

DOGWOOD DIALOGUE

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

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



2021-2023

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"Nurturing friendships through the love of gardens"

Dear Dynamic Dogwoods,

Welcome to a New Year! Hard to believe it is already 2023. And of course if you are a club president you know that with the new year comes the time to do the President's Report. This is the opportunity to tell us all of the wonderful things your club has been doing. See information in this newsletter on how to get a copy to complete if you do not have a copy already. You can even email your report this year.

Our January Dogwood District Board meeting was held at Lost Corner Preserve on January 10. We had a great turnout. It was a great opportunity to learn more about how your club can help have a 2023 Convention that will help Dogwood District shine! Our district is responsible for the convention every seven years so let's make it spectacular.

During this meeting the profit from the bulb sales and the Christmas wreath sales were shared. Dogwood Fundraiser Bulb Sales and Dogwood Fundraiser Wreath Sales together made a \$1513.63 profit. Thank you to everyone that purchased Amaryllis Bulbs and Christmas Wreaths! My bulbs are blooming as I write this and they bring a bright spot on this cold rainy day. (See photos on the next page.)

Be sure to read about our upcoming GCG Convention in April in this newsletter. It is a great time to meet other garden club members from all over our state, learn more about GCG and hear some great speakers. Consider getting a group of your club members to attend together. We have some great speakers and workshop line-ups scheduled that you will enjoy.

Be sure you take time to walk in nature, even in this cold weather. I was thrilled to find snowdrops blooming again this year at Lost Corner on our meeting day. Now I am seeing the first daffodils blooming!

I wish you all a great 2023. Please stay warm and stay safe and be sure to keep in touch if there is anything I can do to help you. I look forward to reading all of your President's Reports!

Happy gardening,

Chris Adams,

Dogwood District Director, 2021-2023

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Around The District



Amaryllis Bulbs from Fundraiser

Amazing flowers are being enjoyed by many who ordered and received Amaryllis bulbs from our Dogwood District fundraiser. Please be sure to look out for this year's fundraiser and order your bulbs. They really do bring joy in these dreary winter months.

From Kay Chase, Peachtree Battle Garden Club—I wanted to share photos of the amazing Amaryllis bulbs I purchased from the Dogwood District fundraiser in September. I couldn't be more pleased with the quality of the blooms and encourage garden club members to place an order at the next fundraiser in Fall of 2023!



Flamenco Queen - Kay Chase



Double Dream-Kay Chase



Moscow-Chris Adams



Around The District



President's Reports

It is time again for those Club President's Reports of Club Achievements to be completed and mailed in to our State President, District Director and Federation president (if you are a member of Fulton Federation). The reports are due by February 15th and this year are sent by regular mail or by email. This is your opportunity to share all of the great things that your club has been doing over the paste year.

As a reminder, here are the addresses where you will send your report once completed along with any supporting documents:

GCG State President—Peggy Tucker
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Dogwood District Director—Chris Adams
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Fulton Federation President-Trudy Rudert
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Peachtree Corners, GA 30096
trudert@comcast.net

Contact Chris Adams (cadams30041@yahoo.com) if you need help completing your Club Presidents' report of Club Achievements. The 2022 version is on-line and available for you to complete and print on our new GCG website:

[Presidents-Report-2022-fillable-form-1-1.pdf](#)

