

# DOGWOOD DIALOGUE

Newsletter of The Dogwood District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

The Dogwood Dialogue is published quarterly at the end of the month of May, August, November, January.  
Featuring activities & events of our Garden Clubs, Federation and District  
that support the goals of GCG and National Garden Clubs, Inc.



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*"Nurturing friendships through the love of gardens"*

## Hello Dynamic Dogwoods,

This director hopes everyone had a good spring with their clubs. Now we can look forward to a relaxing summer as we plan for a new year of club activities.

A big congratulations to all of our Dogwood District Clubs that received awards for 2021 at the Spring GCG Convention in Macon. Our member clubs have been doing great things, even with the pandemic. This director wants to recognize Spalding Garden Club for winning the Garden Club of Georgia Trophy and to Lee Dunn for GCG Member Award of Honor. Two very well deserved top awards. See the articles in this newsletter for all of the Dogwood clubs that won awards. You can't win if you don't apply. Be sure to begin working on the awards for your 2022 accomplishments. The next Awards Workshop will be held in the summer of 2023 so be sure your next club board members attend.

Our Dogwood District Board Meeting is coming up on August 9th. Be sure that your club is represented to learn about upcoming state and district activities for the year. And be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Dogwood District Annual Fall meeting on October 19th. We will be meeting at the Dunwoody Country Club again this year and look forward to seeing you all there. It is a great way to meet members of other clubs, meet some of our State Board officers and just celebrate Dogwood District.

This director attended our GCG Convention in April in Macon. It is always so much fun to reconnect with all of the friends from around the state. This director wants to encourage you to attend state events when possible to meet these great people from all around the state of Georgia that love gardening and do so much for their garden club as well as for the Garden Club of Georgia. Getting involved beyond just my local garden club had been so rewarding. Not only the people you can meet throughout our Dogwood District but from the State Board as well. This director was even able to connect with Lisa Hall (our GCG 1st VP and next State President) at Keukenhof in the Netherlands on my recent trip to visit the tulips. That is Lisa with me in the photo below. She lives in Savannah and we would not have met if not for Garden Club of Georgia. Get involved, you will meet the best people!

Happy gardening,

*Chris Adams,*

Dogwood District Director, 2021-2023

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# GCG—Statewide Activities



## Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser

Lockerly Arboretum—May 14, 2022

Hosted by Azalea District to raise money for the HLP Grant Program



Standing: Chris Adams, Dogwood District Director; Jan These, State Blue Star Marker Chairman;  
Sitting: Dawn McGee, Lisa Ethridge, Roswell Garden Club



LtoR: Barbara Bourque, Betty Davis-Azalea District Director, Peggy Tucker-GCG State President, Jane Hersey, and Speaker Jon Jackson of Comfort Farms



Left: Rose Hill built in 1852



Right: Bridge in the Lockerly Arboretum

**Scholarships** Please Support the GCG Scholarship Program by registering on AMAZON SMILE so that a portion of all your purchases will go to help scholarships.

Your shopping will provide Scholarships support from **The Garden Club of Georgia Inc.**

Start shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0706724>



*“Please share this information with your club members. With so many people ordering merchandise on line, we certainly hope our membership would designate GCG as their charity of choice with AmazonSmile.”*



# AROUND the DISTRICT



## 2021 GCG Award Winners—Dogwood District

Each year during April, all the members of the Garden Club of Georgia are invited to gather together. During that time, awards for the previous year are presented to the Districts for the great work that their clubs have done during the year. The 2022 GCG Convention was held in person this year in Macon. Many of our award winners were able to receive their awards at convention. Below is the list of the awards presented to the clubs in the Dogwood District for their work in 2021. Congratulations to all of the winners.

