

DOGWOOD DIALOGUE

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

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



2023-2025

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"Thyme to Blossom our Friendships and Knowledge Through Gardening"



Hello Dynamic Dogwoods,

My name is Monica Bozonier and I am the Dogwood District Director for 2023-2025. I would like to begin by thanking Chris Adams and her Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen for the outstanding job, hard work and time sacrificed in the past two years for Garden Club of Georgia and Dogwood District.

I am so excited to get the opportunity to meet and work along side of you as your Director. I have put together a great Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen who are ready to start promoting the Garden Club of Georgia and Dogwood District's Programs and Projects. I have chosen a few projects that I would like to focus on with you during my term.

PROJECTS:

- * CWP—Community Wildlife Project Certifications
- * Clubs gaining more points on the Club President Reports (Standard of Excellence)
- * 100% participation in the Dollars Educate Scholars Program/Scholarships
- * Ways to collect more Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

TOGETHER WE CAN DO GOOD THINGS FOR DOGWOOD DISTRICT!!!

My Co-Director, Christy Novellas and I would like to attend one of every Dogwood District Garden Club's meetings. The purpose is to meet as many club members, offer guidance, promote some projects and answer any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to your invitations.

The Garden Club of Georgia and Dogwood District are providing several communication programs to keep all the garden clubs informed. It begins with the new Garden Club of Georgia website: www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org coordinated by Chris Adams. This is a wonderful website where you can find all the Garden Club of Georgia and Dogwood District information and forms. We also have a Dogwood District Facebook page. Send your articles to Dogwood District Facebook Coordinator, Lisa Ethridge at lethridge110@gmail.com. Lisa is always posting wonderful and interesting things. Another way we are keeping you in the know is with Constant Contact which replaced the UGA Listserv. If you would like to share information about your club, send the information to Constant Contact Coordinator, Barbara Bourque at b.bourque@comcast.net. Last but not least, you have access to the Dogwood Dialogue. Issues of the Dogwood Dialogue are available on the Dogwood District page of the GCG website. Please share all the good things your club is doing to editor, Monica Bozonier at dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com.

The Dogwood District Board is here to help you. Don't hesitate to reach out to us with your questions or concerns. HAVE A GREAT DAY GARDENING!!!

Monica Bozonier,

Dogwood District Director, 2023-2025

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GCG—Statewide Activities



Garden Club of Georgia 95th Annual Convention

April 18-20, 2023, the Garden Club of Georgia held its 95th Annual Convention, “Garden Magic on the Mountain“, at the Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort in Stone Mountain, Georgia. A big congratulations to the GCG Convention Chairman, Barbara Bourque, Co-Chairs, Debbie Vann and Christy Novellas and the Dogwood District Clubs and Club Members for hosting a fantastic convention. The convention featured outstanding speakers, Dean Norton and William Smith and workshops speakers, David Brown, Bonnie Satterthwaite, Greg Freeman and Ashley Frasca. In addition to great speakers, there was fabulous shopping from the vendors in the Vendor Room.

Each day began with a cheerful greeting from our wonderful greeters and on your first day, you were given your packets filled with information and gifts from the registration desk. Each night concluded with the excitement of winning great raffle and door prizes and taking home the beautiful favors that were provided by Dean Day Sanders.



Greeters: Jen McCullough, Leslie Busino and Chrissie Foster

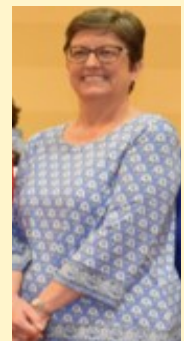


Christy Novellas, Barbara Bourque & Debbie Vann

On Thursday April 20, the Garden Club of Georgia President, Lisa Hall and the new 2023-2025 District Directors were installed. The District Executive Committees were installed in individual Meeting Rooms followed by cocktail hour and fun. The photographer, Ginny Wolf, captured each exciting moment. If you didn't attend, see what fun you missed from these pictures!!!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We can't say it enough. Thank you to the Registrar, Trudy Rudert, all Convention Chairmen and Workers, Club Sponsors and all the Clubs who donated their time and talents. Together, we made it a big success for the best GCG Convention ever!! There was definitely “Magic on the Mountain”!!!!



