



# Laurel Letters



Winter, 2017  
Laurel District Newsletter

## Plant Gardens with New Horizons: Working Together Works

### Director's Dialog



#### District Director

*Dr. John Barnette*

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*Jackie Fulmer*



I hope that each Laurels of Light enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holidays. Did you shop on Black Friday? My precious Queen and 2 daughters left me at 6:00 pm on Thanksgiving evening and returned home at 9:00 pm on Friday evening. They did ask me to go with them and thinking about it for ONE second, I said NO! Thank you. Even with that time by myself I still I have many things left to do.

How is you Christmas decorating going? I have TWENTY trees up which Kay has decorated and only two more to put up in my study and the inside will be finished. Don't forget the 19 wreaths on the windows; we would have more, but we ran out of windows. Hopefully the outside will be finished in the next day or two with 7 'tomato cage' trees and lights on our Redbud, Japanese Maple, two Crepe Myrtles and Red Cedar. And of course, we could not leave out our front porch. Maybe you enjoy decorating for Christmas as much as we do. Even at our house, I tell my Queen that Working Together Works!

Since our last Laurel Letters, I have had the opportunity to attend many events. September 24-26 The Garden Club of Georgia Board of Directors met on Saint Simons Island at King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort. This meeting was awesome. North Georgia State Fair had the Flower Show for two weeks and I always enjoy clerking at this beautiful floral display. The Laurel District Executive Board meeting completed the month of September.

Representing Laurel District at many locations, this Director traveled 1825 miles in September and 1740 miles in October - Oleander District meeting in Jessup, Camellia in Moultrie, and Magnolia in Columbus. Then on to Jewell, GA for Azalea District and Conyers for Redbud District meetings. Those meetings were followed by a visit to Lavender View Garden Club meeting in Rome, Laurel District Meeting in Cartersville, and Dogwood District Meeting in Atlanta. Finally for *Planting our State Parks Yellow* project, Three Rivers Garden Club planted many more (over 100) than the allotted 25 daffodil bulbs at James H. "Sloppy" Floyd State Park. And I definitely can't forget the Flower Show Symposium held in Millen, GA.

## Director's Dialog continued...

November has been a bit quieter (though I am not complaining) with my traveling only a measly 1000 miles. I love attending events and representing our members, Laurel District, and showing our Laurels of Light across the state. It was my recent pleasure to meet Bert Reynolds and he was very impressed with The Garden Club of Georgia's activities in Planting our State Parks Yellow. My travels are unending so next it was onto Athens for the President's State Tri-Refresher and Plant America Symposium. WOW! If you have not attended one of these make plans now. Each one is so fantastic and always has hands on activities. After being in Athens, my car took me to Covington for the Georgia Water Coalition Symposium. You will here more about this later. Please make plans to attend the Capital Day in Atlanta on March 1. Again, more information will be coming soon about this meeting.

I wish all of you a very blessed and Merry Christmas. Remember the next issue of Laurel Letters will be sent out on March 15 and the deadline is February 24. Send your articles, events, activities and don't forget your photos. We want to know about Laurel District happenings and how our clubs are showing Laurels of Light.

Blessings to all.

*John*



JoAnn Dorsey and Judy Borkowsky of the Magnolia Garden Club are busy decorating gourds to be used at **the 59th Annual Laurel District Meeting**, of the Garden Club of Georgia held on October 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cartersville.

The Magnolia Garden Club is host for the occasion this year. Featured speaker is Tony Harris, "Cherokee Garden, Flowers Trail of Tears"

# Magnolia Garden Club



Noel Parro and Flo Lundee standing by the Christmas Tree decorated with handmade items which was raffled off during the Magnolia Holiday Market.

## Laurel District Meeting

October 25 at the Hilton Inn

hosted by

*the Magnolia Garden Club*

Cartersville, GA



**Seated:** Jo Ann Dorsey, Bonnie Floyd, Wanda Black

**Back Row:** Marcia Humphreys, Kathleen Clark, Sandi Lucas, Vickie Jones, Sandra McMillan, Sue Tucker, Dr. John Barnett, District President, Barbara Jones, Janet Martin, Susan Stephens, and Betty Watkins.

# Magnolia Garden Club



The ladies of the **Magnolia Garden Club** of Cartersville, Laurel District met for a Christmas luncheon at the Cartersville Country Club on Friday Dec. 15, 2017.

They are pictured with Lieutenant Cody Cantrell, Georgia State Trooper and training candidate Kory Maloney.

Members of the Magnolia Garden Club bring an unwrapped toy each year to be donated to the **"Toys for Tots"** campaign. Lt. Cantrell and Candidate dropped by to pick up the box of toys donated.





# Garden Club of Ellijay

**Garden Club of Ellijay** members visit the *Blue Bird Trail at Green Meadows Preserve and Community Garden in Powder Springs*, on September 20, 2017.

We enjoyed a tour by Jim Bearden, Cobb County Master Gardener, who created the 2.3 miles of blue bird nesting boxes, feeders and perches.





