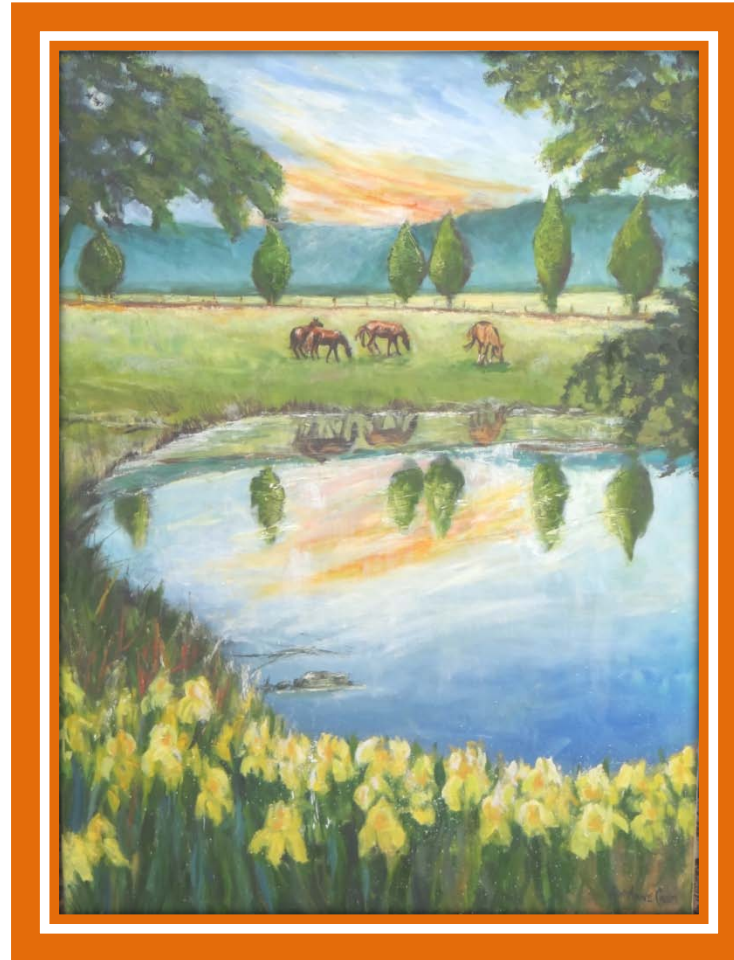


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ROCKS, WATER, & TREES

Our feature this month is about the history of High Rock Mountain and three things that are in abundant supply – rocks, water, and trees.

Located in the beautiful Uwharrie Mountains, our rural community is surrounded by horse, cattle, and goat farms as well as cropland and orchards.



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ROCKS: Our Natural Resource

The plentiful rocks of The Springs are ancient survivors from the time that the first mountains were formed in North America.



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The mountain and lake get their names from this particular rock found near Mesa Drive — The High Rock.

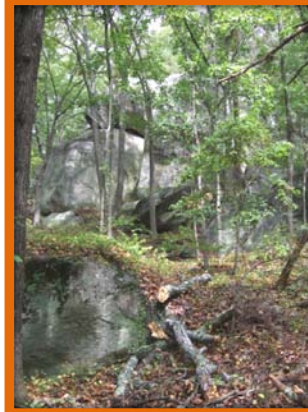


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Local Native Americans discovered rhyolite, a very hard volcanic rock, on our mountain. (See center rock.) By Flat Swamp Creek, they had a knapping area for chipping and shaping the rock and, therefore, arrowheads can be found here. Rhyolite was formed in only a few places in the world because the lava flow must be just right.



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Around the time of the revolutionary war, white settlers flocked to the area for the benefits of the 'healing waters.' Believing the water contained health-giving ingredients, the area attracted many visitors between the 1840s and the early 1900s. Today, the only visible remnants of the early Healing Springs 'resort' are several rock shelters at The Springs' entrance.



