



Laurel District invites you to our 66th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
9:00am to 2:30pm

Marietta Country Club
1400 Marietta Country Club Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Updated Guest Speaker,

Vicki Jones

Bartow County Master Gardener and
Laurel District Chairman of Arboretum and Botanical Gardens
presents

*"America's First Ladies and
The Garden Club of Georgia"*

Garden Club Host:
Marietta Council of Garden Clubs
Deanna Slone, President 2023-2025

RSVP: By Wednesday, September 25, 2024
See attached information to prepare for the meeting:

- Complete your reservation form and submit payment.
- Make hotel arrangements if you plan to overnight Monday before the meeting.
- Ask your club to provide a basket for the raffle or send a \$50.00 check made out to Laurel District. This is our fundraiser to help pay for the annual meeting. See suggestions for basket themes.
- State or District Chairpersons: reserve exhibit space using your registration form.
- Gather pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald pull-a-tab project; place them in a container that you don't need to be returned.

Laurel District Annual Meeting Registration Form 2024

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Coffee: 9:00am

Meeting: 10:00am

Mail the completed registration form and check for \$45.00

(Payable to Laurel District) to:

Dee Anne Wyse

37 Waterside Drive

Emerson, GA 30121

dawyse@bellsouth.net

Registration Deadline: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

(Confirmation will be sent to you by email upon receipt of payment)

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

BADGE NAME PREFERENCE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

GARDEN CLUB AND CITY _____

DISTRICT _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

Please check all that apply to you:

National GC Board Member

Deep South Board Member

GCG President

GCG Board Member

Former GCG President

Laurel District Director

Laurel Board Member

Council President of _____

Club President

Club Member

Club Voting Delegate

Guest

New Garden Club Member 2024

First Time Attendee at District Meeting

National Life Member

GCG Life Member

Deep South Life Member

Hotel Information

Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel and Conference Center

500 Powder Springs St.
Marietta, GA 30064

Book Here: <https://tinyurl.com/Laurel-District-Lodging>

Rooms blocked until 09/08/2024

Group Name: Garden Club

Group Code: GARDEN

Room Type: 2 Double Beds

Rate: \$179.00 plus tax

Arrival Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Check in: 4pm

Departure Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Check Out: 11am

Self Parking Fee: \$23.00 per day

The cutoff date for this rate is Sunday, September 8, 2024.

Individual cancellation policy: 24 hours advance notice.

Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta NW/Kennesaw Town Center

895 Cobb Place Boulevard
Kennesaw, GA 30144
678-322-1140

Room Type: 1 King Bed

Rate: \$139.00

Room Type: 2 Queen Beds

Rate: \$149.00

Arrival Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Check in: 4pm

Departure Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Free parking.

The cutoff date for this rate is Monday, September 9, 2024.

Individual cancellation policy: 24 hours advance notice.

Dining in Marietta (optional)

Restaurant for the Night of Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 6pm

1885 Grill
2840 S. Main Street
Kennesaw Ga 30144

Menu \$15.00 - \$38.00

Salads, Soups, Main Plates, Handhelds, Seafood, & Desserts

Will you attend? ___ Yes ___ No

A Little Bit About Kennesaw...

(print and save for your traveling pleasure)

Kennesaw is a suburban city northwest of Atlanta in Cobb County. Known from its original settlement in the 1830s until 1887 as "Big Shanty", it became Kennesaw under its 1887 charter. The city was renamed for Kennesaw Mountain. Kennesaw has an important place in railroad history. During the Civil War, Kennesaw was the staging ground for the Great Locomotive Chase on April 12, 1862. The name "Kennesaw" is derived from the Cherokee word gah-nee-sah, meaning 'cemetery' or 'burial ground'.

As the Western and Atlantic Railroad was being built in the late 1830s, shanty towns arose to house the workers. These were near a big spring. "Camp MacDonald, a training camp, was located there from 1861 to 1863. During the Civil War, Big Shanty was the site of major fighting in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, part of the larger Atlanta Campaign.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, located southeast of the city limits, now contains many of these historic areas. Much of the surrounding land has been developed, but some artifacts of the Civil War are still on display in the visitor center of Kennesaw Mountain. Kennesaw Mountain is located southeast of the city limits in the battlefield park. Its summit is the highest point in the Atlanta metro area, at an elevation of 1,808 feet (551 m) above sea level. The iconic peaks of Kennesaw Mountain are visible from the bridge over Interstate 75 that crosses over the city limits of Kennesaw.

According to the 2020 census, Kennesaw had a population of 33,036, a 10.9% increase in population over the preceding decade. Kennesaw is home to Kennesaw State University, an R2 research institution and the third-largest public university in the state of Georgia. In March 2004, First Lady Laura Bush designated Kennesaw a Preserve America Community.

Places to eat and drink:

Kennesaw: Capers Restaurant & Bar (closed Tuesdays), Marlow's Tavern, Ted's Montana Grill, Tin Lizzy's Cantina

Marietta: Mac's Chop House, Mac's Raw Bar, L on North, Taqueria Tsunami, Hamp & Harry's, Silla Del Toro, Stockyard Burgers and Bones

Shopping:

Kennesaw - Town Center Mall and Ernest Barrett Parkway are filled with familiar shops.

Marietta - The Marietta Square is filled with boutique shops, antique and gift stores.

Come to see what our community has to offer!

Preparation for the Meeting

Reserve Exhibit Space: State or District Chairs

If you wish to reserve exhibit space,
please email Kathryn Coffee: kathryncoffee@ymail.com

Memorial Service: All Laurel District Clubs

If a member of your club passed away since the 2023 Laurel District Annual Meeting,
please email or call Rene Lanier, Laurel District Chaplain at:

Rlanier111@gmail.com
770-713-0600

She will need to know the name and garden club of the deceased member.

Memorial information deadline: Wednesday, September 25

What to Bring

RAFFLE BASKET

Each club should bring a raffle basket to the meeting worth \$50.00 or more. Be creative!
(We know you are!) If you have no one attending the meeting, we ask that you donate
\$50.00 to the raffle (checks made out to Laurel District). Each basket should have the
content and value list completed and attached to or within the basket.

Suggested themes are:

Christmas is Coming!	Plant for Pollinators
Feed the Laurel Birds	Herbs and Spices
Be Thankful for Thanksgiving	Grow Garden, Grow
Children's Gardening	All About Honey
New Year Celebration!	Wine and Cheese Party
Tailgate Time is Here!	Love the Butterflies
Golfer's Delight	Family Italian Dinner

BASKET NAME: _____

BASKET CONTENTS:

VALUE:

_____	_____
_____	_____
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PULL TABS

Bring pull tabs in a container you can lift and do not need to be returned.
There will be a designated area for you to donate your pull tabs.