



Laurel Letters

Summer 2021

Laurel District Newsletter



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Hello Laurel District

My name is Susan Stephens and I am the 2021-2023 Laurel District Director. I am very humbled and honored to serve in this position. We have all been a bit isolated in 2020 and are excited to find our state has lifted mandates and many of us have had our vaccinations. I love to see smiling faces of our family and friends again.

The GCG President **Peggy Tucker** has selected "*Plant America-Growing with Challenges and Changes!*" as her theme. The Laurel District theme is "*Plant America with Health, Happiness, and Fun*". My personal philosophy for many years has been, "If we aren't having fun, why are we doing it?" My glass is always half full and I am excited to work with all of you as we build and increase our numbers in Laurel District.

I would like to encourage all of you to investigate the **Plant America Grants** that are offered. Many of you are already doing projects which would fit beautifully with the grant requirements.

A big **thank you** to all of you that agreed to chair a committee and to serve on the Executive Board. We have a wonderful group of very talented people and I look forward to the next two years.

Mark your calendars for our **Laurel District Fall Meeting on October 12 in Rome at the Coosa Country Club**. The 2022 Calendar of Events is being firmed up and will be posted soon. We anticipate that more venues will be open soon.

Our Laurel Letters editor, **Shirley Priest**, recently had eye surgery and I volunteered to publish this edition. We wish Shirley a speedy recovery. *Please send your articles in by August 25 for the Laurel Letters Fall Issue to be published September 15. Shirley's email is sapriest2@aol.com.*

The Garden Club of Georgia web site is a wonderful resource for information on our district and the Garden Club of Georgia. Take advantage of this wonderful tool.

Susan

Plant America with Health, Happiness, and Fun!

“PLANT AMERICA with Health, Happiness and Fun”

The Laurel District of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.



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WORKSHOPS

Marietta Educational Garden Center

505 Kennesaw Avenue, Marietta, GA 30060

Thursday July 22nd

Coffee 9:30 am, Workshops 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Social distancing and mask policies per CDC recommendations and Governor's guidelines will be observed.

REGISTRATION FORM

The *Leadership and Awards* workshops will be held together this year: one in the morning and the other after lunch. Registration for both workshops and lunch is \$30.00, which includes an Awards binder and Leadership handouts.

The Leadership workshop will be presented by **GCG Immediate Past President Barbara Bourque** and the Awards workshop will be presented by **Dee Anne Wyse, Chairman and Marie Purser, Co-Chair of the GCG Awards Committee.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Amount enclosed _____ \$ _____

Garden Club Name _____ District _____

Please list any allergies _____

Please mail registration by July 1st Late registration add \$10.00 Check payable to **Laurel District**

Mail to: Dee Anne Wyse, 37 Waterside Drive, Emerson, GA 30121



PLANT AMERICA

Community Project Grants

Guidelines and Application



The **PLANT AMERICA** Community Project Grants Program is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects may include but are not limited to:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- Youth gardening
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping
- Landscaping projects
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

Grant Amount: Up to \$1,000.00 is available to be used for direct expenses of 2022 projects.

Who May Apply:

- Individual or near-garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- **NOTE:** Recipients of previous PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants are **NOT** eligible to apply.

How to Apply using this PDF form:

- Application is limited to a **TOTAL** of **two (2) pages**. (This page does not count.)
 - **ONE (1) PAGE** - Application Form (Page 1)
 - **ONE (1) PAGE** - Budget (Page 2)
- *Applications of more than two pages will **NOT** be considered. NO PHOTOS/DIAGRAMS.*

• Save this form to your desktop and open it in Adobe Acrobat; it is not fillable with most internet browsers. Fill in, save the changes and email the completed **application form** and **budget** to:
PlantAmericaGrants@gardenclub.org.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2021

- Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by **January 31, 2022**.
- Projects must be completed by **February 28, 2023**; final report forms due by **April 1, 2023**.

