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DIRECTOR'S CORNER WINTER 2022

LET'S GO AND GROW!

Magnificent Magnolia Gardenistas!

Columbus Council of Garden Clubs Inc. (CCGC) hosted the Magnolia District Annual Meeting at the Green Island Country Club in Columbus on October 12th. The "Pumpkin Palooza" meeting was well attended, and guests enjoyed buying all the original, multi-colored pumpkin centerpieces designed by Terry Morgan. Our guest speaker was Adriana Quinones, Executive Director, Columbus Botanical Garden. If you haven't been to this garden, it's a little gem within the city and close to shopping areas too, so make a day of it. The five generous raffle baskets donated by the CCGC, Azalea Garden Club of Columbus, Brookstone Garden Club, Green Island Garden Club and Winchester Garden Club caused a frenzy of tickets sales and a raffle profit over \$700!! To sum it up—attendees had lots of good Food, Fun and Fellowship. If you missed it—there's

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER WINTER 2022 continue

always next year in Americus.

Congratulations to the Early Bloomers Garden Club of Americus who celebrated their 40th anniversary with a Celebration Tea on October 16th. While this Director's recent surgery prevented her from attending, members reported it was a great celebration. Congratulations Early Bloomers!

The Dogwood Garden Club of Americus planted a beautiful magnolia tree with plaque on the Georgia Southwestern University campus in loving memory of Rebecca McNeill. On November 11th, they held a ceremony for the McNeill family and friends. Garden club members and coworkers relayed many stories of Rebecca's sharp mind, quick wit and relentless mentoring regarding education and participation in garden club activities--especially flower shows. What a delightful tribute to a deserving educator and special lady.

On November 15th, the Daffodil Garden Club of Albany held their 75th anniversary at the Garden Center in Albany. Their plans had been in the works for quite a while, and it was evident in their celebration. Congratulations Daffodil's!

Please check the Upcoming Events calendar and save the date to make your presence known within the district. This term's theme: "Let's Go and Grow!" GO to your garden club, district, published events, and state meetings. GROW our membership—keep your current members and bring in subscribing and new members. 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 receiving your invitations, serving you and seeing you this term.

Nilsa Summey (rhymes with yummy)

YOU ARE INVITED

"SAVE THE DATE Magnolia District is hosting 2023 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser at Masee Lane Gardens on November 4, 2023. Clare Jenkins is HLP Chairman, and she will need everyone's help and support. More information will be posted as it is finalized." Bring friends and they will see the joy the site offers.

Magnolia District News

Let's Go and Grow!

NEWS OF EVELYNA ROGERS, former District Director:

Kay Hagler spoke with Tommy Rogers on 12.6.2022. He stated that Evelynna had a blood clot in her lungs and was flown to the hospital for surgery. She is still in the same hospital but improving daily. She is currently scheduled to return home about Christmas. Cards may be mailed to: Evelynna Rogers, P. O. Box 125, Newton, Georgia 39870

Magnolia District Annual Meeting News

MINUTES: Magnolia District Annual Meeting
Ann Howell, Recording Secretary
Green Island Country Club, Columbus, GA
October 12, 2022

The Magnolia District Annual Meeting, hosted by the Columbus Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., was called to order by Director Nilsa Summey at 10 AM at the Green Island Country Club in Columbus, Georgia. The invocation, given by Chaplain Joyce Carreker, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Faye Carles. Board members, honored attendees and special members were introduced by Director Summey. Greetings were delivered by Columbus Mayor Skip Henderson. Co-Director, Kay Hagler gave special recognition to Magnolia District Board members, council and club presidents, new members, and first-time attendees. Honored guest, Peggy Tucker, President of The Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) presented an update of GCG information including important dates, scholarships, raffle tickets, membership and Plant A Tree national project. Standard of Excellence certificates were presented to Butler, Camellia-Cuthbert, Dogwood- Americus, Oglethorpe, and Village Green Garden Clubs. President Tucker presented a contribution to the Columbus Botanical Gardens in honor of Director Summey. Chaplain Joyce Carreker conducted a memorial service for the members who have died since October 2021. Director Summey declared a quorum was present and appointed Willie Maxwell as timer and Carolyn Culpepper, Bobbie Liggett and Faye Carles for approval of the meeting minutes. Kathleen Anderson and Sybil Willingham

