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DIRECTOR'S CORNER SUMMER 2022

Magnificent Magnolia Gardenistas!

We've been busy meeting together, weeding our gardens and watching our landscapes go into full summer bloom. This Director's Garden club calendar has been jam-packed. The Magnolia District Gold and Silver Tea was finally held on March 11 at the historic Wynn House in Columbus. The tea honored our very dear members with 50+ and 25+ years of garden club service. Each honoree received a named certificate, a keepsake program and a silk magnolia corsage with a ribbon signifying their special status. Attendees enjoyed tea, punch and refreshments all afternoon. This project was the brainchild of Evelynna Rogers, our immediate past District Director, and after many COVID delays, we finally got it done—WHEW!!

Let's Go and Grow!

DIRECTOR'S CORNER, CONTINUED

Many gathered in Macon for our GCG Convention, April 12 and 13th. Magnolia District was well-represented and received many awards for club projects. Special thanks to Faye Frazier for designing the beautiful district flower arrangement—she's one of our best! Our clubs did a wonderful job selling 361 raffle tickets and earning the \$250 bonus for our treasury!

Hats off to the Magnolia Garden Club, Fort Valley, for hosting the Flower Extravaganza at Pineola Farms in Fort Valley on April 23. If you missed the 650 monarch butterflies on the walls, ceilings and in the trees in the foyer and the actual flower beds in the bedrooms with baby's breath clouds overhead, you can't say you weren't invited! Unbelievably beautiful is what it was. Donations benefitted GCG general scholarship funds. The Lockerly Arboretum Rose Hill Tour, Milledgeville, was the site for the 2022 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser hosted by the Azalea District and it was a treat for the eyes and stomach with local farm-grown edibles. Magnolia District is scheduled to host the 2023 fundraiser, so get ready to hit the road next year.

In the District, let's be ready to follow this term's theme: "Let's Go and Grow!" GO to your garden club, GO to district, GO to published events, and GO to state meetings. GROW our membership—we need every single member. Check the Upcoming Events portion of this newsletter to save the dates on your calendar. Let's be happy volunteers, making friends, and looking for ways to serve our communities as we follow the Garden Club mission: Beautification, Conservation and Education (BCE). This Director looks forward to serving you and seeing you during this term.

Nilsa Summey (rhymes with yummy)

Magnolia District News

Let's Go and Grow!

The Magnolia District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. celebrates Members with 50 years of Service!



Standing left to right: Golden Honorees Margorie Hobgood, Pat Prescott, Nilsa Summey (Magnolia District Director), Juanita Tante, Daughters of Golden Honoree Ann Bray (Carol Mobley Kirven and Kathy Mobley). Seated Allene Boyett, Bobbi Liggett, Julie Bray, and Marideane Maxwell.

On March 11, 2022, at The Wynn House, in Columbus, Georgia, The Magnolia District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. celebrated members who had reached or exceeded 50 years of commitment to their local Garden Clubs and to Magnolia District. They were appreciatively celebrated to show admiration for their many years of dedicated service. The Magnolia District and its members were hostesses of the tea. There are seventeen Golden Honorees in the Magnolia District which serves twenty-five Georgia counties. Seven of the honorees are shown in the photo above. Delicious finger foods and laughter was shared by all celebrating the Golden Honorees with memories and great stories of activities.

The big 5-0 marks a major milestone for anyone. It brings us to a place where we can pause to reflect on how far we've come and focus our sights on what we have achieved in our individual communities, our districts, and our state. They call it a "golden"

anniversary because it symbolizes years of dedication and like the precious mineral, to come out shining with pure strength and beauty. Nilsa Summey, District Director (photo standing third from the left) presented the golden honorees with a gold magnolia corsage and golden certificate in appreciation of their many years of dedication to Magnolia District.

The Magnolia District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Celebrates Silver Honorees



The Magnolia District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. celebrated Members who have dedicated 25 years of service to their local garden club, to Magnolia District, to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and to The National Garden Club, Inc. Nilsa Summey, Magnolia District Director, presented a silver magnolia corsage and a silver certificate in recognition of everyone's dedication to the organizations.

