



Laurel Letters

Spring 2018
Laurel District Newsletter

Plant Gardens with New Horizons: Working Together Works



Director's Dialog

"Plant Gardens with New Horizons" has really stuck with Laurel District Clubs. Thank you to each of our clubs for all they have done and continue to do. As I received and read the President's Reports from across the District, a sense of pride filled my heart as it was made known that clubs in Laurel District have many and diverse projects. Many clubs will receive an Award of Excellence and other awards for their efforts throughout the year. As one of our gifts to The Garden Club of Georgia, Laurel District presidents and clubs will soon be planting natives in their community to celebrate The Garden Club of Georgia's 90th birthday. It is requested that each club in Laurel District choose and plant a native specimen in an area that citizens can enjoy. Place a sign that says the planting is in honor of the 90th Birthday of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. I realize that some clubs already have a native plant and/or native garden. This effort can certainly be used for GCG's Birthday.

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Lucky club members present at the annual meeting in Smyrna took blooming daffodils home with them and very shortly thereafter had the bulbs in the ground. Our Parks and Public Lands chairmen will be checking with all the clubs to make sure our district parks were indeed planted and, hopefully, during the spring, all the state parks in Laurel District and throughout Georgia will have yellow daffodil blooms gracing the parks' entrances or popping up in front of cabins or other locations chosen by the Park Directors. I have received word from a couple of clubs that the daffodils were not as healthy as we would have liked this year but next year is coming!

Your director and co-director have attended the Basic Design Course and we had an absolute blast! I was also able to attend the Flower School Judges School held in Birmingham, Alabama and a little bird has told the students that everyone passed Course I. Let's hope that little bird is correct.

March 18 – 21, 2018 are the dates for Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.'s Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. A report will follow the happenings in Memphis. April 11 – 12, 2018, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. will have its Mini-Convention in Macon. At the convention we will celebrate the 90th birthday of GCG as well as draw for \$1000, \$500, and \$250 prizes in the Raffle for Ways and Means. Remember this is the only fundraiser planned for GCG. If you have never attended a GCG Convention, I hope you will consider going to Macon.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. will hold their Convention this year on May 24 – 27 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At NGC convention we always have opportunities to meet new friends from across the nation.

June and summer will be upon us before we know it. I, for one, am ready for spring temperatures and blooming plants. Don't forget about projects, events, and activities during the summer. Laurel District will continue to "Plant Gardens with New Horizons" as we work to represent The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. in our communities. Our clubs have a great time doing things together and supporting all activities because "Working Together Works."

John

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NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Summer Issue

Deadline - May 15

Emailed - June 1

Fall Issue

Deadline - August 25

Emailed - September 15

Winter Issue

Deadline - November 25

Emailed - December 15

Spring Issue

Deadline - February 28

Emailed - March 15

Effective December 1, 2017

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Please send your club articles for
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GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA CASH RAFFLE

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. will have a
Cash Raffle this year (2017-2018) as a fund
raiser.

**Merchandising will no longer be the fund
raiser for GCG. Garden club members from
each district are encouraged to participate
and support this new fund raising effort.**

Each District has been given 350 tickets to
sell. As an incentive to sell all of their
allotted tickets, a \$250 bonus will be given
to each district that sells their 350 tickets.
Additional tickets are available.

*Both garden club members and non-
members may participate in the raffle
and you do not have to be present at the
drawing to win.*

Cost of Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20
Cash Prizes to be given at the 2018
Convention.

\$1000 first prize
\$ 500 second prize
\$ 250 third prize



Forsyth County Master Gardener Plant Sale and Garden Event

Friday, April 13, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 14, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Barn @ Cumming Fairgrounds
235 Castleberry Road
Cumming, GA 30040

Over 40 vendors will offer a wide range of plants and other garden products suited for this climate. Hard-to-find native plants, annuals, shrubs, veggies, herbs, soil amendments, birdhouses, hand-crafted artisan wares, gourmet food items, fountains, pottery, garden décor, and more.

Master Gardener Extension Volunteers will be on hand to assist you with plant selection and provide gardening advice and clinics.

Call 770-887- 2418
or visit us at <http://UGAmsg.org>
for more information.

Amicalola Garden Club

Amicalola Garden Club celebrated its 83rd birthday on March 15, 2018 at a luncheon at the Last Catch in Jasper, Georgia. After a delicious seafood lunch, members were inspired by a wonderful presentation by President Jane Griffeth. She gave an informative and very inclusive program on the history of the Old Tate Cemetery and the history of the Amicalola Garden Club.

