



# Redbud Reporter

Summer 2022

## From the District Director

### Fellow Redbud Members,

It is definitely summer outside! Most of our clubs are on summer break, but the leadership teams are still hard at work planning programs and projects for the upcoming club year. I look forward to hearing about the exciting projects and programs that you and your clubs will have for the 2022-2023 club year.

As you are planning for the 2022-2023 club year, I also hope that you are considering applying for one or more of the various grants available through the National Garden Clubs (NGC) and The Garden Club of Georgia (GCG). There is money, matching or otherwise, to support various projects, including educational programs and school and community projects. Also start gathering your pictures and information needed to start your awards applications. Although most of the awards are not due till December, it is important to collect the data and supporting documents from your January to June 2022 programs and projects now.

Redbud clubs were shining stars at the April GCG Awards Program. A complete listing of GCG and Deep South Award winners follows this letter. At the time of this writing, only first place winners have been publicized on the NGC website. I am pleased to congratulate Avon Garden Club for their National Garden Club Award for Landscaping of Public or Religious Grounds. Congratulations to all our award-winning clubs!

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming dates and events:

*August:* Flower Show School: Redbud District, North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges, Creative Study Club, The Designers Club, and Laurel District are so-sponsors of this school. The classes will be held in Marietta on August 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2022 with subsequent dates in 2023 and 2024. Registration for the August class is now open. Please remember that there are a limited number of seats available in this class, so get your registration in as soon as possible. Registration information can be found on the Redbud website: <https://www.redbuddistrict.com>.

*September:* The Yellow Daisy Flower Show, "What's Cooking Daisy", will be September 19-22 at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Volunteers are needed in all areas, so please consider joining us as we work to make this an award-winning show. More details, including the flower show schedule, will be posted on the website. To help make this show a success, we are also asking for monetary contributions from clubs, individuals and organizations. Please send any contributions to Rigby Duncan, Redbud Treasurer, 2800 Hunting Hill Lane; Decatur, GA 30033.

*October:* Please mark your calendars for the Annual Fall Redbud District Meeting which will be held Tuesday October 11, 2022 at the First Baptist Church New Life Center in LaGrange, Georgia. A great meeting and program is being planned for our first in-person district gathering in three years.

In closing, I salute you all and hope that you have a wonderful summer!

Gale D. Thomas  
Redbud District Director

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## Garden Club of Georgia (GCG) Awards – Redbud District

Award #10 – Garden Therapy (Council)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – The DeKalb Co. Federation of GC
Award #16 – Yearbook (Under 20 members)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Conyers GC
Award #16 – Yearbook (30-40 members)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC
Award #16 – Yearbook (45-69 members)	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Avondale Estates GC HM – Dunwoody GC
Award #16 – Yearbook (Council)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – The DeKalb Federation of GC
Award #26 – Poem for Children	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Susan Turner, Conyers GC
Award #31 – Garden Club Council (15-24 clubs)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – The DeKalb Co. Federation of GC
Award #37 – Publication (2-12 pages, medium club)	3 <sup>rd</sup> place -- Dunwoody GC
Award #37 – Publication (2-12 pages, large club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Avondale Estates GC
Award #37 – Publication (2-12 pages, Council)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – The DeKalb Co. Federation of GC
Award #37 -- Publication (13-24 pages, District)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Redbud District
Award #38 – School Grounds Improvement (large club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Avon GC
Award #40 – Gardens for Challenged (small club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Conyers GC
Award #43 – Litter/ Recycling/ Reclamation (large club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Avondale Estates GC
Award #49 – Decorations (small club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Conyers GC
Award #47 – DVD/CD/FlashDrive or PowerPoint Program	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Shenandoah Rose GC
Award #51 – Butterfly	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Conyers GC
Award #53 SM – Social Media (large club)	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Avondale Estates GC
Award #53 – Website	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Dunwoody GC
Award #56 – National Garden Week (small club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Conyers GC
Award #56 – National Garden Week ( <u>large club</u> )	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Avondale Estates GC

Award #59 – High School Gardeners Activity (large club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Satsuki GC
Award #60 – Garden Week in Georgia (large club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Avondale Estates GC
Youth Award J-11 – NGC Youth Poetry Contest (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade)	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Madison B., Conyers GC
Youth Award J-11 – NGC Youth Poetry Contest (3 <sup>rd</sup> grade)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Aliyah B., Conyers GC
Youth Award J-11 – NGC Youth Poetry Contest (5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Emily S., Satsuki GC
Youth Award J-11 – NGC Youth Poetry Contest (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Lily M., Conyers GC

