

# *The Azalea Trumpet*

*Fall 2022*



*A publication of the Azalea District--Member of The Garden Club of Georgia, the Deep South Region, and the National Garden Club*



## *Director's Message* *Betty Davis*

Happy Fall Ya'll. The weather does seem to be cooling down just a bit, no 100+ degrees lately and harvest time is just around the corner. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer and you are ready to start your club meetings again this month. The first Saturday in June my BFF and I were honored to judge the daylily horticulture show in Gray. They had a wonderful turn out and some of the most beautiful daylilies I've ever seen. The

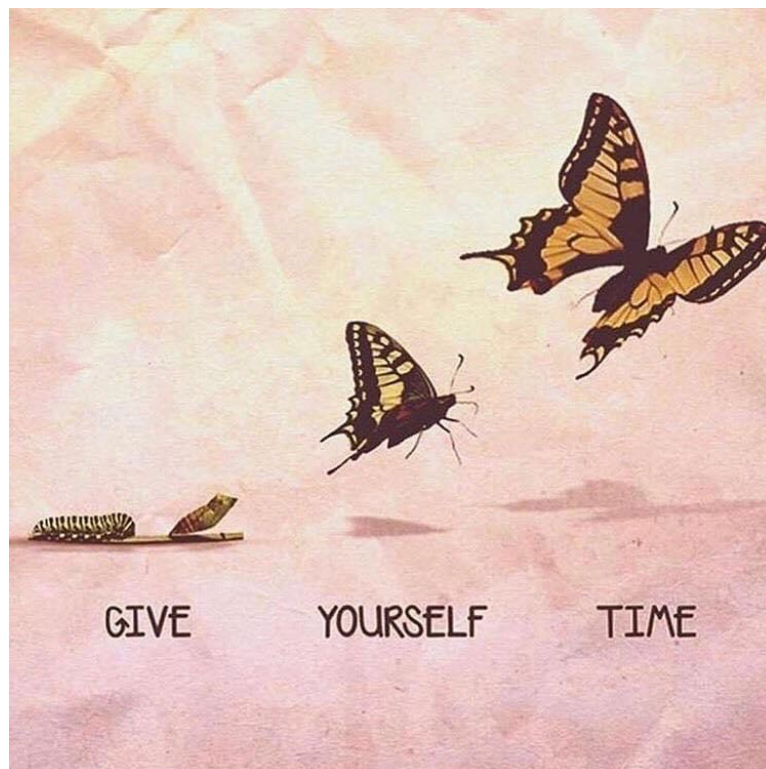
very next week I was able to spend National Garden Week in Oregon with my late brother's family. The air there was so refreshing with low humidity and day temperatures in the seventies!

The "Betty's Butterflies" Board meeting in Union Point was so much fun and as usual fabulous foods were prepared by the Union Point Garden Club members. Butterfly decorations were everywhere, even on one of the cakes. The nomination committee announced the slate of officers for the 2023-2025 term and these will be presented & voted on at the Fall Meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Some of the State, Deep South and National awards were presented and the butterfly match was a big success. Charolette Thompson, Azalea Ways and Means Chairman, was unable to be with us due to her illness, but I am grateful that she heard of the success of the butterfly match she had prepared before her passing on the following Friday. The "Butterflies in the Skies" that she created is doing great and the winners of this fund raiser will be drawn at the Annual Meeting.

I am so proud of all “Amazing Azaleas” who entered and won GGC, DSGC and NGC awards and I hope that many of you are preparing to apply for the Azalea District Awards that will be presented at the Annual Fall Meeting in Athens on October 6<sup>th</sup>. By now I hope many of you have made your reservations to attend the fall meeting and I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful baskets that each club will bring for the raffle that day. This is our biggest fund raiser, so I hope all 50 clubs participate. It always amazes me to see all the unique ideas that clubs come up with for these baskets.

All seven GCG districts will be having their Annual Fall Meetings in October and these meetings are always fun to attend and see what other districts have accomplished during the year to promote “Beautification, Conservation and Education” in their area of Georgia. If you have the opportunity to attend any of the other district meetings, you will not be disappointed.

Hope to see you in Athens on October 6<sup>th</sup>!



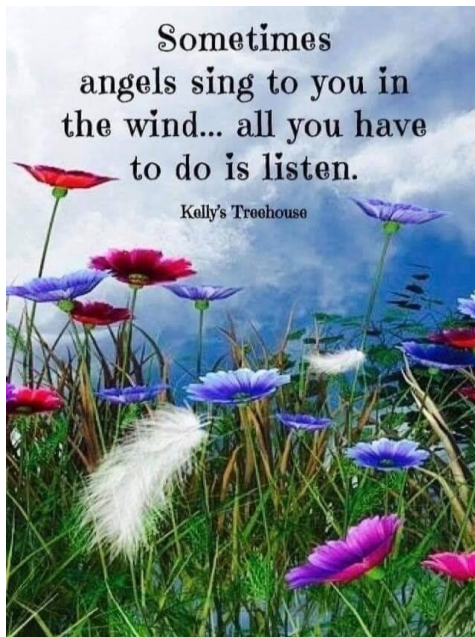


*Charolette M Thompson*

*September 07, 1945-August 26, 2022*



Town and Country Garden Club shares the passing of their member Charolette Thompson. She was a long time member of T&C GC and the Chairman of the Ways and Means committee for the Azalea District. Charolette was a talented woman with an amazing personality. Charolette was an active member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She loved to paint, sew, and cook. She was an avid gardener and loved to feed the birds. Charolette, along with others, established the Fall Line Artist Guild. She was a member of the Town and Country Garden Club, as well as the Sorosis Club. Charolette was known as a people person, bubbly upbeat personality, always doing things for others with a genuine smile, showing compassion and love. .



