



Laurel Letters

Fall, 2017
Laurel District Newsletter

Plant Gardens with New Horizons: Working Together Works



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HAPPY FALL Y'ALL! It is hard to believe that it is already fall and that so many months of my term have flown by so quickly. It is really humbling to have had the support from Laurel District from April (really, before that time – it all started last October!) to now. I have had a whirlwind of travel filled with fun and fellowship with many Laurels of Light clubs. Starting in Rome with Rome Federated Garden Clubs at Day in May, I was honored to be able to install RFGC officers for 2017 – 2019. After that, I had the opportunity to go to Douglasville's Hydrangea Festival and visit many homes and grounds as well as the Flower Show. What a great show and tour that was!

National Garden Week proved to be very exciting beginning with a Day at Mabel Milner's home and gardens for the Historic Preservation of Gardens and Sites; a walk and tour of Marshall Forest led by Caroline Alford (who, as always, gave a great presentation); and then, quickly came an awesome privilege to be with Ball Ground Anetsa-Ga-Da Garden Club in Ball Ground for the unveiling of their Marble Kiosk in Ball Ground Botanical Garden. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the marvelous Ball Ground Botanical Garden please do so soon. You will not be disappointed. I also attended the Appreciation Dinner for Ball Ground Botanical Garden and was given the opportunity to speak to the 100+ guests in attendance. Among them were commissioners and other community patrons along with members of Anetsa-Ga-Da Garden Club. I was introduced to Cherie Martin, hostess of The Cherie Show on ECT TV, and was invited to appear on LIVE TV to talk about Laurel District, Garden Club of Georgia, and the projects and programs we are doing. I have been on a taped show with Southern Exposure, but this was the first time for me to be on LIVE TV! I was joined by Jennie Byers and Paula Dean Dorris. What an experience! I enjoyed it immensely!

If TV were not enough, I had the privilege to be on *Talk of the Town* with Rome Federated President, Winnie Holland, and hosted by Nelle Reagan. I am an old hat with Nelle and *Talk of the Town* and, as always, enjoyed the time with her again.

Laurel District held our Leadership Seminar with Sara Lanier in Canton as Cherokee Council had all the bells ready for a great seminar. There were 60+ members in attendance and we all enjoyed this seminar very much.

I had the opportunity to attend the Community Wildlife Project in Forsyth, GA. We all learned so much and were encouraged to become more involved with the CWP program across our state.

Euharlee, GA. was the site of The Laurel Board of Director's meeting - our first Board meeting of this administration. Hoe 'N in Euharlee Garden Club set a beautiful table with centerpieces and favors. It was the perfect time to meet the Executive Committee, new Committee Chairmen, and returning Committee Chairmen as well. We received a Euharlee Covered Bridge logo coffee cup containing goodies and information about Euharlee.

My next opportunity was a chance to travel to Northeast Georgia and be with Mountain Ivy Garden Club in Clayton. They treated me like a king and the members were most welcoming. What a great visit! Next, Laurel District held the Awards Seminar in Hiawassee. We had a great time; thank you to Hiawassee for hosting this special event. Thank you also to Diane Harbin, GCG Awards Chairman, for the informative seminar and workshop.

Time to relax? No! We were off to attend the Destiny Independence Project for underprivileged boys and girls. Using our Georgia resources we strive to improve the academic performance of the children and introduce them to gardening skills. Finally, the VIP Cherokee Garden Library gathering was held the last of August. All who attended this informative event learned about CGL and how we can continue to support each other. We learned of the vast resources available to club members and the wonderful service the Library staff is doing by archiving and preserving the history of Garden Clubs. Hats off and many thanks to Cherokee Garden Library.

On September 24-26 The Garden Club of Georgia Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saint Simons Island at King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort; North Georgia State Fair will have the Flower Show set up on September 21 and September 27; and the Laurel District Executive Board meeting will round out the month of September. Don't forget to register for the Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting in Cartersville, GA at Hilton Garden Inn on October 25. Save the date for the Annual Meeting and register TODAY to attend and be with us all.

Enjoy your Fall Days, be blessed and watch for the next Laurel Letters in December!
Hugs to all Laurels of Light!

John

Fall Master Calendar

September		
21 Thursday	Set-up for North Georgia State Fair Flower Shop I	Marietta
24 Sunday	GCG F&E Meeting 2 p.m.	King & Prince Resort, St. Simon Island
25-26 Monday – Tuesday	GCG Fall Meeting	King & Prince Resort, St. Simon Island
27 Wednesday	Se-up for North Georgia State Fair Flower Show II	Marietta
28 Thursday	Laurel District Executive Committee	To Be Announced

October 2017		
10 Tuesday	Oleander District Fall Meeting	Jesup
11 Wednesday	Camellia District Fall Meeting	Moultrie
12 Thursday	Magnolia District Fall Meeting	Columbus
17 Tuesday	Azalea District Fall Meeting	Warrenton
18 Wednesday	Redbud District Fall Meeting	Covington
25 Wednesday	Laurel District Fall Meeting	Cartersville
26 Thursday	Dogwood District Fall Meeting	Atlanta Midtown

November 2017		
13-14 Monday – Tuesday	Plant America Symposium and Tri-Refresher	Athens



Laurel District pins have arrived!

Pins will be available at our annual meeting, October 25, in Cartersville.

But why wait? If your club would like to place a group order, we will mail them to you. This is a fundraising project for Laurel District so please support the district by ordering a pin and wearing it to the annual meeting.

Pins are \$10 each plus shipping.

Contact **Edna McClellan** at
706-889-1230 or ednamae@ellijay.com

Plant Gardens with New Horizons: Working Together Works



The Laurel District of the
Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
invites you to the
59th Annual District Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 2017



Hilton Garden Inn Cartersville

24 Liberty Drive
Cartersville, Georgia 30120
9:00 a.m. - Registration and Hospitality
10:00 a.m. - Meeting Begins

Honored Guest: Jane Hersey, President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Featured Speaker: Tony Harris, "My Cherokee Garden - Flowers Trail of Tears"

Reservation Deadline: [October 15, 2017](#)

Directions:

From North-Follow I-85 Southbound and merge onto 285 West toward Birmingham to I-75 North. Continue approximately 40 miles to exit 288 then turn left. Follow Hwy 113 (Main Street) for another 2 miles and turn left on Liberty Drive to hotel.

From South-Follow I-85 Northbound, continue through downtown Atlanta and merge onto I-75 North towards Chattanooga. Continue approximately 40 miles to exit 288 and turn left. Follow Hwy 113 (Main Street) for another 2 miles then turn left onto Liberty Drive to hotel.

Lodging:

Hilton Garden Inn, 24 Liberty Drive, Cartersville, GA (855-618-4697)

Hampton Inn, 5600 Highway 20 SE, Cartersville, GA (855-605-0317)

Home2Suites by Hilton, 1320 E Main Street, Cartersville, GA (855-618-4702)

Fairfield Inn & Suites, 20 Canyon Parkway, Cartersville, GA (844-631-2595)

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, 43 State Route 20 Spur SE, Cartersville, (844-402-3271)

Hosted by
The Magnolia Garden Club

The Laurel District 59th Annual Meeting Registration Form

Deadline for Registration or Cancellation is October 15, 2017

Registration & Luncheon \$40 (Late registration Fee is \$10)

Make check payable to **Laurel District**

Mail to: Edna McClellan,

180 Pacer Court, Unit 9044

Ellijay, GA 30540

email Ednameae@ellijay.com Cell 706-889-1230



Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Garden Club Name _____

District _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Please list any special dietary request _____

Please Check all that Apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Laurel District Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> Former State President	<input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Voting Delegate*	<input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Laurel District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Council President	<input type="checkbox"/> District Director –Other District	<input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> Former District Director – other District	<input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Club Member	<input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> State President		

***Voting delegate is one (1) member from each club or council.**

State or District Chairmen wishing to reserve display space please indicate below.