## Deep South Awards – Redbud District

Award #1B – School Grounds Improvement (large club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Avon GC
Award #5 -- Litter Control (large club)	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Avondale Estates GC
Award #8 – Special Achievement (small club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Conyers GC
#13 – Environmental Education (medium club)	HM – Azalea GC
#13 – Environmental Education (large Club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Satsuki GC
Award #18 – Wildflower (small club)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Conyers GC
Award #30 – Yearbook (small club)	HM – Conyers GC
Award #30 – Yearbook (Council)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – DeKalb Federation of GC
Youth Poetry (3 <sup>rd</sup> grade)	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Aliyah B., Conyers GC
Youth Poetry (5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Emily S., Satsuki GC
Youth Poetry (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)	1 <sup>st</sup> place – Lily M., Conyers GC

### Redbud District Board Meeting

**August 8, 2022**  
**10:00 am**  
**Moreland United Methodist Church**  
**16 Church Street**  
**Moreland, GA 30259**

## Historic Landscape Preservation

This May 14<sup>th</sup> over 200 registered guests and friends of Garden Club of Georgia attended the 2022 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser at the Lockerly Arboretum in Milledgeville, GA. The Azalea District hosted the event. Many friends from Redbud District were in attendance and the day was delightful with a three-course luncheon and a guest speaker who shared his mission with Veterans with PTSD who are being treated at a local facility.

As part of the event, we were also able to tour Rose Hill, the elegant antebellum home on the grounds that was once home to seven different families over many years. The 50-acre arboretum has a fantastic collection of 115 varieties of camellias, a greenhouse, a bog garden and pond, and walking trails to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the gardens.



Our speaker was Jon Jackson (in the big hat) from Comfort Farms, shown here with his grill chef friend who prepared our delicious luncheon right on the grounds. Perfect day – the weather was delightful!



left to right: Former Redbud District Director Quill Duncan, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lisa Hall, Former GCG President Barbara Bourque, Dogwood District Director Chris Adams and GCG President Peggy Tucker enjoying the day at Lockerly Arboretum.

## Flower Show School is Filling Up

There's still time to register for Flower Show School, but space is going fast! The Redbud District along with the Laurel District, Creative Studies Club, The Designers Club and North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges are holding the first NGC accredited school in Georgia since 2017 beginning on August 21. If you're interested in floral design, how to grow a perfect plant, want to stage a flower show or simply discover what judging is all about, don't miss this opportunity. The brochure and registration form are currently on the Redbud District website.

The four course School teaches all you need to know to judge, enter, compete, and chair an NGC flower show like our own annual Redbud District Show. Each course presents a deep dive on key principles and elements of design, judging criteria for designs and horticulture. You'll get a thorough understanding of flower show procedure. Learn just what makes a blue-ribbon entry.

It's an intensive, highly rewarding experience. The Horticulture curriculum covers more than just how plants grow. You'll discover how to select, groom, and exhibit your plant. You'll write a flower show schedule and critique exhibits.

Design sessions give you a handle on the Principles and Elements of Design. You'll get the tools you need to evaluate various NGC types like creative

line, creative mass, cascade, multi-rhythmic, parallel, functional table, exhibition tables and many more types.

For flower show procedure, expect to gain enough knowledge to host your own show and to become an accredited flower show judge. You'll learn how to constructively critique design, horticulture, and educational exhibits.

Classes are taught by certified and nationally known GCG accredited instructors. You'll get advice from the best in the business. All classes will be held at the Marietta Garden Education Center in downtown Marietta. Dates are as follows:

2022 – 1st Session: Aug. 21, 22, 23, 24  
 2023 – 2nd Session: April 23, 24, 25, 26  
 2023 – 3rd Session: Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30  
 2024 – 4th Session: Feb. 25, 26, 27, 28

Challenge yourself! If you've got an itch, scratch it at the first session, at least. In the meantime, if you need any questions answered, Anna Burns, [anna.burns214@gmail.com](mailto:anna.burns214@gmail.com), or Cookie Roland [r\\_cookie@att.net](mailto:r_cookie@att.net), or Diane Hunter, [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com), will certainly try to answer them.