The Old Tate Cemetery was established 178 years ago for the local residents of Tate. The Amicalola Garden Club has been the caretaker of the cemetery since 1934. The first president was Mrs. Bessie Tate, and the club was named by Mrs. Ben Gilleland Amicalola which means tumbling waters. The delightful program delivered by our president was of great interest to both new and old club members.

Mrs. Linda Allred gave the horticulture tip on butterflies. She provided information from the pupa stage through the adult butterfly. Along with the presentation she gave handouts on the different species of butterflies and milkweed seeds for planting. Milkweed is a perennial and a favorite food source for butterflies; all members were inspired to attract butterflies into their gardens.

To help in expanding the Tate Elementary library, the club delivered 10 new Dr. Seuss books. The club agreed to donate \$90.00 to the Garden Club of Georgia in honor of their 90th birthday.

Mrs. Barbara Walters and members met with Ms. Michelle Stanglin at Tate Elementary to start a garden project with students. The members plan to provide plants, tools, and instruction to help the children start rose garden at the school.

Entries have been submitted to the State Garden Club for the Wildflower Contest. The entries were beautiful wildflowers photographed in members' gardens. To aid the Tate Community Association, the club approved cleaning the carpets at the Tate Community Room. Our club will be celebrating discussed to honor Garden Week.

Photos: President Gritteth & Vice President Andrews enjoying birthday cake.

Linda Allred displaying a butterfly house that will be donated to Tate School Garden.

Submitted by Fran Cathey, Publicity
Amicalola Garden Club



Sope Creek Garden Club
Plant Sale

Friday, May 4, 11 am - 6 pm

**Eastside Baptist Church
(next to the playground)
2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta
(Rain or Shine)**



- Native plants and shrubs from members' gardens: Ferns, ground covers, hostas, hydrangeas, viburnums, irises, day lilies, elephant ears, flowering perennials, vines, hellebores, grasses, foam flowers, and many more.
- Decorative garden items, interesting containers, plant stands, and bird houses.
- Plants are priced below retail. Bring your garden wagon and walk away with fabulous bargains!!

Club members will be on hand to answer questions.

Website: www.frogsncats.com/html/sopecreek-gc/scgc.htm



Saturday, May 5, 2018

3rd Annual "Spring Garden Extravaganza"



Sponsored by the

Soque Garden Club

at the

White County Agri-Science Center

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Cleveland, Georgia

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Plant & Garden Sale

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Land Trust/Marshall Forest

Caroline Alford
Winter Board Report
February 20, 2018

Marshall Forest has been a busy place this fall. In late October the Robert Weed Memorial Walk attracted a record number of visitors. The walk was publicized and an article was written about the forest in the Rome News Tribune, and the walk was sponsored by the Rome Floyd Keep America Beautiful; The Rome Tree Board; the Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.; and the Garden Club of Georgia Marshall Forest Committee. The representative of the Nature Conservancy in North Georgia, Katie Owens, spoke about the future of the forest and the progress that has been made in restoring and opening trails. Caroline Alford led attendees on a tour of the Big Pine Braille Trail.

Here are the highlights:

The Flower Glen Trail is open for the first time since 1993, when it was closed due to a major storm in March of that year.

A new loop trail which highlights the grove of Long Leaf Pines at the top of Mount Alto has been constructed at the top of the Dorsey Trail.

The Fire Crew from the Nature Conservancy removed invasive species throughout the forest.

The City of Rome Public Works Department hauled off several loads of debris that posed a fire hazard.

Mark Weed began the process of restoring the entrance gates by removing the old cement foundations and pressure washing the Marshall Forest sign.

The parking lot has been cleaned up, leveled, and the old cross ties removed.

Dr. Susan Monteleone, from the Biology Department of Shorter College, studied the effects of fire on several study plots in the forest. Side by side plots were compared with one being burned and the other left as is.

Deed of Gratitude certificates will be presented to contributors of \$25 or more to Marshall Forest at the April Convention.

Garden Week in Georgia

Governor Nathan Deal signed a proclamation establishing the third week of April as Garden Week in Georgia. Please promote this event in the community.

Take flowers to nursing homes or local libraries. Be a docent at a garden tour, hold an art workshop, involve school children in planting a garden.

These are a few ideas to promote garden week. Be sure to take photos of all your activities!