were appointed tellers. Secretary Ann Howell reported that the 2022 minutes had been approved. Corresponding Secretary, Mary Ann Parks reported on correspondence. Janice Cliett presented the Treasurer's report dated October 21, 2021 through October 12, 2022.

Director Summey reported on recent events in the Magnolia District and reminded members to check the dates of future events included in today's program. Co-Director, Kay Hagler emphasized the need to increase membership and involvement in legislative issues. She reported on new youth clubs sponsored by Bee Beautiful Garden Club in Stewart County. Following the reading of the GCG Bylaws Article V, Sec 2 by Parliamentarian Bess Hartley, the Magnolia District officers for 2023-2025 were presented by Martha Price and were approved by vote of the membership as follows: Director-Kay Hagler, Co-Director - Marilyn Aldrich, Recording Secretary - Ann Howell, Treasurer- Janice Webb. GCG President Peggy Tucker and Jean O'Shields presented certificates for district awards. Oglethorpe Garden Club received the award for collection of most pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House and were also named the Magnolia District Outstanding Garden Club with the highest number of Club President's Report points.

Joyce Carreker gave the blessing and everyone enjoyed lunch followed by the program "Columbus Botanical Garden-A Growing Gem in Our City" presented by Adriana Quinones. GCG reports followed. Lee Dunn shared information concerning the importance of Historic Preservation and Clare Jenkins reminded members of the November 4, 2023 Historic Preservation event at Masee Lane. Willie Maxwell reported on the recent Perry Flower Show. Diana Malone, GCG Awards Chairman, gave reminders for clubs to complete award submissions prior to December 1. Janice Cliett's credentials report indicated a total of 66 in attendance. Barbara Bourque, Chris Adams, Peggy Tucker and Geri Shaw led a skit as an invitation to the 2023 GCG State Convention. Mary Ann Parks read announcements. Door prizes and raffle baskets were awarded and the meeting was adjourned at 2:02PM with a prayer offered by Joyce Carreker.

The Georgia State Fair Standard Flower Show hosted by Camellia and Magnolia District was Outstanding!

Fairgoers who took in the Standard Flower Show in Perry Georgia during October were rewarded with beautiful designs, interesting horticulture, and interesting ideas. If you have not attended the Georgia National Fair before, you are missing a treat of displays varying from horticulture to agriculture. Take time to go in 2023 and participate in the Standard Flower Show as a competitor or a viewer. You will be in for a treat. The following are winners in the 2022 Flower Show from Magnolia District, who entered the arrangement categories. Congratulations! All entries were a most enjoyable display of abilities and knowledge.



*Photo left: Class 1: First Place
Willie Maxwell*



Photo Right: Class 1: Second Place

Marideane Maxwell



*Photo Left: Class 2: Third Place
Marideane Maxwell*

*Photo below: Class 2: Fourth Place
Faye Frazier*



*Photo Left Class 3: First Place
Brenda Smith*

*Brenda Smith won the Section A
Award Table Design Award*

*Photo Right:
Class 3: Third Place
Shirley Litwhiler*

*Photo below:
Class 4 Third Place
Barbara Anthony*



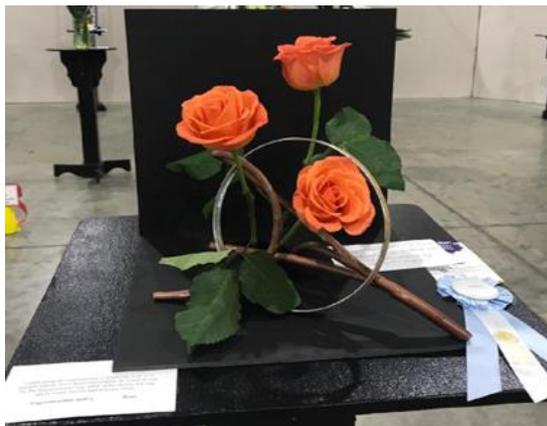
Photo right above:



