

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, and January. Featuring activities & events of our Garden Clubs, Federation and District that support the goals of GCG and National Garden Clubs



2021-2023

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District Co-Director
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Ginny Wolf

"Nurturing friendships through the love of gardens"

Dear Dynamic Dogwoods,

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, Dogwood District held their 63rd Fall Meeting at the Dunwoody Country Club. This Director wishes to thank all the members who participated in this meeting. It was a fun getting to see everyone in person and it looked like you were having a good time reconnecting with old friends. We were honored to have two guest speakers, co-authors Jennifer Richardson and Spencer Tunnell who gave us some great information from their book - Olmsted's Linear Park. Thank you to Sandy Kruger, president of Druid Hills Garden club for making this possible.

Thank you to our Garden Club of Georgia President, Peggy Tucker for attending our luncheon as the honored guest. She always has a smile and words of encouragement to all with whom she comes in contact.

At the luncheon the following Dogwood District special awards were announced by our Dogwood Awards chairman Marianne McConnel:

Dogwood District Club of the Year 2021 Congratulations to ***Norcross Garden Club***
This award is given to the club which scored the highest number of points on the 2021 annual president's report of club achievements

The 2022 Dynamic Dogwood Award – Suze Crowe – for her dedicated work with Roswell Garden Club on their Blue Star and Gold Star Marker projects.

The 2022 District Woman of the Year Award – Carolyn Herndon – for her dedicated work with Dogwood District, GCG and Roswell Garden Club.

During the Annual Luncheon the new officers for the 2023-2025 Dogwood District Board were elected. The following individuals were elected at our meeting:

Monica Bozonier, District Director
Christy Novellas, District Co-Director
Christy Roberts, Recording Secretary
Ginny Wolf, Corresponding Secretary
Beth Ellis, Treasurer

Congratulations to the incoming Board on being elected. They will be installed this April at the GCG Convention at Stone Mountain hosted by Dogwood District.

Please remember to send your AWARDS applications to the GCG Chairman by December 1st, 2022. If you need assistance with the awards please don't hesitate to ask.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay warm and stay safe.

Happy gardening,

Chris Adams,
Dogwood District Director, 2021-2023
cadams30041@yahoo.com, 404-695-8210



AROUND the DISTRICT

Dogwood District Annual Luncheon District Award Winners



Dogwood District Club of the Year 2021

Leanne Penman accepts the trophy for Norcross Garden Club. Norcross GC had the highest score on their President's Report for 2021.



Dynamic Dogwood 2022

Suze Crowe of Roswell Garden Club was awarded the Dynamic Dogwood Award
L-R: Dogwood Awards Chairman Marianne McConnell, District Director Chris Adams, and Suzy Crowe



Dogwood Women of the Year - 2022

Carolyn Herndon of the Roswell Garden Club was honored as the Dogwood Women of the Year for her work with Dogwood District and GCG over many years.

Congratulations to our Winners!

AROUND the DISTRICT

Dogwood District Annual Luncheon

Standard of Excellence Clubs and Council for 2021

The following clubs were awarded the Standard of Excellence: Ama-Kanasta, Bellmere, Country Hills, Druid Hills, Indian Creek, Norcross, Sandy Springs, and Spalding. This award goes to clubs that earned at least 30 points on the 2021 Club Presidents' Report. Fulton Federation received the Council Standard of Excellence.



Pictured above: Back Row (L-R) Leanne Penman (Norcross), Suzanne Kelly (Indian Creek) Johnetta Gillies, (Country Hills), Barbara Bourque (Bellmere), Beverly Scholz (Ama-Kanasta), Andrea Slappey (Druid Hills), Trudy Rudert (Fulton Federation). Front Row (L-R) Dogwood District Director Chris Adams, Carrie Grayson (Sandy Springs), Jane Cox (Spalding), and GCG President Peggy Tucker

Congratulations to our Winners!

AROUND the DISTRICT

Fun Times at the Dogwood District Annual Luncheon



Tally Sweat (Druid Hills GC), Gayle Thomas (Redbud District Director) Jenny Richardson (Speaker)



Dogwood Director Chris Adams introduces Catherin Lautenbacher, Leadership Sandy Springs and Dunwoody City Council Member



Speakers Spence Tunnell (center) and Jennie Richardson (right) sell a book to Jeanine Bethea, Primrose GC



Director Chris Adams, State President Peggy Tucker



Melinda Stuk, Dogwood Treasurer



Roswell Garden Club members were big winners!

AROUND the DISTRICT

Fun Times at the Dogwood District Annual Luncheon



Dogwood District Co-Director Liddy Chatham had some Gardening Passion bags for sale



Immediate GCG Past President Barbara Bourque and Current GCG State President Peggy Tucker



Barbara Bourque presents Immediate Past Dogwood District Director Debbie Vann with flowers



Gerri Shaw, State Convention Coordinator, talks with Dogwood District Recording Secretary and 2023 Convention Co-Chair, Christy Novellas



Sandy Springs Garden Club members in attendance pose with Peggy Tucker



Dogwood District Scholarships

Many thanks to all the Dynamic Dogwoods for your contributions to Scholarships!



