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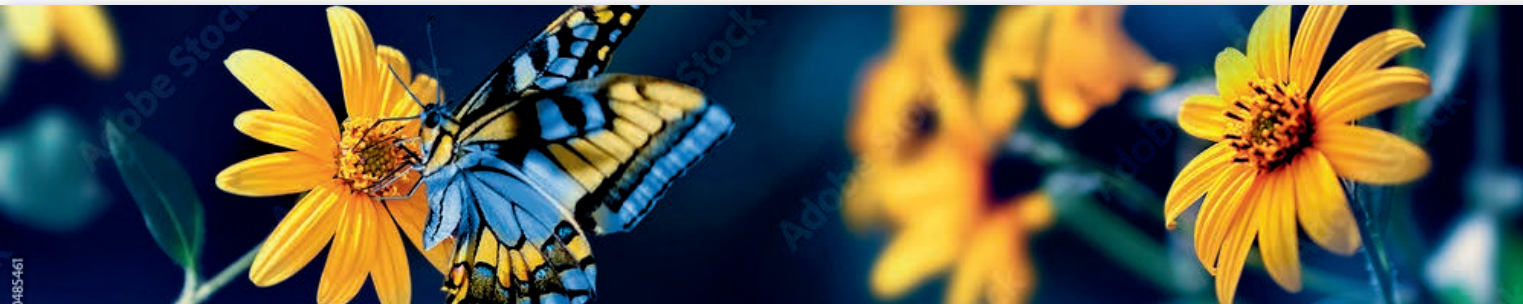
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A White Egret searches for dinner over a tidal lagoon at The Landings on Skidaway Island, home to President Lisa Hall. Photograph by Stephanie Corley, Pine Tree Garden Club, Garden Gateways Editor.

Welcome Lisa Hall, GCG's New President

Plant America: Promoting Beautification, Conservation and Education



Welcome to the 2023-2025 term! It is my honor and privilege to be your President and leading the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for the next two years. A little about myself first. If you don't know me, I am a retired dietitian and have a BS and MS in food science and nutrition. I worked mostly in food service management for my career. That is one of the reasons I look at operational efficiency. Early as a student we studied time management extensively because if the meals are not out on time you can have a big problem on your hands! I have not worked for about 20 years but instead have been a volunteer for several organizations. I am from Wisconsin. However, I have lived in the south longer than I lived in Wisconsin and am married to a southerner! John and I both attended the University of Wisconsin and have been married for 41 years. John is still working so I will not have a Presidential Driver anytime in the near future!

We love to travel and finally sat down recently to record all of the places we have been and the dates. We think we have made 29 trips overseas. As you read this letter we may still be on trip number 30 to London and then Ireland. I will be going back to the Chelsea Flower Show after 25 years. Hopefully, you will see some of the photos on our website in the coming months. We have two "kids," our cats Natalie

(Tabby) and Isabel (Iz) that are 9 years old. Yes, they are spoiled rotten and very entertaining.

I am also a Master Gardener, a Connecticut Master Gardener who has been gardening in Georgia for 26 years after starting with one year in Connecticut where I did my Master Gardener training! I love learning about gardening and the latest and greatest new plants. I have been a garden club member since we moved from the Atlanta area to The Landings, an island community in Savannah, 17 years ago. I have been President of The Landings Garden Club, Oleander District Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary, GCG Awards Chairman for Publications, Publicity Pressbooks and Public Relations. Then I moved into working on GCG meetings first as Protocol Chairman, then Co-Chairman of the 2019 Deep South Convention and Geri Shaw's right-hand woman working as Co-Chair for Conventions and Board Meetings. I became 2nd Vice President doing that last job as well.

The GCG Board will be working together to provide the best garden club experience for our members. We will continue with the National Garden Clubs, Inc. theme: Plant America. National Garden



Clubs incoming president Brenda Moore's theme will be: Go Green, Plant America. My theme is Plant America: Promoting Beautification, Conservation and Education. Simple, to the point, and supports our GCG mission statement.

I have ambitious plans for the organization as we need to embrace technology and improve our communication with members. The content on our new website: www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org will expand. We will have information for club officers for the July Awards/ Leadership workshop available

on the website including examples of first place winning award applications from this past year. We want to provide clubs with the information and assistance they need to succeed. We will add leadership to help recruit and retain members. With Constant Contact we will be able to reach every garden club member in the GCG universe through email!

Back to operational efficiency. We must simplify the way we do things. Everyone's time is valuable, so we must be cognizant of that fact in doing business and holding meetings. We are all volunteers. Our members give their time and talent to raise money for GCG projects and college scholarships as well as their own community projects. We need to continue to support clubs by ensuring they have the tools they need to meet their goals. And, make sure everyone knows their connection to the state and national organization.

We plan to provide more educational experiences online and in person. We are working on holding

classes and events in several places around the state. It is my hope that we will have zoom meetings for all where we will be able to present interesting speakers. We will add pre or post-convention lectures and/or hold tri-refreshers. A You Tube Channel is in the plans. Then members can learn when they want and where they want without traveling.

Please let me hear from you! This is your club! What can our Officers and Board Members do to help you? I am open to suggestions. Let's work together to make The Garden Club of Georgia the best it can be!

All my best,



Lisa Hall
President 2023-2025
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Fantastic Convention

Dogwood District was pleased to host "*Garden Magic on the Mountain*," the 2023 GCG Annual Convention at the Evergreen Lakeside Resort in Stone Mountain. Over 300 people registered to attend this three-day event. Dean Norton from George Washington's Mount Vernon, was our entertaining keynote speaker on Tuesday evening. William Smith, a renowned Atlanta landscape architect, delighted us with his presentation at Wednesday's luncheon. On both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, attendees enjoyed very interesting speakers in the amphitheater.

District Officer installations were held during the cocktail hour on Tuesday evening. At the luncheon on Wednesday, The Award of Merit was presented to Peggy Riggins for her work fighting against the improper disposal of coal ash. At the Thursday membership luncheon, new life members were presented and the 2023-25 Officers were installed.

We wish to thank Deen Day Sanders for the many lovely table favors she provided for our members. Dogwood District clubs & individuals raised funds to make this convention a financial success. Everyone enjoyed shopping in the vendor room. The 7 district designers provided wonderful Floral Arrangements.

Photographs from throughout the convention are being posted to the new GCG website - check it out.



Newly installed President Lisa Hall presented William Tucker with a Presentidial Citation for outstanding service as Presidential Driver for President Peggy Tucker during her 2021-2023 term covering over 30,000 miles and providing transportation to many other ladies attending garden club functions.

Plant America Community Grant Winners

Through the Plant America Grant program, the National Garden Club awards up to \$1,000.00 to clubs for expenses to beautifying our public areas and community gardens.

*AND the State with the most Winners ?
GEORGIA with NINE -- Congratulations to our Winners !!*

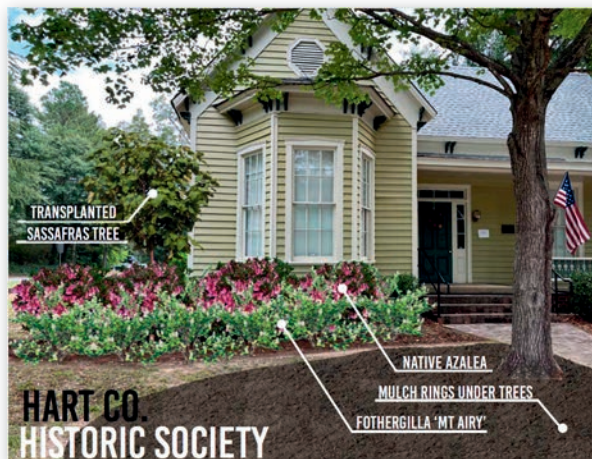
The Marietta Council of Garden Clubs, Laurel District, was awarded a Plant America Grant for a native garden for pollinators installed at The Marietta Educational Garden Center. We chose a very sunny spot to create an oasis for pollinators and birds using native plants and to give the community the opportunity to understand the importance of native plants in our gardens for maintaining biodiversity. The pollinator garden is named after Kathy Young, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, for her contributions to the Marietta Educational Garden Center.