YES 3 feet 6 feet

Name _____ Chairmanship _____

Suggested Themes for Raffle Baskets

Dear Garden Club Members,

We are looking for 15 themed baskets. Tickets are \$1 each or 15 tickets for \$10. Minimum value of basket is \$50. If you are a large club or council we hope you could donate a larger basket. Please let me know your chosen theme so we can have a nice variety. It is not suggested that clubs go out and purchase items for baskets, but club members or local businesses could be a good source of donations for them. Clubs may choose to go in together and do a large basket. **Raffle Baskets** will be on display at the October Laurel District meeting. Please let me know as as possible the theme your club has chosen. *(If your club is unable to donate a basket, a \$25 donation is requested.)*

Susan Stephens,

Ways and Means Merchandising
Laurel District

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Pamper Mom

Suggested items: Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, a CD of meditative music, gift card to a local salon and/or for a massage. Creative twist: Make the container part of the pampering—use a foot bath or a pretty basket suitable for keeping personal items.

For the Golfers

Suggested items: Tees, golf balls, visor, gloves, book about golf, a gift card to a golf store or to a local course. Creative twist: Present the items in a sports bag.

Grillers' Delight

Suggested items: Utensils, marinades, mitts, charcoal, cookbooks about grilling. Creative twist: Use a small grill as the basket.

For a Book Club

Suggested items: A few bestselling books, wine glasses, wine, gourmet snacks, gift card to local bookstore or Amazon.com. Creative twist: Assemble the items in a pretty book bag.

Italian Dinner Night

Suggested items: High-end pastas, a variety of sauces, Italian bread/bread sticks, Parmesan cheese, a bottle of red wine, and gift cards to an Italian deli and local Italian restaurant. Creative twist: Present the items in a large pasta bowl.

For Gardeners

Suggested items: Garden store gift card, planters, watering cans, gloves, seeds, sunscreen, hand lotion, bags of soil, garden rack. Creative twist: Pack the contents into a small garden cart (available at gardening stores or large stores like Walmart).

For the Dogs (or Cats)

Suggested items: Gift card to a pet store, dog (or cat) toys, dog (or cat) food bowls, pet jersey or sweater, shampoo and other grooming supplies, a leash. Creative twist: Assemble the contents into a dog or cat bed.

Other Basket Ideas

Coffee Basket
Christmas
Halloween

Cooking Basket
Chocolate Lovers
Movie Lovers Night

College Fans
Wine
Date Night

Have fun with this, get some great ideas on Pinterest, let's see how creative we can be



Jewelry Sale



This year we are offering an opportunity to purchase new or gently used jewelry. Please take a moment and go through your jewelry box and pull out some of those pieces you loved at the time of purchase and haven't worn in a while. One of your garden club members may love it and purchase at our Jewelry Sale.



We will only accept jewelry in good condition. Please put a suggested price on your donations or we can price your items if you prefer. This is an exciting way to purchase something "new" to you and help with our fundraiser for the Laurel District meeting. **The deadline to accept donations is October 6.**



Garden club members, you can combine your donations and send in one package. Be sure to have your club name on your package. Items can be mailed or we will be happy to meet you and pick up your donations. We need your help for this project to be successful. Let's have lots of fun *shopping!*



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Laurel District

Mail Jewelry donation to:

527 Waterford Drive, Cartersville, GA 30120



Please complete and include with your donation.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Garden Club _____

Description of Donation(s) _____





FIELD DAY FUN – BALL GROUND

(ANETSA-GA-DA) GARDEN CLUB

Evelyn Foster, Publicity Chairman

On July 12, 2017, several members of the Ball Ground (Anetsa-Ga-Da) Garden Club enjoyed a full day of touring two gardens and an amazing lunch. We first visited Red Oak Lavender Farm in Dahlonega, Georgia. The owner, Tina Misko, gave us an informal story as to the history of the garden and how and why it was started. This garden was a tribute to her late husband who loved the lavender plant, and it was a two-fold effort to honor his love for the plant and also to generate income. Tina mentioned that the garden has been overwhelmingly popular, with visitors and groups arriving consistently.

We then made our way to Anderson's Sunflower Farm in Cumming, Georgia, where we were delighted to see the massive, unlimited number of sunflowers that were all standing at attention and begging to be cut! Some of our group did not disappoint, as you can see from the picture of their being carried away from the sunflower field. Those in front of the Sunflower Farm are: **Back:** Judy Dougherty, Diane Smith, Leah Kelly, Beverly Poag, Hazel Cochran. **Front:** Sally Eubanks, Evelyn Foster, Linda Scrivner, Sue Urbaitis, Vivian Little, and Helen Turner.

Finally we all gathered at the wonderful Tam's Backstage Restaurant, a restaurant associated with the Cumming Playhouse, created in the building of the old Cumming Elementary School. An awesome time on a very hot day was enjoyed by all!

Stonehedge Garden Club, of Buford, Georgia

is busy as beavers getting ready for the upcoming new year which begins in September. Under the leadership of President Brenda Pruitt our club should be an interesting place to come and learn all about gardening and flowers .

The officers are ready to take charge and will be effective in their new jobs. After a long summer sabbatical, we are all ready to jump into action and as the say in NASCAR, "Gentlemen start your engines." We as members are ready and willing to start our engines full throttle and top speed. Stonehedge will be off to a great start with fun, interesting, appealing programs. Many projects are in the works as well as some barn storming, field trips are planned. The goal this year is for everyone to be fully engaged in Garden Club with their minds and hands as busy as beavers.



On a sad note our club lost two of our long time active members.

On May 26th, **Sheila Sears Blan** lost her battle with a chronic lung disease. Sheila served as our 2015-2017 Treasurer, as our 2013-2015 Recording Secretary and served our club well. We all miss Sheila and reflect back with warm, fuzzy, memories.

On June 5, 2017 we lost another of our long time members.

Nancy Chandler lost her battle with Parkinson's disease. Nancy served as our 2015-2017 Hospitality Chairman, as well as a former President of our Club. She served our club passionately for many, many years. We also look back on her life with fun, warm memories.



Magnolia Garden Club



Magnolia Garden Club celebrated with their annual picnic at River Scapes Gardens in Kingston on the Etowah River with hosts, Morgan and Debbie Akin. Georgia Representative Paul Battles signed a proclamation designating National Garden Week June 5-12.

Pictured: Sandra McMillan, Bonnie Floyd and Mrs. Marijon Battles witnessed the signing.



Fall Garden Extravaganza

A plant and garden sale featuring
Regional Nurseries and Garden Vendors

hosted by

Soque Garden Club

Oct. 7, 8 am – 4 pm

**White County Agri-Science Center
Hwy 129 North at Claud Sims Road
Cleveland, Georgia**

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**ASHLEY
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LECTURE**

**IN URBAN
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FOR GREEN
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CREATES IT.**

The Ashley Wright McIntyre Lectures are made possible with generous funding from the Ashley Wright McIntyre Education and Programming Fund, part of the Cherokee Garden Library Endowment.

*Photo: View of PATH400
Rogers Partners Architects+Urban
Designers and Nelson Byrd Woltz*

Tickets are \$25

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12
2017
7:00 PM**

Cherokee Garden Library
at the Atlanta History Center
130 West Paces Ferry Road NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30305
404.814.4150

atlantahistorycenter.com

Landscape architect Thomas Woltz, whose current projects include the proposed Buckhead Park Over GA 400, will share his contemporary vision for sustainable design, represented in examples of the built projects of his firm Nelson Byrd Woltz. As principal of NBW, a 45-person firm based in Charlottesville, Virginia, and New York City, Woltz has infused narratives of the land into the places where people live, work, and play, deepening the public's enjoyment of the natural world and inspiring environmental stewardship. The built projects are detailed in the book, *Nelson Byrd Woltz: Garden, Park, Community*,

Join us after the lecture for an author Book signing and reception.



