



Laurel Letters

Spring 2019

Laurel District Newsletter



Plant Gardens with New Horizons: Working Together Works

My Dear Laurels of Light!

As I sit in my study to ponder this Director's Dialog, I realize that there are so many things I would like to say; however, neither time nor space will allow that to take place. A great leader surrounds himself with a great group of people. If I have achieved nothing else, that is one thing that has come to fruition.

The backbone of the past two years consists of Marie Purser – my co-director (Thank you, Marie, for all the support you have given to me); Susan Roof – my recording secretary (Thank you, Susan, for the encouragement and kind words through the months extended to me); Susan Stephens – my corresponding secretary (Thank you, Susan, for your commitment to Laurel District and your excellent job as editor of Laurel Letters); Edna McClellan – my treasurer (Thank you, Edna, for going beyond the call of duty. The Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting in Dalton could not have fallen into place without your involvement and help. Thank you again for all you have done with and for this administration); Diane Harbin – my Chaplain (Thank you so much for your inspirational thoughts at each meeting); Ann Bridges – my Parliamentarian (Thank you, Ann, for keeping me on track during all our meetings and always reminding me of time limits); and Jackie Fulmer – my advisor (Thank you, Jackie, for your suggestions and guidance in ways that have helped me to do better. I hope I did that). These ladies were my executive committee and though I have said 'my' with each one, they are YOUR committee to carry out business when we are not in a Board Meeting or Laurel District Meeting. I encourage you to give these ladies a pat on the back and say 'thank you' when you see them.

Our Board of Directors have all done an exceptional job during the past two years. Neither time nor space will allow me to mention each one. Though your name is not mentioned in these thoughts, know that you are loved and appreciated by all of Laurel District. Ladies and gentlemen of Laurels of Light, I will close this portion of Spring Laurel Letters by saying once again that trying to put into words how I have felt during the past two years representing you across our state, Deep South, and National has been a true honor, privilege, and blessing. To be the first male District Director not only in Laurel District but in Garden Clubs of Georgia, has certainly been a highlight of my life. *Plant Gardens with New Horizons* is evident in the Presidents Reports I have received so far, and it is exciting to see so many projects taking shape with our clubs. *Working Together Works* – I encourage you to continue working with each other as we strive to make Laurel District not only the largest District by counties but by membership as well. Marie and I have visited several clubs, many events, and have traveled miles away from home. We have noticed that our clubs are made up of older ladies and gentlemen. We must begin now to invite folks that may be younger and more able than some of us; we need to look to the future of garden clubs.

I hope that all of you are anticipating a great Spring, and, if possible, please mark your calendar and join us in Jekyll Island for Deep South Garden Clubs Convention. Deadline is February 15th. Garden Club of Georgia Convention will be held in Columbus and National Convention will be

held in Biloxi, MS. We look forward to seeing you at these Conventions; let's show others that *Working Together Works*.

May God Bless You and may God Bless Laurel District.

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District Director

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Watkinsville Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

May 4, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

35 N Main Street in downtown Watkinsville

The sale will feature 15 different varieties of hydrangeas grown in collaboration with **Dr. Michael Dirr**. Over 200 hydrangeas will be on sale as well as many herbs, perennials, vegetables and other plants and shrubs.

www.watkinsvillegardenclub.org

The garden club sale will be held in conjunction with the Oconee Resource Council's Garden Tour. The home garden of Michael and Bonnie Dirr will be one of the featured gardens. More information on the garden tour can be found at www.oconeeconnection.org.



Marietta Garden Club

On Thursday, October 4, 2018 The Flower Garden Club of Marietta celebrated its 90th anniversary at the home of Cathy Sewell in The Overlook at the Marietta Country Club. Refreshments included a lavish assortment of hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, and savories in addition to a cake decorated with mauve flowers and greenery and the Flower Garden Club of Marietta's 90th birthday logo. A delicious strawberry punch and cocktails were the order of the day. Each guest table was set with lovely china, crystal, and a floral arrangement; the chairs were decorated with fabric and flowers; and larger floral arrangements were placed throughout the home. The house was overflowing with garden club members enjoying and celebrating this wonderful occasion of the club's 90th Anniversary.