Incoming GCG President, Lisa Hall

Everyone had a great time!!!



GCG President Peggy Tucker & Debbie Vann



Registration Workers: Terry Waith, Debbie Vann, Trudy Rudert (Registrar), & Leanne Penman



Winner: Sally Holcombe



Lee Dunn and Speaker Dean Norton



GCG—Statewide Activities



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA 95TH ANNUAL CONVENTION PICTURES

DOGWOOD DISTRICT



2023-2025 DISTRICT DIRECTORS



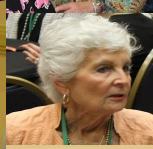
Outgoing Dogwood District
Director Chris Adams & Incoming
Dogwood District Director
Monica Bozonier



F R I E N D S



HAPPY WINNER!



GOING SHOPPING



EXHAUSTED



FUN CLASSES





GCG—Statewide Activities



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA PROJECTS

Blue Star, Gold Star Family, and Historical Markers
CWP - Community Wildlife Project
Certifications
Roadside Beautifications and Wildflowers
Garden Therapy
Community on my Mind Grants
Habitat for Humanity
Garden Week, both National and Georgia
Arboreta and Botanical Gardens
Historic Landscape Preservation
Marshall Forest and LeConte-Woodmanston
Youth Programs

Parks and Public Lands
Ronald McDonald Pull a Tab
National Garden Club Projects
State Parks and Public Lands
Scholarships
Environmental School
Gardening School
Landscape Design School
Flower Shows and Floral Design Schools
Natural Disaster

For more information on these projects go to www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org. From the menu, click on Projects and Programs. Select the project or program to see more details.



**Dogwood District,
 Let's put our best feet forward to accomplish good things!!!!**

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR DISTRICT
 PAGE TOO ON THE GCG WEBSITE!!!**

www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org

In each Dogwood Dialogue Edition, I will give an idea or suggestion to increase participation in one of the above GCG /DD projects. This month:

Ronald McDonald House

I ask all of my immediate and extended family members, friends, tennis teams and church members etc. to save the tabs for me. I explain why we collect the tabs and ask for their help. Everyone is always willing to help for a good cause that requires very little effort. I live in a different state from my family, but I visit often. I say "Give the tabs to me the next time you see me". No matter what the occasion is, my family members will give me a big bag full. When I arrive at a tennis match, one of the players will hand me a bag of tabs. Because I ask, I am greatly rewarded with lots of tabs. **JUST ASK!!!**

Monica



**Ronald McDonald
 House Charities®**
 Atlanta



AROUND the DISTRICT



National Garden Club Award Winners from Dogwood District—2022

We are proud to announce the following clubs received NGC awards. If you were not present to get your award, Monica Bozonier will have your awards ready for pick up at the upcoming Dogwood District board meetings..

Bellmere Garden Club was awarded the Certificate of Commendation for the MAE4-B-1 Publication.

Roswell Garden Club was awarded the Certificate in Appreciation of Award participation for the MAE4-B-1 Publication

Roswell Garden Club was awarded the Certificate in Appreciation of Award participation for the CE-7 Blue Star: Gold Star Marker

Spalding Garden Club was awarded the Certificate of Commendation for the GC-3 Therapy Gardens

Norcross Garden Club Youth Work: Outstanding Sponsor Club of Youth Club YW1

CONGRATULATIONS!!!





AROUND the DISTRICT



2022 Dogwood District Award Winners

Each year during April all the members of the Garden Club of Georgia are invited to gather together. During that time awards for the previous year are presented to the Districts for the great work that their clubs have done during the year. Below is the list of the awards presented to the clubs in the Dogwood District for 2022. Congratulations to all of the winners!!!

