



# Laurel Letters

Laurel District Newsletter

Spring 2022



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This director was honored to be invited to speak at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Anetsa Ga Da (Ball Ground) Garden Club. The members had tables set up by decades with scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia from each decade. Historian Jennie Byers did a marvelous job depicting each decade. President Sally Eubanks shared with the Ball Ground Club members that they had been named 2020 Club of the Year in Laurel District. Many of the Laurel District clubs participated during the holidays with Christmas Open Houses, decorating trees in the community and spreading the Christmas spirit in their communities. Unfortunately some of our clubs have not been able to resume their meetings and we hope that they may resume in the near future.

As I sit at my desk looking out the window enjoying the beautiful sunshine, I am reflecting on what we have accomplished already in 2022. I hope each of you had a lovely Valentine's Day with your loved ones. February is heart month and already plants are blooming making my heart happy. As a service project, the Magnolia Garden Club prepared floral arrangements at the February meeting and delivered to local nursing homes.

Recently this director received the President's Reports of Garden Club Achievements reporting period January 1 – December 31, 2021, from Laurel District. Laurel presidents and their clubs did great jobs in showing what your clubs had contributed to your communities.

Laurel District held our board meeting February 17 in Gainesville hosted by the members of Fleur de Lis Garden Club. The meeting was informative and lots of fun reuniting with Laurel members.

This year looks very favorable for Laurel District with many activities planned. Please continue to encourage membership in your clubs. We lost membership due to Covid, but hopefully we will regain and increase membership. Remember that the Subscribing Membership makes a great gift for guest speakers, friends and family.

Laurels please continue sell the GCG Raffle Tickets. Our goal is to sell all of our tickets. Remember the grand prize is \$500. Mail ticket stubs and check made payable to GCG. If you have questions, please contact Winette Almon at [walmon@dariantel.net](mailto:walmon@dariantel.net).

Mark your calendars for the GCG Convention in Macon on April 12 and 13. Reminder - Hotel registration deadline is March 25, meeting registration deadline is March 28. Registration info is included in Laurel Letters.

Love,  
Susan

# ***Laurel District Board Meeting February 17 in Gainesville***

***Fleur de Lis Garden Club Hosts Board at Beautiful Lanier Village Estates—Thank you!***

## ***Magnolias***

### ***Quick Pix:***

***Paula Ann Cici,  
Vicki Jones,  
Susan Stephens,  
Director, Mickey  
Carlton, Merrell  
Holden, and  
Marie Purser,  
previous  
Director***



**Sheelah  
Schreiber,  
Caroline  
Alford  
and  
Inday Bauer**



**Jennie Byers  
and  
Anne  
Coultas**

# *Ball Ground Garden Cub (Anetsa-Ga-Da)*

## Ball Ground Celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



In 1951 the garden club in Ball Ground was founded. On November 16, 2021 we celebrated 70 years as a club at the Wheeler House in Ball Ground. Amazingly mothers, grandmothers and some charter members attended the celebration, along with Laurel District Director Susan Stephens and other dignitaries. The name Anetsa-Ga-Da is **Cherokee for 'ball ground'**. **The club has grown from 29** original members to 53 members. In the past year we have gained our 501(c)(3) status so that tax-free contributions are accepted. One of the main accomplishments of the club has been the development of a one city square block botanical garden in downtown Ball Ground. The club sponsors a plant sale and festival at the botanical garden each spring (May 21<sup>st</sup> this year). The club is a proud member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., the Garden Club of Georgia and the Laurel District Garden Clubs.

# *Ball Ground Garden Club*

## Urban Farms Field Trip

In mid-February members of the Ball Ground Garden Club (BGGC) participated in a Tower Garden Workshop at the ATL Urban Farms greenhouse nestled in the northeast corner of Cherokee County and just minutes away from Gibbs Gardens. They were introduced to tower, aeroponic and hydroponic gardening.