*Magnolia Holiday Market
and
Amaryllis Sale*



*Save
the
Date*



November 3 - 4

Friday 9 am - 4 pm and Saturday 9 am - Noon

Olin Tatum Building - Stiles Auditorium

(Behind Cartersville Library)

320 West Cherokee Avenue

Cartersville, Georgia

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Magnolia Garden Club

Holiday Items and much much more.

Booth Space for Rent

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Potted Amaryllis ready to give as gifts.

Information on **Advance Bulb Sales**

ready for pick up day of event.

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*Plant America Symposium and Tri-Refresher
The 2017 GCG State President's Workshop
November 13-14, 2017
The Garden Club of Georgia State Headquarters
Athens, Georgia*

Monday, November 13

12:00 – 1:00	Registration	
1:00 - 1:15	Welcome and Introduction	Jane Hersey, Virginia Pennington, Marilyn McDonnell
1:15-2:15	The New Age of Landscape Design- Natives, Wildlife, Wetlands and More	Elise Cormier
2:15-3:15	Seasonal Colors with Natives	Amy Carter
3:30-- 4:00	Georgia's Heritage – Landscape Design at our Founder's Garden	David Nichols
4:00 – 4:45	Love at First Flight –Native Plants and Butterflies	Terry Johnson
4:45 – 6:30	Hotel Check in and Break	
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner	Trump's Catering
7:30-8:30	Native Plant Designs and Creations(hands-on)	Faye Frazier, Anna Burns

Tuesday, November 14

8:30-9:00	Plant America Seed Bombs	Marilyn McDonnell
9:00 – 10:00	Bringing Wildlife into Your Backyard	Anna Yellin
10:15 -11:15	Water, Water Everywhere and Not a Drop to Drink	Dr. Gary Hawkins
11:15-12:15	Trees in Today's Landscape	Tripp Williams
12:15-1:00	Lunch	Trump's Catering
1:00-2:00	Georgia's Rivers, Georgia's Lifeline	Tonya Bonitatibus
2:00-2:45	Georgia's Legacy – The Children's Garden at the State Botanical Garden	Dr, Jennifer Cruse-Sanders
2:45-3:00	Closing Remarks	Jane Hersey



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*Plant America Symposium and Tri-Refresher
The 2017 GCG State President's Workshop
November 13-14, 2017
The Garden Club of Georgia State Headquarters
2450 S. Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30602-5817*

Hotel Information: **Holiday Inn Express, 513 W. Broad Street, Athens, GA 30601**
Phone 706-546-8122 or 1-800-HOLIDAY (465-4329).

Rooms w/two double beds/microwave/mini-fridge; breakfast included; \$85 plus 14% sales tax and \$5 per night state fee. **CODE: PAS Reservation Rate deadline: October 30, 2017**

Online reservations

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/athens/ahndt/hoteldetail>

REGISTRATION DUE by Nov. 1

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

GARDEN CLUB _____

Special Dietary needs _____

Cost: Workshop only \$80 TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Check # _____

Mail registration and check payable to **Garden Club of Georgia to the registrar:**

Marilyn McDonnell
1311 York St.
Evans, GA 30809

Refreshing Consultant (mark ONLY the area/s in which you are registering to refresh):

Environnemental Consultant _____

Master Environnemental Consultant _____

Gardening Consultant _____

Master Gardening Consultant _____

Landscape Design Consultant _____

Master Landscape Design Consultant _____

Master Consultants may refresh in each area where Master Consultant status has been earned. If you do not have Master status, you may only refresh in one area. You may not combine refreshers for a Master status area and a regular Consultant area. Consultants may refresh ONCE each calendar year in the same area. Check your good standing date on last card issued OR contact the appropriate State Chairman if you are uncertain of your status. Questions? Contact Registrar.

Mail Refresher Credit check, **\$5 for EACH area payable to GA Association of Gardening Consultants, WITH your registration and workshop check AND the completed Multiple Refresher Consultant Form 2-14 to the registrar stated above.**

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Multiple Refresher Consultant Form

Name _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code (9-digit)

Email: _____
Telephone: _____ Region _____

State Garden Club or Int'l Affiliate Club _____
Event Site: GCG STATE HEADQUARTERS, Athens, GA
Date(s): November 13-14, 2017

Please select your refreshing school/s and fill in the appropriate information for each school. Include one check written to sponsor for \$5.00 for each refresher selected.

Environmental Studies

Most Recent Consultant Record (School or Refresher)

Event

(City/State) Date(s) Expiration Date
Are you a Master Consultant? Yes _____ No _____ If no, is this your fourth refresher? Yes ___ No _____

Gardening Study

Most Recent Consultant Record (School or Refresher)

Event

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Landscape Design

Most Recent Consultant Record (School or Refresher)

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Members representing the *Magnolia Garden Club*, attended the **Laurel District Leadership Workshop in Canton** held at "*The Rock Barn*", a beautiful historic building that boarded race horses as far back as 1906. The sight was added to the National Historical Register in 1989.



Attending were, Sue Tucker, Jean Hershey; President of the Laurel District of The Garden club of Georgia, JoAnn Dorsey, Wanda Love, Susan Stephens and Barbra Jones. Sara Lanier, from St. Simons Georgia, Former GCG president and former Deep South Regional Director lead the workshop.



Sue Tucker, Lynn Frye, and Bonnie Floyd were interviewed by the **Etowah Valley Historical Society** for a video to be stored at the EVHS and the Bartow County Library, Cartersville Campus. The video looks at the past and future of **The Magnolia Garden Club**. It was taped at the Roselawn Carriage house.

National Garden Club Grant
for
Pollinator Youth Garden
in the amount of \$200
presented to the
Magnolia Garden Club.



Calling All Judges and Designers!

The North Georgia State Fair Flower Shows will be open this year from September 21-October 1, 2017. We need state judges to help judge our shows and individuals to enter floral designs in the Design Sections. The themes for the flower show are "Riding the Carousel" and "Riding the Ferris Wheel". The dates of judging are **Thursday, Sept. 21 and Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 11:30-4pm**. The location is **Jim Miller Park in Marietta, GA**.

The schedules for the 1st and 2nd shows should be available on the website: www.northgeorgiastatefair.com the beginning of August 2017.

To sign up to judge either or both shows please contact Shirley Dobbins at 770-971-2388 or via email at sdobbins32@bellsouth.net.

To sign up to do floral designs please contact Pril Buege at 404-713-8556 or via email at pbuege2@comcast.net.

For general information please contact Holly Walquist at 770-424-4664 or via email at hollywalquist@comcast.net. Hope to see you at the Fair this year!

Submitted by *Victoria Chandler* risingstar@ELLIJAY.COM

UGA Extension Education Programs

Below are links to upcoming UGA Extension education programs. Please help us to spread the word and pass this information along to any friends, neighbors, or clients that might be interested. Pre-registration is required for seminars—just call or email to let us know you're coming!

[Ask a Master Gardener Clinic & Plant Sale at Rose Lawn Arts Festival: September 16th and 17th](#)
Bring your questions and samples of your plant problems and get FREE gardening information!

[Holiday Wreath Making Workshops in Cartersville: November 18th @ 9am or 1pm](#)
Call 770-387-5142 to register. \$20 materials fee. Hands-on workshops using live greenery to create your own holiday decorations!