## What's Cookin' Daisy on the Front Burner

We're extremely excited to be heating up What's Cookin' Daisy, the 49th Annual Redbud District Flower Show. This year we'll be at a new but familiar venue, Callanwolde Fine Arts center in DeKalb County.

As you may know, this is the location of the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs who've taken a major and much appreciated role in making sure this show gets done. Callanwolde is an utterly unique setting and will provide us with a beautiful backdrop for our horticulture and design exhibits. Many folks are now hard at work planning this event, but, as always, we need volunteers. You'll be seeing emails from various chairs asking for help.

One of the biggest challenges we'll have is time. Due to Callanwolde's calendar of events, we'll be unable to use the weekends for set-up or tear-down. We start set-up September 19, begin accepting exhibits on the 20<sup>th</sup>, judge on the 21<sup>st</sup>, open the show to the public on the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> and all day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and we'll tear everything down on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. So, we need a small army to work hard and fast in all areas. One of the major improvements for the show is that designs and horticulture will be in the same room – the Courtyard. So, when a chair calls for volunteers, sign-up!

Other changes are underway. We are asking you to bring your horticulture in the **usual green bottles**. We've severely cut back on the number of bottles we've stored. Added to that, we have a smaller intake area so it will be vital for your sanity to come prepared! We're also going to be changing how we attach horticulture entry cards. Instead of those pesky rubber bands, we're going to be using **drapery hooks** which will be available at the show. You will bring your specimens with separate entry cards. When you get to the show, bring your entry card, make sure your item is staged properly, and place a drapery hook in the bottle. You can easily slip the card over hook. No more torn or wet cards!

Several of us have begun the Flower Show circuit again and I can't tell you how many times I've been asked about Daisy. Everyone is anxious to see what's next from Redbud. I tell them, of course, it will be "Remarkable" as always.

Please check out Co-Chair Susan Turner's (glencree@bellsouth.net) ad in this issue to get started.

Many thanks. You guys are the best!

Diane Hunter  
Chair, What's Cookin' Daisy  
[drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com)





~An NGC Standard Flower Show~  
The 49th District Standard Flower Show

~presented by Redbud District VII~

In cooperation with:  
Callanwolde Fine Arts Center  
980 Briarcliff Road, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30306  
404-872-5338

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

~Open and Free to the Public~

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and Redbud District  
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**Reliable Redbuds, *Save the Date* and sign up to help make Daisy's return *Remarkable and Memorable!***

**Contact your Show Chairmen for assistance. Details are forthcoming!**

**SHOW CHAIRMAN** - Diane Hunter, Chairman; c. 404-992-7381; [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com)

**SHOW CO-CHAIRMAN** - Susan Turner, Co-Chairman; c. 404-502-8147; h. 770-922-4411;  
[glenecree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glenecree@bellsouth.net)

***Committee Chairmen will appreciate your talents in the following areas.***

***Contact these chairmen to learn more, sign up to lend a hand and add your own special ingredients to What's Cookin' Daisy?***

**CLERKS CHAIRMAN**

Ann Purr; c. 678-523-8146; h. 770-921-9070; [a.purr@comcast.net](mailto:a.purr@comcast.net)

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Joy Zaidan; c. 404-735-9379; h. 770-493-8475; [joyzaidan4986@gmail.com](mailto:joyzaidan4986@gmail.com)

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Lynn Malone, Co-Chair; c. 678-471-2049; h. 770-934-5954; [malone.lynn80@gmail.com](mailto:malone.lynn80@gmail.com)

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Gale Thomas; c. 404-790-7101; [galedthomas@gmail.com](mailto:galedthomas@gmail.com)

**YOUTH ENTRIES CHAIRMAN/CONSULTANT**

Susan Turner; c. 404-502-8147; h. 770-922-4411; [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)

***We look forward to a scrumptious show with  
What's Cookin' Daisy?***



# G R E A T   G E O R G I A



# Pollinator Census

The 2022 Great Georgia Pollinator Census will be held on August 19 and 20. The Great Georgia Pollinator Census is a citizen science project created by the University of Georgia. This project is designed for everyone to participate and make a difference for pollinator conservation!