Judy Bodnar, President of the Flower Garden Club of Marietta, recognized several long time, hard working members of the club and thanked them for their service over the years. As a special thank you for organizing and hosting the tea, Cathy Sewell was presented with two large crystal lotus candle holders. At the end of our celebration, we were treated to Cathy's playing the piano for us. She is a concert pianist and piano teacher and she provided the perfect end to our special event.

As part of our program, Judy shared a short history of the club telling us that it was organized in 1928 by twenty women from Marietta; dues then were set at \$2.00 for each member. To date forty five members have served as presidents, there are thirty-five club members at present, and the club has helped start several other garden clubs - Anne Hathaway, Cherokee Rose, Four Seasons, as well as several others. Members promote the love of gardening, native trees, wild flowers, birds, and butterflies, and encourage civic planting and civic beauty.

Environmental, educational, and charitable efforts are also supported by various means such as monetary donations, scholarships, and work by the club members. Though several Garden Clubs were established before the advent of the Garden Club of Georgia we are proud to share a 90th anniversary with GCG and be one of the oldest clubs in Georgia.

The Flower Garden Club of Marietta holds a fund raiser once a year in April. Along with a bake sale featuring all items made from scratch by members of the club, it has typically presented a flower show with different topics of interest plus a well known speaker from the area. Money from the fund raiser has gone to many projects - Blue Star Markers, the Smith Gilbert Garden, the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Cherokee Garden Library, Historic Preservation, and National Disaster Support just to name a few. Approximately \$2000.00 was given to restore a brick wall by a garden area, \$1000.00 to restore an 1850's chandelier and buy a new area rug, the donation of iris for a new iris bed, and \$500.00 toward the renovation of a new kitchen all for the Marietta Educational Garden Center on Kennesaw Avenue here in Marietta. Green Meadows Preserve Park in West Cobb has been of special interest to the club and we have been involved there for over four years. We have donated a Dogwood Tree to help feed the Blue Birds, two bird baths, two butterfly houses, and one Blue Bird house. Many other projects too numerous to name have been funded or helped by the club.

A group picture of The members of The Flower Garden Club of Marietta follows along with other pictures of their 90th Birthday Tea.



Marietta Garden Club



Members of The Flower Garden Club of Marietta, First Row, Left to Right: Marsha Edwards, Jean Hartley-Corresponding Secretary, Penny Ludwig, Georgianne Nestor, Linda Bozak-Assistant Treasurer, Annie Bottema-Treasurer, Judy Bodnar-President, Jo Robertson, Linda Pou, Bettie Sander, Charleen Race, and Diana Waldrop. Second Row, Left to Right: Barbara George-Parliamentarian, Joyce Robertson, Kay Hamilton-Recording Secretary, Carmen Mendoza, Penny Quinton, Cathy Sewell, Barbara Gaines, Carleen Tutwiler, Madeline Joy, Erin Etheridge, and Dianne Jones.



BALL GROUND GARDEN CLUB LOOKS TO THE PAST AT FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR

When ushering in a new year people usually focus on the future; but, at their first meeting of 2019 held on 8 January, the Ball Ground (Anetsa-Ga-Da) Garden Club turned their eyes to the past. We were treated to a program presented by Dr. Joseph H. Kitchens, one of the newest members of the garden club. Dr. Kitchens is a well-known area historian who, for 18 years, was the director of the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt University until his retirement a year ago.

The program centered on the Hickory Log excavations that took place prior to the construction of the Canton Super Walmart where Hickory Log Creek flows into the Etowah River. Dr. Kitchens noted that it was well known that the area had been the location of a Cherokee Indian village, and an engineering firm was contracted to do excavations before the construction of the store began. Thousands of artifacts, actual Cherokee relics, were unearthed. Though many of them appeared to be of European origin, they were possessions of the Cherokee. The reason was that during the time the Cherokee inhabited the settlement, they were involved in extensive trade with European settlers.