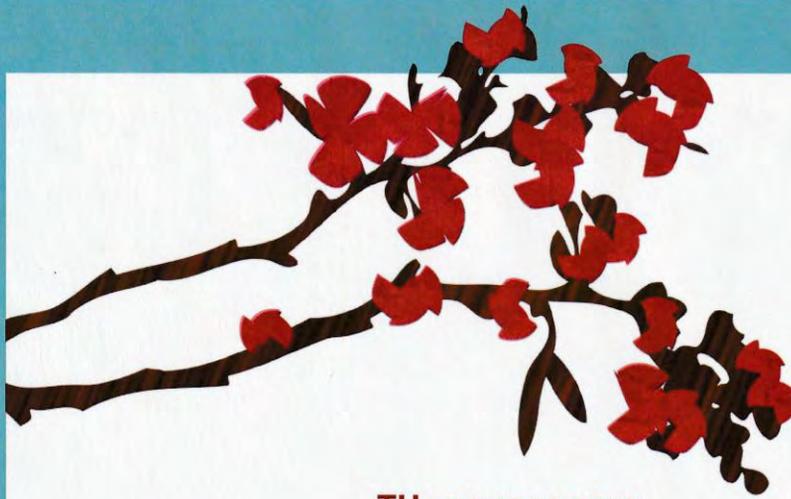
ATL Urban Farms ([www.AtlUrbanFarms.com](http://www.AtlUrbanFarms.com)) is a Certified Seedling Provider producing seedlings in rockwool, for aeroponic Tower Gardens and hydroponic growing systems. They provide fresh produce, seedlings, and Tower Gardens for home use or commercial farms.

The greenhouses produce plants 4-5x as fast as traditional farming. The farm exhibits the potential future of produce farming in Georgia, growing lettuce, tomatoes, and herbs in a confined space. The field trip was educational and fun.

Laurel Letters contribution Spring 2022 by  
Jim Kolassa, Karen Hawkins and Sally Metz



**Mark Your Calendars Now...**



**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
BALL GROUND GARDEN CLUB  
PLANT SALE AND  
FESTIVAL**

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**DATE**     **SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

**TIME**     **10AM – 4PM**

215 VALLEY STREET, BALL GROUND, GA

NEXT TO BALL GROUND CITY HALL

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*Large supply and selection of plants  
Gardening presentations  
Guided tours of our Botanical Garden  
Raffles  
20 local vendors (food, drink, shopping)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.BALLGROUNDGARDENCLUB/UPCOMING-EVENTS](http://WWW.BALLGROUNDGARDENCLUB/UPCOMING-EVENTS)

CONTACT [SUPPORT@BALLGROUNDGARDENCLUB.COM](mailto:SUPPORT@BALLGROUNDGARDENCLUB.COM) FOR QUESTIONS

BALL GROUND GARDEN CLUB IS A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION

# Cumming Garden Club

**Montine Howell, CGC Member of  
72 Years, Works with  
Arrangements for The Oaks**



For approximately three years, we have been providing 18 seasonal centerpieces in the assisted living dining room of The Oaks on Post Rd throughout the year.

The photos show arrangements for February with chairperson, Vicky Rice (2nd pic) and first photo of our only surviving charter member of 72 years, *Montine Howell (94) and a resident at the Oaks, assisting with placement on the tables.*

The residents are very appreciative of the colorful additions to their meals which makes the project quite satisfying.

Our website, [www.Cumminggardenclub.org](http://www.Cumminggardenclub.org), also shows examples of the club's handiwork using Christmas mugs in December, birdhouses for spring, and dried materials for fall, etc.