*Photo Right: White Roses: Class
8: First Place: Martha Price*



*Photo Left: Orange Roses: Class
7: First Place: Janice Cliett*



*ALSO, Janice Cliett, a Section C,
Section Award Winner for the
Petite Award*

Call to Action:

1. President Report (new form) due by February 15th, 2023. Period 1/1/22-12/31/22.
2. Magnolia District Board meeting is February 8th, 2023 in Fort Gaines at, Fort Gaines Presbyterian Church.
3. Plan your projects and let staff know about it for the Garden Gateways and Magnolia Messenger.
4. Georgia Water Coalition 2023 Legislative Priorities focus January through March and year-round.
 - a. Save the Okefenokee Swamp
 - b. Ground Application of Waste issues
5. Plan your projects based on the National Garden Club and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.'s programs and projects which are listed on the President's Reports.
6. **RAFFLE TICKETS ARE COMING AND MUST BE RETURNED FOR DRAWINGS PRIOR TO THE DESIGNATED DATE FOR THE APRIL CONVENTION IN 2023.**

News from The District Clubs

Bee Beautiful Garden Club Spruces Up Butterfly Garden



The Bee Beautiful Garden Club members and a special guest came together to have a fall clean-up day for the butterfly Garden at the Stewart County Courthouse recently. On Sunday, October 16, members showed up to spruce up, weed and trim plants in the three garden plots we've established there. With so many helping hands, the work went quickly, and we had a good time.

Left Photo: Pic 1: L to R Front Row: Lynne Favara and Peggy Mitchell. L to R Back Row: Ashley Holland, Cindy Trojak, Hank

Wilson, Peggy Wilson and Hunter Widgeon

Bee Beautiful Garden Club Hosts Trunk R Treaters in Downtown Richland

Right Photo: Pic 2: Smokey the Bear and the Forestry Service at the first annual Trunk R Treat in downtown Richland. Do you see Smokey the Bear????



BBGC and the city of Richland hosted the first annual Trunk R Treat, in the beautiful downtown historic district. Garden club members, dressed in their festive costumes, handed out candy to young and old alike on October 31. Their special guest for the evening was Smokey

the Bear and the Georgia Forestry Service. Over 20 Trunkers were also on hand, with their decorated trunks, to give out candy and to show off their imaginative artistic skills. With the beautiful weather, approximately 100 people came from all over to enjoy the free treats and to see Smokey! BBGC awarded a gift basket for the "Best Decorated Trunk" toward the end of the festivities.

Photo Above: Pic 3: Stewart County 4-H and their "decorated trunk". Photo Right: Pic 4: BBGC member Nea Permenter showing off her fairy costume.





Butler Garden Club

After their November meeting, The Butler Garden Club assembled to lay a wreath at the Blue Star Marker on the square at the Taylor County Courthouse. The Marker was funded and dedicated by the Club in 2018. A wreath is placed by the Club annually for Veterans Day. Sybil Willingham composed this wreath using laurel for our American heroes, ivy for their faithfulness to our country and our faithfulness to these veterans, and rosemary for our eternal remembrance. Co-Presidents Mary Beth Swearingen and Sherry Waller joined by Jerry Weldon, a

U.S. Army veteran, conducted the ceremony.