Interested in joining the count this year? Here's how:

1. [Sign up for our newsletter](#) to get the latest in your inbox
2. [Register for our free virtual training](#) on July 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 10:00 to 11:00 am – How to count
  - 11:00 am to noon – Using the census in the classroom
  - Registration is required but is free for both parts.
3. Prepare for the count days on August 19th and 20th
  - Download the printable the [2022 Counting Guide](#)
  - Check out the [2022 Insect Counting & Identification Guide](#)



Some other resources to help you with your count:

- [The Bees in Your Backyard](#) book to increase your knowledge of native bees.
- Georgia Wildlife has created a free [Georgia butterfly ID brochure](#) that features adult butterflies as well as their caterpillar form.
- The [Bees of Georgia website](#) is a valuable resource for all Georgians.

# The Music of The Flowers

by Victoria R. Crosby

Listen to the music of the flowers.

A Garden Party,  
scented garlands,  
ambiance of elegance.

An abundance of blooms,  
a riot of color caress the senses.

A full-blown bouquet  
in splendid array,  
a perfect, perfumed summer's day.  
Summer, like youth, is a state of mind.

Look around and you will find,  
hummingbirds, butterflies,  
fluffy clouds, azure skies,  
fragrant breeze, summer kiss.

Ah, the bliss of summer.

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*Victoria Crosby is a member of Smoke Rise Garden Club. She moved here in August 2021 from Long Island, New York where she was poet laureate of the town of Glen Cove for over 25 years. She writes for the Smoke Signal, Our Town DeKalb and Gwinnett.*

*She writes custom poetry for special events, such as weddings, anniversaries, retirements, birthdays, etc. and presents readings of her inspirational, motivational and humorous poetry to many organizations and groups.*



**The Remarkable Redbuds  
Continue to make a difference.  
Thank you for your Scholarship Support!**

Susan Turner, GCG Chairman  
[glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)  
Ann Purr, Redbud District Chairman  
[a.purr@comcast.net](mailto:a.purr@comcast.net)

Along with other GCG Districts and friends, our Redbud contributions supported our 2022-2023 students with a lifetime of enrichment as they fulfil their dreams majoring in garden related and environmental fields of study. You indeed continue to play a significant role to this *GCG Mission of Education* to deserving Georgia Students. With sincere thanks to all, we met our 2022 goal to award \$70,000.00 to 21 students.

**All contributions add up! We wish to acknowledge our Redbud  
Named Scholarship & Patron of Scholarships Contributors**

**Redbud District Named Scholarships**

The Redbud District 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Established in 2021 honoring Redbud District clubs and councils.	\$1,000.00
The James Capps Horticulture Scholarship Established in 2010 in tribute to his memory by Rosa, Katherine and Marilyn Capps and Friends.	\$1,000.00
The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Established in 2020 in honor of their clubs and members.	\$1,000.00
The Sharon R. Denney Horticulture Scholarship Established in 2020 in tribute to his memory by Mary W. Denney.	\$1,000.00
The Dunwoody Garden Club Scholarship Established in 2020, this year honors the memory of Carleen Savage.	\$1,000.00
The Jim and Lorraine Loftis Scholarship Established in 2018 by Nanette Loftis in loving memory of her parents.	\$1,000.00
The Virginia Schafer Scholarship Established in 2022 by Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club	\$1,000.00

**Redbud District Patrons of Scholarships**

Avondale Estates Garden Club  
Lullwater Garden Club  
Smoke Rise Garden Club, Lilburn *in memory of Wilma Coney*  
Susan Turner *in honor of Deen Day Sanders in appreciation for her kindness over many years.*



*Congratulations to the Remarkable Redbuds  
for bringing home the Crown for our own  
Gale Thomas,  
Redbud District Director!*



**All seven districts participated in the *Dollars Educate Scholars Fundraiser*.  
GCG Clubs & Members contributed \$3,996.72 for the 2021-2022 giving period.  
We are thankful to all who gave to Scholarships this past year.**

*Redbud District is the 2022 winner of the Dollars Educate Scholars fundraising competition. Gale Thomas, Redbud District Director received her crown from Scholarship Chairman Susan Turner at the GCG Annual Convention "Gardening in Macon" held in April.*

We share continued appreciation to all the members and clubs supporting this fundraiser!

**We are now in the new GCG Scholarship giving period.** Please consider a donation to Scholarships as you plan new budgets over the summer months. Our students truly appreciate your commitment to their education. You can play a part in the future of a student who is seeking a life that speaks to our own hearts.