# Cumming Garden Club 2

## Garden Club

## Continues Forsyth

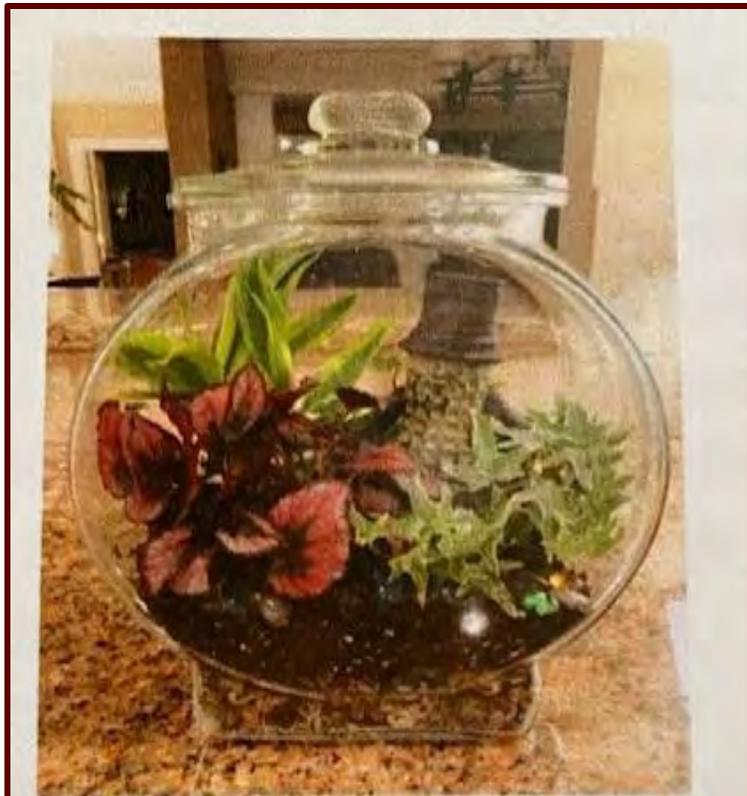
## Library Project Since

## 1966

Cumming Garden Club has provided floral designs or educational displays at the main branch of the Forsyth County Public Libraries since 1966.

Our goal is to educate patrons by listing plant materials used (botanical and common names) and by creating beauty for staff and visitors of our community for year-round enjoyment.

Working with the director we have agreed upon guidelines, posted in our yearbook, that keep everyone happy, safe and free from offensive themes. By Tricia Wester



# *Jonquil Garden Club*

## **Smyrna's Sensory Garden: A Garden to Keep**



In the garden February, 2022: Susan Austin, Heidi Hunt, Michele Cox. Beth Moore Williams, Eva Tackett, Shirley Priest, Judith Dovers, Jean Hanson, Kim and Noel Byrne, and Kelly Clark. Photo by Michele Cox

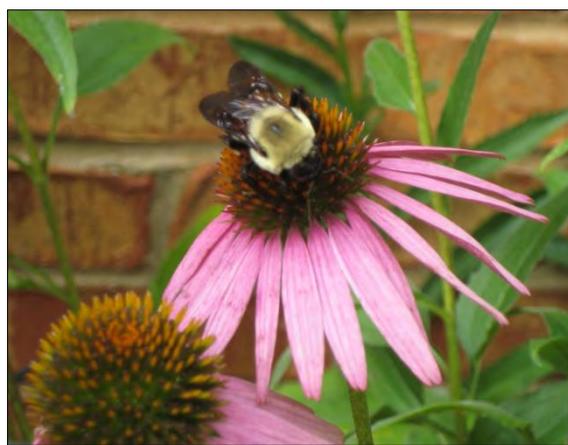
**Jonquil Garden Club members continue to work the Sensory Garden in Smyrna, where each workday provides many tasks and finds encouraging plant surprises. Even during the pandemic, the SG team worked as the garden is outside, after all, and members could appropriately distance. Last year with the help the of JGC partner KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL, the team was able to install a beautiful wall trellis, with much help from Smyrna Parks/Recreation, another partner in keeping Smyrna beautiful. Special guests in February were Julie Barwig, Director, Keep Smyrna Beautiful, and Eloise Holland, Assistant Director of KSB.**

**Recently we added six new members to our workday team: Kim and Noel Byrne, Judith Dovers, and Jean Hanson and JGC members Michele Cox and Eva Tackett. All club members are encouraged to help water in warmer months.**

# *Jonquil Garden Club 2*

In 2018 JGC members were asked to renovate and restore the Sensory Garden with the purpose to plant a garden that appealed to all the senses. Specific club members were asked to re-design the garden and others helped with measuring and mapping, clearing, planting, and all other tasks. The team had significant financial help from both KSB and City Parks with the addition of many new plants, a new water fountain, a refurbished terrace, umbrellas for existing tables, and help with leaf litter disposal. Also, community members donated tasteful planters and garden art.

In 2018-2019, Jonquil Garden won three awards for Sensory Garden: Third place in State with Keep GA Beautiful, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GCG Civic Improvement, and Honorable Mention by Deep South. Rain or shine, members will be found keeping the garden.



# Magnolia Garden Club

## Lynn Frye is named The Magnolia Garden Club Distinguished Member for 2021

The Magnolia Garden Club voted for our 2021 Distinguished Member at our January 2022 meeting. Lynn Frye was chosen. She was presented with the award at our February 2022 special event. Amazingly, she was also the main organizer and presenter at our February special event.



The club helped set up with more supplies and gathered around for her demonstration of arranging "poufs" for Valentine's Day special gifts. The club members went to work stations of four to five ladies per table and we made eight total "poufs".