GCG Awards—listed by Club

Bellmere Garden Club, Johns Creek

Publications Newsletter One Page Medium Club 1st

Country Hills Garden Club, Lawrenceville

Butterfly Conservation -Individual 2nd Winnie White
Social Media Award - Small Clubs HM

Norcross Garden Club, Norcross

National Garden Week Large Clubs 3rd
Junior and/or Intermediate Activities Large Clubs 1st
J-6 Certificate of Merit Large Clubs 1st
J-8. Environmental Concerns - Large Clubs 2nd
Youth Sculpture Contest 1st Jaden Wells 5th Grade
Youth Sculpture Contest 3rd Layla Bell 7th Grade

Sandy Springs Garden Club, Sandy Springs

Horticulture Program Large Clubs 1st

Roswell Garden Club, Roswell

Cemetery Medium Clubs 1st
Publications Newsletter 2-12 Pages Medium Clubs 1st

Manuals/Handbooks-Educational Medium Clubs 1st
Marker-Silver Perpetual Award Medium Clubs 1st
Gardens for the Challenged Medium Clubs 1st
Social Media Award Medium Clubs 1st
Award of Distinguished Service
National Garden Week Award Medium Clubs 1st
Garden Week of Georgia Medium Clubs HM
Youth Poetry Contest Alison Oh 2nd

Spalding Garden Club, Sandy Springs

Garden Therapy Outstanding Activity Large Club 1st
Yearbook-Clubs 45-69 Members 1st
Garden Week in Georgia Large 3rd



2022 CLUBS OF EXCELLENCE

Ama-Kanasta Garden Club
Bellmere Garden Club
Country Hills Garden Club
Druid Hills Garden Club
Indian Creek Garden Club
Magnolia Garden Club
Norcross Garden Club
Pine Tree Garden Club
Rose Garden Club
Roswell Garden Club
Sandy Springs Garden Club
Spalding Garden Club

YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T APPLY!!!

Let your fellow clubs know the fabulous work you are doing by applying for one or more awards. For a list of Awards and other information go to www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org or contact

Diana Malone
dmalone4086@hotmail.com.



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Share the Joy, Invite others to Membership

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

Every year there is an initiative and an incentive to increase Garden Club of Georgia membership numbers. Has your club considered sharing the joy of belonging to a garden club by inviting others to membership while supporting the states membership efforts? If your club wishes to acquire new members or knows of a community that would benefit from a new garden club, contact Special Projects GCG: Mentoring New Garden Clubs Chairman, Leanne Penman.

Helpful start up materials are available for establishing new clubs as well as promotional materials inviting new members to an existing club. Once a new club has been established, clubs have the opportunity to earn credit on the annual President's Report by "Mentoring" a new club.

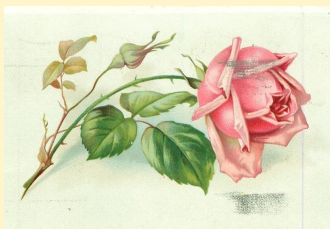
Share GCG's mission: "Beautification, Conservation, Education" happily with others.
For more information: LeannePenman2@gmail.com 770 715-4901

Check out the:

[Membership Development Guide](#) Or the

[How to Form a New Club Trifold](#)

With Sympathy



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to clubs who had members pass away during the past years. Here are the names of individuals who have been given to us recently. We extend our sympathy to their families and club members.

DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUB MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY

Artistic Dogwood Garden Club

Wilma Sherman
Eleanor Strozier
Frances Bond
Marie Woods
Natalie Oliver
Ruby McKibbins

Camellia Garden Club

Diana Rector

Country Hills Garden Club

Jane Khan Echols

Going forward, please send names of deceased club members to: Monica Bozonier dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com, Barbara Bourque b.bourque@comcast.net and to Chaplain Vivene Holley youthfulimage@gmail.com



AROUND the DISTRICT



THREE DOGWOOD DISTRICT AWARDS September 30th Application Deadline

2023 Dynamic Dogwood— This award is intended to honor a member who has made outstanding contributions which promote the goals of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Dogwood District, the Club, and the Community over recent years of service, particularly during the past two years.

JoAnn Jones Civic Improvement Award—This award is intended to honor a club for its accomplishment on a landscaping project at a public building or other community center during the past year (even if the project is ongoing).

2023 Dogwood District Woman of the Year—This Award is intended to honor a woman in our District who has made outstanding contributions over many years of service in her club, in our District organization and on the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Board.

We invite you to nominate an exceptional woman or club who fit the criteria listed above. Applications for your nominees are available on the Dogwood District page on the GCG website, <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/dogwood-district-page/>. Forms can be found under the District Specific Forms section.

