



# *Oleander Leaflets* SUMMER, 2022

*The Official Newsletter of the Oleander District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
A member of the National Garden Club, Inc and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.*



## **Greetings Outstanding Oleanders, Summer is here!**

I know that each of you have been enjoying many celebrations: graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, end of the year Garden Club picnics, Memorial Day remembrances, and travel.

We have also had a busy spring in our Oleander District. Again, a big thank you goes out to the many, many volunteers who made our 94th Convention in Macon on April 12 & 13 an annual convention to remember! Winette Almon, Convention Chairman, Hilda Rushing, Co-Chairman, and Geri Shaw, GCG Convention Coordinator knew just who to call!

The winner of our Beach Condo Raffle, donated by Hilda Rushing, is Vondessa Lee from Millen. She is excited and is coordinating her vacation with Hilda. This needed fund raiser added \$3330.00 to our convention budget. Thank you clubs and members for selling these tickets. Also, congratulations to Bunny Bargains for selling \$703.00 of silent auction tickets. There was a sharp increase in conventions expenses this year.

Everyone who attended enjoyed meeting our national President Mary Warshauer. We will look forward to hearing reports from our Georgia members who attended our National Convention in Orlando in May.

Another important recent event in Oleander District was the rededication of the Blue Star Marker at the Georgia Welcome Center on I95 at Port Wentworth. The Pooler Garden Club, led by co-presidents Louise Shindler and Barbara Rawlings, had an excellent program.

Our Oleander District Board Meeting will be on August 9 in Pooler hosted by the Garden Club of Pooler. Look for details and registration soon.

The Oleander District Annual Fall Meeting will be October 5 at Ogeechee Tech in Statesboro. Mark your calendars now! I hope to see each of you there!

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**\*\* 2022 National GC Awards, Deep South Awards, and GCG Awards are at end of this newsletter.**

**\*\*\* A full report of the 2022 GCG Convention in Macon is at the end of this newsletter.**

## Oleanders at the 2022 GCG Convention in Macon





**Oleander District was the Host District.**

**Winette Almon was the Chairman and Hilda Rushing was the Co-Chair.**



Peggy Tucker, GCG President, presented Presidential Citations to Winette Almon, Convention Chairman, and Hilda Rushing, Convention Co-Chairman.



Kay Peacock of the Seedling Garden Club designed the Oleander District's tribute at the GCG Convention in Macon.

Delinda Pattie of the Odum Garden Club designed the tribute arrangement in honor of GCG President Peggy Tucker.



These Oleanders were the greeters and ticket takers for the banquets and luncheons.

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Elizabeth Gillespie was the Registrar of the Convention and Judy McWhorter is the Oleander District Co-Director.







## Oleanders at the National GC Convention in Orlando



Diana Malone, Mary Ogden, GCG President Peggy Tucker, GCG 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lisa Hall, Geri Shaw



**Georgia members who attended the Deep South Convention included Mary Ogden and Betty Benner.**





**The St. Marys Garden Club** recently planted more antique roses on Cumberland Island at the site of the former Carnegie rose garden at Dungeness. Six members ferried over with the plants and all the equipment necessary to make this a successful project on the hottest day of this year thus far. Four Old Blush roses were planted last year around the statue of Mercury (a reproduction), and this year we are planting 4 Mutabilis ("Butterfly") roses along the former shell path in the garden. We also planted 2 Crepuscule climbing roses near the statue. These are all roses



grown at the time of the Carnegies. Six members participated in the work day, one of the hottest of the year so far. Watering rings, hydrogel, and deer netting were used to solve the problems of watering and critter damage. We enjoyed the gathering crowd of onlookers, "the horses" that occupy the island.



Members of **Millen Garden Council** planted a pollinator garden consisting of lantana, rudbeckia and yarrow at Magnolia Springs State Park in celebration of Garden Week in Georgia.



**Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs, Inc**, and Shirley Lewis hosted East Georgia Judge's Council meeting, luncheon and tour of Botanical Garden, May 16, 2022. In attendance were Master Judges, left to right: Shirley Lewis, Judy McWhorter, Brenda Griner, Jane Johnson, Winette Almon, Betty Waller and Barbara Horner. Not pictured: guest, Irene Michaels and Caterer, Dyanna Byers.



**Green Thumb GC** members worked on landscaping at the Jenkins County Memorial Library on Earth Day as part of Garden Week in Georgia..