Paul J. Pugliese, MPPPM
County Coordinator
Agricultural and Natural Resources Agent
UGA Extension – Bartow County

320 W. Cherokee Ave., Rm. 112 | Cartersville, GA 30120
770-387-5142 Office | 678-310-6238 Mobile
pugliesep@bartowga.org | ugaextension.org/bartow

The Honeysuckle Garden Club

celebrated its 70th birthday on April 18, 2017. A luncheon for members and guests was held at the Marietta Country Club. Hostesses Ellie Underwood and Laura Underwood provided beautiful centerpieces in the shape of birthday cakes made of fresh flowers. The Club celebrated its heritage by recognizing emeritus members Elin Fowler, Bebe Meaders, Jean Reed, and Suzanne Schmidt. In attendance were ten former club presidents who shared memories from seven decades of service. The Club is fortunate to have strong family connections with many daughters and daughters-in-law helping to continue the Club's legacy. The ladies enjoyed looking through scrapbooks and sharing memories of the Garden Club. The Honeysuckle Garden Club is a member of the Marietta Council of Garden Clubs.

Beth Johnston, President
bethjohnston19@gmail.com



PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS

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Ansley Saville and Marla Janes 703-216-2899c; marjan57@aol.com

Parks and Public Lands Chairmen

Seven Hills Garden Club

BALL GROUND (ANETSA-GA-DA) GARDEN CLUB

BENEFITS FROM "COMMUNITY ON MY MIND"

By Evelyn Foster,
Publicity Chairman



The ongoing additions to the Ball Ground Botanical Garden continue. Recently the construction of a Bog Garden was begun, through the initiative of recent President Diane Smith. Project Chairman Beverly Poag beneficially used her time out of commission from a fall and broken shoulder to proceed with the submission of a detailed application entry for the \$200 matching grant award by Community on my Mind. Diane announced at the January meeting that Beverly's efforts in her application was successful, and the \$200 grant was awarded to the club in December, 2016. The club's \$200 matching funds came from brick sales for the botanical garden.

Additional planned applications for this grant will be submitted at the appropriate time for the Butterfly Garden, Heirloom Garden, Herb Garden, and Japanese Garden. Diane Smith is the Botanical Garden coordinator and works long and hard in the garden. Her wisdom as a Master Gardener helps us, and she has many garden and nursery contacts that bring many deep discounts and donations as the garden continues to flourish. Many thanks go out to all who have worked so hard in the Ball Ground Botanical Garden. The vision from 2-plus years ago to what has been accomplished is remarkable! Pictured is a work day in April pulling weeds and general cleanup. Also pictured is the whole group taking a break for lunch.

Life Memberships

The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Barbara McCoy, Laurel District Chairman
706-278-8388 email: bcmccoy@charter.net

Giving someone a Life Membership in The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. provides an excellent means of honoring one who has made a valuable contribution to your garden club, council or district. State memberships fund our GCG scholarships. The person's name will be recorded in the permanent Life Members' book displayed at State Headquarters in Athens and will be published in Garden Gateways and they will receive a free one year subscription. There will be recognition at the State Convention. State Life, \$100.00, *Make check payable to The Garden Club of Georgia*.

Deep South Life Memberships support the Deep South Scholarship fund. Deep South Life, \$50.00. Make check payable to Deep South Region.

National Life, \$200. Make check payable to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Use the application to become a Life Member.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Garden Club: _____

District: _____

Honored by: _____

Send check and completed form to:
Bess Hartley
50 Cotton Hill Road
Fort Gaines, GA 39851

The Flower Garden Club of Marietta

In December 2016 the Flower Garden Club of Marietta held their first Christmas Party at the Marietta Educational Garden Center. The tables were decorated with red and white tablecloths and lovely centerpieces. Christmas goblets were given to members and guests and there were 5 drawings for special gifts. Everyone enjoyed socializing with friends and celebrating the Spirit of Christmas.

New officers were elected and installed at our February luncheon held at the beautiful Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in Marietta. A lovely time was had by members and guests and a door prize drawing followed the luncheon.

In March, one of our very own talented members, Diana Waldrop, presented our program. Diana and her husband, Bill, own a daylily farm so she is quite knowledgeable on the subject. She told us about the many different varieties and colors of daylilies, and their care and feeding.

April brought our yearly fund raiser to the club. It was held on April 20, 2017. The theme of the show this year was "Flower Fun in the Kitchen with Donna Kennedy"; it was a great presentation with lots of fun for everyone in attendance. Donna is a wonderful, dynamic speaker and very creative as well as entertaining in her delivery of various topics. She is favorite of our club members. The event included a flower show with Donna, light refreshments of punch and muffins for everyone, and a bake sale. Our bake sale featured pies, cakes, brownies, fudge, cookies, apple fritters, fresh bread, candy, and even pear relish. Everything was homemade by our members who are great cooks! Ten door prizes were given away as well as approximately 10 arrangements so there were many happy prize winners at the end of the show.

In May, we hosted a speaker on herbs. She covered growing herbs as well as cooking with them.

In June, Flower Garden Club took a short trip into Atlanta to tour St. Phillips Cathedral on Peachtree Street and their lovely gardens. The Anglican presence in Georgia was established on February 12, 1733 in Savannah, Georgia. The Diocese of Atlanta was formed in 1907 and currently has over 50,000 members. The beautiful church houses many artifacts, spared from destruction, dating back before the Civil War. We had a well versed and knowledgeable guide who could answer any and all questions. Luncheon at Season's 52 in Buckhead was the perfect end to our day in the city.

For garden Week in Georgia, we donated two butterfly boxes to Green Meadows Preserve, a 120 acre park owned by Cobb County. We previously donated a dogwood tree, Blue Bird house, and two bird baths for the park's Blue Bird Trail area.

Our club also purchased some young- reader -level garden books which we presented to the library, and also donated to the building fund for the Marietta Educational Garden Center.



Front Row: Ruth Erwin, Church Guid, Judy Bodnar, Georgianne Nestor, and Clara Howell. *Second Row:* Jo Robertson, Mary Alice Greene, Kathy Newman, and Jean Hartley. *Back Row:* Madeline Joy, Linda Keelan, and Jennie Dodge.

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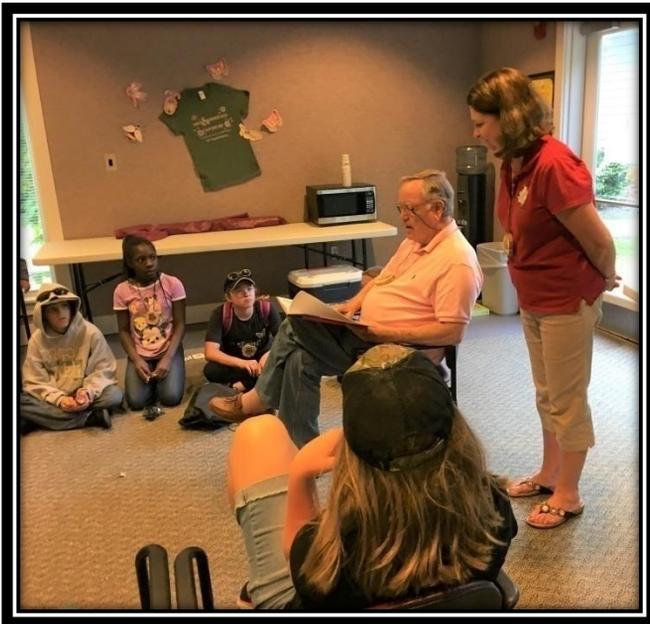
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Seven Hills Garden Club