These young people are dedicated to the same mission as The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.,  
*Beautification, Conservation & Education.*

*The GCG Scholarship Committee is thankful for your consideration.*

**NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS, PATRON OF SCHOLARSHIPS, GENERAL DONATIONS, HONORS & MEMORIALS,  
DOLLARS EDUCATE SCHOLARS FUNDRAISER,  
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS, AMAZONSMILE GCG CHARITY OF CHOICE  
GCG SUBSCRIBING AND PLANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

See the GCG website for information and appropriate forms to make your Scholarship donations.

<https://gardenclub.uga.edu/scholarships.html>



## Redbud Youth News

***Summertime is a FUN TIME  
To Connect with Young People and  
Explore the Great Outdoors!***

### **Kuddos to the Kiddos!**

Our *Remarkable Redbud Youth* brought home awards in the Youth Poetry Contest! Congratulations to our winners and sponsoring clubs. Satsuki Garden Club, Covington and the Bluebells Youth Club, sponsored by Conyers GC, presented entries in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. GCG Awards went to three 1<sup>st</sup> Place and one 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners. Two 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners also received 1<sup>st</sup> Place from DSGC. All students received appropriate certificates from Redbud District, GCG & DSGC.

**NGC & GCG have wonderful opportunities to become involved, educate youth and participate in contests.**

**Encourage entries this summer and be ahead of the upcoming December 1 deadline. Email or U.S. Mail entries, as indicated, to designated chairmen early and avoid the hustle & bustle of autumn activities!**

**Contact Redbud Youth Chairman Susan Turner 770-922-4411 [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)**

### **YOUTH POETRY CONTEST 2022-2023**

#### ***Seeds, Trees and Bees...Oh My - Celebrating the Diversity of Nature***

Eligibility – General Education, Special Education and English as a second language. Open to Kindergarten through Ninth Grade. Visit <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests> for details & updated guidelines. Email entries to Susan Turner, Redbud Youth Chairman by Dec. 1

### **SMOKEY BEAR & WOOSDY OWL POSTER CONTEST**

Children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest. Enjoy a fun and creative project while teaching these important messages.

**Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message:**

***Only you Can Prevent Wildfires!***

**Woosdy Owl posters must include Woosdy's conservation message:**

***Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!***

Visit <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests> for all Poster Rules and Tips.

Entries via US Mail to Susan Turner 3380 Glencree NW, Conyers 30012 by December 1

### **YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST**

**Encourages fun & creative ways to *Reduce, Reuse & Recycle*.** <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests>

Mail entry photos & form to State Youth Sculpture Chairman Joni Thompson by January 1.  
2968 Ogeechee Road Sylvania GA 30467 [jjthompson@planters.net](mailto:jjthompson@planters.net)

## YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS REGISTRATION & STANDARD of EXCELLENCE

Youth Clubs Standard of Excellence form is due to GCG Youth Clubs Chairman Trudy Rudert by August 1. We are excited to learn all you are involved with in your youth clubs!

**Your Youth Garden Club has not yet registered? It is not too late!**

Contact Trudy Rudert - [trudert@comcast.net](mailto:trudert@comcast.net)

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/youthclubreg.pdf>

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/youthstandardexcellence.pdf>

## GCG HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

**2022 Theme: "Our Gardens: Their Beauty and Benefits Using Natives"**

Open to HS students attending 9th -12th grades. A State Certificate and cash award of \$300. (1st place), \$150. (2nd place) and \$75 (3rd place) may be awarded to the winner of the GCG High School Essay Contest for the best essay submitted by an individual high school student sponsored by a GCG member club.

**Length of Essay:** Between 600-700 words. Refer to the website for complete rules and guidelines.

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/essay.html> Entries must be emailed by December 1 to

State High School Essay Chairman Mary Ogden. [mjogden@hotmail.com](mailto:mjogden@hotmail.com)

**All Youth Information is available on <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/youth.html>**

**CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT OR STATE CHAIRMEN TO ASSIST WITH ALL**

**YOUTH CONTESTS, YOUTH CLUBS AND WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES.**

***Susan Turner Redbud Youth Chairman* 770-922-4411 [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)**

## Calling All Remarkable Redbud Youth!

**Flower Shows are just around the corner!**



Please help make these upcoming shows a success by assisting with youth entries. Schedules will be available soon for two upcoming Standard Flower Shows. Contact Susan Turner for information on both of these fantastic flower shows!  
[glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)

The Redbud District Annual Flower Show, *What's Cookin' Daisy?* will be held September 19-22, 2022 at Callanwolde, Atlanta. Our Youth Division requests entries in design and horticulture from our *Remarkable Redbud Youth!*

In March 2023, *The American Daffodil Society* is presenting a Standard Flower Show. We invite Georgia's Youth to participate!