Dr. Kitchens also explained some other details. It was believed that the Cherokee originally inhabited North Georgia, but it was instead the Creek, as the Cherokee only settled in the area around 1790 after the Revolutionary War when they fled from the upper regions of the Savannah River in upstate South Carolina. Additional information was given about the series of events, the locations, and the time frame of the Cherokee' and Creeks' settlements. Dr. Kitchens was instrumental in the establishment of Funk Heritage Center museum where many of the relics from Hickory Log excavations are now displayed.

Dr. Kitchens is a graduate of College Park High School and West Georgia State University. He earned his PH.D. degree in American History from the University of Georgia. Among many other prior accolades, in 2010 he was named "Professional of the Year" by the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries. He is a writer and the author of two books on Georgia history - ***Quail Plantations of South Georgia and North Florida*** and ***Generations: The Story of Albany***. He is a frequent speaker to civic, historical and heritage organizations. Our club was honored to hear Dr. Kitchens' very descriptive presentation about the history of the area in which we live.

Submitted by Evelyn Foster, Publicity Chairman
Contributing writer, Larry Cavendar, club member



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Crossover Day Legislative Report

This is a brief update of the status of bills which made it across the Capitol rotunda on March 7, 2019 on the 28th Day of the current Georgia General Assembly. There are only 12 days left before Sine Die, April 2, 2019.

The following were bills being tracked by the Legislative Team of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. If you have an interest in a particular bill, please go to the website of the Georgia General Assembly and follow the bill through these last days of the legislative process. Please send questions and/or comments to Legislative and Governmental Affairs Chairman Tally Sweat at tallys@bellsouth.net.

Here are the bills which passed from the Georgia House of Representatives and sent the Georgia State Senate:

HB 445 Amendment to Coastal Shoreline Protection Act. Amendment provides for rollbacks to the Act which was passed in 1979 with support of GCG. Sent to Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee.

HB 545 Places limits on “nuisance” suits for farmers whose activities may offend neighbors, i.e., smells, noise, other activities. Bill was introduced late and warrants further study. Passed and sent to Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

HB 223 Limits reporting of spills of pesticides, oil, and hazardous waste. Sent to Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee.

HB 458 Provides for containment of firefighting foam to protect water table. Sent to Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee.

HB 220 and HR 164 regarding Trust Funds allocation of fees both passed to the Senate and referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.

Also,

SB 182 Allows farming of oysters on Georgia coast placing limits on harvesting time and providing for a lottery system to determine location and eligibility. Sent to House Game, Fish and Parks Committee.

SB 79 An Outdoor Advertising bill passed out of the Senate on Capitol Conservation Day.

The Legislative team continues to monitor the bill as it moves to the house.

Please contact your legislators who are members of the committees listed above and share your thoughts with them regarding these bills. It really makes a difference when a constituent contacts a legislator. It is much more important for members to hear from a constituent than a lobbyist so call, write or email your legislator.

Also, there may be other environmental issues of interest to you that are not listed. If so, please bring them to the attention of your legislative team.

Magnolia Garden Club

Cartersville, GA

Jr. Magnolia Garden Club

Harvesting and eating veggies from their garden planted earlier in the year.



2019 Magnolia Garden Club Officers

Magnolia Garden Club, Laurel District 2019 Officers were installed at Grand Oaks on February 8th by Marie Purser.

Left to right: Vicki Jones, Parliamentarian; Mickey Carlton, Chaplain; Ms. Purser; Susan Stephens, Treasurer; Judy Borkowsky, Secretary; Kathleen Clark, 2nd Vice President; Ann Coultas, 1st Vice President and Sandra McMillian, President



Pond and Garden Tour

sponsored by the

Magnolia Garden Club
Cartersville, Georgia



Saturday May 18, 2019
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Everyone loves a garden...

Beautiful private Gardens and Ponds will be open for tour. Plein Air Artists, members of the Booth Artist Guild of the Booth Museum, will be at each site.

Sites will be posted soon.