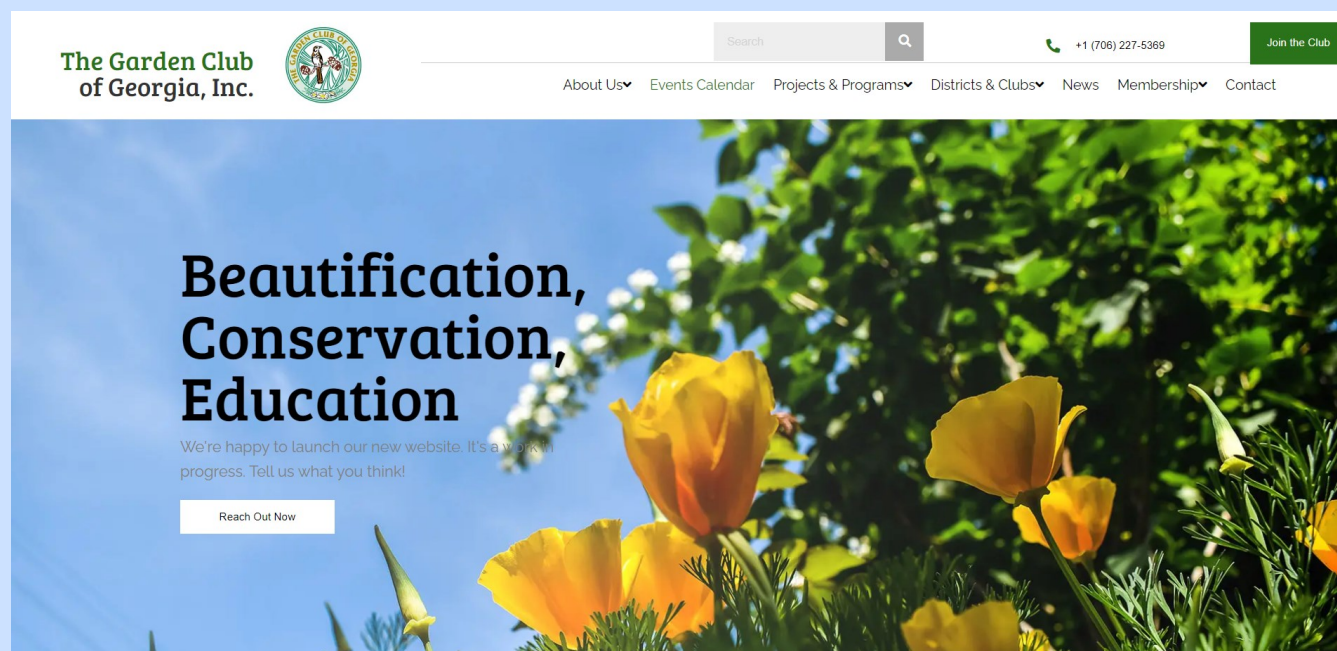


Around The District



NEW GCG website

Have you seen our new and improved GCG website? The new website address is <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org>. The Google Search engine still shows the old website that is no longer is use so be sure you use the new address for the latest information.



We even have a Dogwood District specific page—Check it out!





Around The District



Fulton Federation Dues

It is now time to pay your Annual Fulton Federation Dues. The dues are \$20.00 and are due by March 1st. Please make the check payable to **Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs** and mail to:

Monica Bozonier
904 Biscayne Way
Suwanee, GA 30024

All of this information is on the form that can be found on the next page of this newsletter

If you are no longer the president or treasurer of your garden club, please be sure to pass this information to the correct person and provide me with the current president and treasurer's names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.. I appreciate your cooperation in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 470-266-6224 or nubianprincess53@charter.net.

Submitted by Monica Bozonier - FF Treasurer



Meetings

Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs will meet **Monday, March 13** at the Sandy Springs Library, 395 Mount Vernon Highway NE; Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Our speaker will be Diane Ricker whose topic is "Gourds". **ALL club members** from Fulton Federation garden clubs and societies are invited to attend.

Be sure to save the date for **May 10, 2023** Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Awards Luncheon.

Location: Norcross Cultural Arts and Community Center; 10 College St.; Norcross, GA 30071.

The **January 10th** meeting was hosted by the Sandy Springs Garden Club. The speaker was Chris Adams who shared information on garden travel to Belgium and the Netherlands.

Trudy Rudert—FF President
trudert@comcast.net

The Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

2023 DUES NOTICE & YEARBOOK INFORMATION

DUES: DUE MARCH 1, 2023

Please provide information for your Incoming Slate of Officers or Current Slate of Officers. This information is needed for the Fulton Federation Yearbook. Please print clearly. Thank you.

Name of Club _____ Number of Members _____
 Meeting Day (Ex. 2nd Monday, etc.) _____ Day _____ Night _____
 Incoming Club President _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone & Cell _____
 E-mail Address _____

Incoming Federation Representative _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone & Cell _____
 E-mail Address _____

Incoming Club Treasurer _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone & Cell _____
 E-mail Address _____

Is your Club a Member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.? _____
 Does your Club have GCG, Inc. Grand Gardener Status? _____
 Is your Club geographically bound? _____

(Please include your Club Dues Check of \$20.00 made Payable to Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs) Due March 1st
 and Mail To:

Monica Bozonier, FF Treasurer
 904 Biscayne Way, NW
 Suwanee, GA 30024

nubianprincess53@charter.net (470) 266-6224



Around The District



FREE Classes

The [North Fulton Master Gardeners](#) in collaboration with the [UGA Extension in Fulton County](#) are continuing to provide horticultural education to the North Fulton community and beyond through FREE virtual gardening education programming. This series of six classes begins Sunday, March 5, and will be available through live Zoom webinars and Facebook Live. The classes will also be available for later viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/northfultonmastergardeners>.