**Congratulations to Redbud Districts own 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Garden Club of Georgia & Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Youth Poetry Contest Winner**

*Susan Turner, Youth Clubs Chairman, Conyers GC*

**Theme: *Sing with the Songbirds – Exploring the Glory of Nature***

Lily is a member of the Bluebells Youth Club, Sponsored by Conyers Garden Club.  
She is a bright and lovely young lady and no stranger to winning in Youth Poetry Contests.  
Lily received 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 9th Grade from GCG & DSGC. We hope you enjoy her enchanting poem!

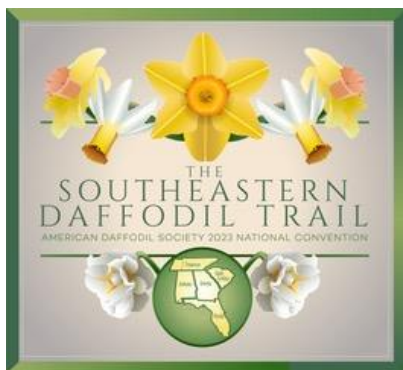
**Out My Window**

Out my window, I see the sun shining.  
I see the pond water glistening.  
I see the geese swimming amongst the frogs.

Out my window, I hear those geese honking.  
I hear their beautiful feathers flapping.  
I hear leaves rustling from their nest.

I go outside to experience it in all its beauty.  
I walk out to the pond and feel the smooth water on my fingertips.  
I hear the leaves crunch beneath my feet.  
I walk up to the gaggle of geese and see their beautiful feathers.

It was a joy to experience nature.  
I saw beautiful sights.  
I heard breathtaking noises.  
I felt calm.



*We Invite Our GCG Youth to Join in an Extraordinary Occasion!*

**THE AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**Presents their National Show**  
**A Standard Flower Show**  
**THE SOUTHEASTERN DAFFODIL TRAIL**

Our friends with the Georgia Daffodil Society join with the American Daffodil Society to host their Annual Convention in Atlanta March 10-12, 2022. This Standard Flower Show will be held in conjunction with the ADS Annual Convention in Atlanta March 10-11, 2023

**WHERE:** Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia, an IHG Hotel  
 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30346  
 770-395-7700 [www.cpravinia.com](http://www.cpravinia.com)

**WHEN:** Entries Wed. 3/8 & Thurs. 3/9 Times TBA  
 Show opens Mar. 10, 2:00 PM thru 8:00 PM Mar. 11, 2023

*What exciting news for us all as  
 We invite Georgia's Youth to participate!*



**WHO:** Children and young people ages pre-school to age 20 may enter! Begin planting your daffodil gardens with the kiddos so they can be a part of this event. The Youth Division will feature Design & Horticulture, with Daffodils, of course! A Photography Division may be included. TBA

**YOU!** Assist Youth in planting daffodils at places of worship, community, government or school gardens.  
 Ask a business to sponsor a planting to beautify their property.  
 Prepare your own garden for a show stopping spring!

**A hint for success:** Be sure to purchase early blooming daffodils, and plant early, so they will have blooms ready in time for the **BIG SHOW!**

**Purchase or order your daffodils to plant by October 1 for our area.**

Vendors include: <https://daffodilusa.org/growing-daffodils/bulb-sources-ordering-tips/>

Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, VA. <https://brentandbeckysbulbs.com>

Specialty Daffodils for the American Garden <http://www.qdaffs.com>

More information will be forthcoming.



**Contact your chairmen with questions.**  
**We will love to hear from you!**  
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## News from the Clubs

### *Secret Gardens of Avondale and Other Successes Add Up for Avondale Estates Garden Club*

Spring found the members of Avondale Estates Garden Club sprung into action! This colorful crew has been hard at work as usual in their quaint hamlet behind the lush landscapes and private hedges. From their second annual plant sale for Garden Week in Georgia, to another 'Recycling Rodeo,' and then kicking off National Garden Week with the Secret Gardens of Avondale tour, these beautiful busy bees have a lot to show for their hard work!