### **GCG Awards**

#### **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT**

##### **Member Award of Honor**

1st Lee Dunn - Spalding Garden Club

##### **GCG Trophy**

1st Spalding Garden Club

#### **BEAUTIFICATION**

Holiday Decorations – Medium Club

1st Roswell Garden Club

Special Achievement- Large Clubs

1st Spalding Garden Club

#### **CONSERVATION**

Bird - Large Club 1st Spalding Garden Club

Tree -- Large Club 1st Spalding Garden Club

Garden Therapy—Medium Club

1st Roswell Garden Club

Garden Therapy —Large Club

2nd Spalding Garden Club

Garden Therapy—Large Club

3rd Norcross Garden Club

Butterfly—Medium Club

2nd Roswell Garden Club

#### **EDUCATION**

Education - Website Medium Club

1st TIE Roswell Garden Club

Education - Website Large Club

2nd Spalding Garden Club

Education - SM Social Media Medium Club  
1st Roswell Garden Club

#### **YEARBOOKS**

Yearbooks - 45-69 Members

1<sup>st</sup> Spalding Garden Club



#### **PUBLICITY**

Publicity - Pub. one page Medium Club

1st Bellmere Garden Club

Publicity - Pub 2-12 pages Medium Club

2nd Roswell Garden Club

Publicity - Mag 13-24 pages

1st Spalding Garden Club

Publicity - Pub Relations Large Club

1st Spalding Garden Club

#### **YOUTH AWARDS**

Youth - Conservation Large Club

2nd Norcross Garden Club

Youth - Cert. of Merit Large Club

1st Spalding Garden Club

Youth - Cert. of Merit Large Club

2nd Norcross Garden Club

Youth - Environment

1st Norcross Garden Club

#### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

Youth Leadership - Jr/Intermediate Activities

Large Club 1st Spalding Garden Club

Youth Leadership - Jr/Intermediate Activities

Large Club 2nd Norcross Garden Club



# *AROUND the DISTRICT*



## **Fulton Federation Award Winners —2021**

The Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs held their Awards Luncheon on May 10, 2022 at Bellmere Garden House. Ten Clubs were represented at the luncheon. Seventeen Clubs had submitted their President's report to Trudy Rudert, President of the Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs. Awards were given based on these reports. Speaker for the luncheon was Gretchen Collins, award winning flower designer.

Conservation Project Award: Peachtree Garden Club

Holiday Hosting Award: Peachtree Garden Club

Holiday Decoration Award: Iris Garden Club

Roadside Beautification: Litter Prevention: Spalding Garden Club (presentation by Julia McClanahan)

Bird Award: Bellmere Garden Club

Butterfly Award: TIE: Country Hills Garden Club and Pine Tree Garden Club

Bee Award: Alpharetta Garden Club

Garden Therapy Award: Bellmere Garden Club

Publication Award: Newsletter, Single Page: Bellmere Garden Club

Publication Award: Newsletter, two or more pages: Peachtree Garden Club

Horticulture Program Award: Pine Tree Garden Club (Host a Tour of Butterfly Garden with map of location of native plants)

Youth Educational Award: TIE: Norcross Garden Club and Spalding Garden Club

Most New Members Recruited Award: Norcross Garden Club with 20 new members

Luncheon Attendance Award: Spalding Garden Club (13)

Perfect Attendance Award: Representation at All Four Meetings

Bellmere Garden Club

Country Hills Garden Club

Norcross Garden Club

Roswell Garden Club

Sandy Springs Garden Club

Spalding Garden Club

Club of the Year: Norcross Garden Club (44 on the President's Report)



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## Fulton Federation Award Winners —2021



Gretchen Collins—Luncheon Speaker



Above L-R: Maidee Spencer, Sandy Springs GC; Johnetta Gillies, Country Hills GC; Trudy Rudert, Fulton Federation President; Barbara Bourque, Bellmere GC; Cathy Nelmes, Norcross GC; Lisa Ethridge, Roswell GC; Julia McClanahan, Spalding GC.



Trudy & Pam Elmore, Alpharetta GC



Trudy & Dolores Stewart, Norcross GC



Near right: Trudy with Leanne Penman, Norcross GC  
Far right: Trudy with Johnetta Gillies, Country Hills, GC





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## Deep South Garden Club Award Winners from Dogwood District—2021

The 2022 Deep South Garden Club Convention was held in Natchez, Mississippi this past March. We are proud to announce the following clubs received DS awards for their 2021 accomplishments.