Each class emphasizes practical gardening activities at the time of year that is best suited for that activity. **Please register in advance at <https://bit.ly/Spring2023NFMG-GardeningLectureSeries> to assure your place.** You may register for all six classes or just pick specific classes. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar. If you cannot attend the live webinar, you can register anyway so you will receive a recorded link to the class.

Don't miss these incredible opportunities to learn more about gardening in metro Atlanta.

Walk in the Woods with Spring Wildflowers - Observing the Beauty of Nature

Live Zoom: Sunday, March 5, 2023, at 2:00 pm EST

Growing Figs at Home: An Introduction to Growing Figs in the Southeast for the Home Gardener

Live Zoom: Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2:00 pm EST

Insect Allies:

Predators and Parasitoids in the Garden

Live Zoom: Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 2:00 pm EST

Ferns of the Southeast

Live Zoom: Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 2:00 pm EST

Annual and Perennial Plants for Water Gardens

Live Zoom: Sunday, April 2, 2023, at 2:00 pm EST





Around The District



Happy 100th Birthday to Ann Edwards – January 20, 2023

Ann Edwards, Sandy Springs Garden Club longtime member, served as our Dogwood District Chaplain from 2008 thru 2013. We enjoyed and benefitted from her inciteful inspirations and encouraging words at all of our meetings. At the age of 90, Ann decided it was time to retire from active participation on the District Board, but she has maintained her membership in the Sandy Springs Garden Club and reads posts on the Dogwood listserv. Her daughter monitors the computer and gives her all our District newsletters and updates. Ann celebrated her 100th Birthday on January 20, 2023.

Congratulations. We treasure her friendship and dedication to garden club, and we wish her many more wonderful birthday celebrations.



2013 Fall Meeting: Ann at age 90, receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Sally Holcombe for her service as Dogwood District Chaplain 2008-2013



2023 - Ann with bouquet of flowers sent by Terry Waith & Jane Whiteman for her 100th birthday. (she is eating chocolate cake)



Ann having a toast at her party with family, friends, and caregivers.



GCG - Statewide Activities



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 had 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.

The full page mail-in registration form is on the next page or to register & pay online go to:

<https://form.jotform.com/211994690426161>



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!



HOTEL RESERVATIONS
2023 GCG Annual Convention
Evergreen Lakeside Conference Resort
4021 Lakeview Dr, Stone Mountain, GA
(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. For 2 night stay, it's the 18th and 19th. Awards banquet is on the 19th.

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 _____

Emergency Contact information—Name and best phone number _____

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

☐ **PACKAGE PLAN** includes Registration fee, Workshops, Opening Dinner, Wed Luncheon, Awards Banquet, and Membership Luncheon.**PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL** \$256.00 \$ _____☐ **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 per day required for ☐ Tues & ☐ 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 available at <https://form.jotform.com/211994690426161>

– accepting payment by credit card.

Garden Club of Georgia 2023 Annual Convention Tentative Schedule as of 2/11/2022*



Pre-Event: Monday, April 17, 2023 Early Arrivals
Dinner on your own or join others for Dutch Treat Dinner

Day 1 (Tuesday, April 18, 2023) Board meeting & Convention begins

	Breakfast on your own
12:00	General Registration (10:30 for GCG Board Members)
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Spring GCG Board meeting and Luncheon – Pre-event Function go to registration to Pick up badges and registration materials.
12:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Vendors and Exhibit Rooms Open
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Two workshops in the Amphitheater – Greg Freeman and Ashley Frasca
5:15 PM – 6:45 PM	Installation of District Officers during cocktail hour
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Cocktails & Conversation – Cash Bar
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Welcome Banquet, Keynote Speaker: Dean Norton - Head of George Washington's garden at Mt. Vernon

Day 2 (Wednesday, April 19, 2023) Convention

	Breakfast on your own
9:00 AM	Registration
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Opening Business Meeting
12:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Vendors and Exhibit Rooms Open
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Award of Merit Luncheon and Youth Award Presentations Guest Speaker: William Smith , Atlanta Landscape Architect. Introduction of new clubs
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Two workshops in the Amphitheater – David Brown and Bonnie Satterthwaite
5:15 PM – 6:40 PM	District Group Photos during cocktail hour - in shifts.
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Cocktails & Conversation – Cash Bar
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Awards Banquet

Day 3 (Thursday, April 20, 2023) Convention

	Breakfast on Your Own
9:00 AM	Registration
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Final Business Meeting -
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Member Celebration Luncheon Includes recognition of Life Members Installation of GCG State Officers and District Directors Incoming President's Acceptance Speech.