If your Club should lose a member to death, please notify Mary Byrd, Chaplain, at [maryb328@att.net](mailto:maryb328@att.net).

## Shining a Spotlight On Our Members



“In every gardener, there is a child who believes in the seed fairy.”

~H Jackson Brown Jr

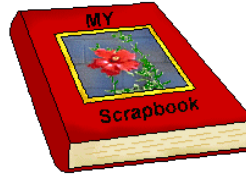
### *Ed and Maudlyn Smith*



Gray Garden Club is shining the spotlight on long time members Ed and Maudlyn Smith. Their dedication and service to our club is immeasurable. For many years Maudlyn chaired the civic committee and maintained the Depot Garden. Every year GGC had the garden, Ed helped hang the lights and star every year on the foster holly Christmas tree. Both Ed & Maudlyn always helped with the Spring Day lily Display filling water bottles and helping during the display. If there are any projects going on from painting fences, setting up shelters and potting daylilies they are there. Plus they rarely, if ever, miss a meeting! GGC loves them and appreciates them.



## Chairman Reports



## ***Just how old are you anyway?***

Evelyna Keadle Rogers

HISTORIAN

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Just how old are you? Pardon me, that is rude of me. I am not checking to see if you have as many gray hairs as I do, or as many wrinkles. What I really need to ask is how old is your garden club? Council? Garden Center, or District.

How close are you to the BIG ones-10th,25, etc.. You know, those ending with a big "o" or a big "%".

If a big one is approaching, now is the time to begin putting you HISTORY together. Tell your story. Protect your legacy> Need help? Check out HISTORY AWARD # 20 in the Garden Club of Georgia Award Handbook.

Any questions? Contact Evelyna Rogers, GCG Historian: [rogers2767@bellsouth.net](mailto:rogers2767@bellsouth.net)

And about those gray hairs and wrinkles, do not worry- you are looking great.





Janet Massey, Chairman Organic Gardening

Welcome to the wonderful world of Organic Gardening.

What is organic gardening and why are more gardeners beginning use organic methods of growing fruits and vegetables?

Organic garden is the art of growing anything in a yard or garden without the use of any chemical-based pesticides or synthetic fertilizers. An organic home garden differs from a conventional garden because organic gardeners take care to ensure the whole ecosystem is supported in a natural way. Benefits are worth the extra effort.

A great organic garden site needs 6-8 hours of sun daily. A little shade is acceptable for plants like lettuce. Remember to plant away from large trees because they vie for the water and will draw water away from plants. Nutrient-rich and well-drained soil is essential for a strong garden. Starting your own compost is not only economical, but safer because it is controlled by you.

Organic matter is simply dead or decomposing plant or animal matter. It includes aged manure, straw, leaves, grass clippings and non-meat kitchen scraps. The main thing is to use no pesticides on any of the material used in composting.

Companies like **Espoma** have many products that are fully organic. They have presented 2 programs for GCG state conventions, giving members samples of their products. **Dr. Earth** is another organic weed killer that is made in America.

Downside of Organic gardening is rarely does your fruits look smooth and unblemished. The flavor is superb and you are assured that no harmful chemicals were used. Too many of the beautiful fruits at the supermarket have been sprayed with harsh chemical to kill bugs, insects and disease.

Clubs that would like more information on Organic Gardening can contact Chairman Janet Massey at [jandjmassey@usa.net](mailto:jandjmassey@usa.net) for more information. Chairman is presently working on a Power Point presentation for clubs.



# *Le Conte Woodmanston Plantation*

Susan Brown, Chairman



On June 6, 1977, Garden Clubs of Georgia accepted 63.8 acres of the historical "Woodmanston Plantation" property, located at Riceboro in Liberty County, Georgia. GCG transferred ownership to the Le-Conte-Woodmanston Foundation in March of 1992. In April of 1993 the Foundation was placed on the National Register of Historical Places. The Foundation's mission is to restore the rice plantation and its gardens.