Our college students so appreciate your support as they continue to earn their degrees in fields of horticulture and environmental studies. Continued notes of thanks, along with email updates from our 2022 grant recipients, advise us that they are doing great! Again, they are so thankful to each of you.

Now in the new giving period, I cannot encourage you enough to make scholarships a part of your giving from clubs, councils and individually. Please help us prepare by year-end, no later than January, for the students who will be applying this February 1, 2023. We know from experience they will be deserving of and hopeful for our financial assistance.

The Dynamic Dogwoods always come through for our Dollars Educate Scholars program. This fundraiser is continuing, and I know you want to see your Director Chris, crowned the Queen of Scholarships in April at the GCG Convention! Contributions may be sent at any time now though January for this fundraiser.

Remember to sign up with AmazonSmile and select The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. as your Charity of Choice.

Please consider a gift to scholarships to ensure the legacy of Beautification, Conservation & Education.

Minnie Bob Campbell, Dogwood District Scholarship Chairman
Susan Turner, GCG Scholarship Chairman

GCG awarded \$70,000.00 to 21 Students for the 2022-2023 Academic Term.
We are thankful to all who have contributed to our Scholarship Program.

There are 37 Named Scholarships totaling \$45,611.29. In addition, we granted \$24,388.71 through Patrons of Scholarships, General Fund contributions, Dollars Educate Scholars, Life Memberships & AmazonSmile, along with designated income from the Brown Thrasher and Cherokee Rose Investment Accounts. We congratulate our students on their many achievements, sending our best for their futures.

The following scholarships were recognized at the Dogwood District Annual Luncheon on October 19, 2022:

NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS 2021-2022

The Dogwood District Scholarship \$1,000.00
Established in 2016 in honor of its clubs and members.

The Ama-Kanasta Garden Club Scholarship \$1,000.00
Established in 2011 by its members in honor of the club.

The Joan Brown Scholarship \$1,500.00
Established in 2021 by Deen Day Sanders to honor
her memory and many years of service to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

The Club Estates Garden Club Scholarship \$1,000.00
Established in 2022 to honor their members and
many years of service to the community.

Dogwood District Scholarships

NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS 2021-2022 (cont.)

The James R. Cothran Landscape Architecture Scholarship \$1,000.00
Established in 2011 in tribute to his memory by Lee and Michael Dunn.

The Emily C. Fawcett Scholarship \$1,505.00
Established in 2021 to honor her memory by Members of
Pine Tree Garden Club.

The Garnett Hanna Cobb Scholarship \$2,000.00
Established in 2013 by Jane Whiteman and Terry Waith;
continued by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cobb in memory of his mother,
a founding member of fifty years in the Sandy Springs Garden Club, Sandy Springs.

The Green Thumb Garden Club of Atlanta Scholarship \$2,002.29
Established in 2022 in memory of Ruth Sanders and
In honor of 74 years of our club's service.

The Mrs. Sammie S. Flaherty Scholarship \$1,500.00
Established in 2008 by Nancy Moses in loving memory of her mother, a
Life Member and Former President of Hilltop Garden Club, Augusta.

The Stanley D. Moses Scholarship \$1,500.00
Established in Stan's honor in 2014 and in loving memory in 2020
by Nancy Moses.

The Norcross Garden Club Scholarship \$1,000.00
Established in 2019, this year is in Celebration and
Honor of their 90th Anniversary.

The Riverside West Garden Club Scholarship. \$3,354.00
Established in 2021 by its members to honor
Fifty-one years of service by the club.

The Deen Day Sanders Scholarship \$1,000.00
Established in honor and memory of Garden Club Friends.

The Deen Day Sanders Scholarship \$2,250.00
Established in honor of Deen by her friends and family.

NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS 2022-2023 donated again & recognized now, to be awarded in 2023:

The Dot Rouse Scholarship \$1,200.00
Established in 2021 by members of Bellmere Garden Club and
Jim Rouse, in loving memory of his wife.



Dogwood District Scholarships

PATRONS OF SCHOLARSHIPS—MAY 1, 2021 – APRIL 30, 2022



Dogwood District

Alpharetta Garden Club

Bellmere Garden Club in honor of Deen Day Sanders

Johnathan Day, in honor of Deen Day Sanders

Druid Hills Garden Club

NGCFSJ in honor of Deen Day Sanders

Roswell Garden Club in memory of Mary Ann Booth Cabot.

Deen Day Sanders, in memory of Joan Brown to honor her many years of service to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Deen Day Sanders in Memory of Jim Spencer

Sandy Springs Garden Club

Spade and Trowel Garden Club

Spalding Garden Club

AROUND the DISTRICT



Dogwood District Bulb Fundraiser Great Success

Thank you all again for your purchase of the Amaryllis bulbs from Colorblends. We had many members place orders for these bulbs and hopefully you will enjoy the color they bring to your home this winter.

This is a good fundraiser for the District and the monies will be put to good use.