*Schedule subject to change





GCG - Statewide Activities



Native Plant Symposium—Athens

On February 22 (9:00am-3:30pm), plan to attend the Native Plant Symposium live at the Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum at the State Botanical Garden. The symposium will also be available as a webinar.

Course Fee(s):

Native Plant Symposium In-person Attendance & Lunch non-credit	\$65.00 OR
Native Plant Symposium Webinar Registration non-credit	\$30.00

Topics to be announced. Check out the SBG calendar to register: [State Botanical Garden of Georgia - Native Plant Symposium \(uga.edu\)](https://www.sbg.org/State-Botanical-Garden-of-Georgia-Native-Plant-Symposium)

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.

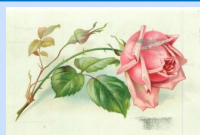
See your club president for tickets or contact: Chris Adams (cadams30041@yahoo.com) for additional tickets. Tickets were mailed to all club presidents with instructions. Help us sell those tickets.

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.



Camellia Garden Club lost beloved member Diana Rector on January 30, 2022.

Poppy Garden Club in Atlanta lost their beloved member, Eleanor Bowles on December 10, 2022.

Bellmere Garden Club lost their beloved member Beverly West on December 31, 2022 at age 92. She was a long time member and former President of Bellmere GC.



GCG - Statewide Activities



THE AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY, INC.

Cordially Invites You to Attend Our
National Daffodil Show &
Standard Flower Show
THE SOUTHEASTERN DAFFODIL TRAIL

Co-hosted by Redbud District VII
of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Entries will be accepted with prior registration in the Design and Youth Divisions.
Young people pre-school to age 20 may enter!

We invite all ages to participate in the Design & Horticulture Divisions and the
National Daffodil Photography Flower Show.

View the Flower & Photography Shows
Visit the Trade Exhibits, Daffodil Boutique and more!
Friday, March 10th 2-11 PM and Saturday, March 11th 7AM – 8 PM

This show is free and open to the public - Hotel Parking Fees Apply
Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia, an IHG Hotel
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30346 770-395-7700 www.cpravinia.com

For additional information or to participate, including entries, please contact the following chairmen:

<u>Design Entries</u> Janet McGinnis jmcgi@bellsouth.net	<u>Judges</u> Joy Zaidan joyzaidan4986@gmail.com
<u>Clerks</u> Ann Purr a.purr@comcast.net	<u>Hostesses</u> Gale Thomas galedthomas@gmail.com
<u>Youth Division</u> Molly Kimler mollykimler@gmail.com Or	Susan Turner glencree@bellsouth.net
<u>Youth Daffodil Discovery Zone</u> Volunteer Info Contact	Colette Curtis ccurtis1053@gmail.com
<u>National Daffodil Photography Show</u> Adults & Youth contact	Greg Freeman albdarned@hotmail.com
For additional questions, please contact ADS Flower Show Chairman Jaydee Ager	jaydeeager@gmail.com

Design Division Chairman Lisa Robinson gardenlisava@gmail.com
American Daffodil Society Info may be found at <http://daffodilusa.org>



Discover Daffodils in the Daffodil Discovery Zone at the ADS National Convention in Atlanta!
We encourage all families and friends to discover daffodils at this interactive area for our youth.
Children will have the opportunity to: Learn about the Life Cycle of DAFFODILS
Get up-close and personal with DAFFODILS
Participate in engaging art activities surrounding DAFFODILS
Begin a lifelong interest and appreciation of DAFFODILS

The Daffodil Discovery Zone will be OPEN on Friday, March 10 from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and reopen on
Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Volunteers Needed! We are asking for Only ONE Hour of Your Time.



GCG - Statewide Activities



Dear Youth Enthusiast,

We are asking your consideration to participate in the upcoming flower show, sponsored by The American Daffodil Society, in cooperation with The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and co-hosted by Redbud District. As long-time members of GCG, we have worked with youth in the areas of our GCG mission of *Beautification, Conservation and Education*.

The upcoming ADS Flower Show is March 11-12, 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage our young people in learning about planting and growing these beautiful flowers. I think we all have fond memories of Daffodils blooming to either shake some winter blues or welcome spring, depending upon their arrival!

Youth entries in horticulture are welcomed! We do need to know the variety of daffodil to be exhibited, so save the packages with the cultivar name listed.