For more information:

Facebook - **Magnolia Garden Club – Cartersville**

Email MagnoliaGC49@gmail.com

Call Vicki at 770-547-3228

The Creative Study Club

National Garden Clubs

Accredited Flower Show Judges

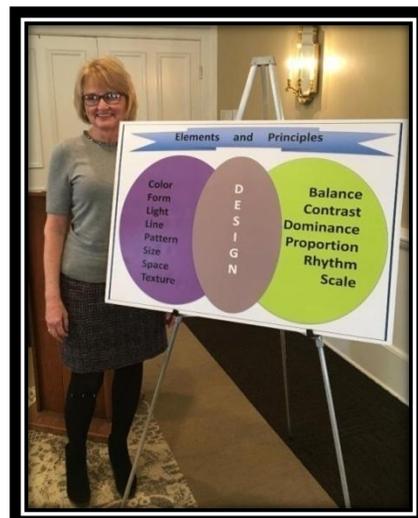


Installation of New Officers of the Creative Study Club are as follows.

Left to Right: Mellonie Tuttle, Corresponding Secretary, Beck Gross, Treasurer, Karin Guzy, Recording Secretary, Jo Ann Dorsey, First Vice President, and Edna McClellan, President. The meeting was held at the Marietta Educational Garden Center.

The Creative Study Club is a National Garden Clubs Accredited Flower Show Judges Club that was started in 1949. We have members from Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Anna Burns, immediate Past President installed the officers. The lovely installation was based on the Elements and Principles of Design.



2019 Bartow Lawn & Garden Seminars*

Location for Seminars:

Olin Tatum Agricultural Building, Stiles Auditorium
320 W. Cherokee Ave., Cartersville, GA 30120

April 2: **Tree Identification and Downtown Tree Walk** @ 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Bring your walking shoes! Learn the basics of leaf identification for our native trees.
Paul Pugliese, Bartow County Extension Coordinator

June 1: **Cooking with Herbs** @ 11:00am – 1:30pm | \$10 materials fee. | Class size limited to 15.
This session will be held in the demonstration kitchen at the Olin Tatum Ag Building.
Alexis Roberts, Family & Consumer Science Agent
Mary Willis, Master Gardener Extension Volunteer

August 6: **Troubleshooting Vegetable Garden Problems** @ 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Feel free to bring plant samples for troubleshooting vegetable problems during the seminar.
Paul Pugliese, Bartow County Extension Coordinator

Nov. 16: **Holiday Wreath Making Workshop** @ 9:00am - 11:00am | \$20 materials fee.
Holiday Wreath Making Workshop @ 1:00pm - 3:00pm | \$20 materials fee.
A hands-on workshop using live greenery to create your own holiday decorations!
Kate Posey and Susan Butler, Master Gardener Extension Volunteers | Class size limited to 15.

***Please call to pre-register for these seminars at 770-387-5142 or email: uge1015@uga.edu**

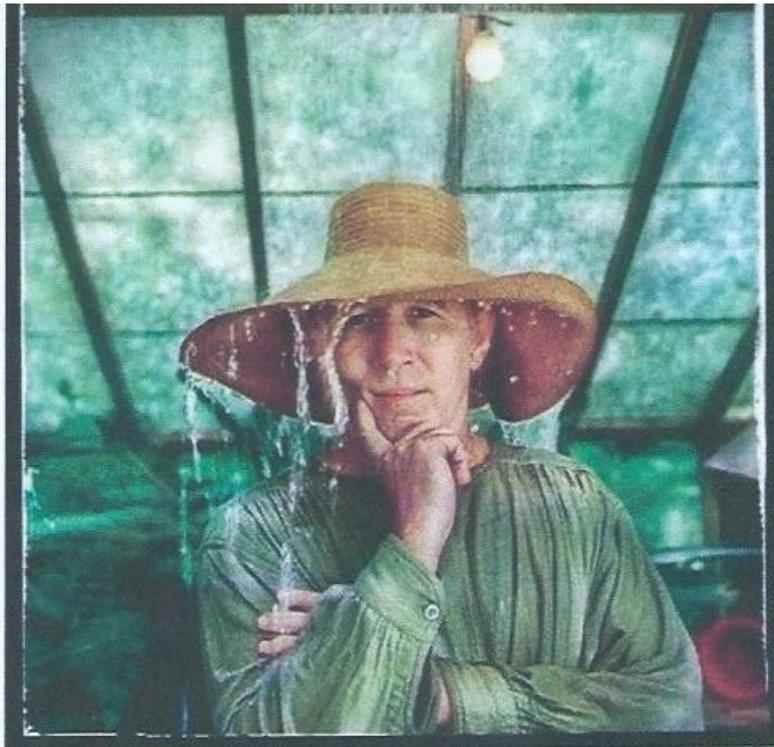
Above are our upcoming UGA Extension education programs. Please help us to spread the word and pass this information along to any friends, neighbors, or clients that might be interested. Pre-registration is required—just call or email to let us know you're coming! Feel free to bring a sack supper for evening programs.