**On Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, members of The Garden Club of Pooler and Oleander District Rededicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker that was restored last fall. The marker is located at the I-95 Welcome Center, entering Georgia from South Carolina.**







On June 8, 2022 the **Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs** enjoyed the joint luncheon hosted by Spade and Trowel at the Botanic Garden in Statesboro, GA. Matthew Wise was the speaker. The Bulloch Council also donated \$5000 to the Botanic Garden received by Carolyn Altman.



On June 8, 2022 the **Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs** donated \$5000 to the Botanic Garden in Statesboro, GA in memory of Jean Mathews. Pictured (l-r) are Alice Mathews, Hilda Rushing, Carolyn Altman and Susan Mathews.





Recently some of the **Sea Oats Garden Club** Members got together for a "Stepping Stones Party" at one member's house. The purpose was to create stepping stones to be installed at their Pollinator Oasis at the Frederica Park on St. Simons Island. Members brought disposable containers like cake pans, and beads in all colors, shells, flat rocks, and square tiles, etc. plus many similar items were provided by the hostess. Pictured (L to R) are club members who attended the Stepping Stones Party: hostess Mary Virginia Keith, Mary Acosta, Faye Hollington, Joyce Toler, Elaine Alberson, Kathleen Moore and seated, Jan Casey.





This past Saturday, May 7, some of the **Sea Oats Garden Club** members installed 17 Stepping Stones at the Pollinator Oasis at Frederica Park on St. Simons Island. All 17 Stepping Stones were designed and made by club members. Those who helped with the installation of the stones were (L to R) Kathleen Moore, Sandra Smith, Mary Virginia Keith, Faye Hollington, and Raylene Grynkewich.

The **Sea Oats Garden Club** met recently at Peppertree Clubhouse. Guest speaker for the meeting was Linda Hlozansky, who is a member of the Magnolia Garden Club in Brunswick. Linda spoke on "Fairy Gardens" which was perfect since her club was sponsoring the Fairy Garden Tour the following Saturday. A couple of door prizes at the club meeting were tickets to the tour. Pictured with the speaker are the hostesses for the meeting: bottom row (left) Charlotte Kostelic, Linda Hlozansky, top row (left) Olivia Holland, Elaine Alberson.



**Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs Botanical Garden** has a volunteer who grows wonderful vegetables for their garden and she will not take any credit! She lived up north and learned how to grow plants in the south very well. When asked to stand in the photo, she declined saying the garden is the council's! Here are artichokes that she grew with two green thumbs!





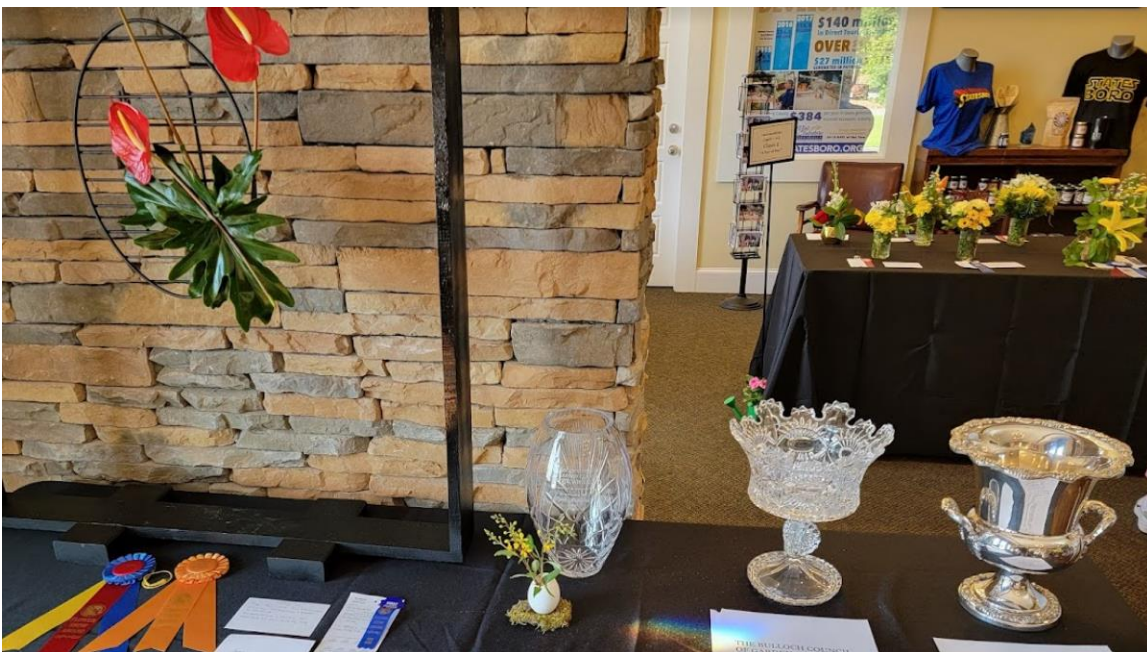
The Easter Bunny visited The Home Place Adult Daycare with the help of **Green Thumb Garden Club**. Baskets filled with toiletries and snacks were made up as treats for the clients. Working with The Home Place is an on-going project of the club. Green Thumb is a member of the Millen Council of Garden Clubs, The Oleander District, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and The National Garden Club, Inc.,