In the meantime, if you have an area to plant daffodil bulbs at your school, now is the time! The ground is now cold enough to plant and hopefully blooms will appear for your designs. Much information can be found on planting at the ADS website. [American Daffodil Society / The United States Center for Daffodil Information \(daffodilusa.org\)](https://american-daffodil-society.org/)
We can certainly help you, as well.

The design component of this show is equally fantastic to engage students to use flowers and other plant materials creatively. Our schedule is attached. Rules, registration, entry dates and times are outlined therein. The Youth Flower Show information may also be found at <https://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/national-convention/2023-national-convention/#show>

We can certainly share aspects of the Youth Design Division to give you some ideas of how you may assist young people with the entries.

The Design Division is open to all youth exhibitors, ages pre-school through high-school ages. Advance registration is required with your Youth Chairmen.

Again, we will be happy to review the various "Class Titles" and requirements for the varying age groups.

Susan Turner
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
ADS FS Youth Chairman
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glencree@bellsouth.net

Molly Kimler
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
ADS FS Youth Chairman
770-842-3182
mollykimler@gmail.com



GCG - Statewide Activities



Okefenokee - Protect our Swamp

House Bill 71 has been introduced - with bi-partisan support: The Okefenokee Protection Act. It will protect the OKE from future mining operations.

The Okefenokee is one of the greatest remaining natural treasures in the world and holds significant economic, ecological, and cultural value for the people of Georgia. We cannot risk long-term damage to the swamp for an experimental, unsustainable mining project. Now is the time for state action to protect this national treasure. Opponents of mining near the Okefenokee want to prevent permanent damage of the swamp's ability to hold water. Twin Pines officials argue mining will have minimal impacts.

C. Rhett Jackson, professor of water resources at the University of Georgia, described the mining plan as "deeply flawed." He said mining will make droughts more frequent and severe in the eastern portion of the swamp and increase the probability of wildfires.

Garden Club Members - share this with your friends & neighbors. Ask everyone to call or write to their legislators - The Protect Georgia link is the easiest way you can contact your legislators who are now in session under the Gold Dome. Fill in your info and edit the sample letter as you wish. It will be sent to your State Senator and State Representative. The current threat from Twin Pines is in the hands of Georgia's EPD. The easiest way you can contact all parties is through this link:

www.protectgeorgia.org/okefenokee

A flyer with lots of info follows on the next two pages.

Thank you!

Barbara Bourque





GCG - Statewide Activities



Okefenokee - Protect our Swamp



Bear Image © Bill Lea

Protect Our Okefenokee *the Wild Heart of Georgia*

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.

The heavy mineral sands containing titanium can be found far beyond the sensitive ridge that forms Okefenokee - in coastal plains and islands from Florida to Virginia. [Trail Ridge titanium is not necessary for national defense](#), but will likely be processed into a substance used to make pigments for paint, sunscreen, and food additives.

We Need Your Leadership

[68% of polled Georgians](#) support passing a law to protect the Okefenokee.

A complex legal and jurisdictional battle is ongoing. Georgians shouldn't have to rely on the federal government to protect our valuable and irreplaceable Okefenokee. Just as the Georgia legislature passed into law the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act due to mining threats, the Okefenokee Protection Act will prevent mining along the Okefenokee's Trail Ridge next to the swamp and become a historic piece of legislation, as well.

Pass legislation that permanently protects the swamp from mining proposals.



GCG - Statewide Activities



Okefenokee - Protect our Swamp

Support Local Economies

Mining adjacent to the Okefenokee swamp threatens the economies of surrounding communities who rely on the swamp for tourism.

Mining in proximity to the swamp will likely degrade the wilderness and dark sky experience, which are major draws for the [600,000+ annual visits](#) to the National Wildlife Refuge.

This degeneration would diminish the economic benefits of the swamp for Southeast Georgia communities.

The cities of Homeland, Kingsland, St. Mary's, and Valdosta, and Ware County have passed resolutions asking state officials to protect their communities' livelihoods.

Okefenokee Economic Facts

\$17.2 M in
employment

\$5.4 M in local tax
revenue for local
counties

\$65M in tourism

753 Local Jobs

Prevent Wildfires and Health Hazards

[The US Fish and Wildlife Service](#) and multiple independent experts have warned that Twin Pines' proposal could destroy the structural integrity of Trail Ridge, which forms the eastern boundary of the swamp. Combined with the [proposed use of up to 1.44 million gallons of water](#) needed daily to operate the mining equipment, [this would likely lower water levels](#) in the swamp and surrounding areas.