*Cynthia Reed replanting mums from September's meeting.*

## Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden Club Plant Euharlee!

The first three months of the new term has provided the Euharlee Garden Club with various opportunities to connect with each other and to be of service to others and the community. Our "Plant Euharlee" theme for this year has "taken root" as part of each monthly meeting. A club objective is to incorporate plants as decorations at monthly meetings and later plant them throughout Euharlee.

### October 2017 – 1st Fundraiser: Basket Auction

Every October Euharlee garden club members each prepare a basket or container with dinner for one and a few goodies to bring to the monthly meeting. At the meeting, club members bid on the baskets for their dinner. This is the Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden Club's annual Basket Auction and 1st club fundraiser of the year. On October 9th, members brought their decorated food containers and lively bidding ensued with Betty Jane Tilley as auctioneer. The auction garnered \$315 for HEGC. Delicious dinners with fun surprises were enjoyed by the members. The annual Hope Basket raffle, filled with lovely bath and spa products, was won by new member Jan Shepherd with proceeds of \$220 donated to the Hope Center for Cancer in Cartersville.

*L-R Jan Shepherd, Betty Jane Tilley, President*



*L-R: Betty Tilley presents check to the Hope Center Director, Cynthia Reed, Dianne Myers with grand-daughter Isabella, & Marie Purser*



*L-R: Betty Tilley, Dianne Myers, Marie Purser, and Sue Cox*

### Planting of the Jonquils

In support of the Garden Club of Georgia's "Plant the Parks Yellow" campaign, members planted jonquils at the entrance to Red Top State Park. Forty additional bulbs were added to the 25 bulbs given by the GCG. The GCG's goal is to plant yellow bulbs in all Georgia state parks. Hoe'n In Euharlee Garden Club is proud to be part of the effort!



*L-R: Ann Bridges, Dianne Myers, Marie Purser, and Betty Jane Tilley*

### 59th Annual District Meeting

The 59th Annual District Meeting was held October 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn of Cartersville. Our club assisted the hosting club, Magnolia Garden Club, by providing an Italian-themed basket and donating costume jewelry for the jewelry sale. The meeting was interesting, informative, and fun.

## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas



In Euharlee, the Festival of Trees is a silent-auction tradition benefiting children in need at Christmas. Held in the historic 1850's Granary, it is a wonderland of decorated trees. This year, our decorated tree honors the pollinators that are critical to plant survival. Our "Plant Euharlee – Protect Pollinators" Christmas tree is decorated with ladybugs, hummingbirds, and butterflies. It is lovely!

### MARSHALL FOREST UPDATE

Marshall Forest continues to be a place of beauty and serenity. Last weekend I passed a gentleman who was walking to rehab his knee after knee replacement. He commented that the benches placed along the trail were certainly useful as he could only walk a small distance at a time. He appreciated the work that has been done to make the forest more accessible thanks to your contributions.

This chairman has taken several groups on walks through the forest - during Garden Week in Georgia, a garden club meeting, and National Garden Week. 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 in late April. Due to inclement weather and other speaking commitments she was unable to visit the forest at that time. Joan plans to return to Rome to see the forest in the spring of 2018. Marshall Forest needs your continued support. We have many updates planned and hope to begin them as the weather cools. Malcolm Hodges is working with the sign company to replace two signs damaged by falling trees. I have received contact information for the local chapter of the Georgia Coalition for the Blind in Rome. I also hope to schedule some walks through the forest later this year or in early spring.

The annual Robert Weed Memorial Walk is scheduled for Friday October 27, 2017, at 2:00 pm. Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful, The Rome Tree Committee, The Convention and Tourism Office, the Weed Family, and GCG Land Trust/Marshall Forest Committee sponsor this walk.

Please continue to include Land Trust/Marshall Forest in your club's budget with a donation 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](mailto:caroboone@aol.com).

Caroline Alford



## **Atlanta Botanical Gardens Flower Show, INGÉNUÉ**

A Toast to Georgia's Film Industry, February 23-25 at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. The 2018 show features three full days focused entirely on plants, showcasing horticulture, floral design, landscape design and photography. Surrounding all of this will be the beauty of the Garden itself, so a visit to the flower show also will include opportunities to see the Garden as spring awakens and our annual Orchid Daze exhibition as it fills the Fuqua Orchid Center with tropical exuberance.

### **JURIED EXHIBITION**

Horticulture, Floral Design, Photography

### **REGISTRATION**

Photography deadline: January 15

Floral Design deadline: February 1

Registration: [atlantabg.org/flowershow](http://atlantabg.org/flowershow)

### **EXHIBITOR'S GUIDE & MORE INFO**

Available at [atlantabg.org/flowershow](http://atlantabg.org/flowershow) and Garden Admissions

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Floral designers Bruno Duarte, James Farmer

Saturday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 available at [atlantabg.org/flowershow](http://atlantabg.org/flowershow)

### **PREVIEW PARTY**

Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., Longleaf restaurant

Tickets: \$100 per person available at [atlantabg.org/flowershow](http://atlantabg.org/flowershow)