We felt a need in our community to show fellow gardeners and families that natives are not only beautiful, but they are good for the planet and save us from using chemicals and they conserve water. We have held family fun days and given tours of the garden so far. Other groups involved are Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County, UGA Extension Service, and the State Botanical Gardens.



The Pine Tree Garden Club, Azalea District, partnered with the Hart County Historical Society to beautify the deteriorated landscape at the Hart County Museum and received a \$1,000 Plant America Grant to complete the project. The landscape at the Hart County Museum is currently populated with minimal plants, some in poor health. The Historical Society is interested in planting the landscape with native plants and spreading mulch under the trees where the grass is struggling. Additionally, a small native Sassafras tree will be transplanted to another location in hopes that it will thrive.

Detailed plans for this project were prepared by a Landscape Design student at the University of Georgia School. The native plants planned for this project are Oakleaf Hydrangea, Southern Wood Fern, Clethra, native Azalea, Fothergilla, Black-Eyed Susan and an Eastern Redbud tree. The installation is planned for late spring by volunteers from local community groups along with the Pine Tree Garden Club and by the local Botanical Garden members.



The Union Point Garden Club, Azalea District:

The Plant America Grant was a much-needed infusion of money for the Joel McRay Memorial Pollinator Garden. This garden was originally on the grounds of the Greene County Primary School in Union Point near the Firefly Trail but was moved to Union Point city property to be closer to a water source they provided.

This is indeed a community project! A local real estate group contracted for the design of the garden, roughly a butterfly shape, and built the hardscape of the garden. Union Point Downtown Development Authority completed the edging of the garden. The Union Point Garden Club

members designed the plantings, obtained topsoil to fill the beds and purchased plants. When the planting began, Greene County Master Gardeners and community members were invited to join the party. Three workdays later, plants were set out, seeds planted and mulch spread. The hardscape connects to the Firefly trail, to enable walkers to come into the garden, rest at the kiosk and admire the garden.

Plants were chosen that would be food and host plants for pollinators. Funds have come from the Grant, Union Point GC and citizen contributions. There are still some empty spots where plants will be added later. As someone commented on Saturday, "Joel would be proud" and indeed he would!



The Burkeland Garden Club, Azalea District,

Plant America Project is providing landscaping for a newly installed area at the Burke County Library. The project has provided the library with a garden where educational youth programs can take place and provides a shaded tranquil area for outdoor reading.

Children's literature will be highlighted throughout the garden, to include books such as "A Tale of Peter Rabbit" where children will have the opportunity to plant herbs and vegetables in a raised bed surrounded by statues of rabbits.

Arnold Lobel's "Frog and Toad are Friends" is the inspiration for an area where a table and chairs that look like toad stools will give children a place to read or play games. "Planting a Rainbow" by Lois Ehlert and "In the Butterfly Garden" by Philippe Ug will lead through beds of plants loved by bees and butterflies. Book jacket signs will identify these areas.

The garden club has worked with the Young Farmer's Organization and Horticulture class at the local high school to design and install the project. This has included providing instruction on how to plan and design a pollinator bed with an emphasis on using native plants. Community volunteers have helped to build hardscape items. The project completion date is Fall of 2023.



The Gray Garden Club, Azalea District, is thrilled to be a 2023 recipient of a National Garden Clubs' Plant America Grant. The club will join forces with the Jones County Library in their mission to become a gathering place for the community by creating an outdoor garden spot for children and families. Benches and picnic tables provided by the library will allow patrons to utilize the area both during and after library hours offering Wi-Fi access to all visitors. The Jones County High School Vocational Department is providing metal sculptures for visual interest. Raised beds will be handicapped accessible.



Plants will be selected from local garden centers with special attention given to selecting plants that will delight the senses of touch, smell, and sight. Additional plants will be selected to entice butterflies and hummingbirds to the garden. Children will assist garden club members in planting the garden as part of the Vacation Reading Program. The garden will provide space and opportunity for programs at the library throughout the year. Gray Garden Club is thrilled to partner with the Peach County Library to develop this new community space.

The Morning Glory Garden Club,

Oleander District, has received a \$1000 Grant from Plant America to complete a Butterfly Garden in Bryant Commons, a 160-acre park in Hinesville. The park receives visitors from all over the country and we wanted to make the Butterfly Garden both educational and enjoyable.

The Butterfly Garden will be located alongside the newly renovated greenhouse and Learning Center allowing many possibilities for live demonstrations on horticulture, flower arranging, organic gardening practices and much more.

The grant money will be used to purchase plants that will attract butterflies and other pollinators. We hope to be able to plant this year, completing this worthwhile project and make a real contribution to our community.



GCG Scholarships - Providing Pathways to Create Sustainable Futures.



Every contribution is significant in its importance to our GCG Mission of Education. With sincere thanks to all, we met our 2023 goal to award \$70,000.00 to 14 worthy and notable students. We are now in the new GCG Scholarship giving period and our mission rolls on to....

- Provide opportunities for young people to achieve their goals and dreams
- Preserve what we know to be true to our own values
- Continue our legacy of Beautification, Conservation and Education

The Ardsley Park / Chatham Crescent Garden Club

(APCCGC), Oleander District, is a proud recipient of a \$1,000 Plant America Grant to create a shade garden at Savannah Arts Academy (SAA). This historical site was originally developed in the early 1910's has been home to Savannah High School and is now home to SAA. APCCGC in collaboration with the SAA's student garden club plan to carve out 200 square feet of their existing gardens currently used as an outdoor classroom and a place for students and teachers to study, sketch or break away for some creative thinking.

The plan is to define the beds with a Belgian block border, a nod to the architecture of the historic Ardsley Park neighborhood. The space will be filled with various shade loving plants for height, color and texture and incorporate two large planters for seasonal plantings and possibly a statue.

In addition to the Plant America Grant, both clubs will contribute additional funds to the project. APCCGC members will select and purchase materials and the students in the SAA garden club will prepare, plant and maintain the garden.

The school's current renovation, expected to be completed this summer, has left the beds trampled and inaccessible, so the project is planned to begin in the fall. Both clubs are very excited to get started and are thankful for the grant. They can't wait to show it off next spring!



The Rose Garden Club, Dogwood District, is continuing our commitment to Hillside, Inc., a leading mental health treatment provider for children, adolescents and families. Our dedicated members, since their first year together 1928-29, have continued beautification of an outdoor tiered seating area for classroom and nature projects, cottages, play areas, greenhouse, as well as on-going grounds maintenance through volunteer workdays.

This project will create a rain garden planted with grasses and flowering perennials in a dry creek bed. The process of sowing seeds, caring for plants, experiencing achievement when cutting flowers, all offer a complete horticultural therapy experience in nature for the children at Hillside. We are so pleased to share that The Rose Garden Club has sponsored Hillside, Inc. and was awarded a \$1,000 Plant America Project Grant.