Send your completed application as a group email to: District Director, Monica Bozonier at nubianprincess53@charter.net, Co-Director, Christy Novellas at cnovellas@aol.com and Awards Chairman, Johnetta Gillies at johnettagillies@gmail.com.

Remember, the deadline is September 30, 2023.





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COMING SOON!!

Please put it on your calendar..

DOGWOOD DISTRICT
of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

65th Annual District Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

9:30 A.M Registration & Hospitality

10:00 A.M. Business Meeting

Dunwoody Country Club

1600 Dunwoody Club Drive

Atlanta, GA 30350

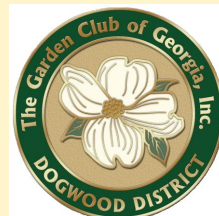
Honored Guest: Lisa Hall, President
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Hosted by: Alpharetta Garden Club, Bellmere Garden Club,
Country Hills Garden Club, Norcross Garden Club,
Roswell Garden Club and Spalding Garden Club

Featured Speaker: TBA

All garden club members are encouraged and invited to attend.

Registration forms and more details are coming later this summer.



SAVE THE DATE, PLEASE!!



AROUND the DISTRICT



Community Wildlife Project—CWP

Earn certification in the CWP Backyard Projects

Go to: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-programs-community-wildlife-project/> to download the **5 Backyard Certification Applications**:

1. Backyard Certification
2. Hummingbird Haven
3. Gardening with Georgia Native Plants
4. Creating A Winter Wildlife Wonderland
5. Nesting Boxes

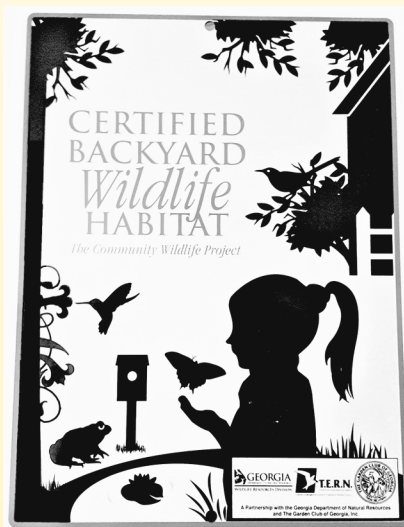


Nest Box sticker you can apply for after being certified

COMING SOON!! NEW—Container Gardening for Wildlife Certification

Submit your completed application to: Dogwood District CWP Chairman Christy Novellas. Contact the new CWP chairman if you need help with any of the forms - **Christy Novellas at cnovellas@aol.com**

The urban sprawl has made it difficult for cavity nesting birds to find a place to nest. Frankly, there aren't enough suitable cavities to meet the needs of the birds who need them. Throughout Georgia a wide assortment of birds nest in tree cavities including the eastern bluebird, Carolina chickadees, Carolina wren, house wren, house sparrow, tree swallow, European starling, purple martin, barn owl, screech owl, and more. In an attempt to offset the shortage of natural cavities, consider erecting a *variety* of nesting boxes. In doing so, earn certification in the Community Wildlife Program's Backyard Nest Box Project. Send your Application to Christy Novellas at cnovellas@aol.com



*Thank you for creating the ideal habitat for our non-game wildlife in your garden.
YOUR GUESTS WILL GREATLY REWARD YOU!*



Stickers you can apply for after being certified in that category



AROUND the STATE



State Botanical Garden, Athens, GA

When was the last time you or your club visited the State Botanical Garden in Athens? A visit to this lovely garden would make a great field trip for your garden club or gather your children and grandchildren and make a day of it.



The Garden Club of Georgia promotes an active interest in Arboreta and Botanical Gardens with special emphasis placed on the State Botanical Garden (SBG) in Athens.

In 1971, garden clubs raised over \$22,000 to help with the initial planning and establishment of SBG. Our State Headquarters is located on the grounds of the garden. In 2019, the SBG opened the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden. Children and families can play, learn, and interact

with nature exploring garden plots and edible plants, a tree house, fossil wall, granite map of Georgia and more.