Garden Clubs can support this mission and receive a "Certificate of Appreciation" by donating at least \$25.00 by  
March 1, 2023

# Virginia Allen, Pull Tab Project Chairman

## 2021-2022 Azalea District Pull Tab Totals as of 8/23/22:

2021-2022 Pull Tab Record for ACGC clubs		TOTALS		RANK	
4 <sup>th</sup> qtr. 2021					
11/2/21 Cherokee Rose	3 lb.			3 lb.	
1st quarter 2022:					
1/20/22 Magnolia GC		8 oz.		8 oz	
1/20/22 Spade and Trowel GC	2 lb.	3 oz.			
2/22/22 Pine Needle Lincolnnton GC	43 lb.			3rd	
2/25/22 Pine Needle Augusta GC	10 lb.	14 oz		10 lb.	14 oz
2/25/22 After Six G		1 lb.	12 oz	1 lb.	12 oz
2/28/22 Iris GC		15 oz		15 oz	
3/20/22 Spade and Trowel		3 lb.	2 oz.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022:					
8/6/22 Spade and Trowel	18 lb.		total	23 lb. 5 oz	



## 2022 Pull Tab Record for non-ACGC clubs

4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2021: none					
1st quarter:					
2/15/22 Ladies GC		4 lb.	3 oz	(4.2 lb.)	
2/15/22 Greensboro GC		1 lb.	3 oz		
2/15/22 Town and Country, Sandersville		8 lb.	2 oz		
2/25/22 Gateways, Social Circle			7 oz	7 oz	
2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr. 2022 none					
3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2022:					
8/24/22 Carrington Woods	GC	44 lb.	8 oz	44 lb.	8 oz 2nd
8/24/22 Greensboro GC		10 lb.		11 lb.	3 oz
8/24/22 Ladies GC			8 oz	5 lb.	11.2 oz
8/24/22 Milledgeville GC		7 lb.	15 oz	7 lb.	15 oz
8/24/22 Nancy Hart GC		30 lb.	3 oz	30 lb.	3 oz 4th
8/24/22 Pine Tree Hartwell GC		49 lb.	7 oz	49 lb.	7 oz 1st
8/24/22 Rose and Dahlia GC		10 lb.	1 oz	10 lb.	1 oz
8/24/22 Town and Country Sandersville			13 oz	8 lb.	15 oz
8/24/22 Union Point GC		6 lb.	7 oz	6 lb.	7 oz
8/24/22 Warrenton GC		1 lb.	1 oz	1 lb.	1 oz



Total brought to August Azalea District Board Meeting = 161 lb., 7 oz)

18 Azalea District Clubs donated tabs this year. Thanks to all who participated.

Tabs for awards will be accepted until Sept. 26, 2022. Final totals will be announced at the October District Meeting.

Money from tab recycling supports programs for residents at the Augusta Ronald McDonald House. They greatly appreciate our participation.

Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Pull Tab Project Chairman, Virginia Allen,

2916 Westchester Drive, Augusta, GA 30909, 706-736-6793, vallenotr@aol.com

Please be sure to label bags of tabs so that your club gets credit. Also please try to put no more than 10 lb. in a bag. This is what it looks like when a 44 lb. bag full of tabs tears. The loose tabs were transferred into bird food jars for the rest of the trip.

Virginia Allen delivered the 161 lb. 7 oz. of pull tabs collected at the Azalea District August Board Meeting to Ronald McDonald House Augusta on August 23, 2022. Eleven Azalea District garden clubs have collected 244 lb. 12 oz. of tabs since last October's District Meeting.



## *News from Our Clubs*

### *Milledgeville Garden Club*



The Milledgeville Garden Club, Azalea District, is proud to announce that RJB received a First Place 4th Grade award in the Youth Poetry Contest from the Garden Club of Georgia. She also received a Second Place 4th Grade award from Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Her poem has been sent to compete nationally.

is receiving her certificate and check from Dr. Harriett Whipple, Education Chairman for the Milledgeville Garden Club, and Greg Eilers of Lockerly Arboretum.

## Burkeland Garden Club



Burkeland Garden Club recently began planning a landscaping project for a newly installed outdoor area at the Burke County Library. Their goal is to create a shaded tranquil area for outdoor reading and to expand the library area to become a working and teaching space for children. By planting pollinator and native plants, children and adults will have the opportunity to observe and learn more about wildlife and its importance to our ecosystem.

The club is a recipient of a \$1,000.00 stimulus grant from the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs for their project.

Pictured during a project planning session are: Kathy Allen, Young Farmer Coordinator Allie Crockett, Lynne Seeger, Sally Holland, Dale Tinley and Librarian Gwen Jackson.

*“You can bury any number of headaches in the garden.”*

*~Charles Barnard (1889)*

## *Milledgeville Garden Club*

The Milledgeville Garden Club, Azalea District, is proud to announce that JW received a Second Place-4th Grade award in the Youth Poetry Contest from The Garden Club of Georgia. JW is receiving her certificate from Dr. Harriett Whipple, Education Chairman for the Milledgeville Garden Club, and Greg Eilers of Lockerly Arboretum.



## Monticello Garden Club



In the Spring of 2022, the American Legion Post 110 in Monticello built a Wall of Honor to commemorate all veterans. Pictured is members of the Monticello GC, many of which are Master Gardeners.

Pictured L-R:

Kathy Burman, Susan Haynes, Shirley Hotch, Debbie Odum, Sara Russell and not pictured, Christine Hurst.

In early summer, 2022 the Monticello Garden Club (MGC) honored the new American Legion Wall of Honor by donating and planting a beautiful flowering garden. MGC members who are master gardeners volunteered to adopt and plant the garden with roses and two 18-foot long planters with annual and perennial blooming plants. This included daily maintenance over the hot summer and a watering schedule. The Monticello Garden Club will honor all veterans and their families with a Gold-Star By-Way marker to be presented when the dedication date is set and after the first commemorative bricks are installed.