"The proposed mine can be expected to increase the severity and extend the length of dry periods in the swamp and the St Marys River." - Rhett Jackson, Professor of Water Resources, UGA Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources



Impacts of Lowered Water Levels:

- [Increased fire risk](#) to the swamp and nearby private property, including timber and blueberry farms
- Release of stored toxic heavy metals, including mercury, which will be carried downstream, impacting public health
- Degraded fishing and recreational opportunities in the St. Marys and Suwannee Rivers, which originate in the Okefenokee Swamp

Protect the Wild Heart of Georgia

The Okefenokee is world-renowned for its biological diversity. Mining along trail ridge could compromise the habitat the swamp offers endangered species like the red-cockaded woodpeckers, wood storks, and eastern indigo snakes.

49 Species of Mammals

39 Species of Fish

64 Species of Reptiles

233 Species of Birds

600 Species of Plants



GCG - Statewide Activities



Capital Conservation Day—February 21st

Please join the Georgia Water Coalition at the Georgia State Capitol on Tuesday, February 21st.

We will gather for a continental breakfast, orientation, and issue briefings at the Central Presbyterian Church. Then we will walk across the street to the Capitol for a group photograph and to meet with legislators about timely water legislation.

[Click Here to Register Today!](#)



Details & Schedule...

February, 21, 8 am - 1 pm

Central Presbyterian Church
Tull Fellowship Hall
201 Washington St SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Arrival and breakfast at 8 am
Orientation and issue briefings begin at 8:15 am
Group photograph at 9:45 am
Meet your legislator from 10 am to 1 pm
Debrief with the GWC between 11 am and 1pm

More details about the agenda, issue briefings, how to schedule meetings with legislators, and more — to follow upon registration.

For questions, please contact Juliet Cohen, executive director of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, at jcohen@chattahoochee.org



GCG - Statewide Activities



Subscribing Memberships

Do you want to make sure your garden club fans and supporters know what your club is doing? Purchase a Subscribing Membership for them.

A Subscribing Member is committed to our mission of Beautification, Conservation and Education but may not want or have the time to become a member of a garden club. A Subscribing Member is eligible to participate in all programs and events available to general membership and will receive a copy of the quarterly publication Garden Gateways and other GCG information but does not have the privilege of a vote on GCG matters. And, your club and district get credit for adding these members!

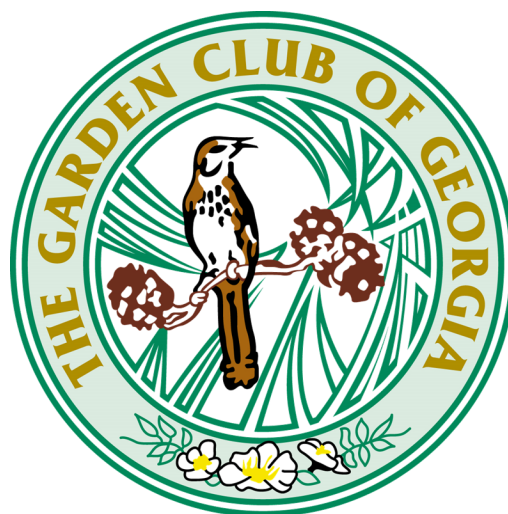
Dues for this program are \$25 per year. Renewal reminders will be sent prior to membership expiration to the person or club sponsoring the subscribing member. This is a great way to honor your local Council Person, State Legislator, Extension Agent, or anyone that has come to speak to your club that has an interest in our mission.

[Subscribing Member Application](#)

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Dogwood District Clubs



Spalding Garden Club



Spalding Garden Club
A Garden Faire
Save THE Date

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023
9:00AM - 3:00PM
RAIN OR SHINE

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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DUNWOODY, GEORGIA

PASS-ALONG PLANTS
SHRUBS, PERENNIALS, HERBS, GROUND COVERS AND MORE

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Dogwood District Clubs



Camellia Garden Club



Camellia Garden Club celebrated their annual Christmas luncheon at Chastain Bistro on December 13 with games, singing, and a raucous White Elephant exchange. Members also brought gifts for Roswell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center residents. The club's theme this year is "*Joy in Participation*," and members get their names put in a Joy Jar when they contribute. Names pulled in December were Sherry Gary (shown with her prize) for hosting our October meeting and Janet Wells for representing our garden club at the annual Georgia Water Coalition meeting.