Since AEGC's inaugural plant sale in April 2021 was a success, plans were immediately made to bring this event back to gardeners far and wide. Over a hundred different plant varieties were on sale, the majority of which came from members' own gardens. Plants were tended for months in a makeshift nursery in the backyard of member and committee co-chair Susan Barton. Garden Week in Georgia around Earth Day each year signals the club to create some flower power (not to be confused with AEGC's award-winning newsletter by the same name) and share their delightful plants with others in the area.



May proved just as busy as the previous month, when members enjoyed a program on creating flower arrangements from items cut from their yards led by a club member, as well as hosting a mini flower show of arrangements from different members that evening. The only requirement was that at least some part had to come from the member's own garden! After that, members caravanned to CHaRM, Atlanta's Center for Hard to Recycle Materials. The group was able to keep from the landfill 60 pounds of paint and chemicals, two car loads of various plastics, two televisions, 20 pounds of metal, and more! Not long after that flower show and Recycling Rodeo, first Vice President Patricia Calcagno delivered a poignant, heartfelt address to honor our fallen service members for Memorial Day where AEGC planted flowers this year around their Blue Star Memorial marker.



National Garden Week in June saw the resurgence of the garden tour in Avondale Estates known as the Secret Gardens of Avondale. All too often we drive or walk by beautiful yards and wonder what lies in the parts we cannot see from the street. Secret Gardens of Avondale took that sentiment and ran with it, spearheading the first tour in 2019. After a brief hiatus due to the heights of the pandemic, the tour was revived this year to thunderous review. Five gardens were on display, all of which had very different designs, concepts, plants, and stages of maturity. One was carefully curated and tended with love for twenty years and has added a greenhouse, a second garden was inherited from a Master Gardener and continues to flourish with the new owners' installations, the third is a tropical oasis, complete with cocktail pool, fire pit, and outdoor dining area, a fourth is a woodland paradise that welcomes birds, insects, and other forms of



wildlife, and the fifth was a reprieve from heat with cooling colors of shade plants in every hue seen in dappled sunlight. Each garden was also enhanced by plein air artists who were working on site during the tour to create beautiful works of art.

Now after two highly successful fundraising ventures in the plant sale and the garden tour, the club has a good problem—lots of extra income!

Never fear, President Peggy Burgess has named an official disbursements committee. The purpose of this committee will be to designate the club's funds to return them to the community. This group will explore ways to connect members and club resources with some fun and meaningful new projects. Without the community, the club wouldn't exist. With the club, the community can flourish. The dedication of these garden club gals and gents means good things on the horizon for the local area, the state, and the nation at large. As Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu once said, "Great acts are made up of small deeds".



## Azalea Garden Club Has a Busy Spring

Azalea Garden Club in Jackson held a Community Plant Sale where they sold plants and rooted cuttings from their yards. This year, with help from one of the member's husband, they decorated and sold bluebird boxes also.



To celebrate National Garden Week, Azalea Garden Club placed hanging banners at five locations in Jackson.



Azalea Garden Club's May meeting was a tour of Mark's Nursery & Lawn Care, Jackson GA



As part of their National Garden Week celebration, Azalea Garden Club members toured The Country Estate in Williamson GA where they learned about pollinating daylilies. They bought lots of new plants for their gardens while there. After the tour, the club had lunch at the Barn Stormers Grill to complete their celebration.



## *Conyers Garden Club Celebrates National Garden Week with “Plant a Bird and Pollinate America”*

The Conyers Garden Club celebrated National Garden Week in a very exciting way. In partnership with the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library, the club hosted a program on hummingbirds entitled “Plant a Bird and Pollinate America” during the library’s summer reading series. With 46 people present including garden club members, library staff, families, a group of disabled adults, and interested community members, the celebration took place! Greetings were given by the library staff and club president, Jessica Warren. This was followed by warm words and thanks for the club’s service to the community by Conyers Mayor, Vince Evans. He was introduced by the club’s 2nd Vice President and GCG Scholarship Chairman, Susan Turner. Mayor Evans presented the club with a proclamation from the city (shown below with Club President Jessica Warren).



Gale Thomas, Redbud District Director and Co-Chairman of the club’s National Garden Week, introduced the speaker for the program who was Melanie Furr, Director of Education at Atlanta Audubon Society. Melanie develops and teaches numerous programs about birds for audiences of all ages. She engaged the entire group with wonderful slides and artifacts about hummingbirds. The children asked meaningful questions and a lively discussion took place. Following Melanie’s presentation, the children created mosaics of hummingbirds with an activity led by Gale Thomas who also led them in a Hummingbird Parade as they marched around the room holding up the mosaics they had created.