Certificates will be presented at the Fall Annual Meeting in October, 2022.

### Dogwood District Clubs - Deep South Awards

Award #6—Bird Award 3 Large (51 members and over) 1st Spalding Garden Club Sandy Springs, GA

The Overall winner of \$100.00 cash award for #6 Bird Award donated by Jane Hersey, Eatonton, GA is Spalding Garden Club, Sandy Springs, GA

Award #7—Tree Planting Large (51 members and over) 1st Spalding Garden Club Sandy Springs, GA

Award #8—Special Achievement Large (51 members and over) 1st Spalding Garden Club Sandy Springs, GA

Award #20A—Intermediate Gardeners Large (51 members and over) 1st Spalding Garden Club Sandy Springs, GA

Award #22 – Deep South Garden Club of the Year The winning club receives a \$50.00 cash prize donated by Pamela Dowd. The Deep South Garden Club of the Year is Spalding Garden Club The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

### Youth Sculpture Contest

(4th grade) 2nd Olivia Hannon/Norcross Garden Club Norcross, GA

(6th grade) 3rd Madeline Brechtel/Norcross Garden Club Norcross, GA

(7th grade) 3rd Daniela Buandia/Norcross Garden Club Norcross, GA

(8th grade) 3rd Ryan Hariston/Norcross Garden Club Norcross, GA



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## Share the Joy, Invite others to Membership

**YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
MATTERS**

Every year there is an initiative and an incentive to increase Garden Club of Georgia membership numbers. Has your club considered sharing the joy of belonging to a garden club by inviting others to membership while supporting the states membership efforts? If your club wishes to acquire new members or knows of a community that would benefit from a new garden club, contact Special Projects GCG: Mentoring New Garden Clubs Chairman, Leanne Penman.

Helpful start up materials are available for establishing new clubs as well as promotional materials inviting new members to an existing club. Once a new club has been established, clubs have the opportunity to earn credit on the annual President's Report by "Mentoring" a new club.

(See the article on the next page to learn about the accomplishments of a brand new club. Although this new club is in the Redbud District, several Dogwood District members visited their first garden tour to support them)

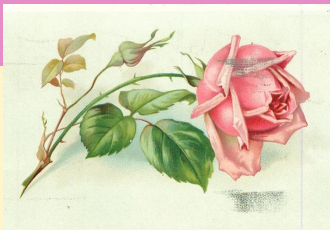
Share GCG's mission: "Beautification, Conservation, Education" happily with others.  
For more information: [LeannePenman2@gmail.com](mailto:LeannePenman2@gmail.com) 770 715-4901

Check out the

**Membership Development Guide** <https://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/membershipdevtrifold.pdf>

Or the

**How to Form a New Club Trifold** <https://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/membershipnewclubtrifold.pdf>



## With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to clubs who had members pass away. Here are the names of individuals who have been given to us recently We extend our sympathy to their families and club members.

Marge Young of Alpharetta Garden Club, Dogwood District passed away in January 2022. Marge was one of the five members of the Alpharetta Garden Club who volunteered to plant the flower beds in 1992 at the historic Mansell House after it was moved from Mansell Road to Wills Park in Alpharetta.

Mary Booth Cabot of Roswell Garden Club, the well known water color artist, passed away on February 6, 2022.

Please send names of deceased members to Chris Adams  
[cadams30041@gmail.com](mailto:cadams30041@gmail.com), Barbara Bourque [b.bourque@comcast.net](mailto:b.bourque@comcast.net)  
and to Chaplain Ginny Wolf [vjwolf@comcast.net](mailto:vjwolf@comcast.net)



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## Roswell Garden Club Dedicates Blue Star and Gold Star Markers

On Thursday May 26, the Roswell Rotary Club invited the Roswell Garden Club to a special luncheon to celebrate the dedication of the Blue Star and Gold Star Markers at the Roswell Faces of War Memorial. Roswell Rotary and RGC collaborated to make this project possible. It was an unforgettable event.