### **BECOME A PATRON**

Donations may be made at Trophy, Blue, Red, Yellow

and Honorable Mention levels. Details: [atlantabg.org/flowershow](http://atlantabg.org/flowershow)

### **CONTACT**

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# Laurel Letters

## 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

Merry   
Christmas



# G C G 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**





## PLANTING INFO ...

Environmental Edition, Mary Lovings, Editor

Horticulture Edition, Gail Berthe, Editor

Landscape Design Issue, Jackie Fulmer, Editor

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE: Volume III, NOVEMBER, 2017**

**CONTINUING WITH GCG POSITION PAPERS: AN ENIGMA, THE GREEN MAN, THE GCG PUBLIC LANDS/GREEN SPACE POSITION PAPER, AND APPLICATION OF ITS PRINCIPLES**  
**REMINDER: DURING THIS GCG ADMINISTRATION, EACH ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE OF PLANTING INFO ... WILL FEATURE ONE OF THE EIGHT GCG POSITION PAPERS LOCATED ON THE GCG WEBSITE.**

Planting Info ... is designed to supplement materials offered through National Garden Clubs courses in Basic Horticulture, Environmental Studies, and Landscape Design.

*ENIGMA: an obscure speech or writing or situation: something hard to understand or that is questionable. It is or can be an inscrutable or mysterious person or set of circumstances or state of affairs. One of the most familiar uses of *enigma* is the adjective form used to describe the smile of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. What is she smiling about? Why is she smiling? In terms of a da Vinci value, his Salvator Mundi (Savior of the World) sold earlier this month for \$450.3 million. The sort of collapse in France that would bring The Mona Lisa in the Louvre to be sold is simply unfathomable. Multiple scholarly papers have been based on Mona Lisa's enigmatic smile and the purpose and thought behind such a smile, especially in the Renaissance when few portraits included smiling subjects. Nobody truly knows yet why she smiles or what she is smiling about although theories from the sacred to the vulgar exist. That's a real enigma. Our country is also full of enigmas.*

An enigma is sometimes created intentionally to obfuscate, evade or cloud a subject, or an issue or a person. Each of us can likely think of a current enigma, evident and even to blatant in newscasts. Sometimes, enigmas are very simply things that are not easily known, not traceable, and may likely forever remain so. The concept of Mother Earth and Mother Nature is common and understood and understandable. In contrast, there is the Green Man, an enigma if ever there has been one.



**GREEN MAN: Assuredly, there is a long tradition of the Green Man, first well known as carvings in European churches during the Middle Ages, often placed high enough to observe anyone standing below within the space. Most often, Green Man appears as a head only with expressions varying from benign to smiling, to grimacing, to threatening, to solemn, all with no with no known reason. Green Man has been depicted in stone, wood, in paint or ink. or even with light as exemplified by flashing one indicating walking safely at many street intersections.**

Such images are generally accepted as benevolent, and if grimacing are likely frowning at individuals or forces of harm to nature. Green Man most often appears as a head and face only and also often appears on walls or column tops, looking down at owners and visitors alike.

Green Man is generally accepted as a nonspecific force of nature with differing, enigmatic meanings in different times and places. Occasionally he is assumed to be a force of nature male equivalent perhaps of Mother Earth. Most Green Man faces are composed of leaves and fruit or cones. Ivy, grapes, and oak leaves are also often used. Green men have recently been incorporated into some recycling stick figures, tossing trash into appropriate cans, or performing other positive and environmentally friendly acts.

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*(Image above from Pinterest)*

**Subscribing Membership Contest** We are having a friendly competition to see which District and which Club in each District can get the highest % of subscribing members (based on their club membership) . We need to maintain a total membership over 10,000 in order for GCG to continue to qualify for 2 NGC scholarships each year - and we are getting much too low for comfort. This is very important for our youth. With our club members getting older and the difficulty sometimes in forming new clubs - we need to try an additional route - promote Subscribing Memberships. See this page for details and the form. <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/subscribingmem.pdf> The \$25 annual membership fee is tax deductible. Give your spouse, son/daughter, aunt, uncle or friend a Subscribing Membership to GCG - provide your name as the referral person and your club/district will get credit for the contest. Bonnie will send out a renewal reminder as 12 months from joining approaches, either to you or the person, however you indicate on the form.

**The winning District and the winning Club in each District will be announced at the 2018 Spring Convention.** Promote Subscribing Membership. Show support for the goals and mission of GCG and help us maintain 10,000 +members.

A club with 20 club members referring/gifting 10 Subscribing Members = a 50% for the contest  
A club with 20 club members referring/gifting 15 Subscribing Members = a 75% for the contest  
A club with 20 club members referring/gifting 30 Subscribing Members = a 150% for the contest.