The newest addition to the gardens is the unique Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum, dedicated in April 2022. This beautifully designed facility contains the collection of Deen Day Sanders. Sanders is a lifelong collector of porcelain inspired by nature featuring plants and flowers, butterflies, birds, and all aspects of nature. A rare display of coffee, tea and chocolate services is a special treat.



To continue our support, our GCG clubs are asked to donate a minimum of

\$10 check made payable to GCG for the State Botanical Garden or other Botanical Gardens found in our state. These Botanical Gardens will be highlighted in upcoming issues of the Dogwood Dialogue. For a list of Arboreta and Botanical Gardens and to obtain a copy of the form that can be used to make a donation, visit <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-and-programs-arboreta-and-botanic-gardens/>



And while you're on your garden club field trip to Athens, why not take a tour of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. State Headquarters! This beautiful brick building was dedicated in 1998 and is beautifully

decorated. Contact headquarters to arrange a tour for your club by calling 706-227-5369 or email headquarters@gardenclubofgeorgia.org.

Chris Adams
Dogwood Arboreta and Botanical Gardens Chairman





National Garden Clubs Projects

Plant America-Feed America

Plant America-Feed America is a new project of the National Garden Club that encourages its members to participate in the fight against food insecurity. Gardeners are especially close to the solution of healthy eating habits because they are already growing nutritious produce, and can offer their time, skills, and knowledge to the ongoing effort in Georgia. Sadly, many children, seniors and disabled people are particularly affected by food insecurity. Our members in the Dogwood District can help as one pound of food can feed four people. We are asking for your club's or members' participation in the fight against food hunger so that we can share our ideas with one another and build a bridge in our community between our members and our neighbors in need. Take a moment and send us your ideas and contributions to dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com.

Here's just one great idea that comes from outside of our district that was the product of a collaboration between Food Well Alliance, the City of East Point and Metro Atlanta Urban Farms. They prepared 150 Home Depot bucket gardens to be delivered to local families. Each bucket garden was pre-planted with a tomato, pepper and parsley plant. What a great opportunity to feed and teach at the same time with a space-saving bucket garden. Come on Dogwood District members, send us your best ideas!

Submitted by: Linda Doiron

Link for the Home Depot bucket brigade

<https://www.foodwellalliance.org/press/east-point-city-council-tackles-food-scarcity-head-on-with-bucket-brigade>





National Garden Clubs Projects



National Garden Club, Inc. President Brenda Moore's Theme is "Go Green - Plant America". She is encouraging every NGC member to participate in a new project Plant America-Feed America which focuses on helping to fight food insecurity. Suggestions: Donate home-grown bounty to local food banks, Volunteer at the local community garden and/or Contribute to the local groups who provide fresh meals to the less fortunate.

- Beautification and/ or restoration
- Community gardens
- Youth gardening
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping
- Landscaping Projects
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticultural or environmental educational event for the public



Penny Pines - Saving Forests \$68 At A Time

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees. All monies donated by our clubs stay in Georgia.

Click here for more information about the program: [Penny Pines](#)

Donations should be sent to our GCG Chairman: Betty Davis.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Blue Star Markers and Gold Star Family Markers ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Blue Star Memorial (BSM) Program honors service men and women who have served, are serving or will be serving in the armed services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way Markers are placed at locations such as national cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens. The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program was established in 1944 at the end of World War II and honors all who serve in the US Armed Forces; past, present, and future.

In 2015, the Gold Star Families Marker was incorporated into the National Garden Clubs Blue Star Memorial Marker Program. The Gold Star Families Marker honors the families of U.S. Armed Forces members who died in battle or in support of certain military activities.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has been very supportive of this program. They are offering a grant to seven districts and member clubs/councils for the restoration of Blue Star Markers. Any club interested in installing a BSM or GSFM in their area should contact Dogwood District Chairman Thelma Reeves thlreeves@aol.com or GCG Chairman Janice Thiese janicemariemaconga@cox.net. To get more information about the program and access to grant applications can be found on the GCG Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-programs-blue-gold-star-historical-markers/>



We are very proud of the Dogwood District Garden Clubs who have recently dedicated a Blue Star Marker or Gold Star Family Marker. Good Job!!!!