Then on Monday May 30, Roswell Garden Club was in attendance at the Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Celebration for the dedication and unveiling of the Blue Star and Gold Star Markers. Immediate Past President of GCG, Barbara Bourque, was one of the speakers. This dedication had been delayed for the last two years due to COVID-19.

If you click on the Garden Tidbits link below, you will see beautiful pictures of the Blue Star/ Gold Star ceremony which took place on Memorial Day. Alan These, a veteran whose wife Jan is the administrator for Gold/Blue Star markers, documents all the dedications. I am so thankful to [Suzy Crowe](#) for her interface on several levels with the city of Roswell, the Roswell Parks Dept., Roswell Rotary, National Garden Club, Garden Club of Georgia, and The Faces of War Committee. With this dedication, the Roswell Garden Club has made an incredible contribution to our beloved community. Thank you for all you do for RGC.

Read about this two day event here: [Gardening Tidbits: June 2022](#)

You can also listen to the Local Electronic Media Coverage here:

<https://www.cbs46.com/.../roswell-mother-remembers-her.../>

For additional coverage see: [AJC](#) and [Appen Media](#)



Janice These, State Blue Star Chair for GCG; Suzy Crowe, Roswell Garden Club Blue Star/ Gold Star Marker Chair; and Lisa Ethridge, Roswell Garden Club President pose with the Blue Star Marker after the dedication.



Lisa, Suzy and Janice pose with the Gold Star Marker. Photos courtesy of Alan These.





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## You're Invited!!

### 2022 Daylily Show and Plant Sale

hosted by  
**Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:30am – 4:00pm**

Forsyth County Senior Services Building  
**Sexton Hall**  
 2115 Chloe Road, Cumming, GA  
 (Just off Sharon Road)

Sexton Hall is located just north of the Sharon Road Park Ball Fields. The **Show** and **Sale** will both be held in air-conditioned comfort – “rain or shine”.

Come enjoy amazing daylily blooms grown by our members. This year the daylilies will be shown “**On-Scape**” and “**Off-Scape**”. There will also be a **Photography Section**. The public will be the Judges for the “Off-Scape” Section and the Photography Section. **We need your input!**

There's something for everybody at this year's **Show** and **Sale**. The doors will open for the Plant Sale at 11:30 am to buy bargain plants. These wonderful plants come from our member's gardens and there are always a wonderful variety of colors and styles available. Prices for plants begin at \$10.00 with many different colors, sizes and patterns available.



Hope to see you there!

## SAVE THE DATES

**DOGWOOD DISTRICT of  
 The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
 64<sup>th</sup> Annual District Meeting**

Honored Guest: Peggy Tucker, President  
 The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

All club members are encouraged and invited to attend.  
 Registration forms and details coming later this summer.

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**  
 9:30 A.M Registration & Hospitality  
 10:00 A.M. Business Meeting

Dunwoody Country Club  
 1600 Dunwoody Club Drive  
 Atlanta, GA 30350



# National Garden Clubs Projects



Spalding Garden Club was one of several clubs in the state to recently receive a \$1000 Plant America Grant from NGC. They are landscaping the entrance to the Dunwoody Nature Center, a city park in Dunwoody.

The PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Program is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Beautification and/ or restoration
- Community gardens
- Youth gardening
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping
- Landscaping Projects
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticultural or environmental educational event for the public



Clubs should review the application form and plan a project for the future. New applications are due by Oct. 15, 2022 . It works best if you can partner with other community organizations to show greater support and help raise funds.



## Penny Pines - Saving Forests \$68 At A Time

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees. All monies donated by our clubs stay in Georgia.

Donations should be sent to our GCG Chairman: Charolette Thompson.