Elaine Clark Smith, Chairman
Garden Week in Georgia



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9 AM to 5 PM.**

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Entrance Gate Closes at 4 PM

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Wednesday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.**

SEVEN HILLS GARDEN CLUB

by S. Schreiber

In January Seven Hills began the new year with a delicious lunch at *The Season Events*. Making it even more special, members took part in the lunch preparation. Fresh dill flavored the chicken salad wraps, chopped leeks and potatoes provided a tasty soup, and fresh fruit brightened the creme anglaise. An appetizer, colorful salad, and decorative table arrangements using sliced lemons, brussel sprouts, and other items from the garden completed our delightful luncheon.

In preparation for spring, Keith Mickler was our guest speaker in **February**. The topic? Pruning - when and how. "If it blooms in the spring, prune before June. If it blooms in the summer prune in late winter." Plants that put forth flowers in the spring - camellias, azaleas, etc. - bloom on old wood and can be shaped and trimmed when the flowers wane. Be careful not to prune summer blooming flora until around February.

March - Get ready to add a Beautiful Wood Fern to your garden or enjoy a delicate Maidenhair Fern in your home. The selection is endless as there are 75 varieties of perennial ferns from which to choose - some growing as tall as 60 inches. Eleanor Craig of Fern Ridge Farms brought several types of ferns and attempted to educate us on their varied qualities - curly, dense, colorful, heat tolerant, spreading, upright, deciduous, evergreen - ferns suitable for any location or climate. Eleanor's enthusiasm was catching and many of us went home with one or more new plants.

Three specimens - Beautiful Wood, Maidenhair, and Upside Down Ferns



The Magnolia Garden Club
2018 Pond and Garden Tour

Saturday, May 12 ~ 9 am - 4 pm

Ticket Information

Pre-Sale \$15

available at:

- Sam Franklin's Furniture
- Periwinkles
- Nola's Bakery
- Glitzy Chiks
- The Cutting Crew Salon

Day of Event \$20

available at:

Pond & Garden sites

Tour Information

Call Susan

770-547-4026

Face book

**Pond & Garden Tour -
Cartersville, GA**

Email

**Magnolia.Garden.Club.
Events@gmail.com**

Tour Sites – Cartersville

124 Woodcrest Drive, SW

21 Granger Drive

299 Briar Patch Lane -

(Deerfield Subdivision)

18 Statford Lane -

(Wellington Subdivision)

219 Bates Road

The Magnolia Garden Club is a 501(c)3 organization
Proceeds fund Horticulture Scholarships and Junior Garden Clubs at
local schools.



*Every
one
loves
a
Garden*

*Beautiful
private
Ponds & Gardens
will be open
for tours.*

Clarksville Garden Club



Clarksville Garden club added four new members at the January meeting! Pictured are two of the new members, Jim Hedge and Lisa McDonald. Not pictured are Charles' Statler and Sandra White.

Clarksville Garden Club of Laurel District planted 100 King Alfred daffodils at Moccasin Creek State Park. Those pictured are from left to right, Dottie Wonders, President, Lalia Hester, Diana Hollingsworth, Jo Ellen Berg, Wanslie Poole, & Lee Boutwell. Pictured in the rear is non-member, Martin.



BLAIRSVILLE GARDEN CLUB
PRESENTS

BACKYARD BLOOMERS

33rd annual

LANDSCAPE SEMINAR

Friday April 27, 2018 9 AM to 3 PM

Haralson Civic Center 165 Welborn St. Blairsville, GA

In cooperation with GA Mountain Research & Education
Center and Union County Extension Service

Carrie Radcliffe, Atlanta Botanical Gardens
"Safeguarding Rare Species"

Megan Moss, "Proven Winners" East Coast Representative
Highlights for 2018; New varieties, annuals,
perennials and woodies available this Spring

Keith Mickler, ANR Agent, Floyd Co. GA
"The beauty of Bulbs"

REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 20, 2018

----- clip here -----

Registration \$25 includes Educational Program, Snacks & Lunch

Name ----- e-mail -----

Address ----- City ----- zip -----

Choice of sandwich Ham ___ Turkey ___

Checks payable to Blairsville Garden Club, PO Box 965, Blairsville, GA 30514

Questions or information dablab965@gmail.com

Recipes from the Laurel District Board Meeting in Smyrna

Many of the ladies attending the Smyrna meeting asked for the recipes served at the delightful luncheon. ENJOY!