I wish to thank Liddy Chatham for a successful bulb sale fundraiser. She chose some lovely bulbs and was able to get the bulbs to their purchasers.

Chris Adams

AROUND the DISTRICT

Fulton Federation

Fulton Federation held its November meeting on November 14th at Northside Drive Baptist Church. Speaker Jeanne Singer from Scottdale Farms in Alpharetta presented a wonderful program on fall container gardening.

The January meeting will be held at the Sandy Springs Library on Jan 9th. All club members are welcome.



AROUND the DISTRICT

With Sympathy



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to clubs who had members pass away during the past year. Here are the names of individuals who were remembered at the Fall Annual Meeting.

Alpharetta Garden Club

Marge Young 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.

Ama-Kanasta Garden Club

Nancy Adams --January 21, 2022
Jane Yancey -- September 19, 2022

Camellia Garden Club

Nancy Guthrie – September 1 2021

Cherokee Garden Club

Kay P Cairney – January 7, 2022

Dogwood Garden Club (Tallapoosa)

Jo Hart – December 19, 2021

Druid Hills Garden Club

Wendy Tarson – June 2022

Habersham Garden Club

Barbara White July 7, 2021

Mimosa Garden Club

Lyn Glenn - January 12, 2022
Sanford Dunklin - October 23, 2021
Elkin Alston - May 5, 2021

Peachtree Battle Garden Club

Jody Garrard Smith, an active member at the time of her death, on December 6, 2021. “Jody graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture in 1954. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. Upon graduation she began a career as a landscape architect that spanned four decades.”

Roswell Garden Club

Mary Ann Booth Cabot was a well-known watercolor artist, passed away on February 6, 2022.

Rose Garden Club

Dorothy (“Dot”) Addison – Passed away on June 24, 2022. She was 99 years old. She was a past president of the Rose Garden Club

Margaret Ann Bruce – passed away on June 30, 2022. She was 96 years old.

Beverly Snellings - Beverly cherished her years in The Rose Garden Club and was President in 1982. She served on numerous committees, enjoyed flower arranging, charitable events and the camaraderie of her friends in the club. Olive McIntosh Toy - age 97, passed away peacefully at her home on June 18, 2022. She was a very active member of the Rose Garden Club and served as president in 1956 and 1965. She was tapped to be the first President of the Fulton County Federation of Garden Clubs in 1966 and served as the President of the Atlanta Flower Show Association from 1960 to 1963.



Going forward, for any of your members that pass away, please send names to both Chris Adams cadams30041@yahoo.com and to Chaplain Ginny Wolf vjwolf@comcast.net

GCG Convention

Dogwood District Hosts GCG Convention April 18-20, 2022



Dogwood District is hosting a fantastic event: “**Garden Magic on the Mountain.**” to celebrate The Garden Club of Georgia’s 95th Anniversary. The Evergreen Lakeside Resort offers the perfect setting for our three days of information, fun, and fellowship – with its gorgeous scenery, beautiful lakes, and the many activities that Stone Mountain has to offer. Come early or stay longer to enjoy it all- bring your spouse or other family members. We are hoping many of you will join us for the festivities, and we count on club members to help with the multitude of jobs that need to be done to produce a successful event. Lots of fun, but lots of work, too. And your Clubs’ financial support is most appreciated. Barbara Bourque from Bellmere GC is the Chairman, Christy Novellas of Magnolia GC and Debbie Vann of Roswell GC are the Co-Chairmen. Please say ‘yes’ when these folks call on you to volunteer. We will have an electronic program booklet to honor our sponsors.

The December issue of Garden Gateways has a full article on all the events. Afternoon workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday will be fun and educational. District officers will be installed during the cocktail hour on Tuesday. Lee Dunn from Spalding GC has great speakers planned for opening night dinner and Wednesday lunch. The Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening. Mary Millar and Carole McWilliams, also from Spalding, are lining up fantastic vendors for your shopping pleasure.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS
2023 GCG Annual Convention
Evergreen Lakeside Conference Resort
 4021 Lakeview Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
 (770) 879-9900

Deadline for hotel registration:
on or before March 26, 2023 to receive group rate.

\$143.00 ++ per night for King or Double – included in price is \$4 reduced entrance fee to Stone Mountain Park for staying at hotel – normally \$20.

Best way to register for hotel:

Online-click here to register: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50303356>

Follow the prompts, enter your dates, and select room type.
 or Phone Evergreen reservations at (770) 879-9900

Identify yourself as a **Garden Club of Georgia** member and give passkey # above. Provide the Specific dates of your reservation.



Above are Chris Adams, Christy Novellas, and Barbara Bourque, as ‘magicians’ promoting the April Convention at our Dogwood District Fall Meeting. They made the circuit of all 7 District Meetings inviting garden club members from around the state to come to Stone Mountain this next April.

It’s going to be a great event!