## Magnolia Garden Club 2

### Magnolia's Valentine's Day Special Project

The club's February special event was a service project for elder care homes in Cartersville to celebrate Valentine's Day. Lynn arrived early with cut flowers, vases, florist foam, table covers, some cuttings from the garden and a vacuum cleaner for clean-up.



The arrangements were delivered to nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the community.

## **More about Lynn Frye, MGC Distinguished Member of 2021.**

Lynn is the chairperson for the Elementary School Jr. Garden Club. She started the club several years ago at Hamilton Crossing School and has remained the devoted leader. The Busy Bees Junior Garden Club is a thriving **program due to Lynn's dedication. The committee and club members love to meet Lynn at the school. She says it is "just fun" and everyone agrees. In 2021, the committee revived the garden after being given the green light to be back at the location. They even ventured around the corner to the Senior Center to beautify the entrance there.**

The Busy Bees had a treat to end the year with: a wreath making workshop. It was a perfect example of how Lynn educates with positive encouragement while tackling an interesting **project. Lynn's house** was a host house in 2021 for our spring fundraiser, The Pond and Garden Tour. She was so gracious to everyone who toured. She inspired the visitors with her wonderful garden **saying, "You can do it too!"**



# *Stonehedge Garden Club*

## **SGC MEMBERS ATTEND PETITE DESIGN WORKSHOP BY LYNN FRONK**



In preparation for its standard flower show in April 2022, members of the Stonehedge Garden Club attended a workshop on Petite Floral Designs in January 2022, conducted by our own flower show judge, Lynn Fronk. Members had fun creating their own petite designs applying the techniques they learned from the workshop.

## **Annual Garden Therapy and Community Service Project**

Garden Club members collected and donated gift cards to the North Gwinnett Co-op. The committee prepared two large baskets of fruits and healthy snacks for the firemen at two local Fire Stations. The Committee also decorated a nursing home, its halls and entrance, sang Christmas carols, and arranged a surprise visit from Santa who distributed gifts to the more than a hundred residents. A photo link of the day and individual pictures taken with Santa were shared with residents.



## **Club Luncheon**

A Christmas potluck club luncheon was held in a member's home followed by Christmas fun and games.

Inday Bauer, President,  
Stonehedge Garden Club



# Watkinsville Garden Club

## WGC PLANT SALE UPCOMING MAY 2

The Watkinsville Garden Club (WGC) will hold its annual plant sale on May 7, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. next to Oconee State Bank located at 35 N. Main Street, Watkinsville, GA. Featured in the sale will be sixteen different varieties of hydrangeas grown by Dr. Michael Dirr, as well as a variety of plants grown by WGC members.

By Mary Ann Fenley



# Sope Creek Garden Club

## Sope Creek Focuses on Youth Girl Scout Project and Spring Planting

On February 6, members of Girl Scout Troop 18328 from the Magnolia Service Unit, along with their leader Karen Dechert, joined the Sope Creek Garden Club (SCGC) for a lesson on the importance of trees; emotionally, economically and ecologically. After a quick overview of planting procedures, with visuals, the girls and SCGC members Myra Goldberg, Joan Cotter, Carol Mangan, Camille Greeley and Linda Baker broke into groups to plant, label, protect and water three Chinquapin Oaks, a Mockernut Hickory, and an American Crabapple. These five trees contribute to McFarlane Nature Park's complete representation of all of the native trees in the Piedmont Region of Georgia.



In anticipation of spring, members held a seed share and soil blocking demonstration event. This event was led by Camille Greeley and held on Valentine's Day at the Marietta Educational Garden Center. After picking out the seeds to plant this year, members made soil block trays to take home and start their new seeds. Chatting around the kitchen table, members shared seed starting knowledge, stories and their little secrets for successfully growing their favorite seeds. Members will share their seed stories on Facebook as they develop. By Karin Guzy



# **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA CONVENTION INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

## Gardening in Macon

*the ninety-fourth annual convention of  
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

APRIL 12-13, 2022 | MACON, GEORGIA

*Hosted by the Oleander District*



### **“Gardening in Macon” April 12-13, 2022 Marriott Macon City Center**

We hope that you will plan now to be part of “Gardening in Macon”. Join us in Macon on April 12-13, 2022 as Oleander District will host the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. at the Marriott Macon City Center. Our special guest is National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Mary Warshauer.