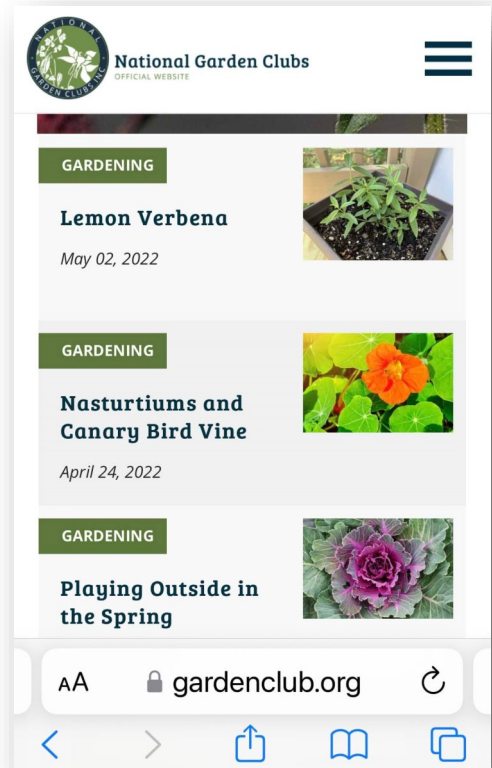
Click here for the form. [Penny Pines \(uga.edu\)](http://Penny Pines (uga.edu))

## National Garden Clubs Inc.

Did you know National Garden Clubs has a Blog?? Take a moment and head over to their blog, search different subjects for a variety of articles and posts.

Consider signing up to receive the NGC weekly blog in your email "in" box every Monday.

[www.gardenclub.org/blog](http://www.gardenclub.org/blog)





# National Garden Clubs Projects



## 200th Anniversary of Birth of Frederick Law Olmsted

The National Garden Club celebrates the 200th anniversary of birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, founder of American landscape architecture, author, conservationist and public servant.

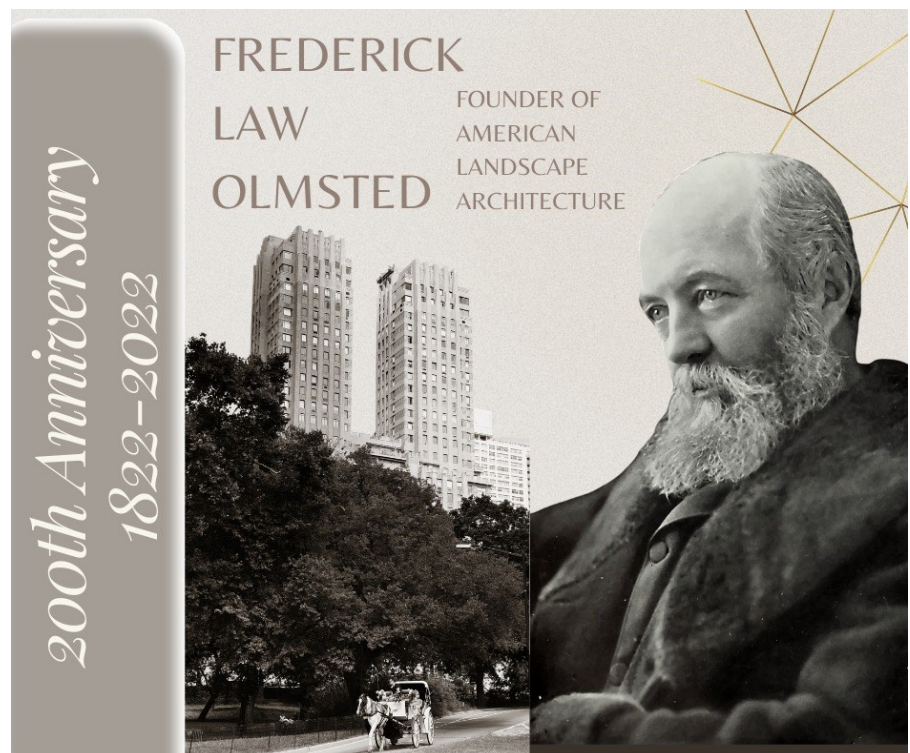
Mr. Olmsted's timeless parks are an intersection of practicality and joy, intentional and the organic, preservation and functionality that span America coast to coast. He understood early on that accessible public spaces could be a place of enjoyment and respite from oppressing urbanism, while preserving and encouraging nature. Even if you are unfamiliar with Mr. Olmsted, you probably have enjoyed Central Park, Prospect Park, the Buffalo Parks System, the grounds of the U.S. Capitol and so much more.