On January 27th of this year construction began on the Wall of Honor at the American Legion, Post 110 in Monticello by Commander Kendra Pieper and construction director by Billy Johnson assisted by Ken Boyd. The Monticello Garden Club became involved in the Spring and by summer planted the new garden. The MGC held a shrub clean-up day which turned into an educational day with volunteers from the MGC and the Legion both participating.

Most gracious thank you to all members and volunteers of the Monticello Garden Club for funding, the By-Way marker, planting, and who continue to keep the gardens at their peak through the future dedication ceremony. These wonderful volunteers include Mary Lou Jordan, Dianne Parker, and garden committee Susan Haynes, Shirley Hotch, Christine Hurst, Sara Russell, Kathy Burman (Brian), and Debbie Odum.

**MILLEDGEVILLE GARDEN CLUB**



(Standing/L-R) Jimmy Speir, Carol McRae, Sue Wright, (Seated) Dr Harriet Whipple & Kathy Smith.

Once again the service clubs of Milledgeville got together to honor our Veterans.

The Milledgeville Garden Club and the Lions Club enjoyed a day helping our Veterans Celebrate! While the Milledgeville Garden Club planted the Veteran's Home with Red White and Blue blooms, the Lions Club gave the Veterans a hot dog cookout kindly donated by Kroger.

The MGC thanks Duckworth Farm Supply for generously helping us, as we were able to plant red Rose bushes, blue Petunias, and white Verbena. It was a fun day, showing appreciation and love to our Veterans. God Bless them. Some gave all and all gave some!



# Gray Garden Club



Gray Garden Club celebrated National Garden Week with several activities.

At our June meeting the Mayor of Gray and Jones County Commissioner signed the NGW Proclamation, had a wonderful program on Roses and a visit from "Tim", a service dog in training.

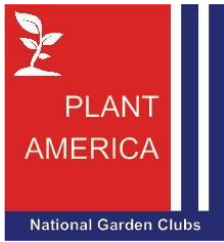


During NGW we held our Annual Daylily Display with the community proudly showing their favorite day lily.

Outside the club sold day lilies and house and garden plants.

June birthday cakes were presented to the local Nursing Homes in honor of NGW.





# Spade & Trowel Garden Club

Augusta's Spade and Trowel Garden Club project was selected to receive a

\$1000.00 from NGC's Plant America Grant and another \$250.00 of Espoma Organic Fertilizers, that can only mean that our Outdoor Classroom at Warren Road Elementary School (prek-5) pollinator garden will be successful.

Spade and Trowel was fortunate and grateful to have been selected for these grants, which in the end, will make a difference for our children and grandchildren.

Members of Spade and Trowel Garden Club met with Bonnie Satterthwaite, Territory Sales Manager for Espoma Organics, in Augusta at the Good Earth to receive their products.



Pictured L-R: Bonnie Satterwaite, Fran Weber, Rita Hamilton, Beth Wiseman, Marilyn Donnan and Judy Evans.

NGC's Plant America Grant + Espoma Grant=Success!!

### Flower Trivia Time!

Which of these flowers can be used instead of onions in cooking?

- A: Tulips
- B; Iris
- C: Roses
- D: Lilies

Answer on last page







### **Plant America Grants Fund Two Innovative Projects in Augusta, Georgia**

Twenty-five percent (13 total) of the fifty-five grants awarded by The National Garden Clubs, Inc., in January, were received by Garden Club of Georgia member clubs! And two of those checks made their way to Augusta, GA, to fund needed community gardening programs.

#### *Azalea Garden Club*

The Azalea Garden Club began working on the Azalea Walk at historic Pendleton King Park in October, 2020. Pendleton King Park (PKP) is one of the oldest and largest in Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia. At 64 acres, the mid-town location is a bird sanctuary with seven formal gardens, the first 18-hole disc golf course in the United States, Lake Elizabeth, wetlands with overlook, bark park, pickle ball court, pavilion, pergola, gazebo, picnic areas and playgrounds.

The path connects the two historic gardens near the location of the former Bugg Plantation house, which was built before the American Revolution, with the Arboretum and the Camellia Garden. The asphalt at the entrance was in dangerous condition due to extensive damage caused by the roots of a large tree. The entrance also needed to be relocated so that visitors could avoid dodging traffic along 33 feet of the main road in order to reach the Walk from the parking area.

The club raised just over \$9,000 towards the cost of the repairs by January of this year, even while working to refurbish the wide variety of azaleas along the path. The Ames Tool Grant award by The National Garden Clubs, Inc., in the Spring of 2021, made the work much easier!

Funds from club members, a generous memorial fund, two grants from the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs and a \$1,000 check from Volunteer Award of the PKP Foundation Board enabled covered the cost of the native azaleas that now grace the area where the former entrance had been.