Regards,

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CHEROKEE GARDEN LIBRARY EVENT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GEORGIA PERENNIAL PLANT ASSOCIATION

THE WELL-PLACED WEED: THE BOUNTIFUL LIFE OF RYAN GAINEY

A FILM BY STEVE BRANSFORD AND COOPER SANCHEZ

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2019
7:00PM
ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER

The Well-Placed Weed: The Bountiful Life of Ryan Gainey is a feature documentary about the life and work of renowned Atlanta gardener Ryan Gainey. One of the most celebrated American garden designers of the past three decades, Ryan was an exceptional gardener and garden designer, brilliant horticulturist, master showman, poet, visionary, and unapologetic original. Growing up in rural South Carolina, he developed a deep love of plants influenced by his relatives and neighbors. After coming to Atlanta in the '70s and opening three beloved garden shops, Ryan began to design gardens around the city and eventually around the world. He died in July 2016 in Lexington, Georgia.

Ryan has been the focus of numerous gardening television programs, but this film is the first project to examine the complexities of his life. As the film shows, he was a contradictory character, both off-putting and tender, self-absorbed and generous, artificial and authentic. Ryan Gainey was a lover of beauty, and his home garden in Decatur, Georgia was his masterpiece. It was, as he often said, a "garden of remembrance" where his old friends and family lived on in the overlapping blooms of heirloom plants.

Steve Bransford, a senior video producer at Emory University and a documentary filmmaker, and Cooper Sanchez, an artist and a gardener at Historic Oakland Cemetery, filmed Gainey between 2010 and 2016. With editing and post-production, *The Well-Placed Weed* is an eight-year journey, showing their deep passion for the project.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers. Movie refreshments provided. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for members, and free to AHC Insiders. Please call [404.814.4150](tel:404.814.4150) or reserve tickets online.

Land Trust/Marshall Forest

Caroline Alford
Winter Board Report
February 21, 2019

Marshall Forest has been a busy place this fall. A record number of visitors came to the *Robert Weed Memorial Walk* in late October. The walk was publicized and an article was written about the forest in the Rome News Tribune. The walk is 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. Joan Maloof, Executive director of the Old Growth Forest Network inducted the Marshall Forest into the network. Katie Owens from the Georgia Conservancy noted the number of volunteers who have worked in the forest including the Fire Crew, the Berry Freshmen, and the Weed Family. Many donations were made to the forest by the attendees.

Here are the highlights:

- The Fire Crew from the Nature Conservancy removed invasive species and fire hazards throughout the Marshall Forest.
- Berry College freshmen worked in the forest on their community workday removing invasive species around the trails.
- The City of Rome Public Works Department is working with Georgia Power to facilitate the installation of a streetlight across from the entrance to the forest parking lot. It is hoped that the light will discourage the use of the forest after dark when the forest is closed to visitors.
- Mark Weed has rebuilt the entrance gates to match the fencing of the meadow across the street and pressure washed the Marshall Forest sign at the entrance.
- Mr. Cescutti had to repair the damage done to the Marshall sculpture due to vandalism.
- The parking lot has been cleaned up, leveled, and the old cross ties removed. Some new cross ties have been installed, but others need to be purchased.
- An Eagle Scout project is in the works to replace the podiums and posts along the Braille Trail.
- New signs to replace damaged and missing signs will be ordered once the new podiums are installed.
- Placing additional gravel along the trails is planned once the new posts have been installed.