Though to focus merely on the park aspect of Mr. Olmsted's illustrious career would be limited, Mr. Olmsted had a hand in urban subdivisions, world fairs, public health and sanitation, park ways, green belts, city squares, scenic reservations, university campuses and strongly influenced the American Red Cross and National Parks.

We commemorate Frederick Law Olmsted's legacy today and every day -- his parks and preservation are an essential part of American life.

For more information and celebration, visit <https://olmsted200.org/>, and as always, [#PlantAmerica](#).

To learn about Frederick Law Olmsted in Georgia visit: <https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/arts-culture/frederick-law-olmsted-in-georgia/>





# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB

### International Women's Day Speaker

Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day and by luck it worked out that the Norcross Garden Club's Program Meeting presenter that day was Staci Catron, Cherokee Garden Library Director, Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center. She spoke about the "History of Women in Landscape Design". Staci who has a passion for gardens and is an advocate for Garden Club of Georgia (GCG) shared about 4 women in Georgia who were pioneers in Landscape Architecture and pivotal in providing gardens and design in our cities today. We were all inspired by these women and their actions and the sharing of their talents that made a difference.

It just so happened one of the designers presented, Edith Henderson, actually designed a member's garden – Dot Ransom's garden. Staci was delighted when Dot offered her copy of Henderson's design plan and photos to add to the Cherokee Garden archives. Also, member Elizabeth Gross donated to the library several unique books from her Aunt Marvinna Northcutt's estate. Mrs. Northcutt had been very active in the GCG. She was a former GCG President!

NGC is organizing a field trip for its members during National Garden week to visit the Cherokee Library and the Gardens at the Atlanta History Center. The Cherokee Library has over 32,000 books, photographs, manuscripts, seed catalogs, and landscape drawings in its collection which tell fascinating stories of gardening and garden history in the Southeast. Goizueta Gardens at the Atlanta History Center is a 33-acre landscape encompassing a variety of cultivated gardens and preserved woodlands. It is sure to be an interesting and inspiring day

The hour that Staci spoke about the history and impact women in Gardening seemed to last but a few minutes, but its contents helped all our members present to hold our heads a little higher and it gave us hope and inspiration in continuing in our pursuits of conservation, education, and beatification through gardening. We are thankful for Staci and all she does to promote Gardening in Georgia.

For more information about Staci and the Cherokee Garden Library <https://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/buildings-and-grounds/cherokee-garden-library/>





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## NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB

Participation in an Arbor Day tree planting

### We Who Plant Trees Plant Hope

On Sunday, February 20, eight youth of the Norcross Earth Team (NET) and their parents joined the Norcross Garden Club at Norcross Historic Cemetery for a special Georgia Arbor Day celebration. Following a discussion of what trees need to survive, the youth loosened the root ball of a native Black Tupelo, put the tree into position, planted and watered the tree. Following the tree planting, the youth made tree bark rubbings using nearby trees. Before departing the youth were invited to visit the tree periodically and to water and watch it grow into a lovely home for caterpillars, insects, and birds. —Leanne Penman



Participation in Garden Week in GA

Garden Week in Georgia coincides with the Norcross Garden Club (NGC) annual plant sale. It was another successful sale as members share their love of gardening. Annandale Villagers participated, selling several varieties of tomatoes and peppers along with Villager's artwork. NGC member Teresa Stoker mentored Annandale's new greenhouse manager Kessler Catterall. This year's greenhouse crop was bountiful!

Left to right: Back row three young Annandale Villagers, front row Kessler Catterall and Teresa Stoker.