NYT Cooking: Lemony Carrot and Cauliflower Soup

https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1015360-lemony-carrot-and-cauliflower-soup?utm_source=sharetools&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website

NYT Cooking: Herbed Garlic Bread

https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1018946-herbed-garlic-bread?utm_source=sharetools&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website



Bring one for the Chipper Minestrone, adapted from the Food Network, Ellie Krieger

Ingredients

2 tablespoons [extra-virgin olive oil](#)
1 medium onion, diced
½ leek, chopped
4 [cloves garlic](#), minced
2 stalks celery, diced
1 large carrot, diced
1/3 pound green beans, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 1 1/2 cups)
1 zucchini, diced
½ to 1 bunch kale, washed, sliced lengthwise then sliced into thin ribbons)
(1 teaspoon dried oregano, did not use)
(1 teaspoon dried basil, did not use)
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
1 28 -ounce can no-salt-added diced tomatoes
1 14 -ounce can crushed tomatoes
6 cups low-sodium chicken broth (I used water to make it vegetarian, chicken broth would make it better)
Parmesan cheese rind, if you have one in your freezer, just adds flavor
1 15 -ounce can low-sodium great northern beans, drained and rinsed (or 1/2 lb. dried, cooked beans)
1 cup cooked pasta (ditalini), optional
1/3 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese (I used Locatelli brand [pecorino](#) instead)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

Directions

Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the onion and leeks and cook until translucent, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 30 seconds. Add the [celery](#) and carrot and cook until they begin to soften, about 5 minutes. Stir in the [green beans](#), dried [oregano](#) and basil, 3/4 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste; cook 3 more minutes.

Add the diced and crushed [tomatoes](#), zucchini, kale, Parmesan rind, and the [chicken broth](#) (or water) to the pot and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in the [great northern beans](#) and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Season with salt. Fish out the Parmesan rind and discard. Ladle into bowls and top with the parmesan and chopped basil (I added the fresh basil to the soup after it was cooked).

Per serving (2 cups): Calories 260; Fat 8 g (Saturated 2 g); Cholesterol 5 mg; Sodium 560 mg; Carbohydrate 37 g; Fiber 10 g; Protein 15 g

Original Recipe courtesy Ellie Krieger for Food Network Magazine

Magnolia Garden Club



Magnolia Garden Club and **Hoe n' Euharlee** members attending the Historic Taylor-Brawner House in Smyrna, Georgia for the Laurel District Board of Directors meeting on February 20.

Left to right are Susan Stephens, Corresponding Secretary, Marie Purser, Co-Director, Sue Tucker, Blue Star Memorial chair and JoAnn Dorsey, Recycling chair.

The Magnolia Garden Club members enjoyed a beautiful Valentine Luncheon at Grand Oaks on February 9.

Honorary member, Mary Lou Wilson was presented a token of appreciation for her faithful service from 1990-2018 by Sue Tucker, Secretary.



Kelly Eubanks, Events Specialist at Chattahoochee Tech College was the guest speaker at the Magnolia Garden Club at the January meeting.



Pictured are Susan Stephens, Kelly Eubanks, Guest Speaker, Mickey Carlton, new member, and Sandra McMillian, Program Chairman.

Jonquil Garden Club

On October 17, 2017 several Jonquil Garden Club members attended the Retirement Party at historic Brawner Hall for *Keep Smyrna Beautiful* Director Ann Kirk . Ann has graced the Jonquil Garden Club with her membership and KSB with her leadership. She labored to raise public awareness, encourage community involvement, and volunteer participation to Keep Smyrna Beautiful. Ann has been a high achiever who, for decades, has gotten the job done promoting beautification, conservation, and education.

Ann instituted programs to prevent littering by culturing fellowship and responsibility, providing receptacles during community events, and facilitating citywide recycling and composting. When given responsibilities under Ann's capable direction, Smyrna's citizens enjoyed a sense of accomplishment . For twenty-three years, Ann Kirk's leadership exemplified that working together works! The Mayor of Smyrna, Max Bacon, praised Ann for her accomplishments and Jonquil Garden Club presented her with a sonnet written by D.J. Chakraborty (c'est moi).

Sonnet to Ann Kirk

Retirement is a milestone

An important accomplishment of your own

Nurturing how our city has grown.

You advanced the Jonquil City to new height

Your labors mending many a plight

When seeing a wrong, you made it right.

For your wisdom, talent, and heart so true

Smyrna shines brightly; the skies are blue

An epoch of life starts anew.

This era opens a brand-new door:

Life's journey has so much in store,

Yielding love and happiness forevermore.

We are honored to help you celebrate,

May life's next venture be just as great!