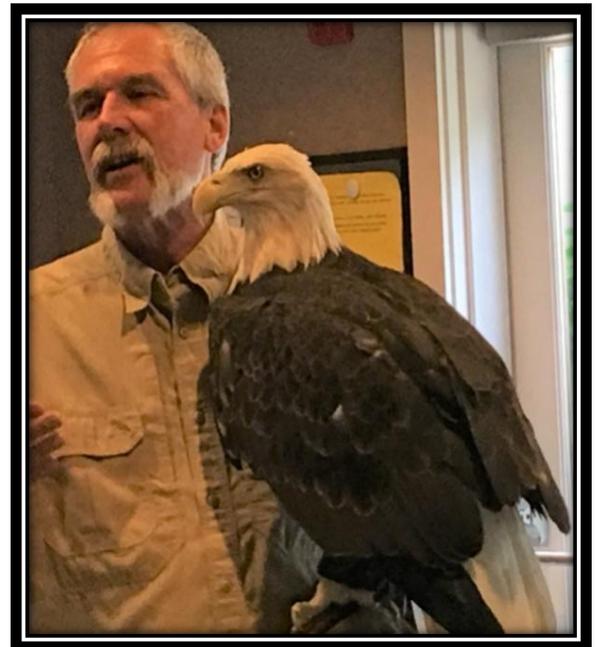
Wild & Wonderful Camp

Garden Club of Georgia's 10th annual Wild and Wonderful Experience Camp for fifth graders was held at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center July 10th, 11th and 12th. GCG Youth Team Coordinators Susan Turner, Molly Kimler, and Linda Cobb spearheaded the camp. Laurel District members Diane and Banny Harbin were also included as counselors.

Of the nineteen campers, two were from Laurel District. Every waking hour was filled with activities and learning. The wildlife center staff and six interns were available for support and teaching while guiding campers and counselors in hiking, fishing, nature studies, stargazing, water conservation activities, bee and pollinator studies and flower design. With emphasis on the NGC Plant America theme, all campers made a container garden and flower design to take home. And for beautification of Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, on-site planters were planted. Harmony and interaction among the campers was part of the total experience of "working together". Laurel District camper, James, received a certificate for the neatest room. There was music, games to be played, bird houses to be painted, flowers arranged and seeds to be planted. A good time was had by all and the counselors were tired at the end of camp! All clubs are encouraged to sponsor and send campers to GCG Wild and Wonderful Experience Camp.



**Banny Harbin and Susan Turner
read NGC
Frightened Frog to Campers**



Mr. Pete and Eagle
Eagle was shot in right wing had part of his wing amputated. He was about five when shot and is about twenty five.



Flower Design

June 10, 2017: **Jonquil**

Garden Club members

and friends are ready for the crowd at the Eighth Annual Plant Sale, where some annuals; perennials (especially native plants, ferns, hostas and vines); and beautiful container gardens were available to the Smyrna community. In just four hours (8:00 a.m. – 12 noon) funds were raised for the Chattahoochee Tech \$1000 Annual Scholarship where nearly 400 plants were sold.



July 20, 2017: Jonquil Garden Club members Eva Tackett, Shirley Priest, D. J. Chakraborty, Debbie Jones, and Marge Owens attended the Leadership Workshop for Laurel District at *the Rock Barn* in Canton. Presenter Sara Lanier shared excellent and well-organized information to inspire all to become great leaders.

July 18, 2017: Under the direction of Mike Whittle, designer and donor of the flowers used, Jonquil Garden Club members work with a team of 18 to create 400 floral arrangements for the Marietta Council project, "Make Someone Feel Special Today". Happy Face arrangements were distributed to local senior living facilities and nursing homes in the area.



2018 Garden Club Georgia Expressions

More than a Calendar!

Dear Garden Club Members,

Here is the attached order form for the GCG Expressions - (more than a calendar). You should mail your club's order form to your district chairman (see form for address) with a check if you will pick them up at the District Meeting in October - or mail the order form with payment to me, the State Chairman, if you wish to have them shipped to you (paying for added shipping).

Order forms specific to each District are on the GCG website on each District's page.

Go here (<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/districts>) and then click on your district.

Thank you,

Janet Carn

2018 Expressions Marketing Manager

jbc0112@gmail.com

Three Rivers Garden Club

Three Rivers Garden Club has been busy this summer! We are very pleased with our newly established Facebook page. On it you will see some of our members' beautiful landscaping and gardening efforts. We even have pictures of a member's vineyard which we will visit for the September meeting. Check us out when you are on Facebook!

Several members attended the recent Leadership Training in Canton where we received excellent instruction and tips on how to be a good garden club leader. To help us in writing awards we will also attend the Awards training to Hiawassee in August. And finally with help from many, the Yearbook is almost ready for publication. Whew! Lots of hard work for our wonderful editor, Joan Beam. We are looking forward to great programs, good fellowship, and contributions to our community.

Anita Bridges
Three River Garden Club, Rome, Georgia

SEVEN HILLS GARDEN CLUB

ROME GEORGIA

Ninety-two years old and still vibrant! This September Seven Hills will install its new officers for the 2017-2019 term. Jennifer Kearns and Paige Swiger, Co- Presidents; Villa Hizer, First Vice President; Joyce Blackwood and MJ Chisholm - Co-Second Vice Presidents; Karen Foss, Recording Secretary; Nancy Goldin - Corresponding Secretary; Gena Conrad, Treasurer; Kathy Cooper, Chaplain.

As our theme we have chosen *Nurture Soil and Soul*. We have planned programs on composting and recycling, pruning, cooking with items we grow and other relevant topics. Since it is the responsibility of Seven Hills to lead the Federation Project, we have been researching possible sites that will provide the most benefit to the community. Upon the approval of the Federation our project will be announced.

Last but definitely not least we have been very busy getting our yearbook ready to go to print. It is a major task requiring the work of many. September is fast approaching.

Sheelah M. Schreiber
Seven Hills Garden Club,
Rome, Georgia

Dirty Talk

Life in my first house started on a tight budget, but I still managed to splurge on garden equipment and set to work.

After mud-wrestling the Georgia red clay for hours, I had only planted one tree. The labor of love felt like "love's labor lost" or "much ado about nothing"! Then, I learned to talk dirty. If the dirt/soil is dry and compacted, the plants' roots will be unable to penetrate it. If the soil is wet and compacted the roots will rot. Bed preparation is crucial.

Incorporating soil amendments into new planting beds is essential. It aids in soil fertility, nutrition, filtration, and drainage. The soil must retain enough moisture to allow permeability for roots, impede soil erosion, and form micro-nutrients to grow healthy plants. Incorporate means *integrate* not replace. Replacing the native Georgia red clay with even the best planting medium will turn the planting hole into a clay pot with no drainage and kill the expensive plant. For soil amendment some gardeners have their own special formulas that border on alchemy. Nurseries offer other options.

Dirty Talk continued

To prepare the area for planting

1. Dig a hole double the size of the plant's rootball system. Save native soil.
2. Fill the hole halfway with amendments.
3. Mix some of the native soil into the amendments.
4. Place the plant in the hole- the crown should be set at the same height that it was in the container in which it was purchased - usually at soil level or slightly above the crown (where branching begins). Consider that roots grow outward; so loosen the rootball and spread the roots as needed. If necessary you can use a knife to shape and trim broken or dangling roots and stimulate new growth. The plant's delicate roots are the life support system so don't be aggressive.
5. Continue filling the hole to the top with native soil (if very deep, add amendment in to keep that Georgia clay from compacting around the plant). Be careful not to cover the crown.
6. Water thoroughly to moisten the roots and remove the air pockets. (Again, if the hole is quite deep, a little water can be added at stages while planting to help with those air pockets).
7. To aid in preventing weeds, pests, and diseases apply mulch, pine straw, or bark around the individual plant or entire bed. This top dressing controls water retention and insulates the roots from extreme temperatures.

Improper planting will escalate transplant shock and failure to take precautions, especially in a hot climate, will result in quick death for your plants.

Follow the above seven steps to the creation of your private Eden. I finally enjoyed a sense of accomplishment seeing the once barren Georgia red clay covered with my favorite flowers. The antique *Nur Mahal* (Light of the Palace) rose flourished alongside the native *Rosa Carolina*. Another colorful corner featured exotic Maharaja lilies with native *Lilium canadense* and *Lilium superbum*. I was in heaven!