Roswell Garden Club: Blue Star and Gold Star Family

Cherokee Garden Club: Blue Star

Club Estates Garden Club: Blue Star



AROUND the DISTRICT



AMA-KANASTA GARDEN CLUB



Front Row L-R: Nancy Berry, Brenda James, Genie Gordon

Middle Row: Lynda Clark, Mary Tidwell, Emmaline Pursley, Tammy Kone, Beverly Scholz

Back Row: Linda Kinsey, Nell Boggs, Leigh DeNucci, Connie Harley



Future Garden Club Member Prospects!!!

Ama-Kanasta club members, Nancy Berry, Brenda James & Lynda Clark helped the Pre School classes at Douglasville FUMC plant their spring garden.

WE'RE HAVING FUN GARDENING!!!

THE KAI GARDEN owner Eric Mack

Our April 11, the program was a trip to Atlanta to tour The Kai Garden begun by Eric Mack in his back and side yard. After his son Kai died at birth, Eric began growing and nurturing plants to channel his grief. Once his plant hobby outgrew the basement and yard, his wife suggested he turn his hobby into a business. Often he displays posters for his Saturday sales; he also offers appointments to individuals or groups to visit his little nursery which is a plant lover's dream.

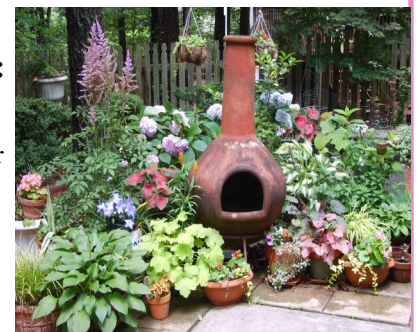


Ama-Kanasta May Luncheon under the Rose Arbor

On May 9, we had a guided tour of the garden of Kathy & Al Sears in Lithia Springs. Their garden was designed by our sustaining member, Suzanne Hudson. The tour was followed by a catered lunch held in the garden mostly under an arbor covered with climbing roses.

GARDEN TIP:

Gardening with perennial leaf color...takes less water and maintenance, but still gives plenty of color.





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



ARTISTIC DOGWOOD



Seated: Mae Bell Echols, President and Henrietta Robinson.
Standing: Ruby Daniels (guest), Sharlonne Smith, Brenda Hewitt, Sandra Lakes, Carolyn Bell (guest), Eva Hansen, Jenelle Wilson and Helen Stewart. Photo taken by Monica Robinson (guest).

On June 24, 2023, the Members of the Artistic Dogwood Garden Club and their guests enjoyed their June Outing with a fabulous lunch at Stoney River Steakhouse and Grill. The only business at hand was the review of the recent issue of *Garden Gates*.



During the National Garden Club Week, the Artistic Dogwood Garden Club presented the Adamsville-Collier Height Library with a Peace Lily plant.

WELCOME!!!

Artistic Dogwood Garden Club would like to welcome our two new club members, Helen Stewart and Sharlonne Smith.



Ms Thomas of Adamsville-Collier Height Library and Brenda T. Hewitt

COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB



Monica Bozonier and Johnetta Gillies

Country Hills Garden Club is making a big difference in their community. Each year, the members collect and bring paper products and food items to the Ronald McDonald House and full car loads of can goods to the Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Food Bank.

Some of the Country Hills Garden Club members plant in the White Street Park community garden plots in Suwanee, GA where the food is made accessible to the less fortunate. One of our on going projects is the garden we planted along the walking path in White Street Park. We also have dedicat-

ed an area in that garden as a Memorial Garden where we plant Roses in honor of our deceased members. Monica Bozonier, Chrissie Foster, Thelma Reeves and Johnetta Gillies are ready to plant two Rose bushes in the Memorial Rose Garden. Country Hills Garden Club president, Johnetta Gillies teaches a Special Needs Student to plant container gardens and maintain them as part of his learning and developmental skills. This small Club is trying to make a difference in their community.



Chrissie Foster, Wanda Newton, Johnetta Gillies, Monica Bozonier, Winnie White, Vivene Holley & Thelma Reeves.