**Your club could be a winner!!!** <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/subscribingmem.pdf>

## **FOR Arboreta, Botanical and Memorial Gardens**

The information in the Guide listing all arboreta, botanical and memorial gardens in the state is extremely incomplete. All clubs in each district are requested to view the information in the Guide (under Support the Club) <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/arboreta.html> . Any public gardens in your area, or which you are aware of, that are not listed should be reported to the State Arboreta Chairman, Mary Denney by email at [srdenney@mindspring.com](mailto:srdenney@mindspring.com), or mail at 500 Haynie Road, Moreland, Ga. 30259. Send the name and address of the garden including telephone number. This information will be used to update the Guide so that all gardeners that access the Guide will have the information needed to visit ( and contribute to) these gardens. Presidents, please make this a priority at one of your upcoming meetings. If folks don't know about the public gardens in your area, how are they going to visit the Gardens of Georgia to see how Georgia Plants America .

Here are the gardens we now have listed. Please help us add more to make our list complete.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is our donation to:

**The C. Burke Day, Jr. Memorial Fund    \$\_\_\_\_\_.00**

Garden Club/Council/District \_\_\_\_\_

Individual

Club# \_\_\_\_\_                      District \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/GA/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_      Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address to confirm receipt of donation :  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check should be made payable to GCG and mailed to:

**Brenda Griner, GCG Treasurer  
244 SATILLA DR  
BRUNSWICK, GA 31523-6345**

List **C. Burke Day, Jr. Mem. Fund** - on the memo line.

## Botanical Gardens in Georgia

<a href="#"><u>Atlanta Botanical Garden</u></a>	1345 Piedmont Avenue NE Atlanta 30309	404-876-5859
<b>Barnsley Gardens</b>	597 Barnsley Garden Road Adairsville 30103	770-773-7480
<a href="#"><u>Callaway Gardens</u></a>	15880 Ga. Hwy. 18 Pine Mountain 31822	800-225-5292
<b>Chatham County Garden Center</b>	1388 Eisenhower Drive Savannah 31406	912-355-3383
<a href="#"><u>Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens at Historic Bamboo Farm</u></a>	2 Canebrake Road Savannah 31419	912-921-5460
<b>Columbus Botanical Garden</b>	3603 Weems Road Columbus 31909	
<a href="#"><u>Fred Hamilton Rhododendron Garden</u></a>	1311 Music Hall Road Hiawassee 30546	706-896-4191
<b>Garden State Research</b>	1109 Experiment Street Griffin 30223	770-228-7243
<a href="#"><u>Georgia Perimeter College Botanical Garden</u></a>	3251 Panthersville Road Decatur 30034	678-891-2668
<b>Georgia Southern Botanical Garden</b>	1505 Bland Avenue Statesboro 30548	912-871-1114
<b>Masse Lane Gardens</b>	100 Masse Lane Fort Valley 31030	478-967-2358
<a href="#"><u>State Botanical Garden of Georgia</u></a>	2450 South Milledge Avenue Athens 30602	706-542-1244
<b>Vines Botanical Gardens</b>	3500 Oak Grove Road Loganville 30052	770-466-7532
<a href="#"><u>Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens</u></a>	Macon State College 100 College Station Drive Macon 31206	478-471-2700
<b>Arboretums in Georgia</b>		
<a href="#"><u>Lockerly Arboretum</u></a>	1534 Irwinton Road Milledgeville 31061	478-452-2112
<b>Thompson Mills Forest</b>	8755 Highway 53 Braselton 30517	706-654-2666
<b>Coastal Plain Research Center</b>	P.O. Box 748 Tifton 31793	229-386-3907

# CALLING ALL QUILTERS.....

I am working on a Laurel District fundraising project that would be able to reach all members of our district and not just the ones that attend the annual meeting. I would like to make a quilt similar (it will be larger) to the one below.

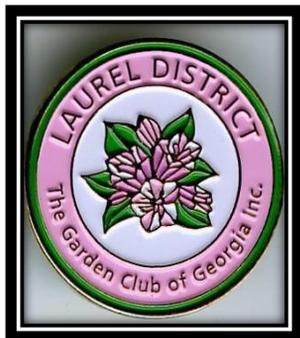
We are looking for quilters that can preferably do appliqué. If we can't find enough girls that can do appliqué, we could do a pieced quilt instead. I have several flower quilt patterns. I am hoping I can get quilters that are located somewhere around me so I am looking at Rome, Cartersville and Canton.

My idea is to have the quilt machine quilted after it is put together. If you are interested in volunteering to help on this project, please email me or call. If we can get enough quilters, each person would only need to do one square, perhaps two. It does not have to be done by members so if members know of quilters who would do a square that would be fine.

We would like to have it finished by March or April and have the drawing at the annual meeting in October. That would give all clubs in our district plenty of time to sell raffle tickets for the quilt. Please ask anyone interested, to contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions they have.

Thank You,

Edna McClellan  
Laurel District Treasurer  
706-889-1230  
[ednamae@ellijay.com](mailto:ednamae@ellijay.com)



# Stonehedge Garden Club, Buford Georgia

Stonehedge Garden Club is off to a great start with a very busy last quarter of 2017!

In early September we gathered at our meeting place, the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center to decorate the building entrance for fall. They always tell us how much they appreciate this contribution to their facility and say it becomes a great spot for photos for visiting schools, scouts, and local and out-of-town visitors. We are so thankful to be able to meet at such a wonderful facility!