As families and other guests left, they were treated to snack bags prepared by members of the club. Before leaving, interested guests visited with 1st Vice President and Chaplain of the club, Juanita Barron, where she shared information about the Garden Club of Georgia and Conyers Garden Club. Conyers Garden Club enjoyed sharing the mission of National Garden Week with the Conyers Community!

## Covington Garden Club Celebrates Garden Week in Georgia

The Covington Garden Club of Covington, GA celebrated Garden Week by inviting friends and neighbors to tour the most spectacular gardens in town. Three very diverse gardens were open for view, with educational moments, and “sips” and “nibbles” to share. Funds raised at the event will be used for ongoing community garden projects.



In photo below, Covington Garden Club President, Laura Faulkner, presented a flower arrangement featuring blooms from Garden Club member’s garden, to our local Tourism Director, Ron Carter. The arrangement was given to the tourism office along with a framed declaration of Gardening Week in Georgia.



The tourism office personnel reported great feedback from those visiting the tourism office. “In fact”, said Mr. Carter, “Visitors we’re so enamored of the flowers that they were distracted from the tourism displays of local film productions”. Mr. Carter encouraged Covington Garden Club to make this an annual event.

## *Hunting Hill Garden Club Celebrates 60 Years!*

On the afternoon of March 27, neighbors gathered in the neighborhood Open Space for a celebration commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club, established in March 1962. The theme of the event was **Flower Power**, and featured 1960's music and refreshments, and several folks dressed in period garb (I think we saw Janis Joplin and Goldie Hawn). Neighborhood children dressed as famous people

from 1962; i.e., John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Cher, and Neil Armstrong. Rigby Duncan presented an overview of the club's history for the last 60 years, with special recognition of our two charter members who have maintained their membership the entire time, Joanne Bennett and Lois Sharp. DeKalb Federation Board members and former neighbors were also in attendance.



Janis Joplin (aka Rigby Duncan) welcomes guests to Hunting Hill Garden Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

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## *Smoke Rise Morning Glories Awarded DeKalb Federation School Grounds Improvement Grant*

This April 2022 the DeKalb Federation School Grounds Improvement Committee led by Allison Metheny of Dunwoody Garden Club awarded \$250 in grant funds to the Smoke Rise Morning Glories for their new local elementary school STEM program. The proposal submitted by the Morning Glories defined the project plans and noted that donated funds, materials and labor would cover the expenses of the planned project in combination with the requested donation from the Federation.

For many years, the Smoke Rise Morning Glories found ways to support the Smoke Rise Elementary

school. Members planted and maintained plantings on the grounds and in the two atriums. We added benches and native plants and even built a pergola and added water features. When the beautiful new school was completed and opened in August 2021, we waited a bit to let them settle in before offering to help again. Happily, Ms. Cummings, the STEM teacher, contacted member Gloria Cooke and told us she was ready for the garden club to get involved.

A committee was formed in the fall of 2021 to meet with Ms. Cummings at the school and we identified an ideal location to construct raised beds for an

outdoor classroom for the students. This area has full sun, access to water and electricity and is easily accessed from the parking lot and is on level ground.

The committee of Kim Fair, Quill Duncan, Melodie Janin and Dolly Moy created a landscape plan to construct four separate raised beds made of pressure treated lumber with concrete corners. Each bed is 18 square feet and easy for children to maintain. The materials for the beds were purchased using grants from the Morning Glories and the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, the committee with help from Reuben Fair, Steve Duncan and Wayne Moy installed the four beds and added gravel in their bases.

When the school year begins in mid-August, we will set a date to add the layers of cardboard, mulch and soil to fill the beds and prepare them for plantings. Ms. Cummings and her students will select the seeds and plants and our team will purchase them with our donated funds. The students will plant, water and maintain the garden and enjoy watching the plants grow and perhaps even sample the harvest. There are plans to add blueberry shrubs and other low-growing flowering shrubs along the perimeter of the space to attract pollinators and add to the beauty and educational aspects of the garden.



The Grounds Crew!  
 l to r: Quill Duncan, Melodie Janin, Kim Fair,  
 Steve Duncan, Reuben Fair and Wayne Moy