Magnolia District hosted The Gold and Silver Magnolia Tea on March 11, 2022, honoring those who served the organization for 50 years and for 25 or greater years. Celebrating the years of service anniversary is a recognition of the value each provided to the ideals of The National Garden Club, Inc. The honorees have supported and showed the principals of the National Garden Club, Inc. in their local community. The honorees have provided years of projects demonstrating the principles of "Beautification, Conservation, Education" in the local community.

Honorees were treated to a selection of delicacies and acknowledgement of their service. There are 17 Gold Honorees in the Magnolia District and 61 Silver Honorees. In the Photo above are Silver Honorees who attended the Tea and were honor for their work. Shown in the photo above are left to right standing: Bess Hartley, Mary Beth Swearingen, Ellen Chase, Pauline McCorkle, Ann Howell, Elaine Tarpley, Brenda Taylor, Eva Chappelle,

JoAnne Kennedy, Marguerite Hay, Ann Tomlinson-Corbin, and Karen West. Seated left to right: Melba Spurlock, Shirley Lashley, Mary Baynard, Joy Lemieux, Gay Sheldon, and Mary Ann Parks. We celebrate their 25 plus years of dedicated service to Garden Clubs in the Magnolia District and The State of Georgia.

Plant America with Trees

Remember: **Each One Plant One!** Plant America with Trees and let Mary Ann Page know that you did the planting. **Mary Ann Parks, Horticulture, Trees and Shrubs Chairman. Email: marymandy5565@outlook.com**

Magnolia District Represented at Convention With “Joy in the Garden” Floral Design



Faye Frazier, of Americus, Georgia designed the arrangement left “Joy in the Garden”, to represent the Magnolia District for the 2022 April Convention.

Plant Native: Horticulture



Photo: <https://www.walterreeves.com>

[Passion Vine \(Maypop\) – Recipes | Walter Reeves: The Georgia Gardener](#)

Horticulture: Plant Profile – Wild Passion Flower, “Maypop” (*Passiflora incarnata*) One of the showiest native vines, Maypop is a must for the butterfly garden. It is the host plant for the Gulf Fritillary butterfly and can be a host for Zebra Longwings, although they prefer Corky Stem Passionvine. I love the pod, flower, and vine returning year after year. The perennial flowering vine is native to Georgia and can be grown easily. The gorgeous, three- to five-inch flowers come in shades of lavender or purple, with a wavy fringe over the petals. The middle of the bloom looks like a helipad, with a tiny bean-like pollen sac suspended overhead. Each flower lasts about a day during the summer and early fall. The ovoid, greenish yellow fruit, **is edible** and tastes like a tart combination of lemon and lime. They can be juiced as well. Native Americans made a tea with the dried leaves to treat insomnia. There are at least five other native species of Passiflorain the U. S.: *lutea*, *multiflora*, *pallens*, *sexflora*, and *suberosa*, but the passion flower (*P. incarnata*) is by far the showiest. In most cases, the native species of

passionflower are preferable over introduced species. The *Passiflora foetida* is invasive and does spread J Source:

I purchased plants in Plains and in Valdosta at Native Plant meetings. Each year they come back but the caterpillars devour it. **I transplanted a passion vine from a field several years ago. I really enjoy the vines climbing on my fence, giving me stunning flowers, plus many butterflies, cocoons, and caterpillars!** Every reference says the fruits are edible, but I had to search for recipes! Check google for passionflower recipes!

<https://gnps.org/plant-spotlight-passionflower-passiflora-incarnata/>

In Memoriam



Beverly Ann Wright Mobley, of Columbus, Georgia, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at the age of 88. She was a member of the Azalea Garden Club and the Green Island Garden Club. She served as President of the Azalea Garden Club twice, District Director of the Magnolia District, and as a member of the State Board. Ann Mobley was a committed Garden Clubber, and we celebrate her life. We will miss our friend! Our

Condolences to the family, friends, and many communities Ann was involved in.