Last November, members of Camellia Garden Club toured Oakhurst Gardens, one of five neighborhood gardens managed by the Wylde Center. Executive Director Stephanie Van Parys took members on a tour of the grounds and showed maps for expanding all 5 facilities. Their mission is to support communities by providing gardening education and public green-space. They provide programs for over 3000 children a year and raise 25% of their operating budget through plant sales.

Left to right: Anita Sturgis, Vicky Cork, Alicia Blanton, Gayle Brown, Tina Saunders, Janet Wells, Sherry Gary, Stephanie Van Parys, Janice Gordon, Robin Conway, and Debbie Herzig.



Dogwood District Clubs



Camellia Garden Club

Botanical artist and GA Native Plant Society Member, Linda Fraser, shared her love of native plants with Camellia Garden club in January. She brought local specimens and shared the benefits and propagation tips for the native plants she has captured in her art. She also had a great story about tracking down a huge growth of pink lady's slippers on Dobbins Air Force Base.



Left to right: Linda Fraser, Bonnie Cook, Duffy Lynch, Alicia Blanton, Meg Prince, Margaret Boone, a hidden Sherry Gary and Debbie Herzig, and Janice Gordon.

Peachtree Battle Garden Club



Peachtree Battle Garden Club decorated Margaret Mitchell's grave in December. Our club donated funds to clean and restore the gravesite in 2020 and 2021. Our other Historic Oakland projects include landscaping the Stokes Family Plot in 2022, and our current 2023 restoration of a block on East Hill.



Dogwood District Clubs



Peachtree Battle Garden Club

Peachtree Battle Garden Club's participated in the Victorian Holiday weekend at Oakland Cemetery Dec 1st. PBGC was assigned the historical Grave's mausoleum located in the northeastern portion of the cemetery in an area known as the African American Grounds. The site was decorated with assorted greenery, pinecones and berries collected by our members along with 20' of mixed garland generously donated by Pike's Nursery.



Special Projects Coordinator, Debi Weatherford, Lynn Lindskoog and Helga Perrin (background).



Past President, Lynn Lindskoog and Special Projects Coordinator, Debi Weatherford



Historic Grave's mausoleum located in the African American Grounds of Oakland Cemetery



Dogwood District Clubs



Club Estates Garden Club

Club members came together the week of January 16- 21 to create beautiful arrangements for the Cathedral of St Philip Church, Atlanta Giving by Design's, A Journey Through Homes and Hospitality Tour of Homes. Flower Show chairs, Karen H'Doubler and Debbie Proctor, along with Jennifer Bridges, Kim Huhman, and Leanne Shaw created these gorgeous arrangements. They were placed in the King family home in Historic Brookhaven.



Left to right: Flower Chairs Karen H'Doubler and Deborah Proctor along with members Jennifer Bridges and Leanna Shaw





Dogwood District Clubs



Norcross Garden Club

Save the Date
Norcross Garden Club
Annual Plant Sale

April 27-28, 2023
Thurs. 10-7 & Fri. 10-7



- >Passalongs
- >Perennials
- >Herbs/Veggies
- >Groundcover

33 College Street
Norcross, Ga. 30071

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Norcross Garden Club

The Norcross Garden Club had a fantastic December meeting with lots of laughter and fun. The meeting started with a rousing rendition of "Oh Christmas Tree" sung by everyone in attendance. Next a gift to all the members was given from Santa and it was the slate of officers for the upcoming two years. Santa really outdid himself this year!

Dinner was buffet style with beautiful natural centerpieces. Elizabeth Gross was presented a tree covered in gift cards for the Neighborhood Co-op. Our Garden Therapy co-chairs Hazel Ringelstein and Barbara Kohlhausen really encouraged our club to give back to those in need. Elizabeth, Chairman of the Neighborhood Co-op Board, accepted the gifts and shared how the Co-op is impacting our community in various ways such as through food assistance, a clothing closet, medical assistance as well as job fairs and rental/mortgage assistance. Our club was grateful to be able to contribute to this wonderful program.

Our ladies played a game that got all the members involved and added much laughter to the evening. It was a beautiful evening filled with grateful hearts for the friends made through our Norcross Garden Club.



LtoR: Saundy Kittle, Connie DeVine, Alexandra Covington, Jeanette Shewbert, Ann Beach, Kim Smith, Sue Wyatt, Donna Lang, Kathy Sumner, Cathy Nelmes, Julie Fitzgerald, Pam Cammarata



Enjoying the Christmas festivities are Jeanette Shewbert, Sue Hankins, and Tixie Fowler.