You can create a wildlife habitat in the smallest of places

The Pine Needle Garden Club, Redbud District, was awarded a \$500 Plant America Grant for their "Heart and Soul" community project in partnership with the Active Life Center in Hogansville, Georgia. The Active Life Center is a recreation center designed for independent adults aged 55 and over. The community garden began as a small "hands-on teaching garden" and soon grew into a larger collaboration with various community groups, including Master Gardeners, Troup County 4-H, Calloway High School Horticulture Department, and local volunteers. Pine Needle Garden Club members spearheaded the overall design, donating their time, talents, and plants, to create an appealing outdoor haven, inspiring members of a marginalized community to enjoy the healthy physical and mental benefits of this park-like venue.

The Pine Needle Garden Club \$500 grant was based on their estimated budget to help defer the future costs which include installation of a rain barrel, more plants, soil and other materials, to incorporate ongoing aspects of permaculture gardening in a community green space



Sharon-Raytown Garden Club's 120th Anniversary

The Sharon-Raytown Garden Club of Taliaferro County was organized on February 21, 1903. It is the second oldest continuous garden club in the U.S.A. and remained active through both World War I and World War II.

Miss Lillis Barnett was living in Athens with her friend who organized Ladies Garden Club, the oldest in the USA, in Athens, GA. When she returned home from teaching, she organized our club with twelve charter members.



Flower bouquet presented to Sharon-Raytown Garden Club by the Greensboro Garden Club at their celebration in February. Left, Peggy Tucker, GCG President, far right Betty Davis, AD Director, members of the Greensboro GC and Jan Stewart, SRGC President.

Amicalola Garden Club's 88th Anniversary

On March 22, 2023, members of the Amicalola Garden Club met at the Old MuleHouse Tavern to celebrate the 88th Year of existence of the club. Our speaker was Hans Rueffert, noted chef, author, and motivational speaker. Hans and his assistant, James Robertson, gave an inspiring presentation on growing and propagating bromeliads. An amazing lunch was served by Mulehouse staff.



Inside Your Garden Gate --- by Jayne Rogers

Georgia gardeners well understand the saying, "It's hotter than Georgia asphalt." But you do not have to let your garden fizzle out when the scorching days of summer are upon us. Plant bold and colorful specimens that revel in the heat and you can enjoy your landscape through the hottest months.

In July and August look for some strong and fearless plants that will stand up to the conditions. These are tough plants that laugh in the face of our subtropical climate. I have a long list of plants that will survive the hottest summer, but three of my favorite summer blooms are cannas, gingers and datura or brugmansia.

Against a backdrop of trees and shrubs that can withstand what July and August may bring, try planting a grouping of Canna 'Bengal Tiger'. The striking variegated foliage will light up the area from Spring through Fall. A flash of fire adds to the sight when the reddish buds open to orange blossoms.



These sun loving plants have an annoying pest which is the canna leaf-roller. A moth lays an egg inside a developing stem. The resulting caterpillar weaves a web to keep the leaf from unfurling. They are quite easy to spot, and I do not mind the old finger squishing method of eradicating the caterpillar before it destroys the emerging leaf and flower. You can also snip the tip, sprinkle some Dipel dust (bt) into the rolled leaf and safely rid the plant of the caterpillar.

Another show stopper to try this summer is the *Hedychium coccineum* "Disney". The name says it all. When you think of Disney do you picture the Cinderella castle with turrets and spires shooting toward the sky? This plant with its spikey leaves and flower that bursts forth like a firework is about as Disney as it gets. Growing from a rhizome, once established, this



plant can be easily divided and shared with friends and neighbors. They grow best in full sun, but I have placed some divisions into a partly shaded area and they flower, though not as profusely. The first flush of flowers is followed by a rest period and then a second blooming extends the season. They are generally not bothered by pests. This is not a native plant, but the flowers are visited by bees and butterflies all summer, making it a good source of nectar for our pollinators.

One more plant I recommend to shine in your

summer garden is the Datura or Brugmansia. Though similar in appearance and behavior, they are different plants. Both have large trumpet shaped flowers. The Datura (Devil's Trumpet) is a smaller plant whose trumpet faces upward, while the Brugmansia (Angels' Trumpet) can grow large like a shrub and the trumpet or pendent hangs downward. Both are fragrant and can be



grown from seed. If you have a friend growing datura, she may share some seeds (the pods of which are highly interesting in themselves). My favorite is a pure white Datura named "Evening Fragrance". Yes, it lives up to its name and the pots near our outdoor dining table lightly perfume the evening air. On a warm sultry evening, this datura will light up the night as white flowers are known to do. Beware that this plant is toxic so children and pets should not be allowed to nibble. Deer are on their own.

"The month of August had turned into a griddle where the days just lay there and sizzled." — Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees*. Your summer may be hotter than Georgia asphalt, but do not fear the sizzle. Some of our most beautiful Georgia flowers can boldly brighten your garden with bloom throughout the steamiest season.

---Jayne Rogers, a self-taught Gardener of many decades, a Garden Club member of 5 separate organizations as well as a member of societies for roses, daffodils and now camellias.

DeKalb Federation 2023 Life Member of the Year

Susan Turner

The DeKalb Federation honored Susan Turner with its Life Member of the Year for 2023 Award at its annual Life Members Program in February. Susan Turner served the DeKalb Federation for 12 years as Youth Activities Chairman, 3rd Co-VP of Programs and is Chairman of the Never Forget 9/11 Project. With the Redbud District, she has served as Recording Secretary, Calendar Chairman, Scholarships Co-Chairman, and various youth committees. Susan has served on The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) State Board for 16 years serving in many roles including Scholarships Chairman and several youth programs. She is the co-founder of the Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp.

As a National Garden Clubs Flower Show Judge, she recently served on the planning committee and was co-chairman of the Youth Division of the very successful American Daffodil Society Standard Flower Show held in March.

For fun, Susan enjoys cooking, decorating, gardening, reading, traveling with her husband of 28 years and spending time with friends and family, including her furry family: Jackson, her outdoor cat, and Missy, a rescue black Lab Retriever mix.

Congratulations, Susan Turner, a well-deserved recognition.



2023 Flower Fantasy at Pineola Farms

Wow! Gorgeous! Amazing! Just a few of the comments from attendees of the 2023 Flower Fantasy floral event held in April at Pineola Farms in Fort Valley, Georgia. The event was organized by Magnolia Garden Club of Fort Valley (Magnolia District) to support the Garden Club of Georgia Scholarships Fund. The event was held at the home of Delise Knight a Magnolia Garden Club member, who along with her husband are the owners of Pineola Farms. The theme for this year's floral event was "Dreams".

Touring the house, each of the seven rooms on display were dramatically different, from the front parlor to the master suite's four poster bed floating on a massive cloud of white hydrangeas with monarch butterflies hovering in nearby trees. The featured designers were Roy Lamb and Delise Knight. The adjoining gardens are currently on Rosalynn Carter's Butterfly Trail. This year there were over 18 unique garden spaces displayed with spring flowers and beautiful foliage. Each garden had a theme from an English cutting garden to a raised bed vegetable garden and even a

cute teacup garden to name a few. The guest speakers spoke on topics of Thoughtful Gardening, Pollinators and Hummingbirds.

With approximately 430 attending, over \$8,000 will be donated to the GCG Scholarships Fund this year, more than double of last year donations. We at Magnolia Garden Club feel like education is key and want to help inspire our youth in all fields of horticulture.



Welcome New District Directors

Cheryl Briscoe, Laurel District 1



When I moved to Cobb County in the early 1970's from Atlanta, I met wonderful new friends who are still part of my life today. During those early years as a working mother and wife, I was among the first members of English Laurel Garden Club founded in 1990 by Mountain Laurel Garden

Club. Their members were our mothers and mothers-in-law. Their legacy was inspirational!