In March, the rest of the Walk, from the Azalea Walk entrance through the Camellia Garden was repaired and paved through the generosity of the Georgia Rehabilitation Institute. Just imagine – a \$35,000 improvement to one of Augusta’s treasures – completed in less than 18 months by Augustans who love their “Central Park

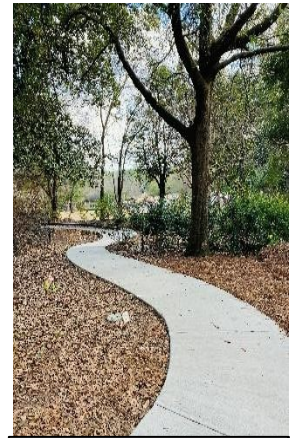
Beverly Dorn, President of the Azalea Garden Club



Broken Pavement at the entrance to the Azalea Walk in October 2020



Planting Native Azaleas funded by the Plant America Grant



Project Complete!

### *Spade and Trowel Garden Club*

The Spade and Trowel Garden Club, for the term 2021-2023, will use their \$1,000 check to create a pollinator garden, or outdoor classroom, for the students at Warren Road Elementary School (prek-5). The focus is for the students to interact and observe our pollinators when they are outside, and learn about their behaviors, habitats, food, and shelter. (“Networking with Nature”).

Already, club members have cleaned up the area, cut down trees, cleaned vines off the fences, and demolished the old beds. They have made new beds with concrete blocks, in the shape of an arrow since the school’s mascot is an Indian warrior.

Additional hardscape items will consist of recycled or repurposed materials, i.e., teaching board, picnic tables, benches, music board, teepee, and a small stage. (Warren Road is an art-infused school)

The school has four tribes in each grade and their colors are red, blue, green, and yellow, so almost all hardscape items in the area will be painted in these colors.

Each class will have its own garden plot so that the students can watch the flowers grow and the birds, bees and hummingbirds visit! Almost all the beds will contain bright colored flowers such as sunflowers, zinnias, milkweed, Swamp sunflowers, etc. to attract our pollinators, and a “touch and smell herb garden.”

At the end of the point of the arrow bed design will be 3 4x4 8ft poles with Bluebird houses.

We are grateful and thrilled to receive an NGC Plant America Grant for \$1000.00, And hope that the outdoor classroom will continue for many years!

Beth Wiseman, President of the Spade and Trowel Garden Club



Just a reminder - GCG will **NEVER** ask you to go buy a gift card for one of our good causes - and that you will later be reimbursed. Neither will your District Directors or others in your districts. Please do not fall prey to these phishing scams. They are just trying to get \$\$\$ from you.

We are old school - we write checks to the organizations we support! Several people have received requests for gift cards from people posing as GCG- so we are sending out this reminder.



## *Announcements*

**Save the Date**

**April 18-20, 2023**



**The Garden Club of Georgia's 95th Annual Convention  
Hosted by Dogwood District  
April 18-20, 2023  
Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Conference Center  
Stone Mountain**

Beautiful setting. Great room rates.

Afternoon workshops, Fantastic Speakers,  
Wonderful Vendors for your shopping pleasure.

Mark your calendars now. Exciting details will be announced.



# Azalea District

Annual Fall Meeting  
Gardens of the World

**Thursday  
October 6th, 2022**

Registration, Coffee, and  
Shopping at 9:30 A.M.

Meeting Starts Promptly  
at 10 A.M.

## **Athens Country Club**

2700 Jefferson Road  
Athens Georgia 30607

Honored Guest  
**Peggy Tucker**

President of the Garden  
Club of Georgia, Inc.

Featured Speaker  
**Carmen Johnston**

Southern Garden and  
Outdoor Living Expert

## **Lodging: Holiday Inn Express Athens**

513 W. Broad Street, Athens Georgia  
706.546.8133

Memorial Service\* • Basket Raffle  
Door Prizes • District Awards\*\*

*Kat McCall*



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**Azalea District  
Annual Fall Meeting Registration Form  
Thursday, October 6, 2020 10 AM  
Athens Country Club**

Carmen will be sharing her infectious passion for living a beautiful life! She'll inspire you with knowledge derived from her intercontinental travel experiences and will also reveal her secrets to creating unforgettable tablescapes which you'll see on display. From overall aesthetic down to the delicate details, Carmen considers function, lifestyle, long-term investment, and fun, all while surrounded by fabulous flora and fauna.



**SPEAKER: CARMEN JOHNSTON**

Registration fee is \$45 and must be received by the September 23rd deadline:  
Check payable to: **AZALEA DISTRICT**: Return registration form and check to: Linda Harris, 2580 Ridge Rd.  
Hartwell, GA 30643

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member   | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President   | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member    | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member       | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member  | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director        | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President         | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest                 |
- First Time Attendee at a District Meeting       New Garden Club Member in 2022

**Special diet required:** \_\_ vegetarian, \_\_ gluten free, Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Azalea District*  
*63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Meeting*  
*"Gardens of the World"*

*Hosted by Athens Garden Club, Heritage Garden Club,  
Junior Ladies Garden Club, Ladies Garden Club*

*Meeting Chairman Luci Furlow*

- AGENDA -

- 9:30 - Registration, Raffle Baskets Preview, Exhibits
- 10:00 - Business Meeting
- 11:00 - Speaker
- 11:45 - Door Prizes
- 12:00 Noon - Lunch
- 12:45- Basket Raffle and Door Prizes
- 1:15 - Awards Program
- 2:00 - Adjournment

Azalea Committee Chairmen send report to Corresponding Secretary-  
Jane Edmunds, 307 Main St., Warrenton, GA 30828

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State or District Chairmen wishing to reserve display space indicate here.