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB

“Caring for Creation” Day Summer Camp

Norcross Garden Club (NGC) played a huge part in the “Caring for Creation” Day at the Good Shepherd Services summer camp. The camp hosts middle school children whose families are from Vietnamese and Burmese communities. Norcross Club Member, Tixie Fowler led the kids on a morning hike through nearby woods while encouraging all to open their eyes and minds to the beauty and value around them. The kids also collected any trash that they found. Everyone was introduced to the value of pollinators, the GCG Great Pollinator Census and a scavenger hunt that was provided by the UGA website. In the afternoon, member Trudy Rudert helped students with the GCG Youth Sculpture Contest entries. NGC provided a wide assortment of recyclables and the kids use their creativity to make art out of trash. As an extra activity during the week, the middle school kids will have the opportunity to decorate pots and plant sunflower seeds and house plants to take home and grow. NGC member, Nancy O’Reilly was one of the organizers of the camp that was hosted by Mary Our Queen Catholic Church. Norcross Garden Club’s education and donations helped to make a big impact on caring for our world with the future generation.



Trudy Rudert and Kids



Trudy Rudert and Kids

Norcross Summer Nature Camp, “Kids in the Wild” - Norcross members Dolores Stewart, Kay Sumner and Tixie Fowler along with camp directors Miss Amy and Miss Kassie offered nonstop fun and learning all morning with wiggling worms, storytelling, a scavenger hunt and our little campers painted rocks that will help folks imagine the future of Norcross! And that’s just Day 1. Shout out to [Gwinnett Soil and Water Conservation District](#) for the grant to buy all these cool learning tools and [Norcross Garden Club](#) for the water bottles, snacks, and use of their cottage to keep everyone dry that morning! For more information and pictures, please check out Facebook page: [Gardens4GrowingCommunity](#).



Dolores Stewart, Kay Sumner & Miss Kassie



Dolores Stewart, Kay Sumner & Miss Kassie

One of Norcross Garden Club’s monthly projects is to donate food items, bags, gift cards and many other items to the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries. .

Norcross Garden Club Members gathered at their cottage to make 75 floral arrangements for Meals on Wheels. Thanks to Nancy O’Reilly, Gail Thompson, Jenny Allen, Linda Doiron, Trudy Rudert, Dorothy Archer, Debbie Boyd, Saundy Kittle, Jeanette Shewbert and Kathy Sumner for donating flowers, vases and helping with the arrangements.

Donations of glass jars and bottles to use as flower vases, will be greatly appreciated.





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



SPALDING GARDEN CLUB

On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, several members representing Spalding Garden Club attended the unveiling of the Dunwoody Diorama at the Donaldson-Bannister Farm sponsored by the Dunwoody Preservation Trust. The Diorama is a wooden sculpture carved on slabs from a 100-year-old Red Oak tree that had died on the property. It is approximately 19 feet in length and 3 feet in height. In the center is a replica of the old Red Oak that is 5 feet tall. The linear sculpture depicts the history of Dunwoody from 8000 BC through the current day.

Spalding Garden Club is proud to be a Founding Donor (Silver Level) for the Diorama which took five years to create. It is hung on the southern side of the property's barn facing Chamblee Dunwoody Road. To provide seating for those wishing to visit and view the Diorama, SGC commissioned Mike Romeo, a local metal sculptor, to create two wooden benches with handcrafted decorative metal frames that complement the display. They were presented to the DPT at unveiling. Each bench has a small brass plaque that reads:

"Donated by Spalding Garden Club".



Nancy Dreisbach, Mary Millar, Sandra Salem & Susan Frenzel

Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs

Fulton Federation Meetings

September 11, 2023 - Northside Baptist Church, 3100 Northside Dr. NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

November 13, 2023 - Canterbury Court, 3750 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30319

January 8, 2024 - Canterbury Court, 3750 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30319

March 11, 2024 - Canterbury Court, 3750 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30319

May Awards Luncheon—TBA

All members of your garden clubs are encouraged to attend the Fulton Federation Meetings.

Great Speakers!! Good Food !! Lots of Fun!!



