



Laurel Letters

Summer 2018
Laurel District Newsletter

Plant Gardens with New Horizons: Working Together Works

Director's Dialog



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My Dear Laurels of Light.

I can not believe that one whole year of this administration has come and gone! It seems like just a day or two ago daffodils were peeking their golden heads out of the ground and now temperatures are in the high 80's and low 90's. I love this time of year with all the bulbs and flowers - both annuals and perennials - and fresh green growth on trees and bushes. Don't you just love to see the little critters scurrying around in our yards? In early spring the daffodils were a bright success in the state parks of Laurel District. Now that our weather has warmed, let us not forget we can now get outside, play in the dirt, and tend to our gardens. With garden and home tours, plant sales, and other events that help support garden club projects, spring is a very busy time of year. Keep up the great job you are doing. All your efforts make me proud to be your Director and serve our clubs.

In March we attended the Deep South Garden Clubs' Convention in Memphis, Tenn. Next year the Convention will be held on Jekyll Island; I hope that everyone of you will try to attend. There will be an abundance of vendors in Jekyll especially since your Director and Co-Director are Vendor Chairmen. We will make sure to provide a variety of items to peruse and buy.

The 90th Birthday of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. was held at the State Convention in Macon. Molly Kimler, Azalea Director, and I 'danced the night away' (sort of). Molly was dressed in 1920's attire and I had my TUX from the 1930's. In May we were in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for National Garden Clubs' Convention. Biloxi, Mississippi (much closer to us) will be the sight of next year's National. Please consider attending. We always have an enjoyable time at conventions and meet other enthusiastic gardeners. Basic Design Course I was held in Marietta at Marietta Educational Garden Center. Marie and I plus other Laurels of Light took these classes each month from January to May. We are now hoping to get Basic Design II on the calendar in the near future. The upcoming Environmental School is to be held at the ECO Center in Rome. Remember, you do not have to take these classes in order. If you miss Class 1, you can pick it up sometime in the near future. The Environmental School is sure to be very educational and interesting. Exams are given immediately after the lecture is complete and allow the use of book/notes. Look for additional Environmental School information in this Laurel Letters.

Thank you for all you have done, are doing and will do. Another reminder - please continue collecting tabs and cans for Ronald McDonald. Unfortunately, Laurel District came in Second this year; Oleander District squeaked by us. This is a new year and Ken Morris, our Ronald McDonald chairman, has offered to travel anywhere in Laurel District to pick up tabs and cans. You don't have to pull the tabs now. Let's recycle the WHOLE can for Ronald!

Hosted by Mountain Ivy Garden Club, your Laurel District Board of Directors August Board Meeting will be held in Clayton, Georgia. Thank you to Mountain Ivy Garden Club and its members for welcoming us and making preparations for us. I can hardly wait to visit with this club again.

One last reminder - at least for now. Marie and I would be honored to visit with your club any time. We don't have to be "the program". We would just like to visit with you. Invite us and we will be there.

Blessings during the remainder of spring and the fast approaching heat of summer. Don your hat and your sun screen and play in the dirt. Have fun.

Hugs and Blessings always,

John



**First Annual Ball Ground
Garden Tour & Daylily Plant Sale**
Sponsored by the Ball Ground, Anetsa-Ga-Da, Garden Club

Ball Ground City Hall

[215 Valley Street](#) [Ball Ground, Georgia](#)

Saturday, June 9, 2018 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Informative Lectures:

11:00 - Butterflies

2:00 – Daylilies

Tickets: \$15.00 Local Garden Tours:

Ball Ground Botanical Gardens features:

Bog Garden Butterfly Gardens

Native Georgia Plants Garden, Herb Garden

Memorial Garden Heirloom Garden

Judy Dougherty Japanese Gardens Experience
exotic plants and shrubs from the Orient right here in Ball Ground!

Roberts Estate/Gardens: National Historic Registry member!

Walk along the marble walkways, enjoy
beautiful decades of established trees, plants and shrubs.

Endearing Family Pet Cemetery

Sally Fabian

Ball Ground's own full blown formal gardens!

Diane Smith

So MANY unique and beautiful trees, plants and shrubs!

For tickets contact any club member.