\_\_\_\_\_2 feet    \_\_\_\_\_3 feet    -----6 feet    Due to limited space, one space per Chairman

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairmanship\_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and send this form to : Carol Reap, 125 Timothy Park Lane,  
Athens, GA 30606

## *Welcome Arianne Knowlton!*



We are pleased to announce our new Administrative Assistant, Arianne Knowlton. Arianne started on August 1, 2022. If you are in the Athens area please stop by and say hello. "Office hours are 9-3 M-F, closed for lunch.

Arianne is pictured with State President, Peggy Tucker





Are you  
there??









We're trying to reach  
you!

Do we have your right ad-  
dress??

If you are not receiving your copy of *Garden Gateways* each quarter, we may have an incorrect address for you, particularly if you have moved in the last 5 years. If this applies to you, please send your correct mailing address (include full name and name of garden club) to our Headquarters Office Manager via email [gcauga@gmail.com](mailto:gcauga@gmail.com). We'd love to stay in touch!

# Eat Weeds

Many are quite healthy and delicious.

 <p><b>Alfalfa</b> Leaves and shoots are good in salads, soups, stir-fries &amp; tea</p>	 <p><b>Borage</b> Use leaves for tea, put flowers in salad or make into candy</p>	 <p><b>Cattail</b> Leaves, shoots good for stir fries &amp; soups, pollen for pancakes</p>	 <p><b>Common Yarrow</b> Leaves can be eaten raw, cooked or used to make beer</p>	 <p><b>Dandelion</b> Leaves great cooked or raw, very high in Vitamins A &amp; K</p>
 <p><b>Echinacea</b> Leaves and petals are commonly used for medicines &amp; tea</p>	 <p><b>Garlic Mustard</b> Add leaves to salad, roots have a spicy taste like horseradish</p>	 <p><b>Milkweed</b> Fry flowers in batter, cook pods in stew with vegetables</p>	 <p><b>Purslane</b> Delicious cooked or in salads, very high in omega-3 fatty acids</p>	 <p><b>Wild Bee Balm</b> Leaves and flowers are great in salads or brewed in tea</p>

*Scenes from the Azalea District Board meeting  
August 23, 2022*



*Scenes from the Azalea District  
Board Meeting*





# 11th Annual **NATIVE PLANT SALE**

Connect**to**Protect



**OCTOBER 2022 – 6,7,8 & 13,14,15**

Thursdays and Fridays 4 to 6 p.m. | Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon

Join garden professionals at the Mimsie Lanier Center for six days of on-site plant shopping to support pollinators. Experts will answer questions about incorporating native plants into every space, from large gardens to pots.

*For event details and a plant list, visit  
[botgarden.uga.edu](http://botgarden.uga.edu).*





Bill Sapp, Attorney  
Southern Environmental Law Center



As a SELC advocate for the Okefenokee Swamp, I wanted to make sure you knew about a major new development: late Friday ( June 3, 2022) **federal officials reinstated clean water protections for more than 600 wetland acres on the doorstep of the Okefenokee**, threatened by a risky mining proposal.

We're glad to report the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came to the same conclusion we did, that under the previous administration, protections were unlawfully removed for this critical expanse of wetlands and should be restored.

Now, if Twin Pines, an Alabama based mining company, still wants to move forward with its proposed project near the swamp, the company must apply for and secure a federal permit under the Clean Water Act. This would initiate additional environmental review and more scrutiny than the mining proposal has faced from federal or state regulators thus far. The Corps' decision also prompted Georgia regulators to announce they are pausing all action on the state permitting process.

Along with the Okefenokee Protection Alliance, we've been working for years to highlight the risks the mining project poses to one of the most beloved natural wonders of our region. Thank you for your continued support of SELC and our ongoing work to protect natural treasures and clean waters across our region.

This win reinforces the importance of our ongoing work to protect the Okefenokee.

*There is nothing more fun than being knee deep in the rich black goo of a bog while hunting for an uncooperative frog—that is, except for being next to your daughter who is thigh deep in the same goo and is wearing a grin as wide as her face.*

BILL SAPP



## *Flower Show School is Filling Up!*



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

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

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

Design sessions give you a handle on the Principles and Elements of Design. You'll get the tools you need to evaluate various NGC types like creative line, creative mass, cascade, multi-rhythmic, parallel, functional table, exhibition tables and many more types.