We had several members attend the Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting in Cartersville, Georgia, where we were given an unexpected recognition for our \$1,000.00 contribution to the Garden Club of Georgia for THE STONEHEDGE GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP - a Named Scholarship established this year. We are very thankful that our fundraising efforts have allowed us to honor a Georgia student with this scholarship award!

At our October meeting we had a very interesting guest speaker, Kathy Spissman with the African Violet Society. She spoke to our club on growing beautiful violets and encouraged us all to try our hands at nurturing these year round beauties. They come in many varieties (even mini) and an array of colors and absolutely "Anyone" Can Grow African Violets!"

At our November meeting, we welcomed Guest Speaker Pam Riley, crafter extraordinaire, who shared techniques for creating beautiful wreaths for all seasons! After the meeting, we prepared Thanksgiving Baskets for our two local Fire Departments, prepared Thanksgiving Food Boxes for the North Gwinnett Co-op, and stuffed Christmas stockings to be distributed to the residents at Pruitt/Lanier Nursing Home in Buford. We will be going to the Nursing Home on December 1st to decorate the front lobby for Christmas, and to put up two Christmas trees, one in the Lobby and one in the lunchroom. The residents love it! Finally we will return on the 8th to celebrate Christmas with Santa, where he will give each resident the Christmas stockings we have prepared. We'll sing Christmas carols and spread Christmas Cheer!

In lieu of a December meeting, we have a field trip planned to Atlanta to Murphy's at Virginia Highlands for lunch and then we're off to the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center!

We look forward to the Christmas Season and all that 2018 holds for our Club.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
from **STONEHEDGE GARDEN CLUB**



SGC's  
Scholarship  
Recognition.

**STONEHEDGE**  
members hard at work  
preparing Christmas  
Stockings for our local  
Nursing Home.



# Stonehedge Garden Club



AT LAUREL DISTRICT MEETING  
L – R Vicky Wilson, Parliamentarian/Publicity,  
Brenda Pruitt, President and  
Cindy Wise, Recording Secretary.



GEHC –  
Betty Taylor, Community  
Outreach/Garden Therapy and Brenda  
Pruitt, President



**February 7- 9, 2018**

These courses are intended to train NGC members to become [accredited](#) Flower Show Judges.

Individuals can take Course 1 at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, AL. This school has been approved by National Garden Clubs, Inc., The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., and Alabama Council of Flower Judges. You can take Courses 2 – 4 in Georgia when offered or continue the school in Birmingham.

## Flower Show School Courses – Course 1

**February | 7 - 9, 2018 |**

**Birmingham, AL**

Registrar: [Sybil Ingram](#) | Phone: (205) 733-9536

Instructors:

FSP & Horticulture: David Robson | *ilex and philodendron*

Design: Trece Chancellor



# BALL GROUND GARDEN CLUB

enters SCARECROW CONTEST

By Evelyn Foster, Publicity Chairman



Several ladies of the **Ball Ground (Anetsa-Ga-Da) Garden Club** created a most unique scarecrow for Ball Ground's 2017 annual Scarecrow Contest. The theme of our scarecrow was *Diggin' in the Dirt*. Five of our ladies creatively constructed the lady who seems to have gotten really "into her work"! Although we didn't place in the contest (there were a lot of awesome and original scarecrows), the ladies had a lot of fun making it.

Our club was proud of our entry and thankful to Jennie Byers, President Tammy Brinkley, Marie Nordeste, Beverly Poag, and Leah Kelly, as shown L-R in the picture.



# North Georgia Judges Council

Presents

## “PLANT AMERICA”

**National Garden Club, Inc. Theme – 2017 - 2019**

An NGC Small-Standard Flower Show

(Place of Show - TBD)

(Complete Address including Zip Code)

(Date - TBD)

(Time of Opening and Closing)

Open to the Public

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

(Region)

(District)

### Show Committee

(All telephone numbers are Area Code 706, unless noted otherwise.)

General Chairman (Name & Telephone Number)

Schedule (Name & Telephone Number)

Staging (Name & Telephone Number)

### Horticulture Division

Entries Chairman (Name & Telephone Number)

Classification (Name & Telephone Number)

Placement (Name & Telephone Number)

Consultant (Name & Telephone Number)

### Design Division

Entries Chairman (Name & Telephone Number)

Classification (Name & Telephone Number)

Placement (Name & Telephone Number)

Consultant (Name & Telephone Number)

Judges (Name & Telephone Number)

Clerks (Name & Telephone Number)

Awards Chairman (Name & Telephone Number)