D. J. Chakraborty
Jonquil Garden Club, Smyrna, Georgia



GARDEN THERAPY

Garden Therapy continues to be an interesting way to interact with the community. Please continue to send your \$25 donations to:

*Garden Club of Georgia
State Treasurer Brenda Griner
244 Satilla Drive
Brunswick, GA 31523
(h) 912-265-378 (c) 912-270-5968*

Checks should be payable to ***Garden Club of Georgia.***

Some clubs may also choose to collect \$250 and take advantage of the matching grant of \$250 from GCG by creating a project in which the client will actively participate. More information can be found on the GCG website.

When other Garden Therapy opportunities become available information will be provided.

Tish Redwine,
Garden Therapy Chairman,
Laurel District
fredwine210@att.net
706-291-3902

STYLE

We all have it but for each of us it is different. Where we were born, raised, educated, worked, traveled, and finally settled - all of these pieces of our lives contribute to the person we are now. People from different parts of the country or world dress and speak differently. They even have diverse ways of expressing themselves.

Laurel Letters is a far reaching publication intent on providing not only the Director's Dialogue but also informative articles and reports from Garden Clubs and the Board. It keeps members up to date on meetings, design schools, tours, and other newsworthy events.

In order to create the best possible publication I have been tasked with the editing of all articles. This includes checking for spelling, grammar, and punctuation plus content, organization, and flow. We want our readers to look forward to perusing each and every article published.

Each writer has his/her own unique writing style and my intent is not to change that but only improve upon it. Write, share your knowledge, and keep us interested.

Sheelah M. Schreiber
Laurel Letters Text Editor



To order calendars return this form with your payment to your District "Expressions" Calendar Chairman prior to September 1. All orders must be Pre-Paid. Orders will be filled in the order received by your District Calendar Chairman. Guarantee to fill paid orders received by July 1 as long as quantities are available.

Orders received by September 1 can be delivered to you at your Fall District Meeting in October. Any orders RECEIVED AFTER September 1 will be filled AFTER all other orders have been filled IF quantities are still available. Shipping charges may apply to orders after September 1.

Club # _____ District _____

Club Name _____

Club President _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Quantity of Expressions Requested _____ @ \$9.00 each Total Book Cost \$ _____

Shipping Cost for Books

1-2 Books \$5.00, 3-10 Books \$8.00, 11-25 Books \$14.00,

26-49 Books \$17.00 Shipping

Total Shipping \$ _____

If you prefer to have your Expressions shipped, please add shipping costs here.

For orders of 50 books or more, contact the GCG Chairman.

If picking up at Fall District Meeting, skip this section.

Subtotal \$ _____

Tax Enter Sales Tax % on Subtotal for location

where your Expressions will be delivered or picked up _____ % Total Tax \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Questions should be directed to:

JANET CARN GCG EXPRESSIONS CALENDAR MARKETING CHAIRMAN

706-373-4861 Jbc0112@gmail.com

All ORDERS are to be MAILED TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN listed below with checks made payable to: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Laurel District: SHARON PAYNE
Azalea District: SUZANNE GRACE
Oleander District: SHARON HERRIN
Camellia District: JANET WEBB
Magnolia District: JOYCE BARRETT
Dogwood District: LIB THOMPSON
Redbud District: MARY DENNEY

1090 HWY 76 HIAWASSEE GA 30546
PO BOX 617 SOCIAL CIRCLE GA 30025
6892 BEARDS BLUFF RD ODUM GA 31555
104 LAUREL OAK LN THOMASVILLE GA 31792
47 NICHOLAS DR FORT VALLEY GA 31030
560 HEARDS FERRY RD ATLANTA GA 30328
PO BOX 77 MORELAND GA 30259

Garden Club Scholarships

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., continues to provide scholarships to deserving Georgia college students majoring in any garden-related subject in an accredited college or university in Georgia. Work Scholarships are also awarded to students for a designated number of hours to be worked at a public botanical garden.

Funding for scholarships is derived from many sources including the sale of engagement calendars, Life Memberships, the Patron of Scholarship program, donations, and special projects. Judging of recipients for the scholarships is based on need, scholastic record, character, initiative, and general attitude. The selection of the scholarship winners is made by the Scholarship Committee of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Each year, the Scholarship committee tries to increase the number and size of the scholarships we award to our deserving students.

In recent years, the development of the "Named Scholarship" program is a major source of additional funding for our students. For a minimum of \$1,000, an individual or organization may be honored with a scholarship in their name. The names of the honored individuals/organizations are published in the *GCG Calendar*, in the Archives, on the GCG Website and in *Garden Gateways*. See the "Named Scholarship Donation Form" below for further details.

- [Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Application Packet](#)
- [Cherokee Rose Scholarship Application Packet](#)
- [Dollars Educate Scholars Donation Form](#)
- [Scholarship Donation Form](#)
- [Patron of Scholarship Donation Form](#)
- [Named Scholarship Donation Form](#)
- [Scholarship Brochure \(inside\)](#)
- [Scholarship Brochure \(outside\)](#)

The Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a US citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States
- Must be A Georgia resident for the last four years paying in-state tuition
- Undergraduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes
- Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 graded hours of classes
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design, or horticulture
- International or foreign exchange students are not eligible
- Doctoral program students are not eligible
- Study abroad, fellowships, or internships are not eligible. Funds may be applied to studies overseas provided the study is a condition of the recipient's degree plan and that payment continues to be made to the accredited U.S. college or university.

Garden Club Scholarships *continued*

Applicants must be majoring in one of the following or related subjects:

- Agribusiness
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Sciences
- Crop and Soil Sciences
- Ecology
- Entomology
- Environmental Planning and Design
- Environmental Sciences
- Fisheries and Wildlife
- Forest Resources
- Forestry
- Historic Architecture
- Historic Preservation
- Horticulture
- Integrative Conservation
- Landscape Architecture
- Landscape Design
- Natural Resources
- Plant Sciences
- Rural Planning
- Turf grass Management
- Urban Planning
- Water and Soil Resources
- Wildlife Management
- Other related or allied subjects

Marshall Forest



Marshall Forest needs your continued support. We have many updates planned and hope to begin them when the rains stop for more than a day or two. The heavy equipment can't get into the forest without a lot of damage.

During the 2016-2017 GCG year, Laurel District gave \$1,925.00 with 37 contributors. Total donations for Marshall Forest were \$3,220.00.

This chairman has taken several groups on walks through the forest. Tours were given during Garden Week in Georgia and National Garden Week, and a club meeting was held in the Forrest. Many previous visitors tell me how much they enjoy the forest and that they bring husbands, grandchildren, and friends to visit this special place.

We are working to have the Marshall Forest included in the "Old Growth Forest Network". I met with Joan Maloof, founder and director of the Old Growth Forest Network and author of three books on Old Growth forests. She was unable to visit the forest this time because of the inclement weather and other speaking commitments, but will continue working on this endeavor.

Please continue to include Land Trust/Marshall Forest in your club's budget with a donations of \$25 in order to receive a "Deed of Gratitude". Your help is greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to schedule a tour of the forest, please contact Caroline Alford at caroboone@aol.com.

Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden Club Euharlee, GA



Left to Right: 2017-2019 Officers
Dot Brett, Chaplain; Dianne Myers, Treasurer; Marty Morris, Rec. Sec.; Janet Martin, 4th VP; Cynthia Reed, 3rd VP; Sue Cox, 1st VP; Betty Tilley, President; Marie Purser, Parliamentarian;
(Not pictured: Nancy Rewitzer, Corr. Sec.)