We learned from them how important it is to participate in projects, serve in leadership roles, and encourage new members. We started another new club and began to support the Marietta Council of Garden Clubs' lovely home, Marietta Educational Garden Center, a.k.a. Fair Oaks built circa 1854, home to 20 garden clubs.

We saw the value to us and to our community in volunteering at the garden center as leaders and providers of education about all aspects of gardening

and conservation.

Working on the council board, I found joy learning what impact all clubs have in our community as part of Laurel District.

Recently, as Laurel District Recording Secretary, I met new gardening friends, gained new knowledge about our district and about the -far-reaching successful efforts of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc..

Now, as Laurel District Director, my hope is that we will grow with every opportunity the number of members in existing clubs, subscribing members, and new clubs while increasing our knowledge about gardens and environments and serving our communities. Let's grow, Laurels!



Mary Jane Edmunds, Azalea District 2



Mary Jane Edmunds inherited her love of gardening and flowers from her mother and grandmother. They were members of the Pine Needle Garden Club in Thomson, GA, where Jane grew up. Throughout 30 years of teaching middle school, Jane used her knowledge of plants and flowers to decorate for countless proms,

graduations, weddings, and parties.

When Jane retired, she joined the Warrenton Garden Club, Warrenton, GA, where she loves working in her home garden. Jane is active in her community. She currently serves on the Hometown Warrenton Board and has served on the Library Board.

Twenty-five years ago, Jane helped her sister, Becky Tucker, organize the First Annual Lottie Moon

Christmas Tea at Norwood Baptist Church, and is still actively involved as President of Women on Mission. The Tea continues to be the kickoff for the Christmas Season and raises thousands of dollars. Jane also enjoys providing altar flowers from her garden.

Jane has served as both President and Vice-President of the Warrenton Garden Club. She has served on the Board of the Azalea District as Co-Director, Corresponding Secretary, Penny Pines Chairman, and on the State Board 2013-2015 and 2019-2021. Jane is honored to be your Azalea District Director.



Joni Thompson, Oleander District 3

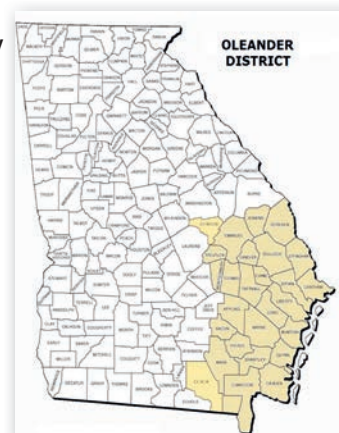


Joni Thompson, a native of Sylvania, has been a member of the Screven County Garden Club since 2008. Joni's mother has been a distinguished member of the Screven County club for over 60 years; thus Joni feels she has vicariously obtained gardening interest and skills throughout her life.

Joni is currently serving her second term as President as the club just celebrated its 83rd Birthday. She has also been Flower Show chair and led the Youth Garden Club. Joni has provided leadership on the Oleander District Board in various capacities. Her contributions to the State Board include Chairman for the Pull-a-Tabs Campaign, Horticulture Awards #14 and #19, as well as Youth Sculpture Awards Chair, to

mention a few. Joni is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a BS in Home Economics, followed by a master's degree from Georgia Southern University. She worked as a County Extension Agent in Barnesville, Ga. prior to returning to Screven County to teach at the high school level then the elementary school level.

Since retiring in 2007, Joni not only fills her time with Garden Club activities but shares with her husband caring for her yard and vegetable garden. In addition, grandchildren and service in Brier Creek Chapter of DAR and the First Christian Church share top priority with her time.



Mary Carol McCall, Camellia District 4



Mary Carol McCall graduated from the University of Georgia in 1977. She taught AP United States History, Economics, and Government. After seventeen years in Wilson, N.C., she returned to her hometown of Thomasville, Ga. She taught at Thomasville High School until her retirement in 2017. During

her tenure at Thomasville High, she served as Department chair of the Social Studies Department and as the Debate coach. Growing up with a family in the nursery business, love of plants and gardening came naturally.

Since her retirement, she has become very involved in her garden club, Rambler Rose Garden

Club in Thomasville. This is the same garden club as her mother, and like her mother, she served as president. She chaired the Thomasville Garden Club's annual flower show in 2022. She is on the Thomasville Garden Club Council and will serve as second Vice-President for the 2023-2025 term. Mary

Carol looks forward to her role as District Director of Camellia District for the next two years. She looks forward to promoting the goals of promoting beautification, conservation and education. Theme: "Growth and Unity through Planting"



Kay Hagler, Magnolia District 5



Kay Hagler is a retired individual with 50 years of experience in activities ranging from changing diapers to writing state and federal grants while managing state and federal economic development projects. Kay enjoyed three careers while in

the employment of the private sector and of the governmental sector: Radiology, Finance, and Grant Writing with Federal project management.

Upon moving to Buena Vista, Georgia, after a Navy life with her husband, Kay joined The Beautiful View

Garden Club in 1980. She turned from a remarkably busy gainfully employed person to a terribly busy retired person with numerous volunteer jobs. Gardening and yard work have always been a peaceful pleasure, so embracing the activities of the garden club arena brought new friendships with learning activities.



Monica Bozonier, Dogwood District 6



Monica Bozonier was born and resided in New Orleans, Louisiana. While there, she was employed at South Central Bell/ AT&T as an accountant for almost twenty years. In 1990, Monica retired and moved to Montgomery, Illinois continued her education and graduated with the highest-grade point

average in the Bachelor of Science Program from Waubonsee Community College in Plano, Illinois.

She was very active in several local community organizations in Montgomery; serving as a Board Member at Mercy Hospital, volunteering in the gift shop at Mercy and tutoring students at Waubonsee Community College. In 1995, Monica moved to Dunwoody, Georgia, where she joined the Dunwoody New Comers Club and the Country Hills Garden Club. Six months later, she moved to a new home in Suwanee, Georgia where her love for gardening and nature were allowed to flourish. She was so excited

to have a large yard that was a blank canvas, one that would allow her to design and create her unique gardens.

Monica has held the positions of President of the Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Council for four years, President of Country Hills Garden Club for eight years and many Dogwood District Chairman positions.

Currently, she is Treasurer of Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs and Country Hills Garden Club and a Life Member of Garden Club of Georgia and Deep South Garden Clubs. Her interests include playing tennis, gardening and traveling. She has traveled extensively to four continents with George, her husband of 33 years. George and Monica have two daughters, five grandchildren and a great granddaughter. Monica is excited about her new role as Dogwood District Director and the experiences it will bring.



Kimberly Fair, Redbud District 7



Kim Fair, Stone Mountain, grew up on a farm in Mississippi and loved every plant and animal she saw. She attended William Carey College, Emory University, and Georgia State University and has a B.S in Psychology and M.Ed. in Learning Disabilities.

Retiring from the Howard School in 2013, she became a Master Gardener Volunteer and met Quill Duncan while volunteering. Quill invited her to visit the Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club. What a fortuitous encounter that meeting has been.

Kim has volunteered at numerous Master Gardener events and work sites, the local

elementary school, flower shows, GA Regional Hospital, the Garden Center of DeKalb Federation at Callanwolde, and others. She has served as Vice President for Programs for the SRMG Garden Club as well as Legislative and Governmental Affairs for the SRMG, Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs, and the Redbud District of Garden Clubs. Her constant project is taming her large backyard into a pollinator paradise.