A flagstone path being installed in the Norcross Garden Club Cottage Garden.



Dogwood District Clubs



Norcross Garden Club



The flagstone path leading members and guests to the front door of the Norcross Garden Clubhouse



Members gathered on a cool but, sunny January afternoon in preparation of the upcoming annual plant sale scheduled for April 27 & 28.

Left to right: Beth Bahel, Kathy Sumner, Dolores Romero-Stewart, Cathy Nelmes, Susan Welch and Cathy Crumley.



Diggers hard at work for the upcoming plant sale, left to right: Susan Welch, Gena Spears and our newest member David Outten.



Dogwood District Clubs



Ama-Kanasta Garden Club

Ama-Kanasta members met on January 10th at the Douglas County Old Courthouse Museum. Members spent the morning identifying members in photos of our scrapbooks through the years that are stored at the museum. Marilyn Ooten, past VP & Historian kept us on task.

Beverly Scholz
Publicity Chair



LtoR: Lisa Young, Lynda Clark, Melinda Morris, Jerri Dettmering



LtoR: Cheryl Varney & Tami Smith



Sandra Rollins, Marilyn Ooten, who kept us on task, Cheryl Varney



Betty Shows, Melinda Morris, Jerri Dettmering, Sandra Rollins, Cheryl Varney



Dogwood District Clubs



Druid Hills Garden Club

Remembering Wendy Tarson

Wendy was a beautiful spirit and beloved friend. Her smile and enthusiasm were infectious.

For the last ten years, Wendy was a devoted member of the Druid Hills Garden Club. She was passionate about serving others and volunteered her time to the Ronald McDonald House and Skyland Trail. She helped residents design flower arrangements and participated in garden therapy programs.

Wendy's loss left a great void in our club. The Club will make a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Wendy and continue serving their residents annually.

*Photo: Wendy Tarson, Nancy Isakson,
Liddy Chatham*



Druid Hills Garden Club Celebrate Christmas at Peachtree Hills Place

The Druid Hill's Garden Club enjoyed a lovely Christmas luncheon at Peachtree Hills Place in December. Mary Ann Hite played the piano while members sang Christmas carols.





Dogwood District Clubs



Country Hills Garden Club

Country Hills GC attended the Fulton Federation meeting in November. In attendance: Arlene Butler, Chrissie Foster, Monica Bozonier and Johnetta Gillies



L to R: Chrissie Foster, Arlene Butler, Monica Bozonier and Johnetta Gillies

The club had a fabulous December meeting and Christmas luncheon at Monica Bozonier's lovely and very well decorated home.

L-R Wanda Newton, Monica Bozonier, Arlene Butler, Johnetta Gillies, Chrissie Foster, Leslie Busino, Jennifer McCullough, Vivene Holley, Barbara Lipscomb, Priscilla Drain and Winnie White.





Dogwood District Clubs



Country Hills Garden Club

Country Hills GC collects toiletries, coffee, and snacks all year and makes frequent deliveries to the Ronald McDonald House. Johnetta Gillies, Country Hills President is shown here making the December delivery.



Country Hills GC constantly collect pull tabs and recently turned in a big box. We are a small club and are proud to have a collection of this size.



Monica Bozonier's beautiful holiday decorations





Looking Forward



Save the Date

Feb 22, 2023

Native Plant Symposium / State Botanical Garden 9 am-3:30 pm \$65 with lunch, Webinar option \$30
See webpage for details and registration info <https://botgarden.uga.edu/event/native-plant-symposium/>

April 18-20

Garden Club of Georgia Convention - Evergreen Resort Stone Mountain

July 18 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Awards and Leadership Workshop Redbud and Dogwood
Bellmere 10777 Bell Rd., Johns Creek, Georgia
GCG holds its biennial Leadership and Awards workshop for club leaders of
Dogwood and Redbud Districts.

August 2023 - Dogwood District Board Meeting

October 25 @ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Dogwood District Annual Meeting
The Dogwood District will hold its annual meeting in Atlanta. Details will follow

- ◆ Contact me (cadams30041@yahoo.com) if you need help completing your Club Presidents' report of Club Achievements. The 2022 version is on-line and available for you to complete.

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- ◆ The next issue of Dogwood Dialogue will be published the end of May 2022. Send articles, photos and captions to dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com by May 15th.
- ◆ If you need contact information for Garden Club of Georgia Officers, the list can be found on the website under Membership/GCG Personnel Guide

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