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## NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB

### End of Year Celebration

At the club's annual celebration, Meryl Wilkerson was thanked for her many years of work for the Norcross Garden Club and the city of Norcross. As a former president, she and her husband Bob spent many hours improving the landscape around the cottage, encouraging fellow members, and contributing to the plant sales. Meryl, now retiring, had been working for the city of Norcross for the past 13 years as the Landscape and Beautification Manager. In 2017, a new project developed when Meryl offered city plants to the club for rescue. The president at that time, Leanne Penman, had an idea to sell them and create a youth scholarship fund. Since then, the club has been able to support the Garden Club of Georgia's Scholarship Program. When making the annual contribution to the Garden Club of Georgia, the Norcross club's only request is to grant the scholarship to a qualifying Gwinnett Technical student. Interestingly, new employee Shahin Khalili, who is taking Meryl's position, received one of the garden club's \$1000 scholarships when he was a student at Gwinnett Technical College! Thank you and good luck to Meryl and Bob! —Leanne Penman

Left to right: Leanne Penman, Shahin Khalili, Meryl Wilkerson and Bob Wilkerson





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## SANDY SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB

### FIELD TRIP TO THE ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN FLOWER SHOW

Eight members of the SSGC met at the Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show at the Atlanta Botanical Garden on March 25 and enjoyed the beautiful flowers, creative arrangements, and interesting photography. Afterwards, they gathered for lunch at the Longleaf Restaurant. A good time was had by all. Thank you to Margaret Russell for organizing this delightful field trip.



From Left to Right: Karen Clydesdale, Carrie Grayson, Shelly Mulick, Ginny Wolf, Margaret Russell, Elaine Stephens, Chris Adams



From Left to Right: Shelly Mulick, Margaret Russell, Laura Jones, Chris Adams





# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## Sandy Springs Garden Club

### SANDY SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB BRINGS JOY TO OTHERS POTS OF CHEER WELL-RECEIVED

The Pots of Cheer we created at our April meeting, for the residents of Mt. Vernon Towers were well-received. The staff graciously assisted us in bringing the cups into the building, and they were thoroughly awed. They let us know that they will be very much appreciated by the residents.

Shelly Mulick, Jen Wong, Carrie Grayson present the Pots of Cheer to the Mt. Vernon Towers staff.



### MANN HOUSE GARDEN THERAPY PROJECT A HUGE SUCCESS

Sarah McKenney, Linda Ware, Jen Wong, Annette Johnson, Mary Vaughan, Cathy Williams, Janie Webb, Elaine Stephens, Minnie Bob Campbell, and Carrie Grayson brought their talents and skills to the Mann House on April 22, to do a lovely job of beautifying the Mann House entrances and courtyard. The Mann House is a rehabilitative and memory care facility in Sandy Springs, and many of the residents were able to participate or observe the therapy project. It was a fun time for both residents and SSGC members. Thank you to all who participated in this project.



LtoR: Jen Wong, Minnie Bob Campbell, Elaine Stephens, Sarah McKenney, Janie Webb, Carrie Grayson, Mary Vaughan, Anette Johnson

Standing LtoR: Minnie Bob Campbell, Mary Vaughan, Sarah, McKenney, Cathy Williams. Seated: Linda Ware





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## Club Estates Garden Club

For our March meeting, Club Estates Garden Club took a field trip to the State Botanical Garden in Athens. We had 3 lovely docents guide us through the emerging spring gardens and enjoyed viewing the exhibits for the upcoming flower competition. Everyone expressed their surprise at how convenient the garden is from Atlanta and that our hour tour was not nearly long enough! We will be back!





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## Gardenia Garden Club

The Gardenia Garden Club held our March club meeting at Cross Creek Cafe', where we had so much fun "**Flowering Together**" under the guidance of our Guest Speaker, Penny Anne Machemehl! Penny Anne, is a member of the Bellmere Garden Club and loves flower arranging, so she brought her expertise to our meeting and helped us create our own individual flower arrangements out of flowers and stems from Penny Anne's garden, from members' gardens, and from the grocery store! It was a fun, hands-on experience, and we were very proud of our creations, which you can see examples of in the photos below.

— Kay Chapman



Penny Anne Machemehl (Standing) , Nell Snipes, Pam Parlier (seated)

Seated: Iverson Cook Standing: Pam Parlier, Nell Snipes



Harriet Hildreth, Iverson Cook, Mimi Clark (Seated), Penny Anne Machemehl (Standing).