She looks forward to working with all of you and promoting her theme, "Preserve for the Future."



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Environmentally Yours - Billions to None --- by Lorene Faulkenberry

This is the 100th anniversary of the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon. Their huge flocks made them easy to catch and they were good to eat. With so many, no one thought they could disappear. Carolina parakeets were the next to go—feathers needed for hats.

During the 19th and 20th centuries the official policy of our government was to rid the continent of plants and animals that seemed to be inhibiting the development of our continent. Nearly all the bison were exterminated. Seven species of wolves which roamed from Florida to the western states are now extinct. Do you have more deer and coyotes than you want? California honors the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos californicus*) on their flag, after hunting it to extinction.

Yellowstone National Park had so many elk and deer that meadows could not grow; trees and shrubs were stripped of new growth. The introduction of gray wolves (from Canada) has altered the habits of the elk and deer. Now young trees no longer nibbled to the ground can grow. Beavers have returned, and with them fish, birds, river otters and many more. The intricate web that made Yellowstone has been restored. The rend in the web of life caused by the elimination of a species is often not recognized for years. However, extinct means forever gone.

We see and fear some of the larger animals and so get rid of them. We do not see the smaller ones that are an integral part of the biodiversity web. They, too, disappear. Do you see as many butterflies, dragonflies, or fireflies as in years past? Scientists worldwide have recently sounded the alarm that both insects and birds are in serious decline. Already Chinese farmers are forced to hand pollinate pear

and apple orchards as the native bees were eliminated by chemical spraying.

Honeybees which can be farmed in hives cannot pollinate many of the plants native to the Americas—tomatoes, peppers, grains, beans, pecans and many others.

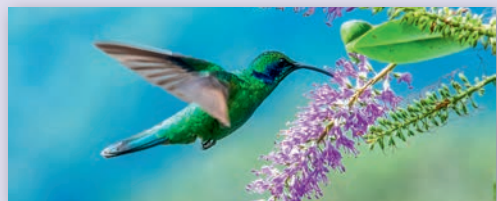
Native bees must do this work. We do not want mosquitoes but spraying eliminates all insects. Also, consider for whom they are food—bats, birds, frogs. Young birds must have the protein from hundreds of insects each day for proper growth.

You and I may not be able to save the right whales or the sea turtles, but we can use our space to provide food, water and housing for many insects

and birds. First, do not spray. These poisons kill all insects and also may not be good for you. Plant native trees and shrubs when possible. Expand your pollinator garden—plant many of the same flower, preferably single rather than the showy doubles; ensure

a long blooming season. Leave some of the yard messy. Some leaves and branches behind a shrub will be home to many insects. Using your space to save insects may also save you. The environment is inextricably intertwined. We must continue to work to save the environment in our own yards, our neighborhoods, and our state.

Survival is more than the worry about global warming. It is coming to understand the importance of the entire web of life and working to save each part of it.



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Life Members

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#2132 Kathy Shiner, Honored by The Garden Club of Ellijay, Laurel District

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Camellia Garden Club, Camellia District

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New National Life Members

#10637 Lisa Hall, Oleander District

#10654 Genelda Reese, Honored by Oleander District

#10658 Deborah Vann, Honored by Wade Vann, Dogwood District

Giving someone a Life Membership provides an excellent way to honor those who have made valuable contributions to your garden club, council or district. Visit the Life Membership tab under Membership on the GCG website for the application and more information.

<https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/membership-life-membership/>

South Georgia Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium

Over 100 native plant enthusiasts attended the South Georgia Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium in Tifton in March. The event was held at the ABAC's Georgia Museum of Agriculture. For the second year, the symposium was co-sponsored by the Coastal Plain Chapter, Georgia Native Plant Society and the Camellia District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Informative sessions were presented by Jody Walthall of Tallahassee, FL, whose topic was "Design with Nature: Ecological Landscaping," Prof. James Ferrari of Macon, presenting "Reflections from a Bird Bath: What Game Cameras can Teach Us about Fruit-eating Birds." and Marilynne Marshall of Tifton, presenting "Plant This, Not That: Native Substitutions for Exotic Plants Typically Found in South Georgia Garden Centers. Marilynne is a member of the Magnolia Garden Club of Tifton and the Coastal Plain Chapter, Georgia Native Plant Society. Since the symposium, she shared her presentation with other gardeners. The flyer she created for the presentation is available at https://cpcgnps.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Plant-this-Not-that-brochure-8.5-x-11_-10.2.22.xlsx-Sheet-1-1.pdf

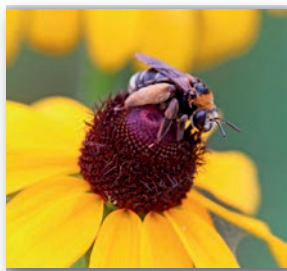


All the speakers' presentations are now available on the website of the Coastal Plain Chapter, Georgia Native Plant Society: <https://cpcgnps.org/sgnpws-presentations/>. The symposium provided an early opportunity to buy native plants from Flat Creek Natives of Perry, Naturescapes of Beaufort, SC, Florabundance Gardens of Darien, Groco of Tifton, and the Coastal Plain Chapter, Georgia Native Plant Society. Evaluations show that attendees enjoyed the presentations, native plant sales, exhibitor information, and great door prizes. The symposium committee will re-group and discuss plans for next year.

Creating a Pollinator Paradise

--- by Sierra Burke

Pollinators are one of the most important players in our ecosystem. Pollinators provide an invaluable service to crop production, biodiversity, and home landscapes. In fact, the University of Georgia performed an impact study and found that the service pollinators provide us is valued at over 360 million dollars in Georgia. You may be wondering; what organisms are considered pollinators? Pollinator species include insects such as bees, ants, butterflies, wasps, and many others, but also include animals such as hummingbirds. Without pollinators, our world would look a lot less colorful and we would not have as many vegetables and fruits to go around our kitchen tables.



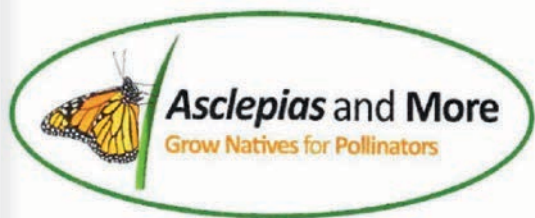
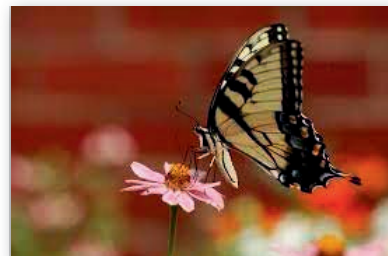
In recent years, pollinator populations have been declining due to habitat loss, parasite and disease pressure, as well as the use of nonselective pesticides on landscapes and agricultural lands. However, not all hope is lost. While researchers

are hard at work to find solutions, there are steps we can take at our homes to positively impact the pollinator populations. You can support your local pollinator populations by providing areas in which they have access to flora and moisture as well as areas in which they can nest. For example, butterflies enjoy the sunshine and like to bask in the light. Therefore, having plants that give them space to do that is a great way to encourage their

presence in your landscape.