June 2017 - White Tea and Installation of Officers

The 2015-2017 term's final monthly meeting was held June 17, 2017, at Tilley Mill located on the banks of Euharlee Creek. Hosts Dianne Myers and Cynthia Reed celebrated with the annual "White Tea." Members were stylish in white attire and looked refreshing in the summer heat. A lovely selection of tea paired with delicious food was served.

The installation of newly-elected officers highlighted the program. Always a favorite, Jackie Fulmer, executive officer with the Camellia Garden Club, performed the installation ceremony of officers for the 2017-2019 term.

Many thanks to our multi-talented June hosts. Dianne Myers, affectionately known as the Tea Lady, arranges the most amazing and fun tea gatherings. Cynthia Reed's extensive knowledge of plants and trees, was on display as she gifted members with succulents planted in teacups including instructions on their care.

As the current term fades, the new one is blooming with adventure!



August 2017 – Annual Membership Brunch

Our annual membership brunch was held August 12th at the historic Euharlee Commissary. Eleven current members and eight prospective members were in attendance.

The decorations, food and fellowship reflected the many talents of our garden club members. An assortment of delicious and unique

brunch items and drinks were available. Tables were decorated with beautiful plants and fresh flowers encouraging the discussion of plants and planting with soon-to-be members. Two olive trees provided by Cynthia Reed decorated corners of the room. Marty Morris painted rocks as ladybugs to display with the flowers. All members had a role in this special day.

Guests received Welcome to the Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden Club packets. Five additional prospective members who were unable to be at the brunch will attend the first meeting of the new term on September 11th. We are very excited to have so many people interested in joining and growing with our garden club!



Following the brunch, seven of the plants were placed in the Euharlee Garden bed next to the commissary.
Plant Euharlee!



SCHOLARSHIPS – GCG’s Commitment to the Future

Dot Williams, Scholarship Chairman

Susan Turner, Scholarship Co-Chairman

Thank you for all you do to sponsor and promote scholarships. During the last administration, \$137,153.00 was awarded to 50 students. Let’s raise the bar and aim high to help even more students this new scholarship term. The Scholarship Committee is asking for and depending upon annual donations from each district to commit to a Named Scholarship, as well as clubs and individual Patrons and other donations. You are the backbone of the scholarship program and we depend on your support to fulfill our mission of education. We respectfully ask that when clubs, councils and districts meet to establish their budget, please include a donation to scholarships.

Our mission continues! The Scholarship Committee will meet in February, 2018 to award scholarships to deserving students. How many we give depends on your generosity. Checks must be received by the end of January to be awarded to this year’s students and to be listed in the next *Expressions* publication and *Garden Gateways*.

There are many ways to support the scholarship program.

- Named Scholarships of \$1,000.00 is sent to Susan Turner, Scholarship Co-Chairman, P.O. Box 810 Conyers, GA. Those who contribute before September 15th will receive a certificate at their October Annual Meeting.
- Patron of Scholarships of \$200.00 - \$999.99. Those who contribute before September 15th will receive a certificate at their October Annual Meeting. Subsequent gifts will be recognized in 2018.
- General Scholarship Fund to include Honorariums and Memorial gifts.
- “Dollars Educate Scholars” fundraiser of \$1.00 per member via your club.
- Patrons and all other scholarship donations are sent to Rosemary Maulden, Assistant Treasurer, 302 Bushoan Rd., Brunswick, GA 31525
- Your purchase of the *Expressions* publication and becoming a Life Member also support the program.

Do you have questions about scholarships? We are here to help:

Dot Williams, Scholarship Chairman 478-477-1742 or email at d.williams@bellsouth.net

Susan Turner, Scholarship Co- Chairman, 770-922-4411 or email at glencree@bellsouth.net

Rosemary Maulden, Assistant Treasurer, 912-267-9623 or email at

rosemarymaulden@bellsouth.net

Your support matters. As one student said, “I have always dreamed of attending UGA to pursue a degree in Agriculture Education, but I knew it would be a challenge financially. I have been praying that the Lord would provide a way. I am so thankful that GCG was that blessing the Lord chose.” Will you help open the door and tear down the barriers for those students who need a helping hand? Your contribution will indeed make a difference!

Announcing the 2018 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2017-2018 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest!

Poster Rules and Tips

1. All poster entrees must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and may not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message:

Only you Can Prevent Wildfires!

4. Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message:

Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!

5. Each poster should be **11 x 17** inches in size.
6. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. The choice of paper is up to the child.
7. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
8. Label on back of poster board should be completed. **(Please use label from <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/> website for your district. Located under Youth Programs, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest)**
9. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists.
10. A good poster has a bold and simple design. Its message is easily understood, and is delivered both in picture and in text.
11. Posters will be judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.
12. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are Official icons protected by law, and the colors of their clothing needs to be accurate. Check the colors on the Web site: www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation
13. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.
14. Visit www.gardenclub.uga.edu and www.gardenclub.org for further contest details.



All local 1st and 2nd place posters should be to your District Chairman by December 1, 2017.

District Chairman should have all district winning 1st and 2nd place posters to State Chairman by January 15, 2018.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. ANNUAL YOUTH CLUB REGISTRATION

Due annually by December 1st

Name of Youth Club _____ Date _____

Number of Member's in Youth Club _____ Est. No. of Mtg's Planned (5+preferred) _____

Type of Group: Junior: K to 6th grade _____ Intermediate: 7th & 8th _____

High School: 9th-12th _____ #Boys _____ #Girls _____ Average Age _____

Clubs may be a combination of ages/group designation. Choose the most appropriate for your group & purpose.

Sponsoring Club _____ District _____

President _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone Number (s) _____

Leader's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (s) _____ Email _____

Programs and projects planned or accomplished. Add any additional ideas or comments. Where do you meet?

(Describe briefly; use reverse or additional page if space is needed).

Plans for participation in Flower Show _____ Arbor Day _____ Earth Day _____ Nat'l. Garden Week _____

Civic/School Improvement _____ National or State Programs/Competitions _____

If your group has a garden, please describe where & what type.

If your group has a nature trail, please explain where, how funded, etc.

* Please include check made payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

* Annual Dues are \$3.00 for Junior & Intermediate Youth Clubs or \$5.00 for High School Youth Clubs.

* Youth Forms & Standard of Excellence forms also available on www.uga.edu/gardenclub.

* Mail with completed form to your State Youth Garden Clubs Chairman.

Linda Cobb P.O. Box 1048 Social Circle 30025 Home 770-784-6634 lindalou2184@att.net

Dues are for each club registering, not per member. Form Rev. 3/16



National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Sculpture Contest

Encouraging fun and creative ways to
Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.

Entries due January 1, 2018

The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our environment.

Contest Rules:

1. Children in 4th grade through 8th grades will be eligible to enter the contest.
2. Sculptures must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials.
3. The sculpture is limited to a size that would fit on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Height should be proportional to width.
4. Entry form and info. is located on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org
5. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form but two different 4X6 photographs are recommended.
6. NGC Youth Sculpture contest winners may be asked to submit a high quality photo of their entry to be used on the NGC website and in other NGC publications.
7. Club entries should be submitted to the State Chairman before or no later than January 1, 2018. Please mail completed entry form with photo(s) to:
Betty Benner, GCG Youth Sculpture Chairman, 421 Beth Drive, Jesup, GA 31545 Home: 912-427-3153 Cell: 912-294-6841.

Scale of points:

Creative use of materials and self-expression – 60 points

Description of sculpture and materials use – 30 points

Craftsmanship and techniques - 10 points

For information contact:

Betty Benner, GCG Youth Sculpture Chairman

421 Beth Drive, Jesup, GA 31545

Home: 912-427-3153 Cell: 912-294-6841

bbenner18@hotmail.com



**National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Youth Sculpture Contest
Entry Form**

Child's

Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade: _____ Name of School: _____

Sponsoring State Garden Club: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

NGC Region: Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

Name and e-mail address of club's contact person: _____

List materials used:

Describe sculpture in 3-5 sentences:

On the back of this form, please attach photos. Two-4x6 photos are recommended.