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. • 95th Annual Convention
“Garden Magic on the Mountain”

April 18-20, 2023

The Evergreen Lakeside Resort - Stone Mountain, Georgia
Official Registration Form • Registration Deadline: March 31, 2023

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Badge Name Preference _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (w/area code) _____

E-mail _____

Club Name _____ District _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

***All GCG Board Members, all GCG Life Members and one member from each club are Voting Delegates;
 Please check *Voting Delegate* box if applicable.**

<input type="checkbox"/> State President	<input type="checkbox"/> District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Deep South Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Council President	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> *Voting Delegate*	<input type="checkbox"/> Former State President	<input type="checkbox"/> Former National President
<input type="checkbox"/> My first GCG Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER (please check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> PACKAGE PLAN includes Registration fee, Workshops, Opening Dinner, Wed Luncheon, Awards Banquet, and Membership Luncheon.		
PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL	\$256.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> PART-TIME PLAN - no extra fee for afternoon workshops, covered by your registration fee		
Tuesday Opening Night Dinner	\$63.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Award of Merit Luncheon	\$45.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Awards Banquet	\$63.00	\$ _____
Thursday Membership Luncheon and Installation of Officers.....	\$45.00	\$ _____
REGISTRATION FEE <u>per day</u> required for <input type="checkbox"/> Tues & <input type="checkbox"/> Wed N/A for Thurs.....	\$30.00	\$ _____
PART-TIME PLAN TOTAL		\$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION COSTS \$ _____

Late Registration Fee [Postmarked after March 31st include extra \$30.00] \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make Check Payable to: GCG 2023 CONVENTION

Mail Check & Registration Form to: Trudy Rudert, 4852 Scotts Mill Way, Peachtree Corners, GA 30096

TRudert@comcast.net 404-713-6934

No Refunds After April 1, 2023 • Registration Fee Not Refundable

[On-Line Registration will be available in January on our GCG website – accepting payment by credit card.](#)

GCG Convention

Dogwood Designers plan for the Convention



Treasure or trash? Past GCG President Barbara Bourque collected this twisty root (upper left) for the Dogwood District Design Team to turn into an "Enchanted Forest" tablescape at our GCG 2023 Convention: ***"Garden Magic on the Mountain."*** We can't wait to see what creative minds will do with this "Treasure" HAVE YOU SEEN ANY INTERESTING TWISTED ROOTS OR DRIFTWOOD YOU MIGHT CONTRIBUTE? Sample ideas are pictured

Call Maidee Spencer 678.255.0462, or JoAnn Jones 770.355.1323

A wide variety of different designs will grace the tables at the Convention. You won't want to miss it. Maidee, JoAnn and Brenda Brettschneider are heading up the Design team for Centerpieces.

Betty Williams will be creating a large Design to honor our honored guest— the Deep South Director Carol Hall.



GCG—Statewide Activities

Garden Club of Georgia Fundraiser Cash Raffle!!!!

Be sure to buy your tickets for the GCG cash raffle fundraiser. Drawing will be held at the April Convention in Macon. You do not have to be present to win. See your club president for tickets (if not picked up at the Annual luncheon, president's will receive in the mail soon) or contact: Chris Adams (cadams30041@yahoo.com) for additional tickets.

Prizes are:

First Prize \$500
Second Prize \$250
Third Prize \$125



This is the only general fundraiser for Garden Club of Georgia this year. It can only be successful with everyone participating.

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 for
The Garden Club of Georgia Inc.

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

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

With the holidays upon us, many of you will be shopping.

“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.”

GCG—Statewide Activities



The Georgia Water Coalition has had 20 wonderful years. This Year’s Annual Report Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Clean Water Act by Highlighting Landmark Legal Actions That Have Led to Cleaner Water In Georgia

On Nov. 29th, the Georgia Water Coalition released a special edition of its annual Dirty Dozen report. This year the report celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act by reviewing 12 landmark legal actions that shaped the implementation of the Clean Water Act in Georgia. These lawsuits corrected some “dirty” situations to improve the health of the state’s water and the people and wildlife that depend on that water.



How You Can Help: Share the Report with Your Elected Officials and Networks. We’ve provided an online action link to share directly with Georgia’s Governor and Lt Governor-Elect.

Click here to read the whole report:

<https://www.gawater.org/resources/dirty-dozen>



Protect Our Okefenokee
the Wild Heart of Georgia

Other legislative issues:
INDUSTRIAL SLUDGE
"SOIL AMENDMENTS" Land owners living next door to sludge operations are being vocal about the large swarms of black flies, heavy presence of Vultures and an overwhelming stench that permeates their communities once a “soil amendment” carrier starts applying [partially processed animal byproduct sludge] which can then contaminate rivers/streams causing fish kills. The Agriculture Dept and local jurisdictions are trying to craft laws to regulate this industry.



The Georgia Water Coalition continues to fight for clean water throughout our state. One ongoing battle is the proposed mining operation adjacent to the Okefenokee Swamp. The future of our Okefenokee is at risk. A titanium dioxide mine has been proposed adjacent to the swamp. Mining near the swamp threatens the health, safety, and economy of Southeast Georgia and the wildlife of the Okefenokee. We need to send a clear message that mining near the Okefenokee is not welcome.