When selecting plants to put in your landscape in order to create the perfect pollinator paradise, you should keep a couple of things in mind. Plants that are very sweet and fragrant that flower in red, purple, orange, yellow, or pink are preferred. In addition, the simpler and more open the flower is, the better because it gives the pollinator a good landing spot and easy access to the nectar within the flower. Native plants are a great option because they are local, increase native biodiversity, and help with habitat stability in the region. Some examples of pollinator-friendly native shrubs include buckeyes, silverbells, oakleaf hydrangeas, sweetspire, and highbush blueberries. There are also some examples of native trees that are beneficial to pollinators including tulip trees, American plum trees, red maples, eastern redbuds, and dogwoods. There are plenty of other native and non-native options that you can include in your landscape to encourage pollinators to come visit and make the habitat you provide their home. As you plan your landscapes each season, keep in mind the pollinators that make it possible.

—Sierra Burke is a Hart County Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent with UGA Extension



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1: The GC of Georgia Trophy

Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

2: Garden Center

1st Pine Tree GC AZALEA

1st Marietta Council of GCs LAUREL

4: Bird Award

1st (Med) Pine Tree GC AZALEA

1st (Lg) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

1st (Cnc) Marietta Council of GCs LAUREL

5: Ind Club Standard Flower Show

1st Seedling GC OLEANDER

2nd Stonehenge GC LAUREL

3rd Erin GC OLEANDER

7: Special Achievement Award

1st (Med) Azalea GC AZALEA

2nd (Med) Rose and Dahlia GC AZALEA

1st (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

2nd (Lg) GC of Savannah OLEANDER

3rd (Lg) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

HM (Lg) Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

1st (Cnc) Marietta Council of GCs LAUREL

8: Conservation Project

1st (Med) Cumming GC LAUREL

1st (Lg) Watkinsville GC AZALEA

9: Award of Merit

Peggy Harper Riggins of Jesup, Georgia

10: Garden Therapy Outstanding Activity

2nd (Sm) Green Thumb GC (Millen) OLEANDER

1st (Med) Rose and Dahlia GC AZALEA

2nd (Med) Odum GC OLEANDER

3rd (Med) Pine Tree GC AZALEA

HM (Med) Magnolia GC LAUREL

1st (Lg) Spalding GC DOGWOOD

2nd (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

3rd (Lg) Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

HM (Lg) Watkinsville GC AZALEA

1st (Gr/Cnc) Dekalb Co. Fed. REDBUD

11 NP: Native Plants

1st (Sm) Conyers GC REDBUD

1st (Med) Azalea GC AZALEA

12: Cemetery

1st (Med) Roswell GC DOGWOOD

13: Civic Improvement

1st (Sm) Conyers GC REDBUD

2nd (Sm) Union Point GC AZALEA

3rd (Sm) LAUREL GC LAUREL

1st (Med) Rose and Dahlia GC AZALEA

2nd (Med) Pine Tree GC AZALEA

3rd (Med) Millen GC OLEANDER

HM (Med) Cumming GC LAUREL

1st (Lg) Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

2nd (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

3rd (Lg) Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

HM (Lg) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

1st (Gr. Clubs/Cnc) Thomasville GC CAMELLIA

14: Horticulture Achievement

1st (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

2nd (Cnc) Rome Federated GC LAUREL

15: Historic Preservation

1st Trustees GC OLEANDER

2nd Cumming GC LAUREL

16: Yearbook-Clubs under 20 Members

1st Union Point GC AZALEA

2nd Trayletaah GC LAUREL

3rd Conyers GC REDBUD

HM Townview GC LAUREL

16: Yearbook-Clubs 20-29 Members

1st Oglethorpe GC MAGNOLIA

2nd Mountain View GC LAUREL

3rd Iris GC AZALEA

HM Hoe'n in Euharlee GC LAUREL

16: Yearbook-Clubs 30-44 Members

1st Smoke Rise Morning Glories REDBUD

2nd Rose and Dahlia GC AZALEA

3rd Pine Forest GC OLEANDER

HM Hiawassee GC LAUREL

16: Yearbook-Clubs 45-69 Members

1st Spalding GC DOGWOOD

2nd Killarney Queen GC CAMELLIA

3rd Avon GC REDBUD

HM Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

16: Yearbook-Clubs 70-99 Members

1st Seven Hills GC LAUREL

2nd Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

16: Yearbook-Clubs 100-299 Members

1st The GC of Savannah OLEANDER

2nd The Landings GC OLEANDER

16: Yearbook-Council of 2-4 Clubs

1st Thomasville GC, Inc. CAMELLIA

16: Yearbook-Council of 5-14 Clubs

1st Rome Federated GCs, Inc. LAUREL

16: Yearbook-Council of 15 or more Clubs

HM Marietta Cncl of GCs LAUREL

18: Council Standard Flower Show

1st Bulloch Council of GCs OLEANDER

2nd Thomasville GC Council CAMELLIA

19: Horticulture Program

1st (Lg) Sandy Springs GC DOGWOOD

1st TIE (Med) Avon GC REDBUD

Green Thumb GC (Thomaston) REDBUD

2nd (Med) Odum GC OLEANDER

20: History Award

1st (Cnc) Marietta Cncl of GCs

LAUREL

1st (60 years) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

1st (80 years) Watkinsville GC AZALEA

21: Patriotic Standard Flower Show

1st Hiawassee GC LAUREL

23: Standard Flower Show Schedule

23 A1b 21-35 Members

1st Designers Club REDBUD

2nd Pace Creative Study Club LAUREL

3rd Seedling GC OLEANDER

HM Hiawassee

GC LAUREL

HM Erin GC CAMELLIA

HM Stonehenge GC LAUREL

23 A3a One GC/Council

1st Thomasville GC CAMELLIA

2nd Bulloch Council of GCs OLEANDER

23 A4a District

1st REDBUD District REDBUD

23 C2 Two Clubs

1st Green Thumb GC & Millen GC OLEANDER

23 C 3 Council

1st Millen GC Council OLEANDER

2nd Marietta Council of GCs LAUREL

24: Small Standard Flower Show

1st Millen GC Council OLEANDER

25: Scrapbook

1st (A-3 Traditional) Hiawassee GC LAUREL

2nd (A-3 Traditional) Pine Tree GC AZALEA

1st (A-5 Traditional) Watkinsville GC AZALEA

1st (District) AZALEA

1st (A-3 PowerPoint) Pine Forest GC OLEANDER

26: Poem for Adults by Adults

1st Rosemary Cox Avon GC REDBUD

2nd Victoria R. Crosby, Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC REDBUD

3rd Diane Myers, Hoe'n in Euharlee GC LAUREL

HM Carlee Miller Conyers GC REDBUD

26: Poem for Children by Adults

1st Susan Wing Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

2nd : Susan Turner Conyers GC REDBUD

28: Publicity Press Book

1st (Med) Oglethorpe GC MAGNOLIA

2nd (Med) Butler GC MAGNOLIA

3rd (Med) Hiawassee GC LAUREL

30C and 30B: Dist. Standard Flower Show

1st Camellia & Magnolia Districts

31A and 31B: GC Council

1st A3 Dekalb Co. Fed.GCs REDBUD

2nd A3 Marietta Cnc of GCs LAUREL

1st B3 Marietta Cnc of GCs LAUREL

1st B1 Wayne Co. GC Cncl OLEANDER

33: Member Participation

1st (Med) Odum GC OLEANDER

2nd (Med) Magnolia GC LAUREL

35: Near Club Standard Flower Show

1st Creative Study Club, Chattooga GC, Rainsville GC, Rhododendron GC LAUREL

36: Educational Exhibit Achievement

1st Conyers GC REDBUD

37: PUBLICATIONS Newsletter One Page

1st (Med) Bellmere GC DOGWOOD

37 Newsletter 2-12 Pages

1st (Sm) Townview GC LAUREL

2nd (Sm) Rosemary and Thyme GC AZALEA

3rd (Sm) Green Thumb GC (Millen) OLEANDER

HM (Sm) Laurel GC LAUREL

1st (Med) Roswell GC DOGWOOD

2nd (Med) Gray GC AZALEA

1st (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

2nd (Lg) Avondale Estates GC REDBUD
 3rd (Lg) Rose and Dahlia GC AZALEA
 HM Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL
 3rd (Gr Cl/Cnc) Marietta Cnc of GCs
 LAUREL
 HM Rome Federated GCs