Tuesday afternoon garden club members will be treated to two informative speakers. First, Bonnie Satterthwaite has been involved in the lawn and garden industry for over 30 years and has given programs relating to benefits of organic gardening. She will be presenting “There was no Miracle Gro in the Garden of Eden”. Second, Stan Gray has been growing iris for more than 60 years and has been affiliated with the American Iris Society for more than 50 years. Stan’s newest collection of the Louisiana Iris Species Preservation Project is now being showcased at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden in Savannah. Stan’s talk is titled “When Iris Eyes Are Smiling”.

Tuesday evening will include time to meet and greet our National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Mary Warshauer. We will also celebrate and honor our garden clubs and councils from around our state during the Awards Banquet.

Wednesday morning, we will start off with the Annual Meeting/Business Session. The convention will conclude with the Member Celebration Luncheon. Bess Hartley, GCG Life Membership Chairman, will recognize Life Members during the luncheon. You know this will be a fun time. Laura Martin will speak on "Taming the Natives: Celebrating North American Wildflowers". Laura has had a long, happy career as an author and botanical illustration, having published 26 books over the past 40 plus years.

Come join us for fun, celebrate our garden clubs and councils at the Awards Banquet, learn from our featured speakers, celebrate our members during Member Celebration Luncheon, visit the many exhibits prepared by garden club members, see the outstanding floral tributes and enjoy shopping with our wonderful vendors.

**For the first time we are offering two ways to register and pay for the convention.**

One way to register is to complete the registration form and mail check as instructed or second way copy the following link to your browser to register and pay only through PayPal or debit/credit card use Online registration link:

<https://form.jotform.com/211994690426161>

We hope that you will plan now to be a part of "Gardening in Macon" on April 12-13, 2022. Do not miss this exciting time in Macon. Join us and register today.



Pictured are Oleander Convention Committee members meeting in Macon.

## **HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

**Marriott Macon City Center  
240 Coliseum Drive  
Macon, GA 31212**

Choose one of two ways to register:

**Phone Marriott reservations at 800-228-9290**

1. Identify yourself as a **Garden Club of Georgia** member
2. Provide the specific dates of your reservations

**OR**

**Online Marriott:**

You will find information for your online reservation link below:

1. Highlight link
2. Right click
3. Select: open hyperlink

Book your group rate for The Garden Club of Georgia

Or copy the following link to your browser line

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1637621551600&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

- King/Queen Room rates: \$129.00 + state and local taxes + Lodging Fee
- Discounted parking of \$5 per day
- Check-in time: 4:30 p.m. –Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
- Cancellation may be made up to 48 hours prior to arrival with no charge.

**Deadline for hotel registration: on or before March 25, 2022 to receive group rate.**



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. • 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

# "Gardening in Macon"

April 12-13, 2022

The Marriott Macon City Center welcomes the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
240 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 • Phone 478-621-5300

Official Registration Form • Registration Deadline: March 28, 2022

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w/area code \_\_\_\_\_) E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Club District \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member of a garden club in GCG? \_\_\_\_\_ years as of April 2022.

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: \*All GCG Board Members, all GCG Life Members and one member from each club are Voting Delegates; please check \*Voting Delegate\* box if applicable.**

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President                       | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member  | <input type="checkbox"/> My First GCG Convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President      | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Voting Delegate*                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President                        | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member     | <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Director                     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member      | <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member    |

**THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER (please check one):**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PACKAGE PLAN</b> includes Registration Fee, Awards Banquet and Member Celebration Luncheon		
<b>PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL</b> .....	\$110.00	\$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PART-TIME PLAN</b>		
Awards Banquet .....	\$58.00	\$ _____
Member Celebration Luncheon .....	\$42.00	\$ _____
REGISTRATION FEE (required) .....	\$15.00	\$ _____
<b>PART-TIME PLAN TOTAL</b> .....		\$ _____

**TOTAL REGISTRATION COSTS** .....

**Late Registration Fee** ..... (Postmarked after March 28<sup>th</sup> include extra \$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** .....