The Okefenokee Needs Our Safeguards

The Okefenokee Swamp is a 438,000-acre state treasure, the largest blackwater swamp in America, a National Wildlife Refuge and a designated Wetland of International Importance. In the 1990s, Georgia leaders spoke out against DuPont’s proposal to mine next to the Okefenokee, and the Georgia Board of Natural Resources agreed, declaring that mining could cause irreparable, long-term damage to Georgia’s beloved swamp. Now another mining operation is proposed. A complex legal battle is ongoing.

We Need Your Leadership and Help

68% of polled Georgians support passing a law to protect the Okefenokee. It’s up to our state to pass a law to protect the Oke. Talk to your legislator and ask that they—

Pass legislation that permanently protects the swamp from mining proposals.

Deep South Convention

2023 DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

ANNUAL CONVENTION CALL

March 9-10, 2023

Hilton New Orleans Airport
901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA

Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Presents

The Mindful Gardener
A Journey Through the Senses

In addition to the Convention

LGCF, Inc. is sponsoring an NGC Tri-Refresher

March 8, 2023

Details: <http://www.dsgardenclubs.com/>

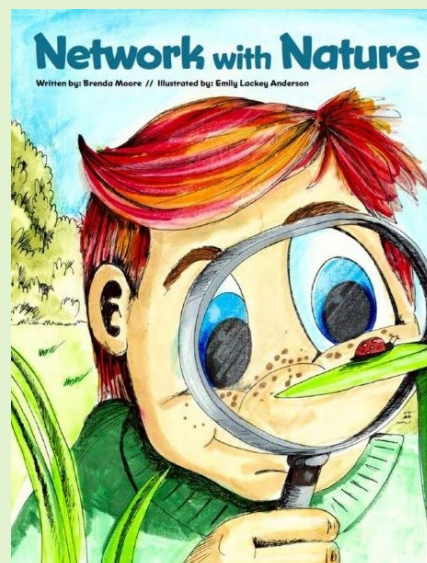
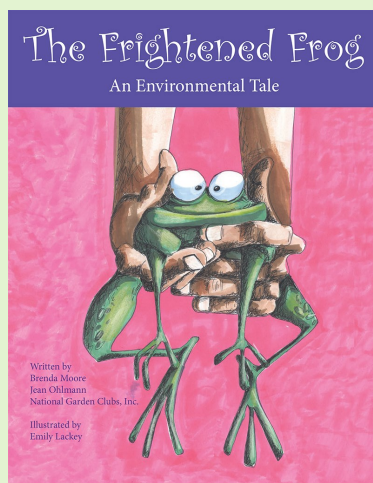
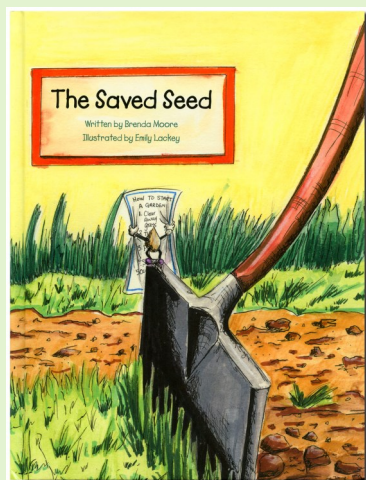


Statewide - NGC

Great Gift Giving Idea for Children

National Garden Clubs, Inc. publishes books for kids to begin a lifelong love of gardening, caring for the environment and more. All of the books are written by Brenda Moore, and these delightful and engaging books are perfect for story time and for planting seeds of thoughts in young minds. Order books through

[THE NGC ONLINE STORE.](#)



Membership Mondays

Membership Monday is a free monthly Zoom event for all federated garden club members. Join us on the 2nd Monday of each month from 2PM - 3PM EST. Learn new skills, share success stories, resolve commonly encountered issues, and brainstorm solutions with fellow members across the Americas.

January 2023 - **People, Plants, and Programs a 4 part series on NGC Schools.**

Part 1 - Garden Study - What can you learn. How does it work.

Learn directly from the NGC Garden Study Chairman about this wonderful program.

[Register here](#)



Dogwood District Clubs

Club Estates Garden Club

For our October meeting, Club Estates Garden Club visited Atlanta’s historic Oakland Cemetery. It was an absolutely perfect fall day and the cemetery was covered in beautiful colorful mature hardwoods and native shrubs. We had perhaps a record field trip attendance of 49 members. The Cemetery provided excellent knowledgeable tour guides and the members loved the history of the famous and not so famous among the more than 50,000 individuals interred at Oakland.

Cheryl Durham
President, Club Estates Garden Club

Left to right: Diane Jones, Alisha Kessler, Monica Hinton, Stephanie McGarity, and Melissa Longosz.



Members enjoyed a delicious lunch afterwards at the Six Feet Under restaurant (across the street from the cemetery) that has been owned by club member, Diane Moffett’s brother, for over 30 years.



AROUND the DISTRICT

Country Hills

Country Hills Garden Club went to Woodlands Gardens , 932 Scott Blvd, Decatur GA. for a lovely tour. They were setting up for the fundraiser plant sale. Then to Ponce City Market for lunch and our meeting and to look at the Garden Shop there.