Judging Criteria:

In evaluating grant applications, judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

Benefits and visibility in community	40	Collaboration with other community groups	15
Impact and scope of project	25	Application form complete	5
Involvement & participation by club members	15	TOTAL	100

Funding Guidelines:

Grants will not be provided for:

- Projects in which club does not participate in some aspect
- Purchase of Blue or Gold Star Markers
- Competitive Flower Shows
- Scout projects
- Salaries or benefits of personnel
- Political action programs
- Capital drives and/or fund building
- Scholarships and/or endowments
- Private gardens
- Lawsuits and/or litigation
- Overhead costs
- Projects completed in 2021.

Final Report:

1. **Deadline:** within two months after the completion of the project or by April 1, 2023.
2. Email the following:
 - A short two-to-three pages report describing the project including photos
 - A copy of the final financial report including all income and expenses
 - A copy of any publicity

NOTE: Please indicate if permission has been given for use of photos by NGC in print, website and social media. A release form for adults and minors can be found on the NGC website:

<https://www.gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/ngc-publication-release-fillable-01.pdf>.

Garden Tea Party

sponsored by the
Garden Council of Cherokee County



Garden Council of Cherokee County Officers for 2021-2023
President Katie Van Hiel, Vice President Sharon Wilson,
Secretary Jean Ray, and Treasurer Deborah Bailey were
installed by Susan Stephens, Laurel District Director.





Laurel District Executive Board 2021-2023

Director Susan Stephens, Vice President Caroline Alford, Recording Secretary Cheryl Briscoe, Corresponding Secretary Sheelah Schreiber, Treasurer Dee Anne Wyse, Chaplain Mickey Carlton, and Advisor Edna McClellan



They who dream by day are
cognizant of many things which
escape those who dream only
by night.

~
Edgar Allan Poe

2nd Place Wildflower Photo

Seven Hills Club

I am pleased that our **2 year Pollinator Garden at Rome's historic Clock Tower won 2nd place in the Photo contest.** I believe this photo proves that natives are resilient and will thrive in the most neglected areas. This is a flower that self seeds and grooms itself. The presence of pollinators was further proof that our efforts worked.

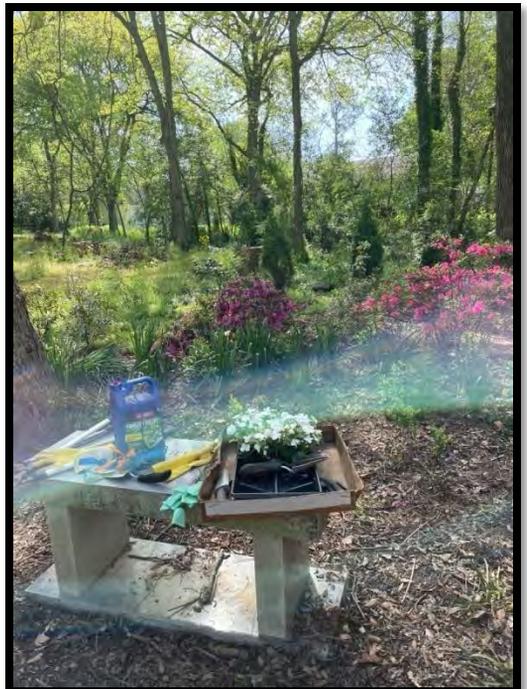
Jennifer Kearns



Congratulations

Magnolia Garden Club

Members working in Laura's Garden at Rose Lawn and the Freedom Braille Trail at Dellinger Park in Cartersville.



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**Summer Issue
Deadline – May 15
Emailed - June 1**

**Fall Issue
Deadline - August 25
Emailed - September 15**

**Winter Issue
Deadline - November 19
Emailed - December 15**

**Spring Issue
Deadline - February 25
Emailed - March 15**

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Shirley Priest, Editor



Happy Summer