Sincerely,
The Jonquil Garden Club
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Written by D.J. Chakrabort



Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden Club Euharlee, GA "Plant Euharlee"

December Lunch at Barnsley Garden's Woodlands Grill

Our 2017 Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden Club Christmas celebration was held at Woodlands Grill in Barnsley Gardens Resort. Coordinating hostesses were Janet Martin and Betty Jane Tilley. Their choice of Woodlands Grill was perfect for Christmas as it is reminiscent of an English hunting lodge, and the outstanding food served in this festive environment made for an extra-special luncheon with friends. For our annual Christmas charitable donation each member brought two children's books or a stuffed animal.



January Lecture - Top 10 Tree & Landscape Mistakes

The January meeting was a delight. Co-hosted by new members Jan Shepherd and Vicki Barnes, a wonderful meal of soup, sandwiches, and dessert was served. Paul Pugliese, the UGA Extension Agricultural Agent was our speaker. He was both knowledgeable and funny with his "Top 10..." presentation. We learned a great deal including the exciting news that Bradford Pear trees self-destruct after 20 years – woo-hoo!



A Very Busy February

Cookie Exchange and Valentine Card Contest

February's monthly meeting was held on the 12th and co-hosted by Deb Hearn and Dot Brett. Following a delicious dinner of appetizers, soup, sandwiches and desserts our annual February cookie exchange was held while voting for a favorite handmade Valentine Card. There were so many beautiful cards it was hard to choose, but the card contest winner was Linda Craft.



Clean-up Day at Emmie Nelson Library

Clean-up Day was February 16th at the Emmie Nelson Library in Euharlee. Pictured are attending members Marie Purser, Dianne Myers, Dot Brett, Linda Craft and Cynthia Reed. The Library contains two gardens which HEGC maintains: The Memory Rose Garden and the Library Garden Spot. Betty Jane and Joe Tilley came later to pick-up the remaining clippings



Laurel District Winter Board Meeting

Members Marie Purser, Laurel District Co Director and Ken Morris, Laurel District "Ronald McDonald," attended the Laurel District Winter Board Meeting held on February 20th at the historic Taylor - Brawner Home in Smyrna.



Educational seminar on Georgia's Historic Gardens

On February 22nd, member Marie Purser attended an educational seminar on Georgia's Historic Gardens which was hosted by the Rome Federated Garden Clubs to promote the new book, Seeking Eden, which is to be published in April.

Arbor Day

Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden Club sponsored the 2018 Arbor Day Celebration in Euharlee on February 23rd. President Betty Jane Tilley read the City of Euharlee Proclamation which was signed by Mayor Steve Worthington at the City Council Meeting on February 20th. First Vice-President Sue Cox read a history of Arbor Day's origins followed by a thought-provoking poem. Coffee, hot chocolate, water and Girl Scout cookies served as refreshments. Following the inside ceremonies, we observed the tree planting at the Euharlee Welcome Center and History Museum's Community Garden. The tree, a Purple Rose Locust, was donated by Willis Orchards of Euharlee.



City Hall Proclamation signing (L-R): Members Jan Shepherd and Linda Craft, Mayor Steve Worthington, HEGC President Betty Jane Tilley.



Tree Planting at Euharlee Welcome Center and History Museum. Attending HEGC members: Nancy Rewitzer, Dianne Myers, Marie Purser, Sue Cox, Janet Martin, Dot Brett, Linda Craft, Betty Jane Tilley.



Magnolia Holiday Market

"Winter Wonderland"



Save
the
Date

Sponsored by the

Magnolia Garden Club

Saturday, November 10 9:00 am – 4 pm

Olin Tatum Building – Stiles Auditorium

(Behind Cartersville Library)

320 West Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville, Georgia

Venues

Main Area

Santa's Shoppe

The Bakery

Tree Sale

Mail Box Sprays

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Special Finds

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Complementary Bistro

Contact: Dee Anne Wyse

770-262-0938 or dawyse@bellsouth.net



Below are links to upcoming **UGA Extension education programs.**
Cartersville, Georgia

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—just call or email to let us know you're coming!

For more information about each program, click the links below to view a detailed program flyer.

["Cooking with Herbs" in Cartersville: April 14th @ 10:00am – 12:30pm | \\$10 materials fee](#)

Call 770-387-5142 to register. This session will be held in the demonstration kitchen at the Olin Tatum Agricultural Building.

["Patio & Container Gardening Clinic" in Cartersville: April 28th @ 8:00am – 12:00pm](#)

Call 770-387-5142 to register. This **free** hands-on design workshop will be offered at the Lowe's garden center in Cartersville.

Regards,

Paul J. Pugliese, MPPPM

County Coordinator

Agricultural and Natural Resources Agent

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The End