Left to right in photo below: Priscilla Drain, Monica Bozonier, Jennifer McCullough, Johnetta Gillies, Leslie Busino and Chrissie Foster.



AROUND the DISTRICT

Country Hills

Country Hills Garden Club took a field trip to the Gainesville Botanical Garden.

Photo below(L-R)- Chrissie Foster, Arlene Butler, Vivene Holley, And Johnetta Gillies



With the sign Left to Right Arlene Butler, Chrissie Foster, Johnetta Gillies and Vivene Holley.



Country Hills Garden Club donated a “Gift Card Tree” for the Dogwood District Annual Luncheon .. pictured with Vivene Holley.

Dogwood District Clubs

Magnolia Garden Club

Magnolia Garden Club participated in the Atlanta Habitat Women’s Build on November 12, 2022. Six members of our club, Nancy McWilliams, Stacey Triesch, Lindsey Sosebee, Christy Novellas, Phyllis Hogan and Beth Shaw, participated in the final day of the build, Landscape Day. We were there bright and early to serve as ‘Day Captains’ where we helped set up for the day, check participants in and work on the landscaping and final touches of the house for a very deserving Atlanta Habitat homebuyer, Shari. This is the 5th year the Magnolia Garden Club has supported this build both financially and as volunteers.

— Beth Shaw



Photo Above Left to right: Lindsey Sosebee, Phyllis Hogan, and Christy Novellas

Stacey Triesch



Phyllis Hogan and Christy Novellas



Dogwood District Clubs

Camellia Garden Club

Camellia Garden Club has had an active fall. In addition to refreshing the container pots and handicap-accessible planters in the Roswell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center courtyard, the club added a new service project to beautify the entrance to the Chastain Horse Park.

This facility, one of only two remaining urban horse parks in the US, is Premier Accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International and serves children, teens, and adults with physical cognitive and emotional disabilities.

Camellia Garden Club also participated in the Growing Kindness Project at our October meeting. Maggie Gravedoni of Ruth and Piper flower farm explained this international project's mission is to build relationships by growing flowers and giving them to others. Maggie created a bouquet from flowers she brought for each attendee and provided gift cards so we could make someone else feel special. — Robin Conway, President



Maggie Gravedoni of Ruth and Piper farm helped Camellia Garden Club members create flower bouquets to give to others as part of the international Growing Kindness Project



From left to right: Michael Blanton, Bill Conway, Robin Conway, Diane Sinclair, Debbie Herzig, Bonnie Cook, Susan Hall, Alicia Blanton, and Ron Ashman began the work to beautify the entrance to the Chastain Horse Park. Not shown: Duffy Lynch.



From left to right: Jessica Saunders, Tinah Saunders, Janice Gordon, Duffy Lynch, Gayle Brown, and Alicia Blanton added fall plantings to the courtyard at Roswell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Photographer Janet Wells is not pictured.

Dogwood District Clubs

Norcross Garden Club

Norcross Garden Club

Sunday, November 6, 2022: The Enchanted Forest has become a community favorite for the Norcross Youth Earth Team, hosted by the Norcross Garden Club annually in the Johnson Dean Forest Preserve. It takes place the Sunday after Halloween "when fairies manifest in the forest and observant and quiet visitors can see the doorways to their homes." Seven club members arrived ahead of time and arranged a series of fairy doors along the forest trail, decorating with natural items. Norcross Garden Club member and professional storyteller, Jill Swenson, led 21 youth and 19 adults through the forest to discover the magical fairy doors, and encouraged the youth to look for natural items to use in creating their own fairy houses. Participants then carved and decorated fairy houses using leftover Halloween pumpkins, items retrieved from the forest floor, and dried materials supplied by club members. To prepare, community and club members were invited to drop off their leftover pumpkins. During the event empty candy wrappers were collected and sent to a local specialized recycling center. Any pumpkins remaining after the event were delivered to a local middle school where a Norcross Garden Club member taught students how to create a compost bin. Community partners for the event included the Sustainable Norcross Commission, and Gardens for Growing Community.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS

Peachtree Battle Garden Club

Members of Peachtree Battle Garden Club met in November to clean up the Blue Star Marker site located at Fire Station 21 on Roswell Rd. Due to continued construction, the area had recently grown worse, with lots of discarded metal and other debris. To the club's delight, a couple of the firemen along with a construction site worker pitched in to help! They were able to remove weeds and overgrowth around existing azaleas and some other ground cover and then top with new mulch. The area looks much improved and the Club intends to continue quarterly maintenance checks. Hopefully, the construction will come to an end in the next few months.