The Wayne County Garden Club Council presented the “2022 Citizen of the Year” Award to Diana Malone of the Jesup Garden Club.

Presenting the award was Jan Heideger, Chairman of the Award Committee. With Diana is her son Andrew.

The **Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs** presented a flower show in Statesboro “Blooming in the Boro”. Lori Hurlebaus and Hilda Rushing were Bulloch Council members who helped coordinate the show.



The **Garden Club of Pooler** met in April at member Chica Arndt's wonderful 1800's farm, house and garden. The main business during the meeting was plans for their May 11, 2022 Blue Star Highway Rededication Ceremony. Following their business meeting, members were invited to take plants from Chica's garden. Afterwards, a bag lunch social on the porch took place and then an Easter Egg hunt was enjoyed by all. What a beautiful Spring Garden Club Day!



The **Seedling Garden Club** of Swainsboro held a flower show in conjunction with the Pine Tree Festival on April 31<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. The show included Horticulture, Design, Youth, and Education Divisions.





For their June meeting, The **Garden Club of Pooler** visited The Prewitt Homestead which is an urban homestead in the middle of a subdivision. Their mission statement is "Be self sufficient and encourage others." They grow almost 80% of the vegetables they consume, 100% of the eggs they consume and 100% of the chicken they consume. They offer seasonal vegetables, herbs, raw honey from their hives and much more. They also give tours, garden classes and food preservation classes.



# **CONGRATULATIONS –** **AWARDS FOR OLEANDERS 2022**

## **NATIONAL AWARDS 2022**

### **CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION:**

*EC-1 Conservation Activities – St Marys GC*

*CE-7 Blue Star/Gold Star Marker Landscaping – Odum GC*

*MAE-5 Garden Week in Georgia – Millen Garden Club Council*

### **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION OF AWARD PARTICIPATION:**

*MAE-28 Social Media/Web Site – The Landings GC*

*MAE-2 Social Media Web Site – The Landings GC*

### **YOUTH POETRY:**

*Julia Golden – Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Heritage Christian Academy – Magnolia GC, Brunswick*

*Augustine Alonso Alvarez – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – ESOL 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Altamaha Elem. School – Pine Forest GC*

*Juan Diego Gozalez – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – ESOL 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Altamaha Elem. School – Pine Forest GC*

*Jacob Moser – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade SN - Altamaha Elem. School – Pine Forest GC*

*William Lopez Sanchez – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ESOL – Odum Elem. School – Odum GC*

*Karley Johnson – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Odum Elem. School – Odum GC*

- *We are still waiting for the winners of the Youth Poster Contests.*

## **DEEP SOUTH AWARDS FROM OLEANDER**

*Award # 9 Horticulture – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Landings GC*

*Award # 14 – Butterfly Conservation – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – The Landings GC*

*Award # 21 – Conservation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – St Marys GC*

*Award # 23 – Arbor Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – St Marys GC*

*Award # 30 – DSGC Yearbook – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Landings GC*

### **Youth Poetry “Sing with the Songbirds”**

(Special Needs 4th Grade) 1st Jacob Moser/Pine Forest Garden Club Baxley, GA

(Special Needs 5th grade) 1st Karley Johnson/Odum Garden Club Odum, GA

(ESOL 3rd grade) 1 st Augustin Alonso Alvarez/Pine Forest Garden Club Baxley, Ga

(ESOL 4th grade) 1 st Juan Diego Gonzalez-Leal/Pine Forest Garden Club Baxley, GA

(ESOL 5th grade) 1st William Lopez Sanchez/Odum Garden Odum, GA

(Kindergarten) 13 1st Julia Golden/Magnolia Garden Club Brunswick, GA

### **Youth Poster Contest**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Brynlee White/Odum Elem. School – Odum GC