We have several things that need to be paid for including materials for the Eagle Scout project, streetlight installation, gravel *for* the trail, and additional cross ties. Your contributions help us keep the Marshall Forest in good condition for visitors.



Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail

2019 Spring Symposium and Native Plant Sale

Plains, Georgia

May 3, 2019

Erica Glasener -Keynote Speaker



Nationally recognized Author/Writer/Speaker

Senior Producer of *Growing a Greener World* - PBS and CREATE TV series and
TV Host/Producer of *A Gardener's Diary* - HGTV series

*You are invited to our 2019 Spring Symposium and native plant sale. Information
and registration forms are online at www.rosalynncarterbutterflytrail.org.*

Event sponsored by the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, Plains Chautauqua, Plains Historical
Preservation Trust, Lazy K Nursery and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

2019 Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail: Spring Symposium

Registration Form for May 3, 2019

Sponsored by: The Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, Plains Historical Preservation Trust, Plains Chautauqua, Lazy K Nursery and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If you are registered on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail (RCBT), please list the name of the garden and garden number by each person's name that is registering.

I would like to register _____ people for the symposium at \$30.00 per person. Late registration received after April 15 is \$35.00 per person. Seating is limited so please register early!

Please print names (first and last) of those attending for name tags plus RCBT garden name and garden number.

Name _____ RCBT # _____

To register, please complete this form and mail your check made payable to the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, P.O. Box 10, Plains, GA 31780.

Symposium details are online at www.rosalynncarterbutterflytrail.org. It will be at the Plains Community Center in Plains, Georgia. Snacks and brunch are included in the registration fee. For additional information contact Annette Wise 229-824-4567 or Willie Maxwell 229-938-5830.

8:30AM **Plant Sale and Silent Auction begin**

9:15AM **Welcome**

9:30AM **Erica Glasener**, Author/HGTV/CreateTV – *Designing Your Garden for Year Around Pleasure*

10:30AM **Announcements and Updates**

Break: Brunch, Silent Auction, Plant Sale

11:30 **Erica Glasener**, Author/HGTV/CreateTV – *Creating a Haven for Pollinators*

12:30 **Closing Remarks** – Silent Auction Winners Announced and Door Prizes

Seed Swap – Bring a packet of homegrown seeds and swap for one you want (label your seed packs!)

Silent Auction – Bid on items in the auction.

Book Sale and Signing – Erica Glasener

All profit made from the Silent Auction and Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail plants/items will go directly to establish additional habitat for pollinators or promote the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail.



The National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Flower Show Committee

Invites you to participate in an International Photography Competition Featuring the Natural Environment of the Americas

Entries accepted January 1 – April 1, 2019

“In Wildness Is the Preservation of the World” HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Class 1. Plant America – An image featuring native plants

Class 2. Scenic America – An image of a landscape and/or seascape

Class 3. Small World - A close-up or macro featuring native animals, insects and/or plants

Class 4. Web of Life – A monochrome featuring patterns in nature

Class 5. Weather Forecast – An image featuring weather

Class 6. Climate Change – Altered reality using creative camera techniques In-camera and/or by post/processing.

Submit entries on-line -

Login at <http://cgburke.com/ngc/>

Guidelines:

Contest is open exclusively to the members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and its affiliated organizations. Image must be the work of the exhibitor. There is no charge to enter the contest.

You may enter no more than 2 images into the contest. Please title your image. Where feasible, please identify plant material and describe your subject. In class 6, if feasible, describe your creative process. All the submissions will be juried. Scale of Points for judging photography is on page 131 of the NGC Handbook. The 24 highest scoring images will be displayed at the NGC National Convention in Biloxi, MS.