LAUREL

37 Newsletter 13-24 Pages-Councils

1st Dekalb County Federation of GCs

37 Newsletter 13-24 Pages-Districts

1st Redbud District REDBUD

37 Manuals/Handbooks-Educational

1st (Med) Roswell GC DOGWOOD

HM Gray GC AZALEA

37 Horticulture-Design

HM Gray GC AZALEA

37 Membership Brochure-Clubs

1st Rosemary and Thyme GC AZALEA

3rd Three Rivers GC LAUREL

HM Gray GC AZALEA

37 Membership Brochure-Councils

1st Rome Federated GCs LAUREL

38: School Grounds Improvement Award

1st Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

2nd Hoe'n in Euharlee GC LAUREL

39A: Marker-Silver Perpetual Award

1st (Med) Roswell GC DOGWOOD

39C: Marker Award

1st (Sm) Townview GC LAUREL

1st (Med) Pooler GC OLEANDER

1st (Lg) Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

39D/54: Historic Trail Marker Award

1st GC Of Ellijay LAUREL

40: Gardens for the Challenged

1st (Sm) Conyers GC REDBUD

1st (Med) Roswell GC DOGWOOD

2nd (Med) St. Mary's GC OLEANDER

1st (Lg) Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

41: Herb Award

1st (Med) Pine Tree GC AZALEA

43: Litter/Pollution Control Award

1st (Med) Avon GC REDBUD

1st (Lg) Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

44: Flower Show Staged in a Public Building

1st Erin GC CAMELLIA

45A: Flower Show Staging Award

1st Erin GC CAMELLIA

2nd Stonehenge GC LAUREL

45 B: Flower Show Staging Award

1st Thomasville GC Council LAUREL

2nd Hiawassee GC LAUREL

46: Public Relations

1st (Sm) Conyers GC REDBUD

1st Tie (Med) Magnolia GC LAUREL

Dogwood GC MAGNOLIA

1st (Lg) GC of Savannah OLEANDER

2nd (Lg) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

3rd (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

47: DVD/CD/Flash Drive/Power Point

1st (Sm) Shenandoah Rose GC REDBUD

2nd (Sm) Conyers GC REDBUD

1st (Med) Magnolia GC LAUREL

1st (Lg) Mountain Mums GC REDBUD

48: Member of Honor

Deanna Slone Marietta Daisies LAUREL

49: Holiday Decorations

1st (Sm) Conyers GC REDBUD

2nd (Sm) Townview GC LAUREL

3rd (Sm) Green Thumb GC (Millen)

OLEANDER

HM (Sm) LAUREL GC LAUREL

1st (Med) Green Thumb GC (Thomaston)

REDBUD

2nd (Med) Rose and Dahlia GC AZALEA

1st (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

2nd (Lg) Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

3rd (Lg) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

1st (Cnc) Marietta Council of GCs

LAUREL

2nd (Cnc) Millen Cnc of GCs OLEANDER

51: Butterfly Conservation

1st (Sm) Laurel GC (Canton) LAUREL

1st (Med) Pine Forest GC OLEANDER

1st (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

1st (Cnc) Cherokee GC Council LAUREL

2nd (Cnc) Marietta Cnc of GCs LAUREL

1st (Ind) Frank Mullins, Avondale Ests

REDBUD

2nd (Ind) Winnie White, Country Hills GC

DOGWOOD

52: Seal of Honor

Kate McAlpin and Woodlands Garden

53: Website Award

1st The Landings GC OLEANDER

2nd Rome Federated GCs LAUREL

3rd Spalding GC LAUREL

HM Ball Ground GC LAUREL

53 SM: Social Media Award

HM (Small Club) Country Hills GC

DOGWOOD

1st (Med) Roswell GC DOGWOOD

2nd (Med) Magnolia GC LAUREL

3rd (Med) Burkeland GC AZALEA

HM (Med) GC of Ellijay LAUREL

1st (Lg) Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

2nd (Lg) The Landings GC OLEANDER

55: Award of Distinguished Service

Roswell Rotary and Memorial Committee

Nomonated by Roswell GC

Belinda & Ron Jacobs Nom. by the

Savannah Area Council of GCs

Karen Jackson Nom. by Ball Ground GC

56: National Garden Week Award

1st (Sm) Conyers GC REDBUD

2nd (Sm) Green Thumb GC (Millen)

OLEANDER

3rd (Sm) Winchester GC MAGNOLIA

1st (Med) Roswell GC DOGWOOD

2nd (Med) Pine Tree GC AZALEA

1st (Lg) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

2nd (Lg) Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

3rd (Lg) Norcross GC DOGWOOD

HM (Lg) Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

1st (Cnc) Millen GC Council OLEANDER

57: Junior and/or Intermediate Activities

1st (Med) Rose and Dahlia GC AZALEA

2nd (Med) Pine Forest GC OLEANDER

3rd (Med) Flower GC LAUREL

HM (Med) GC of Ellijay LAUREL

HM (Med) Green Thumb GC (Thomaston)
 REDBUD

1st (Lg) Norcross GC DOGWOOD

2nd (Lg) Marietta Daisies GC LAUREL

58: Junior Club Leadership Award

1st (Med) Becky Green, Rose & Dahlia GC

AZALEA

1st (Lg) Shauna McGrath, Watkinsville GC

AZALEA

59/H-4: High Sch. Gardeners Activities

1st (Med) Cumming GC LAUREL

60: Garden Week in Georgia Award

1st (Sm) Oglethorpe GC MAGNOLIA

2nd (Sm) Green Thumb GC (Millen)

OLEANDER

1st (Med) GC of Ellijay LAUREL

2nd (Med) Rose and Dahlia GC AZALEA

3rd (Med) Pine Tree GC AZALEA

HM (Med) Roswell GC DOGWOOD

1st (Lg) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

2nd (Lg) Avondale Estates GC REDBUD

3rd (Lg) Spalding GC DOGWOOD

1st (Cnc) Rome Federated GCs LAUREL

2nd (Cnc) Millen GC Council OLEANDER

61: Arbor Day Award

1st (Sm) Townview GC LAUREL

1st (Med) Hiawassee GC LAUREL

2nd (Med) Gray GC AZALEA

1st (Lg) St. Mary's GC (St. Mary's)

OLEANDER

2nd (Lg) Ball Ground GC LAUREL

1st (Cnc) Thomasville GCs, Inc.

CAMELLIA

J-3: Civic Beautification

1st Jacket Jr. GC, Brooklet GC

OLEANDER

J-4: Horticulture

1st (Med) God's Gardeners, GC of Ellijay

LAUREL

1st Jacket Jr. GC Brooklet GC OLEANDER

J-6: Certificate of Merit

1st (Lg) Norcross Earth Team Norcross GC

LAUREL

J-8: Environmental Concern

1st (Lg) Watkinsville Jr. GC, Watkinsville

GC

LAUREL

2nd (Lg) Norcross Earth Team Norcross

GC LAUREL

J/H1: Scrapbook

1st Jacket Jr. GC, Brooklet GC

OLEANDER

Youth Award winners are posted on the
 GCG website.