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In the 1800s High Rock Mountain was owned by Thomas Daniel who bequeathed the mountain and nearby properties to his son Jim Daniel. Attracted by reports of the water at healing springs contained health-giving ingredients, a hotel, cabins and cottages were built nearby for guests at Healing Springs by 1900. In 1918 J.M. Daniel, Jr. led a revival effort designed to again make Healing Springs a health resort.

Investors were sought and some buildings were erected, but the effort failed. Other early endeavors on the mountain included logging and fox hunting. Surprised? Of note, Jim Little (Lottie's father) built the rock spring houses near the entry gate.

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The oldest and once, the tallest mountain range in North America, the Uwharrie mountain range is believed to have towered as high as 20,000 feet. Now with the ridge line just barely above 1100 feet, High Rock Mountain provides a wonderful view of the countryside and High Rock Lake with the distinctive peak of Pilot Mountain visible 52 miles to the north.



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This photo taken in the Alps depicts how the ancient Uwharrie range might have looked.

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Big rocks may be
found in their
natural settings just
off our
neighborhood
roadways.



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In about 1993, descendents of the Daniel family sold approximately 2,100 acres known as High Rock Mountain to Waterfront Properties who developed the original 2100 acres into 500+ lots of the property now known as The Springs at High Rock.



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Do you remember when Sierra Trace was unpaved?

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Later, the B-B-Q outdoor grill at Cascade Creek used commercial-grade stonework.



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Three families built houses on the property in 1999 marking the first occupancy of homes at The Springs. Three boat docks including one with a boat ramp were constructed; Cascade Creek was developed as an outdoor picnic area; and, the Clubhouse was built.

We blast 'em, stack 'em, move them around, and eventually learn how to use them in our landscaping.



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Here, Josh and Susan have beautifully used rocks with shrubbery, ornamental grasses, and flowers.

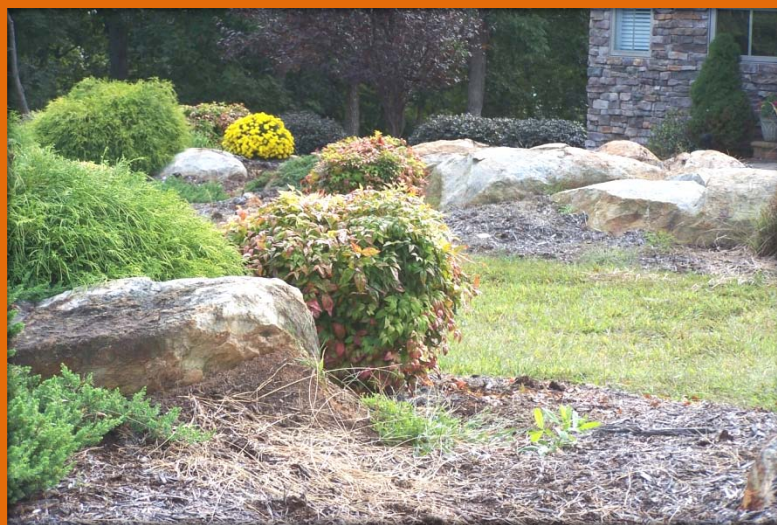
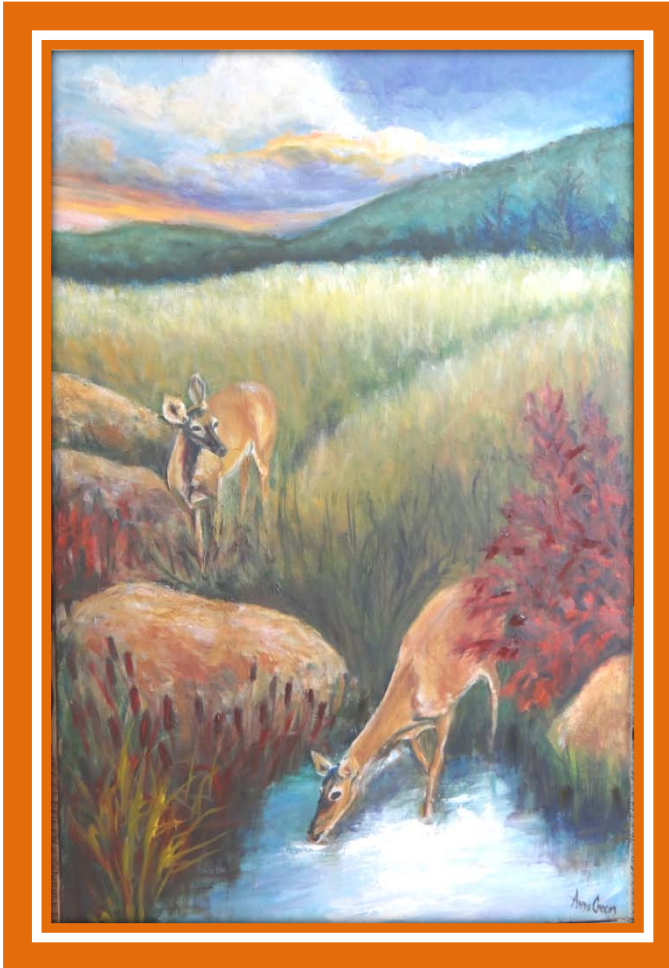