Georgia Museum of Art

90 Carlton Street, Athens, GA 30602 ` (706) 542-4662

MAY 19, 2018 - JULY 29, 2018

“Bloom Where You’re Planted: The Collection of Deen Day Sanders” features highlights from one of the most important Georgia-based collections of American art and includes furniture and porcelain as well as paintings by artists including Severin Roesen, Thomas Sully, Jasper Francis Cropsey, Thomas Moran, John G. Brown, John Singer Sargent, Winslow Homer, Mary Cassatt, Childe Hassam and Ernest Lawson. The exhibition represents a unique opportunity to see this exceptional collection from Bellmere, the home of Jim and Deen Day Sanders. The works date from the 19th through the early 20th century and represent the full range of interests within American art during that time. The furniture emphasizes neoclassical objects with restrained forms and attenuated lines from urban American style centers, including New York. It also makes an elegant counterpoint to porcelain from prominent American and European factories, including Tucker (Philadelphia) and Jacob Petit (Limoges and Paris). Mrs. Sanders has been a long-time supporter of the University of Georgia, in particular the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, and we are pleased to share her impeccable collection with the Athens community and beyond.



Georgia wins many Awards at NGC 2018 Convention. Details will be published soon for all of our Georgia Clubs. Georgia walked away with a stack of awards at NGC Convention tonight. It took three of us to get them back to the room. Proud of all our entries. Shown in the photo are: Awards Chairman Diane Harbin, GCG President Jane Hersey and Peggy Tucker



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		11-25	\$14.00
		26-49	\$17.00
		Sub-Total	\$
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Total Amount Enclosed			\$

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Hoe'n In Euharlee



Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden club celebrated the
State Garden Club's 90th Birthday.

Members enjoyed cake and refreshments. Hairpins were decorated with flowers for each person.

Magnolia Garden Club



Susan Stephens, Chattahoochee Tech Foundation board member with Jeri Holland, recipient of the Magnolia Garden Club scholarship.



Potted herbs along with books on herbs were used in our display for Garden week at the Cartersville Library. Two classes were presented at the library on growing and cooking with herbs.

Books were donated to Bartow County School Libraries.



The Magnolia Garden Club, Laurel District of Cartersville, is proud of their Junior Magnolia Garden Club of Hamilton Crossing Elementary School in Bartow County. Besides planting a vegetable garden and a flower garden in the school courtyard, students have been studying Solitary Bee Pollinators. The pollinators have been their focus this year along with planting and tending to the school gardens. Students also worked on bee houses and learned about types of solitary bees - i.e. carpenter, leafcutter, and mason bees - that might use them. Each member took home a bee house and two were placed in the school garden. Lynn Frye, Sandra Lulus and Kathleen Clark, master gardeners, former teachers and Magnolia Garden Club members, assist and teach this Junior Garden club.



Magnolia Garden Club

Cartersville



Merrill Holden and Jo Ann Dorsey working with ladies at the **Tranquility House** in the newly installed raised beds. Boy Scout Troup 15 assisted with the construction of the raised beds.

Kathleen Clark and Jo Ann Dorsey at **Cartersville Heights** demonstrating floral arranging to the sweet residents.





The Garden Club of Georgia
1928-2018



You are cordially invited to our
90th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 9th
1:30—3:30 pm
Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters
State Botanical Gardens, Athens

Join us for a Tour of our House, followed by
light refreshments and presentations.

RSVP prior to May 29th
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FEDERATION CLOCK TOWER PROJECT

By Jennifer Kearns, Seven Hills Co-President 2017 - 2019 and Sheelah Schreiber, Seven Hills President 2009-2011

During the 2017-2019 Garden Club term Seven Hills is responsible for the Rome Federated Garden Club Project. After evaluating several projects, we chose the Clock Tower Garden which was beautifully landscaped in 2015; but, due to neglect and lack of water, was overgrown with weeds. The project was the suggestion of Mary Harden Thornton of *Keep Rome Beautiful, and she helped*

us get off to a great start last August by providing some Berry Freshman to help us tackle the initial weeding and plant removal process. Following the initial work of pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and removing dead plants, Nelly Luthi updated our landscape design and the Clock Tower Garden began to take shape.

Each month we have worked with a different Federated Club to continue the beautification process. The City Arborist, Terry Paige, and his team removed the burning bushes next to the street; some of the desirable garden plants have been moved to better locations; and Nelly donated lambs ear, uphorbia, limelight hydrangeas. Several Federation members started seeds in January and they will be transplanted to the garden in the spring. Our goal is to produce a pollinator garden to attract bees, butterflies, moths, and birds.

Ansley Saville has worked diligently with the city to get a water source for the garden. Mission accomplished! It should be installed this month. We will be so glad not to carry 8 pound milk jugs full of water to each work day. Thanks to the Federation for supporting this project with the first year funds. Though we are working to keep costs down, there are always expenses for weed killer, fertilizer, mulch, etc. The work continues.