The Title for this show, **PLANT AMERICA**, reflects National Garden Club President Nancy Hargrove's theme for her 2017-2019 term of office.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Only members of this Judges Council and invited guests may enter the Council show.
2. Horticulture entry cards will be available from **name on date** or you may call the chairman at **phone number**. Or...horticulture entry cards will be available the day of the show.
3. Entries in the Design Division must be pre-registered with the Design Entries Chairman. The Design Entries Chairman will prepare all entry cards for all design classes and give them to the design exhibitors on the day of the show.
4. All exhibits will be accepted from **time to time** on date.
5. Judging will begin at **time** on the day of the show. Only the General Chairman, the Classification Chairmen, Judges and the clerks will be allowed on the show floor during the time of judging. Judging will be by the NGC Standard System of Awarding, Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, pg. 5, and any additions found in The National Gardener.
6. The General Chairman and the Classification Chairmen must be available during all judging for possible consultations.
7. The Classification Chairmen for the Horticulture and Design Divisions must review all entries for proper identification and conformity to the schedule.
8. The decision of the judges is final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
9. Plants on your state's endangered or conservation plant list must be grown by the exhibitor or collected in a legal manner and so identified. (State policy prevails.) Noxious weeds and plants on your state's invasive plant list will be so marked. Lists can be downloaded at (website) (or make other provisions for members to see the lists of concern).
10. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material will be allowed in any division.

## AWARDS

The NGC Standard System of Awards.

All non-blue-ribbon exhibits scoring 90+ points must be signed and dated by an NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel.

Two Best-in-Show Awards (Handbook for Flower Shows pg. 45) will be offered, one in the Horticulture Division and one in the Design Division.

The winning exhibits must be the highest blue-ribbon winners scoring 90 or above, and the winning horticulture exhibit must be correctly named according to schedule specifications. The Best-in-Show is a rosette of three blue ribbons.

## HORTICULTURE RULES

1. All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibits must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for no fewer than 90 days.  
Exception: plants grown from seed, seedling, or immature transplants, bulbs, tubers, corms or rhizomes. Combination plantings must have been grown together for no fewer than 6 weeks.
3. Plant material may not be altered by the application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc. that artificially change the natural color and texture.
4. All specimens should be correctly labeled with scientific (botanical) names or the currently accepted scientific identification for their educational value. Common name may also be added.
5. An exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each entry is a different species, variety, cultivar, type or color.
6. Cut specimens must be displayed in clear bottles provided by the exhibitor of suitable size and stability. (Or, Cut specimens must be displayed in clear transparent bottles provided by the Council of suitable size and suitability.) Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line (exception, Gladiolus).
7. Wedging, a small, inconspicuous “plug” in the neck of a container to improve the pose of the specimen, is permitted. Wedging may be visible but must not detract from the cut specimen. Plastic wedging must be provided by exhibitor. (Or, Wedging may be visible but must not detract from cut specimens. Plastic wedging will be provided by the Council.)
8. Double potting is permitted, but the inner pot must not be visible.
9. All entry cards should be filled out in advance, if possible, and if handwritten, should be in pencil or water-proof pen to avoid water damage.
10. The Classification Chairman has the authority to subdivide classes as necessary per the requirements for Subdividing on pages 3-4 of the **2017 Handbook for Flower Shows**.
11. The Scale of Points for judging horticulture is listed on pp. 129 of the **2017 Handbook for Flower Shows**.

## **DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE**

### **“PLANT AMERICA the BEAUTIFUL”**

All correctly named blue ribbon winners scoring 90 or above are eligible for the **Best-in-Show Award**.

#### **Section A: HERBACEOUS FLOWERS - “FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA”**

Cut **BLOOMING** specimen, one stem or spray unless otherwise noted. Include foliage if attached on stem.

Class 1.

Class 2.

Class 3.

Class 4

Class 5. Any other worthy cut herbaceous flower

#### **Section B: HERBACEOUS FOLIAGE - “PURPLE MOUNTAIN MAJESTIES”**

Cut **FOLIAGE** specimen, one stem.

Class 6.

Class 7.

Class 8.

Class 9. Any other worthy cut herbaceous foliage

#### **Section C: ARBOREAL SHRUBS AND TREES - “FOR SPACIOUS SKIES”**

Fresh cut branches from evergreen or deciduous shrubs or trees grown for the beauty of foliage, flowers, fruit or cones. Maximum length 30 inches; must include several nodes and an apical tip.

Class 10. Foliage branch

Class 11. Flowering branch

Class 12. Fruited/Coned/Berried branch

#### **Section D: CONTAINER-GROWN PLANTS - “ABOVE THY FRUITED PLAINS”**

Maximum size of container: 12” in diameter.

Class 13. Saintpaulia (African Violet)

Class 14. Cactus or other Succulent

Class 15. Flowering container-grown plant

Class 16. Foliage container-grown plant

## DESIGN RULES

- A design entered in competition must be the current work of only one exhibitor and that exhibitor's name must appear on the entry card.
- An exhibitor may enter as many classes in the Design Division as desired unless the schedule limits the number of entries, but only one exhibit per class.
- Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner. Plant material that has been treated to alter its exterior appearance may be used only in its dried state.
- The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative style with any design type listed unless restricted by the schedule.
- Entries in the Design Classes should be made in advance with the Design Entries Chairman. If a designer is unable to fulfill an assignment, it is the designer's responsibility to provide a replacement and to notify the Design Entries Chairman.
- Plant material used in designs need not have been grown by the exhibitor unless the schedule requires it.
- All plant material used in the design must be listed on a 3x5 index card.
- No artificial flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are permitted in the Design Division.
- Landscapes or scenes are not permitted in the Design Division.
- Refer to pp. 80-81 of the **2017 Handbook for Flower Shows** for things permitted in all design classes unless prohibited by the schedule or by law.
- The Design Scale of Points is listed on pp. 130 of the **2017 Handbook for Flower Shows**.