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

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

2022 1st Session: Aug. 21, 22, 23, 24

2023 2nd Session: April 23, 24, 25, 26

2023 3rd Session: Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30

2024 4th Session: Feb. 25, 26, 27, 28

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



**THE AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY, INC.**

**Presents their National Show  
A Standard Flower Show**

***THE SOUTHEASTERN DAFFODIL TRAIL***

**This Standard Flower Show will be held in conjunction with the  
ADS Annual Convention in Atlanta March 10-12, 2023**

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

**We invite all interested persons to participate in the Horticulture Division.  
In addition, entries will be accepted with prior registration in the  
*Design and Youth Divisions.***

**This show is free and open to the public for viewing  
2:00 PM Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> thru 8:00 PM Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Hotel parking fees are applicable to all guests.**

**ADS Flower Show sponsors include National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
& The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.**

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

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Design Div. Schedule Approval	Joy Zaidan	<a href="mailto:joyzaidan4986@gmail.com">joyzaidan4986@gmail.com</a>
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Chairmen	Susan Turner	<a href="mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net">glencree@bellsouth.net</a>

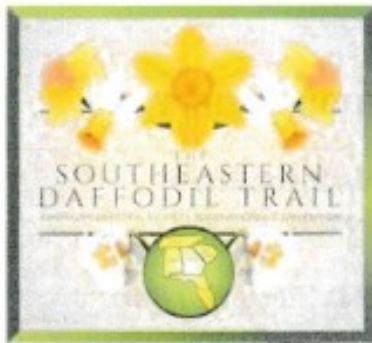
**In addition to the ADS National Show & Standard Flower Show, the ADS will feature their  
2023 National Daffodil Photography Show.**

**For details and participation information, please contact**

**Darrin Ellis-May, ADS Convention Chairman - [darrinsdaffs@gmail.com](mailto:darrinsdaffs@gmail.com)**

**For additional questions, please contact Jaydee Ager [jaydeeager@gmail.com](mailto:jaydeeager@gmail.com)**

**American Daffodil Society 2023 National Daffodil Show Chairman <http://daffodilusa.org>**



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

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

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

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

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



**The ADS will also feature the 2023 National Daffodil Photography Show. Youth are invited to participate!** For details and participation information, please contact Darrin Ellis-May, ADS Convention Chairman - [darrinsdaffs@gmail.com](mailto:darrinsdaffs@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

\*Oakwood Daffodils <https://www.phsdaffodils.com>



**More information will be forthcoming.  
Contact your chairmen with questions.**

**We will love to hear from you!**

**ADS Standard Flower Show Youth Division**

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# And The Winners Are:

## NGC, GCG, DEEP SOUTH AND AZALEA DISTRICT AWARDS:

### YOUTH AWARDS

<b>Award #J5</b>	<b>Conservation</b>	lrg club	1st	Watkinsville Garden Club
<b>Award # H7</b>	<b>High School Gardener's essay</b>	med club	3rd	Spade & Trowel Garden Club

### National Garden Club Award Winners:

Cordelia Gray Brumby-HAZEL Dillingham Scholarship Award presented to Zia Valerie Williamson - GCG  
 MAE-4A Publications Certificate of Appreciation Watkinsville Garden Club

### MAE-4C Publications The Azalea District

YW3 Most Outstanding Outdoor Planting Project - Watkinsville Garden Club

YW6 Most Outstanding High School Garden Club Activity - Azalea Garden Club

### 2022 DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUB, INC - GEORGIA WINNERS

<b>Award #5</b>	<b>Litter Control</b>	med club	3rd	Iris Garden Club, Washington
<b>Award #6</b>	<b>Bird Award:</b>	med club	2nd	Pinetree Garden Club
<b>Award #8</b>	<b>Special Achievement:</b>	med club	1st	Rose & Dahlia Garden Club (Overall Winner \$100)
<b>Award #13</b>	<b>Enviromental Education:</b>	med club	HM	Azalea Garden Club
<b>Award #14</b>	<b>Butterfly Conservation:</b>	med club	3rd	Rose & Dahlia Garden Club
<b>Award #17</b>	<b>Community Action:</b>	sml club	2nd	Union Point Garden Club
		lrg club	2nd	Watkinsville Garden Club
<b>Award #21</b>	<b>Conservation:</b>	lrg club	1st	Watkinsville Garden Club
<b>Award #24</b>	<b>Deep South GC Life Membership:</b>			Garden Club of Georgia
<b>Youth Poetry Contest "Sing with the Songbirds"</b>				
<b>2nd Grade</b>		2nd		Kristen Mullins/Spade & Trowel Gaden Club
<b>4th Grade</b>		2nd		Renny Jo Burton/Milledgeville Garden Club
<b>Youth Poster Contest</b>				
<b>3rd Grade</b>	<b>Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl</b>	1st		Aashvi Parikh/Spade & Trowell Garden Club





## NGC, GCG, DEEP SOUTH AND AZALEA DISTRICT AWARDS:

### GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA 2021 AWARDS:

<b>Award #2</b>	<b>Garden Center:</b>	med. club	1st: Pine Tree Garden Club
<b>Award #7</b>	<b>Special Achievement :</b>	med club	1st: Rose & Dahlia GC
<b>Award #11</b>	<b>Native Plants:</b>	med club	1st Rose & Dahlia GC
<b>Award #13</b>	<b>Civic Improvement:</b>	med club	2nd Iris Garden Club, Washington
		med club	HM Pine Tree Garden Club
		lrg club	3rd Watkinville Garden Club
<b>Award #39A</b>	<b>Marker:</b>	sml club	1st Union Point Garden Club
		med club	2nd Gateway Garden Club
		lrg club	1st Watkinville Garden Club
<b>Award #49</b>	<b>Holiday Decorations:</b>	sml club	2nd Monroe Garden Club
		med club	2nd Spade & Trowel Garden Club
<b>Award #56</b>	<b>National Garden Week:</b>	med club	2nd Pine Tree Garden Club
<b>Award #59</b>	<b>Highschool Gardeners Activities</b>		1st Azalea Garden Club, Augusta