PUT IT ON YOUR SCHEDULE

✓ **Magnolia District Board Meeting Tuesday, August 9th, in Byron, Georgia at the United Methodist Church at 9 am. Watch for the call letter.**

✓ **The Great Georgia Pollinator Census: August 19 & 20. Register at ggapc.org!** A citizen science project created by the University of Georgia where Georgians count the insects that land on a chosen pollinator plant for 15 minutes and put the insects into one of eight categories (carpenter bee, bumble bee, honeybee, small bee, wasp, fly, butterfly/moth, or another insect). The project designed for any Georgian to participate and make a difference for pollinator conservation!

News from The District Clubs

Beautiful View Garden Club



Photo above: Left to Right seated: Dorie McCorkle and Joyce Henson. Standing left to right Claudine Morgan, Agnes Hanner, Ann Howell, Pauline McCorkle, Mary Jo Page, and Juanita Tante

The Beautiful View Garden Club celebrated in April with a luncheon celebrating the years of service by members. The Magnolia District corsages and certifications were presented to each silver and gold member of the club. Joyce Henson (front row right) was a charter member of the club in 1965.



The club additionally had a program on Thai Basil. Thai Basil and yellow lantana was distributed to members to be planted in the site of their choice. Thai basil called káu-chàn-thah in Taiwan, is a type of basil native to Southeast Asia that has been cultivated to provide distinctive traits. Widely used throughout Southeast Asia, its flavor, described as anise- and licorice-like and slightly spicy, is more stable under high or extended cooking temperatures than that of sweet basil. Thai basil has small, narrow leaves, purple stems, and pink-purple flowers. Information and photo on Thai Basil from Wikipedia.

Blue Star Marker

On Friday, July 22nd , a Blue Star Marker will be installed at the Veterans Administration Clinic (corner of River and Mobley Road) Columbus, Georgia. It is sponsored by the Green Island Garden Club of the Magnolia District.

The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program is a National Garden Club and Garden Club of Georgia program that honors all men and women who serve in the United States Armed Services. The program began with the planting of 8,000 dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Garden Clubs adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way.

The program has been expanded to include all men and women who have served, are serving or will serve in the Armed Services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way markers have been added along with the Highway Markers, to be placed in National Cemeteries, Veterans' and Military facilities and other civic locations.

This program has been active all through the years to the present, a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces and especially now. Since the program's inception in 1944, garden clubs have dedicated about 3,000 markers throughout the United States, with Georgia having about 160 markers throughout the state. The Magnolia District has 25 plus markers in the district.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. NEWS

A special Message from Peggy Tucker, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.:

This year, because of your generous contributions, we were able to award \$70,000 in scholarships to 21 students who will put the money to good use. Thanks to all of you who gave and continue to give. We had several named scholarships this year and hope to have many more next year.

The Awards program went great this year. Congratulations to all the clubs who walked away as winners. Good luck at National in Orlando at the convention that is being

held May 16-19th. Congratulations also to Jane Hersey on receiving the Five Star Certificate of Merit. This spring and summer my spare time will be spent reading all those President reports and Council reports. A big thank you to each club that sent yours in. If your club earned a Standard of Excellence Certificate, it will be awarded at the District Meetings.

Awards announced at 2022 Convention

Magnolia District Awards

BEAUTIFICATION

Award 13 Civic Improvement Medium Clubs:
Third Place, Oglethorpe GC

Award 26 Poem for Children
Second Place Mary Haigler, Oglethorpe GC

FLOWER SHOW



**Award 23 A-4-b
First Place**

Two Districts:
**Magnolia & Camellia
Districts**

Marideane Maxwell,
Chairman of The Perry
Flower Show accepts the
award from Peggy Tucker,
GCG President with Mary
Warshauer, President of
National Garden Clubs, Inc.,
assisting.

Photo left to right:
Mary Warshauer, Marideane
Maxwell, Maxwell, and Peggy
Tucker.

Award 30 C DSFS

**Camellia & Magnolia Districts
First Place**



Peggy Tucker, GCG President, presents awards to Rita Hightower, Camellia District Director and Nilsa Summey, Magnolia District Director with Mary Warshauer, NGC President assisting in the presentation.