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## Ama-Kanasta Garden Club

Our March Meeting was held at the Dog River Library in Douglasville, Georgia. The business meeting was held in the outdoor pavilion and the business meeting was held inside the library. Our speaker was our own Marjorie Stansel, Master Garden and American Chestnut expert. Our program was about the history of the American Chestnut and the fungal disease that decimated the old Chestnut groves in our forests. The American Chestnut Foundation is working to return these trees to their natural 200 million acre range mostly in the Southeast. Several American Chestnut Trees were planted locally at Foxhall. —Beverly Scholz

**Photos taken inside the Dog River Library**

Members seated at tables Photo 1: Brenda James, Connie Hartley, Nancy Berry, Libby Tedder, gie McLeod, Beverly Scholz, Melinda Morris, Debbie Dodson, Lisa Justus, Betty Shows  
 Photo 2: Connie Hartley, Marilyn Ooten, Mary Tidwell



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Speaker: Marjorie Stansel



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Our April meeting was a trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Only eight were able to attend, but we had a lovely time and perfect weather. — Beverly Scholz

**Photo taken at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens**

Back Row: Emmaline Pursley, Lisa Young, Tami Smith, Nancy Berry  
 Front Row: Beverly Scholz, Rene Hudson, Marilyn Ooten, Robin Henry





# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## Ama-Kanasta Garden Club

Ama-Kanasta Garden Club met at the Old Courthouse Museum for their May meeting and luncheon. After viewing a fabulous art display in the museum, we gathered in the atrium for a business meeting, luncheon, and a program. Our speaker, Tara Dillard was introduced by Susanne Hudson. Tara is a garden designer, landscape speaker, educator, blogger, and author of several books including "The Garden View" and "The Silver Lining." Her program was about Gardening for the Ages. Planting and designing your garden so you will be able to care for it as you age. She suggested we find a new book "The Hydrangea Book" by Michael Dirr.

### Photo taken on the steps of the Old Courthouse Museum, Douglasville, Georgia

Top Row: Robin Henry  
Linda Kinsey, Connie Hartley, Genie Gordon, Debbie Dodson, Tara Dillard, Rene Hudson, Brenda James, Libby Tedder

Center Row: Sherry Verner, Suzanne Owings, Joo Fouts, Emmaline Pursley, Janice Morris, Melissa Sanders

Front Row: Marilyn Ooten, Susanne Hudson, Kathy Henry, Beverly Scholz, Nancy Berry



Ama Kanasta will plant trees at Hunter Park for Keep Douglasville Beautiful Campaign, plans a Memorial Garden at the Cultural Arts Center in remembrance of all deceased members, given a scholarship to a local College Student who is majoring in Horticulture, Landscaping, Environmental Studies, etc. We will participate in the 13 Annual Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival "Celebrations" on June 4, 2022 in Douglasville, among other projects. — Beverly Scholz



# Looking Forward



## Dogwood District August Board Meeting

For Club Presidents, Club Members, District Board Members {Committee Chairmen}  
EVERYONE— This year we plan to meet in person at the following location:

**Lost Corner Preserve—in the Cottage**  
**August 9, 2022 10:00 am (Social 9:45)**



**Lost Corner Preserve is located at:**  
7300 Brandon Mill Road  
Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328

In the heart of Sandy Springs at the intersection of Dalrymple Rd/Riverside Drive and Brandon Mill Rd you'll find quiet solitude and more. The blinking light tells you that you have arrived. Don't miss the driveway located on Brandon Mill near the intersection.

- ◆ Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions as you prepare your yearbooks and set up your speaker schedule for next year. I can be reached at [cadams30041@yahoo.com](mailto:cadams30041@yahoo.com).
- ◆ If you are looking for the updated GCG guide there is an online version that you can access at the following address. It will be updated again later this summer.

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/guide>  
ID = guide  
password = grow1315

- ◆ The next issue of Dogwood Dialogue will be published in August, 2022. Please be sure to send articles for the summer issue to: [dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com](mailto:dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com) by August 15.
- ◆ Enjoy a lovely spring and summer