## DIVISION II – DESIGN

### “PLANT AMERICA-FOR BEAUTY”

All blue ribbon winners scoring 90 or above are eligible for the Best-in-Show Award.

#### Section A – “PLANNING AND PLANTING FOR BEAUTY”

##### **Class 1 “Anything Grows”** (4 Exhibits)

A Featured Plant Material design staged on in an area 24” deep x 30” wide area of a 30” tall table provided by the committee. 48” maximum height. Tables are uncovered. Underlay and staging panel permitted.

##### **Class 2 “Anything Lows”** (4 Exhibits)

A Low-Profile Design staged on an exhibitor-provided “pedestal”, not to exceed 18” in height, with top limited to 24” in any direction.

##### **Class 3 “Anything Flows”** (4 Exhibits)

A Cascade Design staged in an area 24” deep x 30” wide; 48” maximum height. Underlay and Staging Panel permitted.

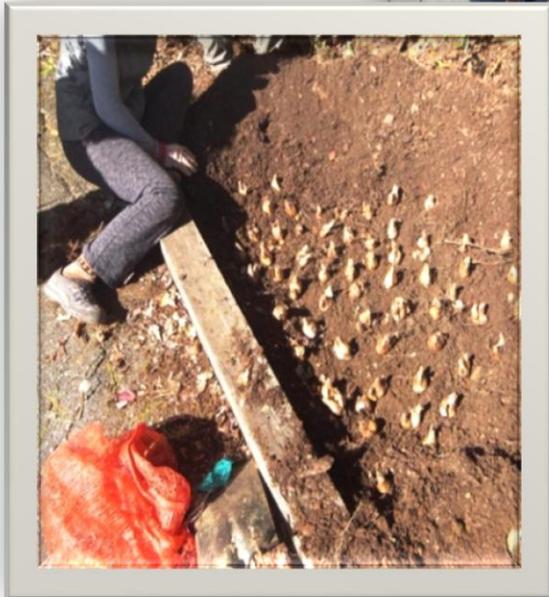
##### **Class 4 “Anything Goes”** (4 Exhibits)

A Creative Design Type, exhibitor’s choice, staged in an area 24” deep by 30” wide, 48” maximum height. Underlay and Staging Panel permitted.





# BLAIRSVILLE GARDEN CLUB



Blairsville Garden Club took the challenge and opted to get the 25 daffodil bulbs furnished by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. to be planted at State Parks.

Club members donated more bulbs and they planted a total of 190 bulbs at Vogel State Park on October 31, 2017 in the Promenade Walkway that is a popular area of the park along the beach.

Kathryn Litton  
Publicity Chairman  
Blairsville Garden Club

Roadside  
Beautification  
Chairman



# MILLION POLLINATOR GARDEN CHALLENGE FOR LAUREL DISTRICT

Laurel Districtor Dr. John Barnett challenges each club in Laurel District to log on to this website and register your garden as a pollinator garden. It does not have to be a large garden, but can be potted plants or patio plants that bloom and attract pollinators.

National Garden Club, Inc. is participating in this project, and as a member of NGC we are challenged to participate as well.

After registering and being accepted you can go on the map and find your name and location on the map. Let us fill the map with Laurel District members, organizations, clubs, schools, or anyone else who has blooming plants that attract pollinators. Sign up now and make Dr. John Barnett happy.



## NGC is an Inaugural Network Partner in this Collaboration!

Because of our renowned reputation, and the strength of our membership, NGC has been invited to be an Inaugural Network Partner of the National Pollinator Garden Network, recently formed to help establish one million gardens to assist in restoring critical pollinator population recovery in the United States. Over the next two years, The Network will bring together the science and garden capabilities of industry with the outreach of nongovernmental organizations to empower a million private citizens and organizations to plant pollinator gardens nationwide.



Federal agencies have been directed to take steps to protect and restore pollinator populations due to recent declines in the number and distribution of pollinating insects causing significant concern among ecologists and agricultural interests. These declines include our managed bee population used in agricultural, native bees, monarch butterflies (suffering a decline of more than 90% over the past two decades), and many others. In addition to being important to natural ecosystems across our country, pollinators are critical to one third of our food production. While there may be many reasons for pollinator decline, experts agree that the overall loss in the amount and distribution of habitat and food plants is a critical contributor.

**As members of a Garden Club, we can certainly make a positive difference in our community, but as a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. we can make a significant difference in our World!**

# “BEE ONE IN A MILLION”



## Are you registered??

If you have not heard of the **Million Pollinator Garden Challenge**, you should check into this. The MPGC is a nationwide call to action to preserve and create more pollinator habitats to help out bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators.