FEDERATION CLOCK TOWER PROJECT

continued



Highlights

22 February - Now that most of the weeds have been removed, Carry Wilder has pruned the smoke tree, and some of the desirable plants have been moved to better spots, we began planting our donated plants and seedlings. Our 22 March work day brought a light freeze and blowing winds followed by a sunny work day. From her yard Ansley shared lilies, hellaboers, stokesia, phlox, and coreopsis; Nelly brought sage, edgeworthia, hot poker Lillies and other plants. Master Gardeners donated cardinal flowers and Columbine and along with nine purchased Casablanca lillies, everything was planted and the garden was weeded. Finally a beautiful tree, the native fringe tree (known as the best native tree nobody plants), was added to the garden. It replaced six invasive burning bushes, provides large clusters of white fragrant flowers in spring, and turns yellow in the fall before dropping its leaves. Silver grasses were removed and a feverfew shrub was transplanted to another location. With the labor of many it was a very successful work day.

April - Rain cancelled our work day but the garden is looking good - weeds are under control and we are just about finished planting natives and tough perennials that will hold up well in Bailey Park. Our last work day before the heat of summer will be 24 May. A huge "thank you" to the Federation clubs and their members who have come to work on this project. When this garden is complete it will welcome not only bees, butterflies, moths, and birds but also the many residents and visitors that come to the Rome Clock Tower sight.

Exploring the Soil

by D.J. Chakraborty

As we *plant gardens with new horizons*, our soil requires deeper exploration. Soil is made up of six (6) distinct horizontal layers (types of soil) which are called **Soil Horizons**. Each horizon has its own distinguishing characteristics which make it different from all the other horizons/layers. The two upper levels are the richest layers made up of humus or organic matter in **O Horizon** and topsoil found in **A Horizon**. In **E Horizon** we find eluviated (leached) soil. Next is **B Horizon** where the rich minerals have leached downward due to water movement from above. This level is sometimes referred to as the “zone of accumulation”. Level 5 or **C Horizon** is the regolith level (“blanket” of loose material) covering the solid bedrock in **R Horizon**. The characteristics in each level determine the soil’s use and importance.

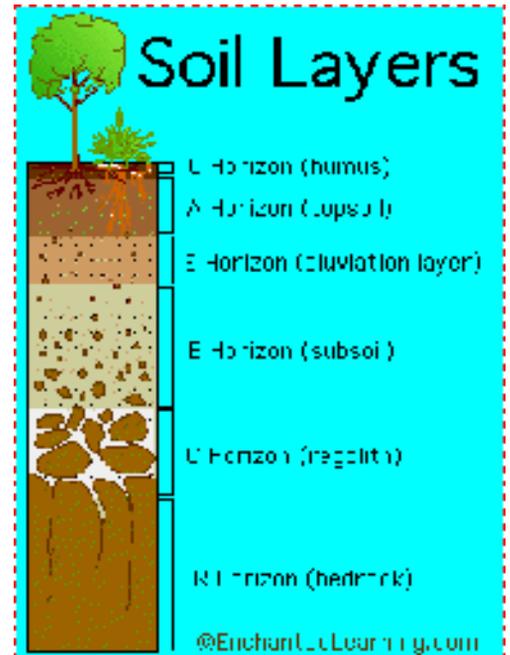
First the **O Horizon** is the topmost organic layer of soil which is called humus because it is made up of living and decomposed organic matter like leaves, plants, and bugs. This layer is usually thin and dark. The **A Horizon** called *topsoil* lies below the O horizon. This layer consists of humus mixed with mineral particles. Seeds germinate and plant roots grow in this horizon - hence it is thicker and darker in color.

The third layer, called the **E Horizon**, is the eluviation or *leaching* layer. This means most of the minerals are lost as water drips through this level (the process of eluviation). Horizon E consists primarily of sand and silt and is lighter in color.

Earth’s fourth layer is called **B Horizon** and consists of clay and mineral deposits including iron, aluminum oxides, and calcium carbonate. The subsoil in B Horizon is lighter colored than upper layers because there is less organic material.

The next layer is the **E Horizon**, also known as the *regolith* meaning “blanket rocks”. Its composition contains fractured bedrock, dust, and very small amounts of soil material. This layer is not capable of supporting plant-life hence roots do not penetrate the regolith. Finally we reach the bottom layer, **R Horizon**. This horizon is the bedrock layer supporting the layers above; beneath it lies the Earth’s crust, mantle, and core. You know the twenty-six letters of

your alphabet, now learn your *soilphabet* O, A, E, B, C, R; thank God there are only six letters.



Happy Summer Laurel District!



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Deadline for submission
for Fall Laurel Letters is
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