Photo left to right: Peggy Tucker, Rita Hightower, Nilsa Summey, and Mary Warshauer

CONSERVATION

Award 4 Bird
Award 51 Butterfly

**Second Place, Oglethorpe GC
First Place, Village Green GC**

EDUCATION

Award 20 33 Member Participation **First Place, Village Green GC**

YEARBOOKS

Award 16 20-29 members

First Place, Oglethorpe GC



Mary Haigler, President of the Oglethorpe Garden Club received award from Peggy Tucker, GCG President with NGC President Mary Warshauer aiding with the presentation.

Photo: left to right: Mary Warshauer, Mary Haigler and Peggy Tucker.

PUBLICITY

Award 28 Pub Press Book
First Place Tie **Oglethorpe GC and Butler GC**

Award 37 Mag 13-24 pages **DISTRICTS**
Second Place Magnolia District

Award 46 Public Relations
Second Place, Dogwood GC, Americus
Thursday

EVENTS!

Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail Thursday, July 21st

Join the University of Georgia's Becky Griffin, Coordinator of The Great Georgia Pollinator Census for a hands-on workshop "Our Native Bees" at The Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trial designated site in Plains, Georgia, Thursday July 21st, 10 am to noon. Registration and event details at www.rosalynncarterbutterflytrail.org or call Annette Wise at 229-824-4567 or Willie Maxwell at 229-938-5830.

National Garden Club, Inc. News

[NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK - June 20-26, 2022](#)

Take Part in Pollinator Week!

Please participate in the Great Pollinator Count for Magnolia District. Schedule time on Friday or Saturday, August 19 or 20th to simply sit, watch, and count the beautiful creatures created just for you. Details of how at ggapc.org.

USE THE RESOURCES LOCATED ON THE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB WEBSITE FOR YOUR PROGRAMS!



They are great for free community programs and your garden club programs. Check them out.

<https://gardenclub.org/video-cafe>

Check out the program resources by webinar or other methods demonstrated on The National Garden Club website.

One which I reviewed was Mechanics of Good Design 2022. The NGC instructor David Robson provides an introduction to the mechanics

of Floral Design. Mechanics are the components and techniques used to hold designs together to achieve maximum stability and extend floral life. www.gardenclubs.org. As you are planning your new program year keep these NGC programs in mind.

, 19 & 20 August ().

CALENDAR

Double Check all Dates and Times
with GCG Master Calendar

June	2022		
4	Sat	Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival Show - Tour	
11-May	Sat-Sun	National Garden Week	
July	2022		
21	Thur	Laurel Executive Board Meeting	TBA
21	Thur	Our Native Bees Program, RCB Trail	Plains, Ga
August	2022		
9	Tue	Dogwood District Board Meeting	Sandy Springs

9	Tue	Magnolia District Board Meeting	Byron, GA
18	Thur	Laurel District Board Meeting	Smyrna
19-20	Fri-Sat	Great Georgia Pollinator Census	ggapc.org
19-22	Fri-Mon	National GC Fall Board Meeting	St. Louis, MO
21-24	Sun-Wed	Flower Show School 1	Marietta
23	Tues	Investment Comm & Trustees	Athens

September 2022

7	Wed	F & E 10:00 am	Zoom Lake
13-14	Tu-Wed	Fall Board Meeting 2:00	Blackshear Saint Louis,
19-20	Mon-Tues	NGC Fall Board Meeting	MO

October 2022

5	Wed	Oleander District Fall Meeting	Statesboro
6	Thu	Azalea District Fall Meeting	Athens
11	Tue	Redbud District Fall Meeting	LaGrange
12	Wed	Magnolia District Fall Meeting	Columbus
13	Thu	Camellia District Fall Meeting	Douglas
18	Tue	Laurel District Fall Meeting	Cartersville
19	Wed	Dogwood District Fall Meeting	Atlanta

January 2023

10	Tue	Dogwood District Board Meeting	Sandy Springs
13	Fri	Laurel Executive Board Meeting	TBA

February 2023

9	Thur	Investment Comm & Trustees	Athens
10	Fri	F & E 1:30 pm	Zoom
16	Thur	Laurel District Board Meeting	Euharlee
21	Tues	Winter Board Meeting 1:30	Zoom
21	Tues	Azalea District Board Meeting	Sandersville

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