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to: **GCG 2022 CONVENTION**

Mail Check & Registration Form to: **Elizabeth Gillespie, 734 Mockingbird Lane, Claxton, GA 30417**

flamingo954@yahoo.com 478-957-1308

**No Refunds After April 1, 2022 • Registration Fee Not Refundable**

For online registration accepting payment by credit card: <https://form.jotform.com/211994690426161>



**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.**  
94th Annual Convention  
Tuesday, Wednesday - April 12, 13, 2022  
Marriott Macon City Center  
***Gardening In Macon***

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**Convention Program**

**Monday, April 11, 2022 Pre-Convention**

- ..... Early Arrivals
- ..... Dinner on your own or join others for Dutch Treat Dinner

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Convention Begins**

- 7:00 – 9:00 AM            Breakfast on Your Own
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM       Vendors and Floral Tributes, Exhibits
- 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM     Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00 – 7:00 PM           Registration Open
- 1:00 – 7:00 PM           Vendors & Exhibits Open
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM           Speaker, Bonnie Satterthwaite
- 3:45 – 4:45 PM           Speaker, Stan Gray
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM           Cocktails & Conversation, cash bar, entertainment  
Honored Guest: Mary Warshauer, President, National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- 7:00 – 9:30 PM           Awards Banquet

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Convention Concludes**

- 7:00 – 9:00 AM            Breakfast on Your Own
- 8:00 – 9:00 AM           Registration Open
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM          Annual Meeting/Business Session
- 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM       Floral Tributes, Exhibits
- 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM     Member Celebration Luncheon, Speaker, Laura Martin

# GARDENING IN MACON SPEAKERS



Bonnie Satterthwaite originally from Savannah, is the Southeast Territory Sales Manager for the Espoma Company. The Espoma Company is a partner with National Garden Clubs, Inc providing garden clubs with grants, educational materials and meeting speakers. Bonnie has been involved in the lawn and garden industry for over 30 years and has taught hundreds of classes and been a featured speaker at garden club meetings, garden center events and radio programs relating the benefits of organic gardening. She will be presenting "There was no Miracle Gro in the Garden of Eden!"

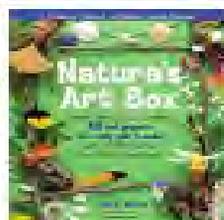


Stan Gray has been growing iris for more than 60 years mostly on his family property in northern New Jersey, where his parents' gardens were planted in the late 1920's. He has been affiliated with the American Iris Society for more than 50 years and is well known as an iris grower to some of the nation's leading hybridizers. In 2007, Stan moved his entire New Jersey collection to Savannah for incorporation into the floral display at the then Bamboo Farm & Coastal Gardens under an agreement with the University of Georgia. For the next eight years, Stan focused exclusively on the testing of tall bearded iris, to determine which varieties would be able to withstand the rigorous environmental conditions of Savannah. Stan's newest collection of Louisiana Iris has been included in the Louisiana Iris Species Preservation Project that is now being showcased at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah, GA. Stan's talk is titled "When Iris Eyes Are Smiling."



Laura Martin and her husband live in Atlanta, Georgia, where she happily tends a large, wayward garden. She has had a long, happy career as an author and botanical illustrator, having published 26 books over the past 40 plus years. A degree in botany from UGA and a certificate degree in Botanical Art and Illustration from the New York Botanical Gardens gave her the technical foundation to explore both the world of science and of art. In addition to her books, Martin wrote a weekly gardening column for the AJC for 9 years and was gardening editor for several magazines. While not writing or gardening, Laura paints, weaves, plays the piano, creates miniature fairy homes and gardens, cooks and tends to grandchildren as often as possible. Laura will present "Taming the Natives: Celebrating North American Wildflowers." Her latest book, *A Naturalist's Book of Wildflowers*, as well as her award winning book for children, *Nature's Art Box*, will be for sale following her lecture.

A NATURALIST'S  
BOOK OF  
WILDFLOWERS



# **Marshall Forest**

*Report by Caroline Alford, Chair*

**February 17, 2022**

**Gainesville, GA**

Marshall Forest has been the scene of much activity this fall and winter. Many community groups have worked together to help make improvements in the forest. The parking lot is full most nice days as many are using the trails as a means of getting out in nature and away from the crowds with Covid still an issue.

Andrew Saville, the son of a Garden Club Member, has kept the Pecan Field mowed from spring through late fall.

The large pecan tree branches that fell during the winter storms have been removed.

The annual Robert Week Memorial Walk, October 15, 2021, was sponsored by Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful in conjunction with the Young Professionals of the Rome Floyd Chamber of Commerce, The Nature Conservancy, The Garden Club of Georgia, and The Weed Family. Over 60 forest enthusiasts turned out for the walk along the Big Pine Braille Trail led by Caroline Alford on the gorgeous fall day. News coverage of the walk was provided by the *Rome News Tribune* with two separate articles.