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Rocks and ... oh, deer!



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WATER: Man-Made Features

High Rock Lake construction began in 1913 by a French company, L'Aluminum Francois. Later it was bought by ALCOA to power their aluminum smelting plant; the reservoir was filled in 1928.

Homeowners there have some of the most beautiful sunsets in North Carolina.



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Nestled in the foothills of the Western Piedmont just north of the Uwharrie mountains, High Rock Lake comprises almost 16,000 acres at full pond with 360 miles of shoreline. Flat Swamp Creek is an inelegant name for a beautiful section of the lake. It is the most remote and the least populated of all the branches. This is where The Springs, Stoney Point, and The Summit of The Springs developments are located.

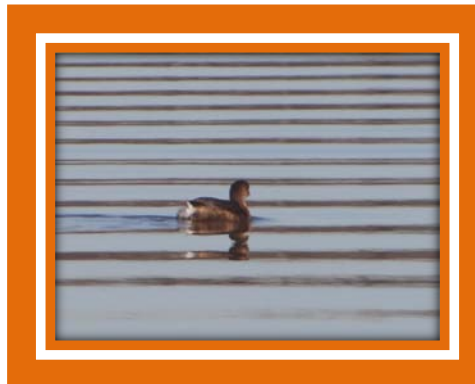
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The lake is used for recreation — fishing and boating as well as lakeside living.



Davidson County's High Rock Lake has produced its share of famous anglers. Its waters are legendary; its hospitality notable; its fish bountiful. ESPN counts High Rock among its favorite tournament locations; but, what really sets apart this Yadkin River reservoir at the foot of the Uwharrie Mountains is the fame paid to a particular fishing lure. Bass anglers everywhere know this region as crankbait country.



Duck

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Tranquility Lakes
with Fountain