<https://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org>

NGC Plant America-Feed America Project

National Garden Club, Inc. President Brenda Moore has begun a new project for her 2023-25 term called **Plant America-Feed America**. This campaign is designed to help feed the hungry across America encouraging every NGC member to participate in one of several ways to help fight food insecurity.

- 🍅 Donate some of your home-grown bounty to a local food bank
- 🍅 Volunteer at a local community garden
- 🍅 Contribute to local groups who DO the actual work of providing fresh meals to the less fortunate

During the 2023-2025 term, NGC will keep a running total of how much fresh fruit, herbs, produce, etc. is being donated by our members.



We want to spotlight how NGC is making a difference across America!

Visit <https://gardenclub.org/> to get the application and learn more ways you can help.

Coming Up

🌻 June 🌻

June 3 - Summer Tree Identification

9 am–1 pm: Linda Chafin, Botanist
State Botanical Garden, Mimsie Lanier Center
<https://t.uga.edu/7vC>

June 10 - Native Plant Propagation

9 am–1 pm: Henning von Schmeling, Sr. Director Operations, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Plaza Conference Room, Roswell. <https://t.uga.edu/7vh>

June 13 - Sunflower Concert Series in the Flower Garden

The Splitz Band
State Botanical Garden, [botgarden.uga.edu](https://t.uga.edu/botgarden.uga.edu)

June 16 - The Bee-utiful World of Native Bees

9 am–1 pm: Becky Griffin, UGA Pollinator Health Associate, Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center, Blairsville
<https://t.uga.edu/7vG>

June 24 - Native Ferns of North Georgia

9 am–1 pm: Connie Gray, native plant specialist, Georgia Native Plant Society – Athens Chapter
State Botanical Garden Visitor Center, Classroom 2
<https://t.uga.edu/8zn>

🌻 July 🌻

July 22 - Medicinal Plants of the Southeast

10 am–12: *Online course content available July 14*
Melisa Ray, research coordinator, UGA Social Sustainability of Agrifood Systems Lab. <https://t.uga.edu/6R6>

July 15 - Carnivorous Plants and Their Habitats in the Southeast US

9 am–1 pm: Henning von Schmeling, Sr. Director Operations, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Plaza Conference Room, Roswell. <https://t.uga.edu/6Pb>

July 18 - Sunflower Concert Series in the Flower Garden

Abbey Road LIVE!
State Botanical Garden, [botgarden.uga.edu](https://t.uga.edu/botgarden.uga.edu)

🌻 August 🌻

August 2 - Sunflower Concert Series in the Flower Garden

Elf Power
State Botanical Garden, for more info, visit [botgarden.uga.edu](https://t.uga.edu/botgarden.uga.edu)

August 19 - Native Plants & Insect Pollinators

9 am–1 pm: Henning von Schmeling, Sr. Director Operations, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Plaza Conference Room, Roswell. <https://t.uga.edu/7vG>

August 18-19 - Great Georgia Pollinator Census

Visit <https://ggapc.org/> for details on how to participate at home

🌻 September 🌻

Sept. 26 - Sunflower Concert Series in the Flower Garden

Randall Bramblett Band
State Botanical Garden, [botgarden.uga.edu](https://t.uga.edu/botgarden.uga.edu)

Sept. 12 - Fall Board Meeting

10 am - 4pm: GCG Headquarters, Athens

Celebrate National Garden Week June 4-10, 2023

Each year National Garden Week is an opportunity to promote our objectives and reach out to potential new members and work with other organizations to enrich our environment. National Garden Club, Inc. offers these ideas:

- Plan an educational program and/or workshop at your local library, public garden or garden center.
- Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery.
- Plan a garden tour. This is a great time to share your knowledge of growing while sharing ideas.
- Beautify a manageable blighted area or enhance an existing garden. This would be a good opportunity to work with other groups.
- Plan an activity with a youth group or school students.
- Place a plant or flower arrangement at public facilities, along with one of the beautiful National Garden Week posters.



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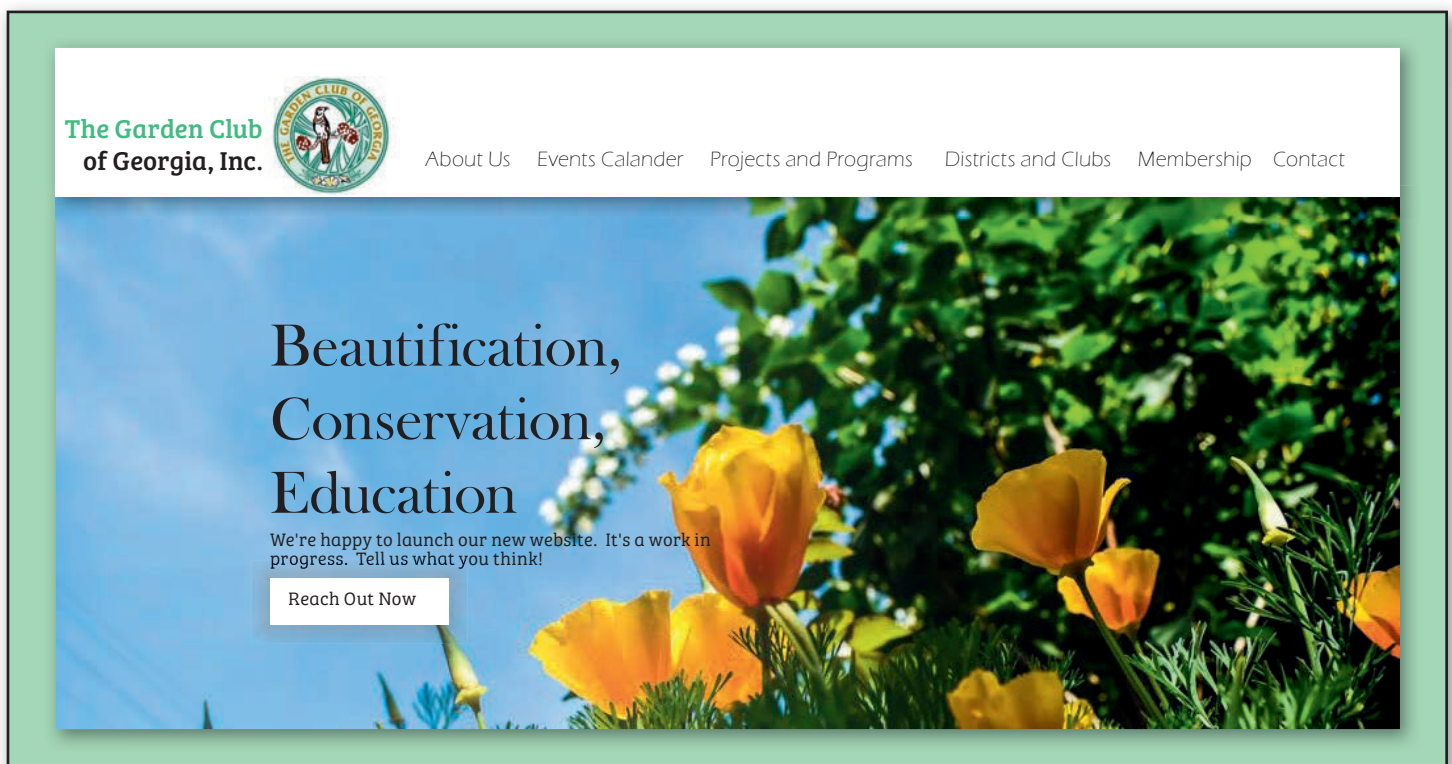
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