Camellia Garden Club of Cuthbert



Magnolia District recommended that each club increase awareness and visibility of our Garden Club through logos, with each club determining their logo design based on their name and location. The Camellia Garden Club choose its camellia, the pink perfection, to use in designing its logo. In addition, the district recommended that each club increase their member. The

Camellia Garden Club has welcomed 3 members: Martha Corrigan, Frankie Hollister and Vickie Andrews who are seated in the picture below! And lastly, we again received the Standard of Excellence Award! We are a proud and excited club!



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Daffodil Garden Club Celebrates 75 years!

Daffodil Garden Club celebrated their 75th year anniversary Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 11:00 am. The celebration was held at the Garden Center, 808 Fifth Avenue, Albany. A warm welcome is extended by Co-presidents Marideane Maxwell and Kathy Hicks to any who attended. Single place settings, as in "Beautiful Table Settings" on FB, will be on display. Each member had a table design.

Daffodil Garden Club welcomed five new members: Kathy Adams, Rhonda Coleman, Darlene Presley, Robert Russoni, and Penny Williams.

The Early Bloomers Garden Club celebrated its 40th anniversary



Former officers of Early Bloomers Garden Club from left, Pam Smith, Anne Barrett, Patty Perles, Michelle Andrews, Claire Peoples, Gaynor Cheokas and Mary Len Walker.

By LEILA CASE of The Americus – Sumter County Newspaper. The Early Bloomers Garden Club celebrated its 40th anniversary at a beautiful reception at the home of Pam Smith, Sunday, October 16th. A large crowd attended the event, including present and former members Sarah Darden, Leisa Easom,

Midge Schuster, Jan Harrell, Cathy Morris, Pam Carson, Kay Sassi, Susan Young, Connie Wise, Barbara Raines and charter member Teresa McPherson along with Sumter County Federation Garden Club and Magnolia District members Willie Maxwell and Mary Ann Parks. Guests were invited into the dining room where the table was centered by a beautiful arrangement of coral roses and greenery in a silver wine cooler and a wide array of tea sandwiches and petit fours were presented on silver trays. Fall mimosas were served. A large display of club memorabilia was on a large table in the great room while vases of additional arrangements of coral roses and greenery were on the porch. It was a beautiful and joyful celebration of the achievements of the members over the 40 years, not to mention the friendships and fellowships which were created during that time.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. NEWS

- ***Thank You for Scholarship Contributions from Susan Turner!***

Many thanks to all the Magnificent Magnolias 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 Magnificent Magnolias always come through for our Dollars Educate Scholars program. This fundraiser is continuing, and I know you want to see your Director Nilsa, 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.

Your TO DO List:

- Remember your President's report which is a new form for 2022.
- Focus on the upcoming Raffle Ticket project which is a fund raiser for the State.
- Remember your donations form which is a new form. Donations can be made at any time of the year.
- Schedule programs and projects related to The National Garden Club and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. focused objectives which will be informational.
- Remember Plant a Tree.

Chaplain's Message

The Christmas season is, at its core, a celebration of life. Sure, at times we might get caught up in the cookie swaps, holiday shopping, and general fanfare of the season—but it's important that we never forget the reason for the season. It's not all fruitcake and tacky sweaters, something Mama makes sure to tell us whenever we're stressing about burnt cookies and the like. More than once, your home will be filled with family and friends, and you'll gather 'round a table piled with everyone's best. What now? Do as Mama would do: **Celebrate the occasion with a mindful Christmas prayer.** In fact, celebrate the entire season with these thoughtful and thankful Christmas prayers that remind us all of the true meaning of the season. You're guaranteed to find a few that fit your family and set the tone for the most gracious Christmas yet. Ah-men! By: Southern Living Magazine

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National Garden Club, Inc. News

Know that there are programs to be used on the National Garden Club's web site for your meetings.

Remember the Plant A Tree national project and report the plantings to The Magnolia Messenger and Horticulture, Trees and Shrubs Chairman, Mary Ann Parks. It is a National, State of Georgia, District, and local garden club

objective! Chairman for Magnolia District: Mary Ann Parks, 2001 S Lee Street, Americus, Ga., 478-244-1566, marymandy5565@outlook.com.