The Nature Conservancy Fire Crew plans to reinstall the Braille signs that have fallen off the stands.

The Fire Crew is scheduled to replace rotten boards on the wet weather creek bridge this spring.

Tours of the forest have been scheduled for March 12th and during Garden Week in Georgia.

Marshall Forest still has many things that need to be done to keep the trail well maintained and accessible to the physically impaired.

Finish replacing the remaining guide rope posts. The Boy Scout Council has been contacted to inform them about this potential Eagle Scout project.

Reinstallation of the guide ropes with climbing rope donated by a climbing gym in Marietta.

Installation of crusher run gravel along the Braille Trail to provide more accessibility to the physically impaired.

Creation of QR codes to provide trail maps, Forest information, and plant identification photos.

The Nature Conservancy is working on a partnership with Berry College and Shorter University to create learning centers in the Pecan field and over to the Coosa River. The goal is to make the Marshall Forest a destination for student field trips. In addition, TNC is working to establish a working relationship with the City of Rome and TRED to apply for a GOSA grant to upgrade the trails and make other improvements close to the river.

**Your contributions help us keep the Marshall Forest in good condition for visitors. Please don't forget to add Marshall Forest to your club's list of contributions. Deed of Gratitude certificates will be presented to contributors of \$25 or more to Marshall Forest by March 1 of each year. Contact Caroline Alford to schedule a tour of the forest via e-mail at [caroboone@aol.com](mailto:caroboone@aol.com) or by cell phone 706 346-5886.**

# **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AND LAUREL DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Magnolia Garden Club of Cartersville  
2022 Pond and Garden Tour**

**“Art in the Garden”  
Saturday, May 14 ~ 9 am -4 pm  
Everyone Loves a Garden**



**Beautiful private Ponds & Gardens will be open for tours.  
Plein Air artists will be on site at most gardens.**



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would like to order early at 770-  
815-6356.**

## GCG Cash Raffle Reminder...

Please encourage your club to sell all the GCG Raffle Tickets you received and to return the ticket stubs and money as soon as possible to **Winette Almond**.

Please write your district on the back of the stub. *Make check payable to Garden Club of Georgia and indicate in memo line Raffle Tickets.* Tickets will be available at the convention, however we would like to have all sold before the convention.

If you need additional tickets contact Winette at address:

**.Winette Almond 2073 Sutherland Bluff Dr. NE, Townsend, GA 31331.**

Remember a \$250 bonus will be given to each district that sell 350 tickets. Both garden club members and non-members may participate in the raffle. You do not have to be present at the drawing to win. **A book of 5 tickets is \$20 and a single ticket is \$5.** Cash prizes to be given at the 2022 Convention: \$500 1st Prize \$250; 2nd Prize \$150, 3rd Prize Garden Club Councils.

### Consultants Groups and

### Flower Show Judges Councils Dues

Garden Club Councils, Consultants Groups (Environmental Consultants, Gardening Consultants and Landscape Consultants) and Flower Show Judges Councils –The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. 2022 dues will be due by March 1, 2022.

Please make checks payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for \$15.00 and send to GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman, Rosemary Maulden, 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick, GA 31525.

Rosemary Maulden

GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman

Thank you, Laurels ,

**Congratulations to Laurel District for selling 360 raffle tickets for \$1505 and earning the \$250 bonus.**

***Your support for the GCG Raffle Fundraiser is much appreciated.***

Thanks so much,

**Winette**

## **2022 IMPORTANT DATES**

**April 12-13 : Garden Club of GA Convention in Macon**

**May 5: Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail Spring Symposium in Plains, GA (Co-Sponsored by GCG)**

**May 14: Lockerly Arboretum- Historic Ross Hill Tour/Luncheon & Lecture in Milledgeville will be presented by Azalea District to benefit the GCG's Historic Landscape Preservation Grant.**

**July 21: Executive Board Meeting –Time TBA**

**August 18: Laurel District Board Meeting in Smyrna, hosted by the Jonquil Garden Club**

### **From the Editor**

Thank you all for contributing to our newsletter. Your photos and well-written articles are an inspiration to all. I, too, find it exciting to see all your clubs are accomplishing.

**Our next deadline is *May 15*.**

Have a colorful spring and a Happy Easter.

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