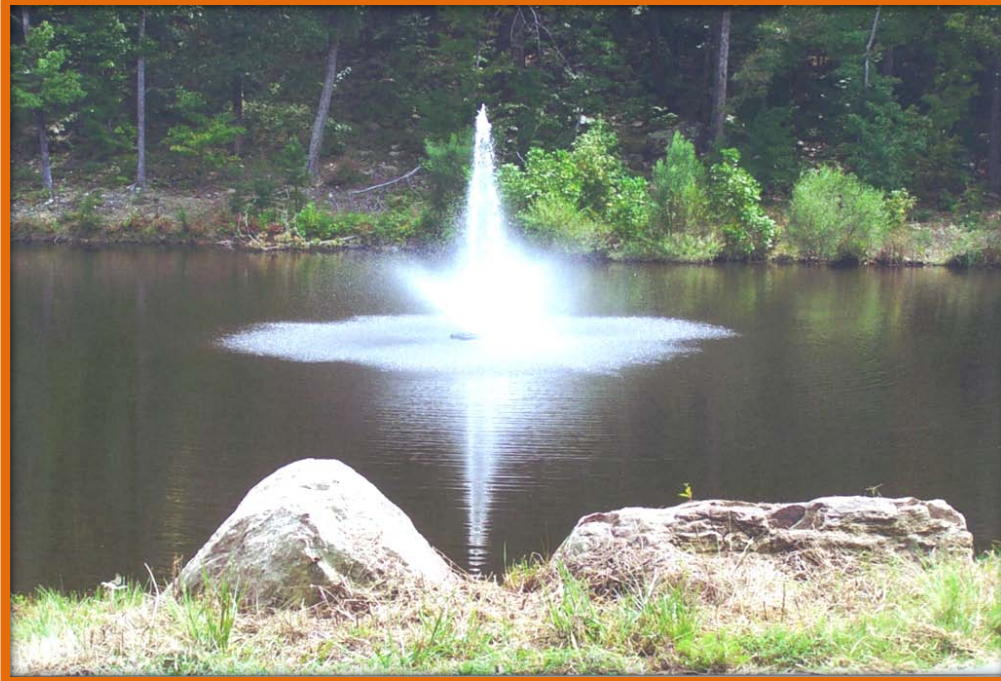


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Other man-made
water features in
The Springs include:

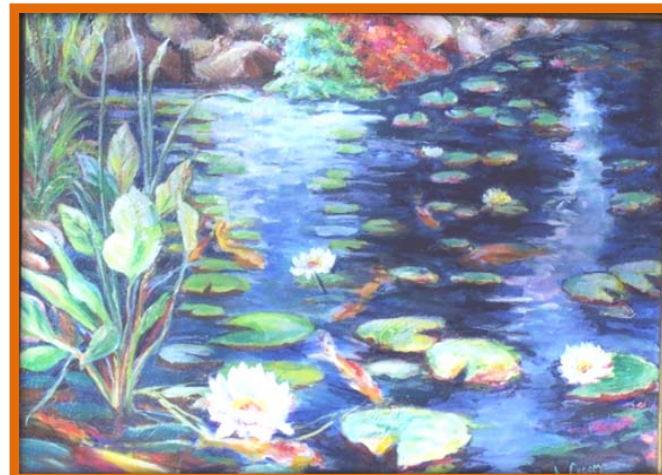
- Tranquility Lakes
- Clubhouse
Swimming Pool &
Hot Tub
- Cascade Creek
Ponds
- HOA Pond on
Boulder Ridge Dr



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Some people create their own water features. Gail's koi pond is a lovely example.



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Gail's Koi Pond

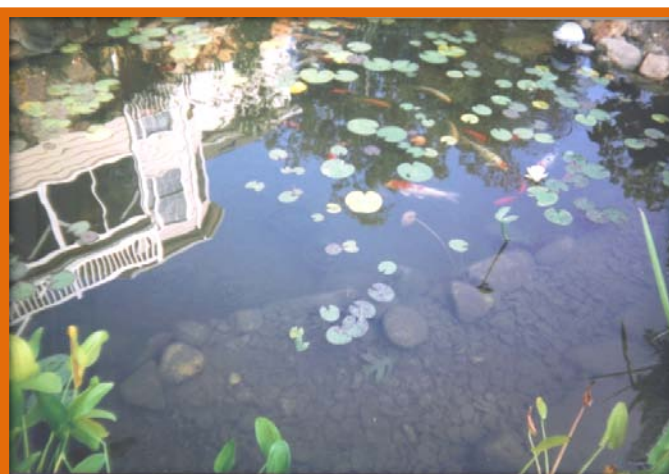


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TREES: AUTUMN SPLENDOR

With approximately 80 houses built or under construction, there is still a lot of woodland left.

Fall often transforms the foliage in our community into a blaze of vibrant colors.



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There is a wide variety of trees here. Hickory and white oak dominate, while dogwood, sweet gum, maple, pine, red cedar, redbud, holly and hawthorne add their own splashes of color.



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Some residents
plant trees for color
such as this
Japanese maple.