The National Pollinator Garden Network is a partnership between conservation organizations, gardening groups, civic organizations and participating federal agencies to inspire people and organizations to create more pollinator habitats. It was launched in 2015 by nine founding organizations. **Because of the National Garden Club's reputation and the strength of our membership, NGC was invited to be an inaugural Network Partner**, and we, as GCG members, are part of this venture.

The Challenge is to **register one million pollinator gardens** by 2018 (or later if the goal has not been reached). You can register your home gardens or public gardens on the website <http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/>, or you can go to the NGC website and click on the project. Once registered (IT IS EASY!), you can then click on the map powered by SHARE to see your garden marked. Georgia has quite a few gardens registered, but the majority are in the Atlanta Metropolitan area.

Any pollinator habitat is eligible—whether it is a pot on your patio or a large public garden—just as long as you provide food and habitat for the pollinators. Remember to plant wisely, using as many native plants as possible, and select plants that provide nectar and pollen and include host plants such as milkweed for the monarch butterfly. Use pesticides sparingly, if at all, and leave a little mess!

Willie Maxwell  
GCG Butterflies and Bees Chairman



This is an unprecedented collaboration and our members will be providing food and habitat for pollinators in our home gardens (can even be a container on a deck or a condo window planter), as well as our public garden projects, youth garden projects, nursing homes, botanical gardens, business areas, and government offices. Monetary awards will be available for our member clubs, and we plan to coordinate grants to clubs that will plant pollinator gardens with our youth! It is SO important to teach our youth how to take care of our land, our wildlife, our food supply for the future! Who will teach them if we don't!? Register Your Garden!

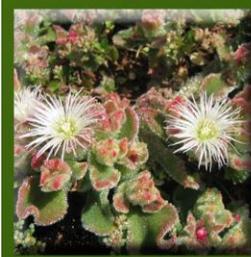
Register your pollinator habitat! Click [here](#) to buzz over to the Pollinator Partnership Website where you can create an account, register your pollinator site and see an interactive map of sites that have been registered. It's free and easy! Explore other pollinator friendly SHARE landscapes all over the globe! Be a part of the movement now!





**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Spring Garden Extravaganza"



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# Jonquil Garden Club



Jonquil Garden Club's Meg Perry, club treasurer and website designer (in green t-shirt), gave an excellent presentation on preparing beds and planting for winter vegetables, organically, right in her own well-planted garden after club business session in September.



Ways to use recycled materials for decorating projects.



# Jonquil Garden Club



Jonquil Garden Club's Christmas luncheon was festive and fun.

Thanks to Kelly Clark for hosting this delightful event in early December.

Kelly also took a very large basket of stockings and Fig Leaf items to one of our state facilities in the metro area for our Garden Therapy project the following day.

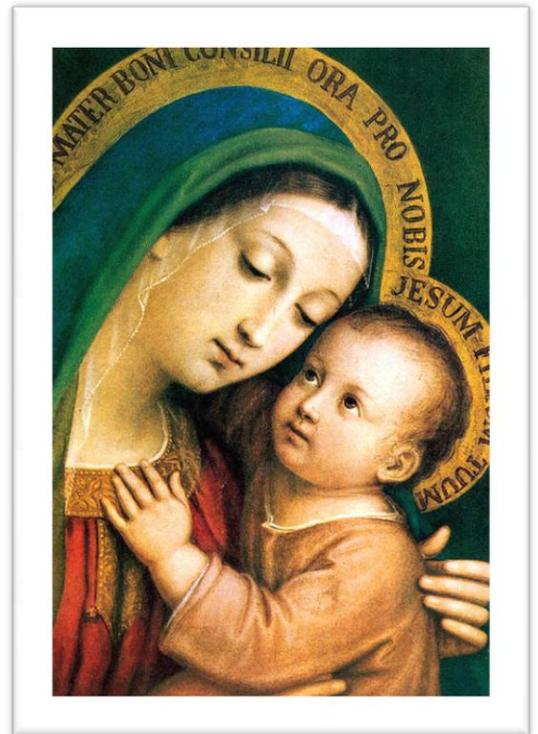
**Native Plant Symposium** in Athens at GCGA headquarters was an excellent workshop and educational opportunity for all. **Elise Cormier**, our first speaker, gave a sit-on-the-edge of your chair presentation on using native plants in layers (canopy trees, understory, shrubs and perennials) for the home landscape. **Jonquil Garden Club** members Pat Capistrant and Shirley Priest attended on November 13-14.



**Jonquil Garden Club** members in Eva Tackett's kitchen, planning the menu and sampling soups for the LAUREL DISTRICT BOARD meeting at Taylor-Brawner House on February 20th. Pictured are Lorelei Clapper, Cindy Booth, Eva Tackett (chair), Charlotte Berry, Pat Capistrant and Shirley Priest.



*Wishing you  
peace and joy  
throughout the  
Year.*



HAPPY HANUKKAH



happy  
new year

*The End*