NGC is dedicated to preserving our earth's natural resources through your communities' civic beautification and your environment's conservation. We must continue to raise awareness to safeguard what we hold dear.

Remember we know who we are!

You Belong To

Your own club

Which belongs to one of Seven Districts

Established in 1959:

**Laurel, Azalea, Oleander, Camellia, Magnolia,
and Dogwood**

Redbud established 1961

Each has a District Director

District meetings held in October

Districts belong to

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Organized June 8, 1928

**The Garden Club of Georgia is made of
A President and Seven officers make up the
Executive Committee.**

**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a member
of Deep South Region, established 1961.**

**Includes: Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee**

The presiding officer is a Director.

**There are 8 Regions that make up the
National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

**New England, Central Atlantic, South Atlantic,
Deep South, Central, South Central, Rocky
Mountain and Pacific.**

**The National Garden Clubs, Inc.
was founded May, 1929.**

Presiding Officer is the President of NGC.

It is a Native Plant

DO HYDRANGEAS FEED THE BEES? *Did you know some hydrangeas are sterile!!!!* written by Christine R. Nelson: Hydrangeas vary in their ability to feed the bees. Unfortunately, the very common and showy Mophead hydrangeas, or *Hydrangea macrophylla hortensis* do not feed the bees or other pollinators because their flowers are sterile. The common *H. paniculata* 'Limelight' that I am seeing everywhere, unfortunately, does not feed the bees. But there are other hydrangeas that feed the bees and pollinators while also being great plants for the garden. So perhaps it is time to reconsider your hydrangea. The hydrangeas that give the most food for bees (and, yes, other pollinators). **Oak-Leaved Hydrangea** (*Hydrangea quercifolia*) A terrific source of pollen and nectar.

Many hydrangeas are beautiful and give people great joy. Look for hydrangeas that are not sterile and are great pollinators. Here is one which is a native and a pollinator.



Oakleaf hydrangea
(*Hydrangea quercifolia*)

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We hope all garden clubs have had a great 2022. The work you do in your communities is very important. Let us know if you need help with anything.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>January</u>	<u>2023</u>		
15		Dollars Educate Scholars: #25 of Presidents Report	100% participation
<u>February</u>	<u>2023</u>		
8		Magnolia District Board Meeting: Fort Gaines Presbyterian Church.	Ft. Gaines
15		2022 Club President's Report (Jan.1-Dec 31,2022)	Report
15		Magnolia Messenger Article deadline Spring 23	haglerkays@hotmail.com
21	Tues	Winter Board Meeting 1:30	Zoom
<u>March</u>	<u>2023</u>		
9-10	Tu-Fri	Deep South Convention	New Orleans
<u>April</u>	<u>2023</u>		
16-22		Garden Week in Georgia	
18-20		GCG State Convention	Evergreen Marriott, Stone Mt.
23-26		Flower Show, Second Course	Marietta Education G Center
22-23		The Flower Fantasy At Pineola Farms, GCG Scholarship Fund Raising Event	Pineola Farms, Ft. Valley
<u>June</u>	<u>2023</u>		
4-10		National Garden Week	
<u>August</u>	<u>2023</u>		
27-30		Flower Show School Third Course	Marietta Education G Center
<u>November</u>	<u>2023</u>		
4		Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser at Massee Lane Gardens on November 4, 2023.	Ft. Valley



Magnolia District is full of interesting members with interesting lives. If your club is hosting a fundraiser, Blue Star Memorial dedication, or other worthy event, we want to get the word out! We would also like your feedback on the newsletter. Let us know what you think!

The Christmas season is upon us, and there seems to be a break in garden club activities, which gives us leave to spend time with those who bring us joy -family, friends, and pets.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND
TO ALL, FILL YOUR HOLIDAYS
WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS!!!
WE WILL SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!***