### CONSERVATION:

<b>Award #4</b>	<b>Bird:</b>	med club	1st Pine Tree Garden Club
<b>Award #8</b>	<b>Conservation:</b>	med club	1st Watkinville Garden Club
<b>Award #10</b>	<b>Garden Therapy</b>	med club	2nd Rose & Dahlia Garden Club
		med club	3rd Pine Tree Garden Club
<b>Award #43</b>	<b>Litter/Recycling/Reclamation:</b>	med club	1st Iris Garden Club, Washington
<b>Award #51</b>	<b>Butterfly</b>	med club	1st Rose & Dahlia Garden Club
		lrg club	2nd Watkinville Garden Club

### EDUCATION:

<b>Award #25</b>	<b>Scrapbook:</b>	med club	1st Pine Tree Garden Club
		lrg club	1st Watkinville Garden Club
<b>Award #41</b>	<b>Herb</b>	med club	1st Iris Garden Club, Washington
<b>YEARBOOKS</b>			
<b>Award #16</b>	<20 mbrs	sml club	3rd Union Point Garden Club
	30-40 mbrs	med club	2nd Spade & Trowel Garden Club
	30-40 mbrs	med Club	HM Iris Garden Club, Augusta
	45-69 mbrs	lrg club	HM Ladies Garden Club, Athens
<b>PUBLICITY</b>			
<b>Award #37</b>	<b>Pub. 1 page</b>	med club	3rd Pine Tree Garden Club
	<b>Over 24 pages</b>	District	Azalea District





## GCG/NGC YOUTH POETRY CONTEST 2022-2023

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

#### 2021-2022 Contest Rules

Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet. Only regional winners are considered in the judging for national winners. Contest winners will not be allowed to win two consecutive years. All of the winning entries will be compiled into a booklet, which will be made available to the winners.

#### Eligibility:

- Special Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.
- English as a second language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.
- General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

#### Dates for Submission:

- Club entries must be sent to YOUR District Youth Chairman by December 1.
- District Chairmen send entries to State Chairman by December 10.
- State Winners must be sent to Regional Chairman by February 1.
- Regional Winners must be sent to National Chairman by March 1

#### Guidelines:

- Poems should be no longer than 24 lines (including title) with a maximum 42 letters/spaces per line-in order to fit on a single page of the booklet.
- All entries must be typed and titled on a 8.5 x 11 inch paper.
- Include name, address, age, grade, and school of participant on the back of entry.
- Sponsoring garden club and state garden club name must also be identified. **Contact person is the mailing address for any winning entries.**
- Sponsoring garden club may be that of a grandparent.
- All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Poems do not have to rhyme.
- Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku.
- The theme should not be used as the title to any poem. Be creative and include at least one of the following words from the theme: Seeds, Trees, Bees, Nature. When judging, the title is worth 10 points.

#### Scale of Points:

- Title: 10%
- Content: 40%
- Creativity: 30%
- Style: 20%
- Total: 100%
- For more information, contact: State Chairman: Jean O'Shields, 400 Valley View Dr, Fort Valley GA 31030, 478-397-7660, [oshieldsji@bellsouth.net](mailto:oshieldsji@bellsouth.net)

## **GCG & NGC Youth Poetry Contest**

A State Certificate may be awarded to first place winners in each grade level within Category A through D for the best poem submitted by an individual youth sponsored by a GCG member club. Cash awards will be \$25(1st place), \$15(2nd place) and \$10 (3rd place) in each of the 30 divisions.

## **District Poetry Contest Chairman**

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Note: Only Regional winners are considered in the judging for National winners.

National contest winners will not be allowed to win in two consecutive years.

Visit [www.gardenclub.uga.edu](http://www.gardenclub.uga.edu) and [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) for detailed contest rules. Form Rev. 7/21

The horrible truth behind marshmallow ranches.  
When they are fat from grazing all summer, they  
will be slaughtered to make smaller ones, bagged  
and sold in stores. Some are cut up and held over  
a fire while still alive!





## *Azalea District Calendar 2020 – 2021*



October 6, 2022	Azalea District Fall Meeting	Athens
February 21, 2023	Azalea District Board Meeting	Sandersville
March 2—5, 2023	Deep South Convention	New Orleans
April 16—22, 2023	Garden Week in Georgia	
April 18—19, 2023	GCG Convention	Stone Mountain
April 23—25, 2023	Flower Show School II	Marietta
May 2—5, 2023	NGC Convention	Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV
June 4—10, 2023	National Garden Week	
Aug. 27—30, 2023	Flower Show School III	Marietta
Feb. 24 —28, 2024	Flower Show School IV	Marietta

### **Trivia Question Answer:**

A: Tulips