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sara Mallard / Odum GC

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Zynlee Ard / Lily GC

## **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA AWARDS 2022**

12 – Cemetery -1st - Magnolia GC, Brunswick

13 - Civic Improvement - 2nd Green Thumb GC

13 – Civic Improvement - 2nd The Landings GC

14 - Horticulture - 1st - The Landings GC

26 - Poem for Adults - 2nd Ann Mallory, GC of Savannah  
39 C - Marker - 1st - Odum GC,  
49 - Holiday Decorations - 3rd Magnolia GC  
49 - 2nd Millen Council of GC  
7 - Special Achievement- 2nd The Landings GC,  
8 - Conservation - 1st - St. Marys GC  
10 - Garden Therapy - 1st The Landings GC,  
40 - Gardens for Challenged - 1st Pine Forest GC, Baxley  
51 - Butterfly - 1st - The Landings GC  
61 - Arbor Day - 1st St. Marys GC  
25 - Scrapbook 1st Pine Forest GC, Baxley  
47 - DVD etc. - 1st The Landings GC  
53 - Website - 3rd - St. Marys GC  
53 – Website - 1st The Landings GC  
53 SM - Social Media - 1st The Landings GC,  
56 - Natl G Week - 1st Millen GC Council  
16 -Yearbooks - 2nd Odum GC  
16 – Yearbooks - HM - Pine Forest GC  
16 – Yearbooks - 1st - The Landings GC  
16 – Yearbooks - Councils (2-4 clubs) - 1<sup>st</sup>- Wayne County GC Council  
16 – Yearbooks – HM - Bulloch Council of GCs  
37 - Pub.( one page) - 2nd St. Marys GC  
37 - Pub (2-12 pages) - 2nd The Landings GC  
37 - Cookbook – Oleander District  
46 - Pub Relations - 2nd - The Landings GC

## 94th ANNUAL THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. CONVENTION

The 94th Annual Convention of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. was held April 12-13, 2022 at the Marriott Macon City Center, Macon with 252 members and guests attending. The two-day “Gardening in Macon” convention was hosted by Oleander District.

On Tuesday afternoon April 12th, members were treated to two informative speakers. Bonnie Satterthwaite, The Espoma Company, spoke on “There was no Miracle Gro in the Garden of Eden” and Stan Gray, The Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden, presented a program on “When Iris Eyes are Smiling”.

Tuesday evening included time to meet and greet our special guest National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Mary Warshauer. Tuesday evening, we celebrated and honored the outstanding work of our garden clubs and councils around the state at the Awards Banquet. Mary Warshauer, NGC President, joined GCG President Peggy Tucker on stage for Awards Presentations. 106 First place GCG awards were given and 42 Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. awards were won by GCG. The coveted Garden Club of Georgia Trophy was presented to Spalding Garden Club, Dogwood District and Spalding Garden Club won Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Outstanding Club. Peachtree Garden Club Medal was presented to Vicki Jones member of Magnolia Garden Club, Laurel District. GCG Member Award of Honor was presented to Lee Dunn member of Spalding Garden Club, Dogwood District.

Wednesday morning, April 13th started off with Peggy Tucker, GCG President, presiding over the annual business meeting. Lester Miller, Macon-Bibb Mayor, gave a warm welcome to everyone. A warm welcome was given by members when NGC President Mary Warshauer was introduced.

The convention concluded with the Member Celebration Luncheon. Laura Martin was featured speaker and talked about “Taming the Natives: Celebrating North American Wildflowers”. New Life Members were recognized during the luncheon for 2019-2022: 53 new GCG Life Members, 10 new Deep South Life Members and 9 new National Life Members. During the luncheon, was a special recognition of the membership for their number of years as a member of a garden club. We had two members that have been garden club members for over 60 years.

GCG President Peggy Tucker presented Presidential Citations to Diane Harbin and Betty Benner for outstanding service for GCG awards, Lisa Hall 2nd Vice President, Martha Price for all her work for Headquarters, Winette Almon, Convention Chairman and Hilda Rushing, Convention CoChairman. The seven district designs were displayed in the Rotunda were done by Beth Wiseman, Edna McClellan and Victoria Chandler, Kay Peacock, Susan Turner, Faye Frazier, Maidee Spencer and Barbara Jones. A design honoring Mary Warshauer, NGC President, was designed by Lori Hurlebaus and a design honoring Peggy Tucker, GCG President, was designed by Delinda Pattie. Everyone had a fun and exciting time seeing and visiting with garden club friends