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



SPALDING GARDEN CLUB

BIRD PROJECT:

The Big Trees Forest Preserve is where Spalding Garden Club has an ongoing project to feed the birds



Pat Gianelloni, Katherine Coppedge, Julia McClanahan, Barbara Mehan, Marilyn Santa Maria, Barbara Groves, Judy Marston, Denise Porter



Sandy Heuer, Marilyn Santa Maria, Judy Marston, Katherine Coppedge, Clare Schelhammer, Patty Franklin

In early May, members of Spalding Garden Club created ten center pieces for Mary Hall Freedom Village pinning and graduation ceremony. Janet Schaefer gave the members, Mary Millar, Sandy Heuer, Barbara Groves and Sue Donges instructions on creating the arrangements. Julia McClanahan made the bows and Linda Woods carefully chose the flowers. The members delivered the floral arrangements to the staff of Mary Hall Freedom Village the day of the event and Lucy Hall was thrilled to receive the bouquets.

Spalding GC went to the MP Flower Gardens to see a tremendous variety of day lilies and chat with the owner Patty Franklin.



Janet Schaefer giving instructions to the members



Julia McClanahan made the bows



Linda Woods picked the Flowers



Spalding Garden Club members holding the beautiful bouquets!!



AROUND the DISTRICT



SPALDING GARDEN CLUB

Spalding Garden Club is a participant in the “Sunwoody” Sunflower Project sponsored by the Dunwoody Women’s Club. (L to R) Susan Frenzel, Barbara Meehan, and Barbara Groves planted sunflower seedlings at the Spalding Butterfly Garden on the corner of Jett Ferry and Dunwoody Club Drive. The project’s goal is to beautify the environment, promote sustainability, and create a habitat for pollinators.



SAVE THE DATES

DOGWOOD DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday **August 8, 2023 10:00AM Refreshments, 10:30AM Meeting**
at Lost Corner Preserve, 7300 Brandon Mill Rd., Sandy Springs, GA 30328
 All clubs are encouraged to send Presidents and Representatives to learn the latest information about what is happening in the Garden Club of Georgia and the Dogwood District. All club members are welcome to attend.



August 18-19, 2023
 September 13-14, 2023

Great Southeast Pollinator Census <https://gsepc.org/>
 Garden Studies School Course I (Series of 4 Classes) 8:00 am
 Contact Gale Thomas at galedthomas@gmail.com or
 register online at [HERE](#)

October 25, 2023

DOGWOOD DISTRICT of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
65th Annual District Meeting—Dunwoody Country Club

January 17, 2024

Dogwood District Board Meeting - Lost Corner Preserve -
 7300 Brandon Mill Rd., Sandy Springs, GA 30328
 (All Dogwood District Club Presidents, District Board, Committee
 Chairmen and interested members are encouraged to attend)

January 31, 2024

Dollars Educate Scholars Donation Deadline

February 15, 2024

Club President Reports Deadline

April 16 - 17, 2024

96th GCG Annual Convention, Macon, GA - Macon Marriott City
 Center, 240 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217

April 21-27, 2024

Garden Week in Georgia

Wednesday, October 10, 2024

Dogwood District 66th Annual Meeting Luncheon, Location TBA



Looking Forward



Hills and Dales - The Historic House and Garden



Lunch under the Rose Arbor



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- ♦ Garden clubs are essential to our communities. The work you do for your communities can leave a lasting impression on so many lives. Keep doing your volunteer work. It is much appreciated. Great Job!!!
- ♦ I hope you enjoyed reading the articles of your fellow garden clubs. If you would like to see your garden club in the next edition, please send your articles and pictures to: Monica Bozonier, Dogwood Dialogue Editor dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com. We would love to hear all about your wonderful projects!!

Need Answers? You can find most of your answers to your questions on the GCG website www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org. Be sure to visit the [Dogwood District page](#). The only time you will need a password is to access the **GCG Personnel Guide** (under Membership in the menu bar).

password - contact your district website chairman,
Chris Adams webmaster@gardenclubofgeorgia.org

This is my first edition. I hope you enjoy it.
Looking forward to meeting all of you. Please come introduce yourself to me when we are together.

Stay cool and Enjoy your gardens!!
Monica Bozonier, Dogwood Dialogue Editor
Editor (I wear many hats) LOL



A glimpse of my yard.