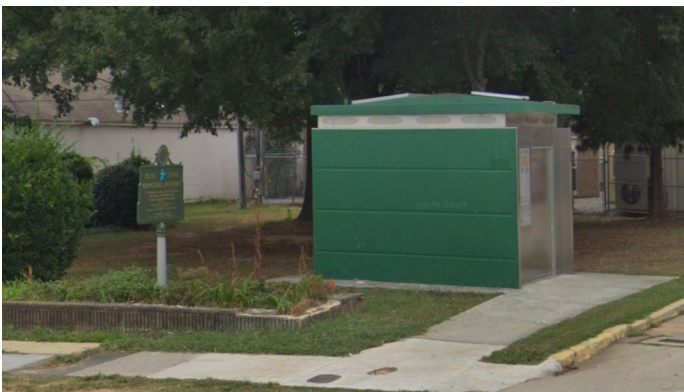
Pictured from L-R are Beatrice Garner, Helga Perrin, PBGC President Kay Chase, former President Lynn Lindskoog, Stephene Major, Debi Weatherford, and Toni Stoughton

The Club is investigating other possible locations. Dogwood District paid to have the marker refurbished several years ago, and now wishes to move this marker to a more appropriate location since the city installed a restroom building immediately adjacent to it. Also, the cement tiles have been destroyed by—we assume—nighttime bar patrons. There is no source of water and the plantings have been replaced several times in recent years.

With the installation of a restroom next to the marker, this site no longer shows the respect intended, and we need to find another more appropriate location.



Several firemen and a construction worker helped club members with the work of removing debris and weeds.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS

Planters Garden Club Celebrates 90 Year Anniversary



Members of Planters Garden Club gathered at the home of Carolynn Cooper for their 90th Anniversary Celebration

Planters Garden Club was formed in 1931 in Atlanta and the membership primarily resides in Buckhead. Planters' originally started as a club for mothers and daughters. They still do have several m/ds in their club today, although the majority of their membership is not a mother daughter duo. Members range in age from the 30's and up. The Club has focused on recruiting younger members and they are thrilled with their successful results. Over the years Planters has sponsored many beautification projects in Buckhead (Shepherd Spinal Center, The Atlanta Speech School, the Northside Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library to name a few). They were very pleased that their wonderful member, Mary Wayne Dixon, was honored by the Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show this past February for her tireless efforts with ABG and The Flower Show. Planters was a sponsor of the Show along with several of our members who held committee chair positions.

Club members celebrated their 90th year in March of this year at the home of Carolynn Cooper who resides on Peachtree Battle. As members walked in, they were delighted to learn that it had been the home of a previous Planters member, Sallie Patterson. Many of the older members remembered attending meetings at this home. The club meets in members homes 3-5 times per year, depending upon the program.

The Club is particularly proud of its esprit de corps. They have a strong bond and many lifelong friendships have been formed. They happily look forward to another decade!

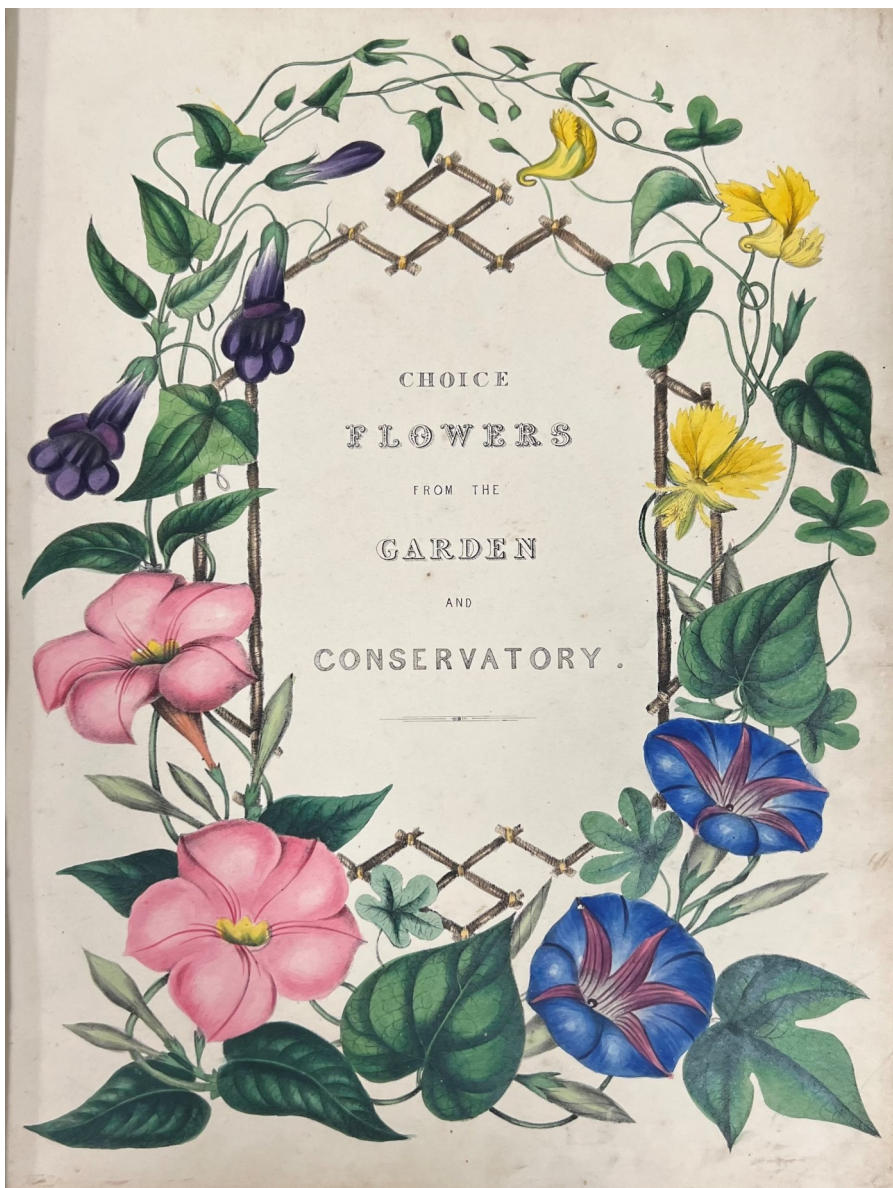
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DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS

Planters Garden Club Celebrates 90 Year Anniversary (*cont.*)

Knowing that their 90th Anniversary was happening, Planters Garden Club decided to contact Staci Catron, Cherokee Garden Library Director at the Atlanta History Center, to find an appropriate way to commemorate this milestone event. They have a cherished relationship with Staci, who has been a tremendous resource and inspiration, having provided a number of programs in recent years. The then Club President, Catherine Cage, worked closely with Staci, asking her to make some suggestions, and she immediately recommended that Planters purchase the book: *Choice Flowers: A Collection of Drawings of Favourite Flowers, from the Garden and Conservatory*.

Planters had excess funds available in their general account that they were able to use, and they were delighted with Staci's suggestion.



Hand-colored lithographed title page, Ann Eliza May and William May, *Choice Flowers: A Collection of Drawings of Favourite Flowers, from the Garden and Conservatory*. London: Ackermann and Col, 1849. Members of Planters Garden Club funded the acquisition of this rare, pictorial work to honor the club's 90th anniversary in 2021. QK98.2 .M39 1849 Cherokee Garden Library – Historic Oversize Collection, Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center.

Dogwood District Clubs

Primrose Garden Club

On a beautiful fall day, Primrose Garden Club was lucky enough to have a private tour by Staci Catron at The Cherokee Garden Library. What a wonderful day filled with sharing and knowledge. What a treasure we have at the library.



Group Pic: Sandra Keller, Eric Bowles, Angela Harvey, Terri Anne Paguibitan, Nan Cannon, Beth Towner, Janelle Kauffman, Suzy Melott, Pam Covington, Angi Mitchell, Janine Bethea.

One of the many scrapbooks from Primrose that are archived in the library.



Staci Catron, author of Seeking Eden



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Dogwood District Clubs

Roswell Garden Club

Members of the Roswell Garden Club toured the Old Roswell Cemetery as part of an orientation to the Historical Society’s restoration efforts there. This year the club will be taking part of several aspects of the cemetery maintenance and beautification: adopt a plot, Wreaths Across America, planting native shrubs and perennials, cleaning headstones, and more. Teams have been formed to inspect all historical markers in the city to aid the Historical society in identifying where repairs need to be made.

Lisa Ethridge, President

Roswell Historical Society member Janet Johnson conducted the cemetery tour in period costume.



Roswell Garden club members and plus ones enjoy a tour of the Roswell Cemetery in preparation for their fall projects.



Dogwood District Clubs

Sandy Springs Garden Club

Sandy Springs Garden Club took a field trip to the State Botanical Garden. We were able to visit the Porcelain Museum and the Children’s Garden. After lunch at the Hill Top Grill, we stopped at the UGA Trial Gardens before heading back to Atlanta. What a wonderful day.

Chris Adams



Porcelain Museum— Margaret’s friend, Cindy’s friend, Cindy Rueggsegger, Kathleen Meucci, Ginny Wolf, Margaret Russell, Carrie Grayson, Chris Adams, Becky Mensinger, Elaine Stephens, and Debra Shaw



Hilltop Grill lunch—Cindy Rueggsegger, Cindy’s friend, and President Carrie Grayson.



Hilltop Grill lunch—Chris Adams, Kathleen Meucci, Margaret Russell. Margaret’s friend



Touring the UGA Trial Garden with the Garden Manager (front).
L-R Kathleen Meucci, Becky Mensinger, Margaret Russell, Carrie Grayson, Ginny Wolf, Chris Adams

Looking Forward

Dogwood District January Board Meeting

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

Lost Corner Preserve

January 10, 2023 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.

- ◆ We hope all garden clubs have had a great year now that they are more able to meet in person and continue projects. The work you do in your communities is very important.
- ◆ Contact me (cadams30041@yahoo.com) if you need help completing your Club Presidents' Report of Club Achievements. The 2022 version has been sent out, and will be sent again in January. If you want a copy now, please contact me or Barbara [b.bourque@comcast.net]. Only the 2021 version is currently on the website.
(An updated Garden Club of Georgia website should be available soon.)
- ◆ The next issue of Dogwood Dialogue will be published the end of January, 2023. Send articles, photos and captions to dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com before January 20th.