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Dead trees are a common feature in *The Springs*. They can be spooky and often dangerous.

Sign up to have your property featured, because without your support, this series will be like this tree—dead.

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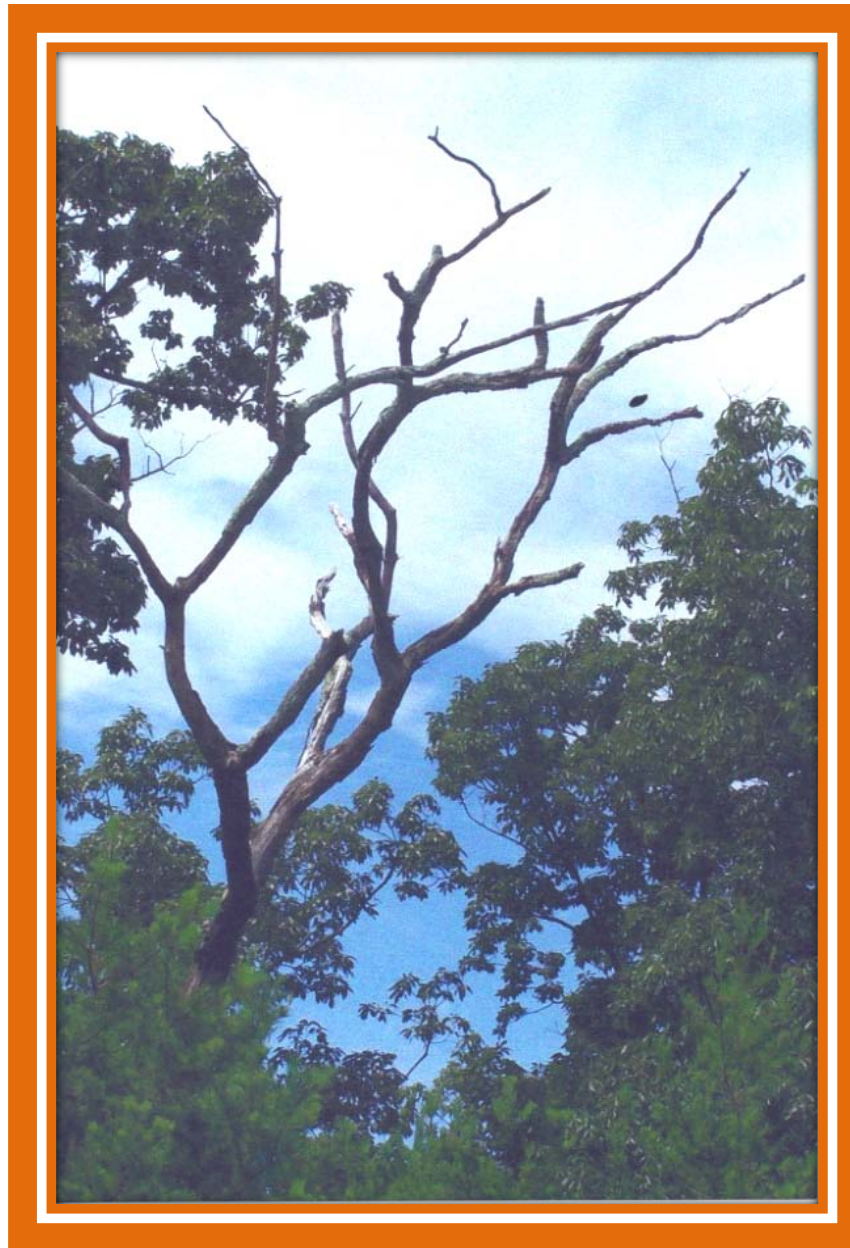


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The Springs' Got Talent!

We are interested in featuring the artwork of our residents. This includes painting, sculptures, , prints, drawings, or **objets d'art**. Also included in this category, but not restricted to, are woodwork, metalwork, carving, gemstone setting, porcelain objects, tapestries, needle work, pottery, etc.. If you create, we would like to photograph your work.

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