Image Preparation Guidelines:

Minimum resolution of 300 pixels per inch
Minimum file size 1.5 MB; Maximum file size 5MB (megabytes)

Definitions:

Altered Reality: the manipulation of photos to create a fictional or conceptual image expressing ideas or feelings in a non- traditional manner or style

Creative Techniques: image enhanced by using any techniques, adjustments or processes either in-camera or in post processing

Monochrome: an image in black & white and shades of gray, or sepia, or an image having a single hue with its related shades, tints and tones.



Agave shawii, Coastal Agave, in [Torrey State Nsture Reserve Pines CA](http://explorer.natureserve.org), is Globally imperiled. Only 2 known populations - 60 genetic individuals - remain in the wild in CA (<http://explorer.natureserve.org>)

For more information contact : arabellasd@aol.com



4th Annual

Spring Garden Extravaganza

A plant and garden sale featuring
Regional Nurseries and Garden Vendors

hosted by

Soque Garden Club

Saturday, May 4, 8 am – 4 pm

White County Agri-Science Center

Hwy 129 North at Claud Sims Road

Cleveland, Georgia

Free Admission

For more information contact:

Arlene Martin O'Neill 404-512-6857

amoflowers@gmail.com

*Proceeds from event help support Scholarships, Habitat for Humanity
and other Community projects.*



Seven Hills Garden Club

Clock Tower Garden Winter Update

It's official! Our labor at the Clock Tower Garden has resulted in this garden's now being part of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail. "The trail begins in Plains, Georgia and connects gardens across the United States, Canada, and Japan providing much needed habitat for butterflies."

We have been given this designation because we are providing food and shelter in the many host and nectar plants we've planted. Milkweeds, parsley, dill, baptisia and other host plants are necessary for laying the eggs. Asters, ironweed, phlox, goldenrod, fothergilla, yarrow, zinnias, agastache, anemone, basil, daisies, lilies, plus other brightly colored plants are sources of nectar food. Many of the plants we have in the garden also provide food and support for moths, bees and birds.

Thanks to Sheelah Schreiber for submitting the application listing the plants and providing a description of the Clock Tower Garden and its landmark status in Rome.

A plaque for the garden and a children's book, telling the story of a monarch's journey around Plains, have been ordered. Plans are to have the plaque installed prior to our April 10 Dedication.



Tiger Swallowtail



Gulf Frililary

MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT GARDENING

Amicalola Garden Club

After a wonderful lunch prepared by members and hosted by Linda Allred, Barbara Walters, and Fran Cathey, the club enjoyed presentations from Master Gardeners Charles Chenesy and Dee Boggus. Charlie Chenesy and Dee Boggus are president and vice-president of the Pickens County Master Garden Program.

Ms. Boggus gave the club an interesting presentation on what it took to become a Master Gardener and what the program does for Pickens County. Through various plant sales, Master Gardeners are instrumental in raising money to send 4-H students to camp, and the Master Gardeners offer community support in soil testing, assisting residents with landscape design, identification of plants and where best to place them.

Ms. Boggus explained different plant terminology - cultivars, hybrids, perennials, annuals, heirloom plants, herbaceous plants, native and naturalized plants, and what could be best planted in certain locations. She shared with the group the safe use of insecticides and how to protect our pollinators - butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

After our speakers, a business meeting was conducted by President Jane Griffeth. Fran Cathey gave a horticulture tip on how to grow great tomatoes. Dr. Seuss books were brought by members to be delivered to Tate Elementary School before March 2. To honor Arbor Day on February 21st, Fran Cathey made a \$20.00 donation to the Arbor Day Foundation to plant trees in the Rain Forest. Our 2018 scrapbook has been completed by the scrapbook committee and mailed to the Garden Club of Georgia for judging. Last year, our club won second place in the competition.

Our oldest member Jo Wood, who will be celebrating her 94th birthday, was able to attend the meeting, and we were all delighted to see her. President Griffeth furnished a copy of the Fall and Winter newsletter detailing club projects and achievements for this time period. Egg patterns and felt were given to our talented members to sew and decorate Easter Eggs to be sent to Central State Hospital. The meeting was adjourned with the Garden Club Prayer.