Club entries should be submitted to this State Chairman before or *no later than* January 1, 2018. **Please send by U.S. Mail or delivery service** of your choice the completed entry form with photo(s) to: **Betty Benner 421 Beth Drive, Jesup, GA 31545**. For information contact **Betty Benner** Home: 912-427-3153 Cell: 912-294-6841bbenner18@hotmail.com

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The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.



Invites **YOU**
to participate in the
**NGC YOUTH POETRY
CONTEST**

2017-2018 Theme

"Let It Grow"



Be imaginative; express your knowledge and share your insight as to the importance of planting and preserving our planet!

Scale of Points: Title – 10; Content – 40; Creativity – 30; Style - 20

Eligibility

General Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade

Special Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade

English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade

Submit Entries to your District Poetry Contest Chairman before or by December 1st.

Questions may be directed to your District Poetry Chairman or State Chairman Jean O'Shields

400 Valley View Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030-3443 oshieldsjj@bellsouth.net 478-397-7660

GCG & NGC Youth Poetry Contest

A State Certificate may be awarded to first place winners in each grade level within Category A through D for the best poem submitted by an individual youth sponsored by a GCG member club. Cash awards will be \$25(1st place), \$15(2nd place) and \$10 (3rd place) in each of the 30 divisions.

Eligibility: Kindergarten through 9th Grades in General Education, Special Education & ESOL

Contest Rules

1. All entries must be typed and titled on regular 8.5 x 11 inch paper.
2. Include name, age, grade, school, school address on the back of entry.
3. Sponsoring garden club and contact person and state federation/club name must also be identified. **Contact person is the mailing address for any winning entries.**
4. "Generations of Gardeners" sponsoring garden club may be that of a Grandparent.
5. All entries become the property of NGC, Inc. and will not be returned. Make your own copies.
6. Poems do not have to rhyme.
7. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems (diamante), limerick, Haiku, Lune, Tanka, tongue twisters or jump rope rhymes.

Scale of Points

Title – 10; Content – 40; Creativity – 30; Style – 20

District Poetry Contest Chairman

Laurel District Elaine Bacon
1034 Bugscuffle Road
Hiawassee GA 30546
willianbac@windstream.net
706-896-4556

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706-465-1147

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912-586-6125

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229-382-9093

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229-894-0982

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Sandy Springs 30328
ingchen3@gmail.com
510-388-7388
678-426-8094

Redbud District Carol Hayes
4455 Cain Circle
Tucker 30084

Note: Only Regional winners are considered in the judging for National winners.
National contest winners will not be allowed to win in two consecutive years.
Visit www.gardenclub.uga.edu and www.gardenclub.org for detailed contest rules.



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

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HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST 2017-2018

Theme: “Community Gardens -A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger”

2017 – 2019 Essay Contest Rules & Eligibility:

The High School Essay Contest is open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. The contest must be sponsored by: a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils, or districts or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. A \$1,000 National Garden Club Scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner.

Length of Essay:

Between 600-700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. All entries must be typed and titled. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in the NGC publication, *The National Gardener*.

Scale of Points

Content = Total 65 points

- Knowledge of Subject: 25 points
- Practicality of Proposal: 10 points
- Originality: 15 points
- Subject matter well organized/Clarity of presentation: 15 points

Composition = Total 25 points

- Vocabulary: 15 points
- Conformance to length: 10 points
- Manuscript = Total 10 points: Name, Address, Phone Number, School Attending, Grade, List of Activities, and Sponsoring Club (Photo Optional): 5 points
- Neatness and legibility: 5 points

Contest Deadlines

Please refer to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org for complete Contest information. All entries are sent directly to GCG State H. S. Essay Chairman to be received by December 1st

Mail to: Karen Hendrix, GCG High School Essay Contest & High School Gardeners Awards Chairman, 4008 London Lane., Tifton, Georgia 31793 229-848-5463 khendrix1@mchsi.com

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

HIGH SCHOOL GARDENER AWARDS

All Due Dates are December 1st to State Chairman Karen Hendrix

Please refer to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org or our GCG website at www.gardenclub.uga.edu for complete contest rules, descriptions and Scale of Points on all High School Gardener Awards.

- H-1 Scrapbook Award**
- H-2 Yearbook Award**
- H-3 Outstanding High School Gardeners Club Award**
- H-4 High School Gardeners Activities Award**
- H-5 High School Gardener Conservation Award**
- H-6 Flower Show Achievement Award for H.S. Gardeners**
- H-8 High School Gardeners Essay Award 2017-2018**



Theme: “Community Gardens -A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger”

NGC YOUTH AWARD #76

The **High School Distinguished Service Project Award** along with \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place may be awarded to a high school student, grade 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, etc. A single member club, group of member clubs, districts or a state garden club must sponsor the contest.

Mail to: Karen Hendrix, GCG High School Essay Contest & High School Gardeners Awards Chairman

4008 London Lane., Tifton, Georgia 31793 229-848-5463

hhendrix1@mchsi.com

Observe Your State Deadline.



Meet your State GCG 2017-2019 **YOUTH TEAM**

**We are ready to assist you with many Youth Gardening Experiences!
Contact State and District Youth Team Chairmen for help with youth awards, contests and clubs.**

Planting Knowledge Grows Georgia's Legacy!

For all the details visit <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/youth.html>

Linda Cobb, GCG Youth Clubs Chairman; W&WE Camp Counselor
P.O. Box 1048 Social Circle 30025 770-784-6634 cell: 678-910-8832
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2017 -2018 NGC HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

Theme: "Community Gardens -A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger"

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Susan Turner, GCG Youth Coordinator & W&WE Co-Chairman
3380 Glencree, NW Conyers 30012 770-922-4411 cell: 404-502-8147
glencree@bellsouth.net

Arboreta, Botanic and Memorial Gardens



Ruthellen Anderson
Laurel District Manager

Please encourage your club members to support the Arboreta, Botanical and Memorial Gardens. Gifts in honor and memorials are encouraged. Please send name and address of person being honored or memorialized and name and address of family or person to receive acknowledgement card.

If you desire an individual or club membership to the State Botanical Garden, please go to GCG's website <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/> look up state chairmanships in the new GCG Guide then Arboreta, Botanic and Memorial Gardens for the difference memberships that you or your club might consider. This site also has instructions of where to send your check for membership.

For your club to receive a certificate for this donation of \$10.00 or more, GCG much receive it by March 1, 2018.

Thank you for supporting our gardens.

Club _____ Club # _____ District _____

President _____ Phone _____

Treasurer: _____ Phone _____ Check # _____

Donations to the following GCG programs may be sent to the State Treasurer.

Make check payable to Garden Club of Georgia and mail to:

Brenda Griner, GCG Treasurer
244 Satilla Drive, Brunswick, GA 31523

Donation Amount \$ _____

\$ _____ State Botanical Garden in Athens

\$ _____ State Botanical Children's Garden in Athens

\$ _____ for the Atlanta Botanical Gardens

\$ _____ for Other Garden – List _____

Laurel Letters Procedure for Article Submission

Please send your club articles for edit to:

Scheelah Schreiber, Laurel Letters Text Editor
mingjoysch@gmail.com
Cell 703-599-4512

After the Text Editor has reviewed your submissions, they will be forwarded for publication to:

Susan Stephens, Laurel Letters Editor
sstep47151@aol.com
770-547-4026

*A note from your Laurel Letters Editor,
Kudos to all clubs that submitted articles. Keep up the good
work. It is very exciting to see what garden club members are
doing in the Laurel District. Working together works!*

Susan Stephens



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