Fran Cathey



President Griffeth recognizing our oldest member, Ms. Jo Wood.



Ms. Dee Boggus, Master Gardener

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL, COURSE III & IV TO BE OFFERED IN ROME

The National Garden Clubs (NGC) offers as part of its mission, educational opportunities for members and non-members.

One of the courses offered is "Environmental Studies," a series of four two-day courses in environmental studies offered over a period of time.

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. is offering this series in collaboration with NGC, GCG, and The Laurel District. Dates and themes are as follows:

Course III - Air & Related Issues	March 20 - 21, 2019
Course IV - Water & Related Issues	May 15 - 16, 2019

All courses will be held at the ECO Center, 393 Riverside Pkwy NE, Rome, GA 30161. The cost of each two-day course is \$80. This registration fee covers speaker stipends, course materials, field trips, coffee breaks, and lunch. Participants who enroll in all four courses and take a short open book test for each section of each course, will also be eligible to become a NGC, Inc. Accredited Environmental Consultant. Specialists in their fields, the speakers are drawn from local schools and universities as well as from experienced professionals in specific areas of expertise.

Course III: The Living Earth - Air and Related Issues

Ecology-Air; Plants-The Rainforest; Environmental Ethics; Environmental Science-Pollution; Wildlife-Endangered Plants and Wildlife; Initiating School Programs; Earth Stewardship; Nature Discovery Field Trip.

Course IV: Water and Related Issues

Ecology; Plants-Aquatic Plants-Wetlands; Environmental-Science-Sustainability; Wildlife- Aquatic Animals; Youth Programs in Environmental Education; Supplemental Subject; Earth Stewardship-Effective Citizenship and Field Trip.

RFGC's first and second courses were each well attended by 32 participants from four states. Instructors were Ben Winkelman, Director of the ECO Center; Dr. Cathy Borer, Associate Professor of Biology and Coordinator of Environmental Sciences Program at Berry College; Dr. Brian Campbell, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Environmental Studies at Berry College; Keith Mickler, Floyd County Extension Coordinator and Agriculture Agent, UGA Cooperative Extension.

One additional instructor at this course will be Owen Kenney, Science Department Chair, Darlington School. He has been recognized with several teaching honors, including the Beachum, Awsumb, and Betts Master Teacher Awards. Kinney was also named Toyota International Teacher in 2006, and in 2010 he received a Fulbright Award to study Education for Sustainable Development in Japanese schools. We are delighted that we can offer Kinney's knowledge to the participants of our Environmental School.

Special recognition for the coordination of this program is extended to Jo Hernandez, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. She was assisted by Carrie Wilder, Joy Puckett, Judy Howerton, Caroline Alford, Stanley Boulee, Winnie Holland, and Dr. John Barnett representing The Laurel District. Many thanks to this dedicated group and the RFGC members who donated their time and various materials to the program, as well as preparing food for coffee breaks and lunches, a big hit with the attendees.

You'll find attached a registration form for Course III and IV. If you missed the first two courses, you may attend one or both of the remaining courses. Enrollment has begun; be sure to get your registration in before March 15.

REGISTRATION FORM
ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COURSE III ROME, GA.
March 20-21, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Garden Club: _____

\$80 Course fee

(includes all fees and breakfast foods, snacks and lunch 2 days)

Total Registration Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Rome Federated Garden Clubs**

Mail registration form and check to:
RFGC c/o Stanley Boulee, Treasurer
515 E. 9th St. Rome, GA 30161

Deadline March 15, 2019. Contact: Stanley Boulee at stanleyboulee@gmail.com

No Refund after March 15, 2019.

A 25% handling fee will be retained on all cancellations.

The third course of the current Environmental School –“ The Living Earth – Air and Related Issues” is being offered in Rome on March 20-21, 2019. See the attached brochure for course description, daily schedules, and Registration information.

Course IV – “The Living Earth – Water & Related Issues” will be offered May 15-16, 2019.

If you missed the first two courses, you can still take either or both of these courses now, as they do not have to be taken in any particular order. Then you can take Courses I and II elsewhere in the state at a later time.

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Thank you,
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