



Board Briefs

Newsletter from Garden Club of Georgia, Inc Board of Director
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Message from President, Lisa Hall

Hello Friends!

It has been a busy few months in the area of technology for the Garden Club of Georgia. Arianne, our headquarters Office Manager, has been working with Member365 on installing new membership software. Instructions and training will be rolled out in the next month for changes in the way we pay dues.

Our Finance Officer, Brenda Griner, has been working on the installation of QuickBooks' online version. It is technology; it is never as

easy as promised or as fast! But we are making progress!

We have our Facebook page up and running thanks to Lisa Ethridge. We have had Gardening and Landscape Design schools via zoom in November. New classes will be held for Gardening Studies in March and Landscape Design soon after, again, via zoom. NGC is offering a discounted Environmental Course with the second class in March, zoom again. Please check the GCG website for more information.

Next, we will be working on videos and our You Tube Channel. We will also change the way we send certificates of appreciation for club donations. They will be created online and emailed to each contributor to print or not. More information will go out to chairmen in the next few months. Take advantage of technology! It can be your friend.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Board Briefs.

Lisa

Board News

Donations in Memory of Rosalynn Carter

The Garden Club of Georgia Board will honor the memory of Rosalynn Carter – a Honorary Life Member of the GCG Board and the only United States of America First Lady from Georgia by making two memorial donations – funds to come from the Contingency Fund:

\$500 to the Carter Center Mental Health Program and

\$500 to the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail in Plains, Georgia

A notice will be sent out by GCG President, Lisa Hall, to our member clubs informing them of GCG's donations and encouraging them to make a memorial donation to the charity of their choosing.

National Garden Club Pavers

It was discussed and approved that The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. purchase a paver for \$500 to be placed at the NGC headquarters with the inscription "The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc." The pavers are 12" x 12" and will be engraved across two lines of a text as determined by the engraver in a predetermined font. The monies will come from the General Fund.

Deep South Convention Delegates

The Deep South Convention is in Gatlinburg, TN March 19-20. GCG is allowed 10 delegates. The following members are delegates from GCG. Diane Hunter, Marilyn McDonnell, Jane Edmunds, Carolyn Culpepper, Lynn Fronk, and Pam Hendrix.

National Garden Club Convention Delegates

NGC allows 11 delegates to the NGC meeting in June 2024 in Denver, Colorado. The following nominations are:

Diane Hunter, Vicki Menke, Nilsa Summey, Mary Ann Bryant, and Pam Hendrix were nominated and elected as NGC Convention Delegates.

Awards Chair, Diana Malone

It was announced that the Awards Community received over 400 award applications and 50 applications have been sent to NGC and 45 to Deep South.



Garden Club of Georgia 96th Annual Convention

'Y'all Come'

"Bloomin' in the Heart of Georgia"

April 16-17, 2024

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center

Peachtree City, Georgia

The Redbud District cordially invites you to join us for a refreshing new take on our annual convention. The "Y'all Come" band will be on hand during the convention to entertain you and yes, a luncheon and keynote speaker is on hand the first day to enjoy prior to a wonderful selection of four sessions on a variety of topics. Tuesday will feature a variety of vendors for some fun shopping experiences. That evening we will have district photo gatherings, a cash bar and a buffet dinner followed by our world-famous Awards Event. Wednesday begins with our business meeting followed by the luncheon with special guest National Garden Club President Brenda Moore. Following the convention's conclusion, we will offer for the first time a free Post Convention Seminar entitled "Designers' Challenge"!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2024

Make Checks Payable to: **GCG 2024 Convention**

Mail Check & Registration Form to: Rigby Duncan, 2800 Hunting Hill Lane, Decatur, GA 30033

Rigbyduncan113@gmail.com – 404-321-1733 (home) – 678-644-9502 (cell)

No refunds after April 1, 2024 – Registration Fee Not Refundable

No registrations accepted after April 7, 2024

Hotel Registrations

Crowne Plaza Atlanta SW Peachtree City

\$139.00 ++ per night for King or 2 Queen room

To register: Contact IHG Reservations at 1-877-227-6963 and provide the specific dates, the
GROUP NAME:

Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Annual Conference 2024, and GROUP CODE: GCG

Reservation Deadline for Group Rate: March 16, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.GARDENCLUBOFGEORGIA.ORG

New Website www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org

New Facebook page and remember to like and follow us!

To post content contact our Facebook Manager: Lisa Ethridge:
Lrethridge110@gmail.com

New YouTube Channel: Contact our YouTube Manager with ideas and content:
Camille Greeley: Camille.Greeley@gmail.com or Camillegreeley@att.net

Springtime in the Smokies



**Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc
Convention, 2024**

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

March 19, 2024 8:00 am – March 20, 2024 5:00 pm

Convention and Accommodations

Park Vista – a Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

Registration available at www.deepsouthgardenclubs.com/convention

There is a \$65.00 late fee if registration is not postmarked or paid online before February 13, 2024. Please register early so it makes it easier to prepare for your arrival at this wonderful convention.

Chairman Spotlight - Camille Greeley

Flower Show Brochures

The NGC Handbook for Flower Shows explains the purposes, the composition, and the flower show schedule on the very first pages; but the public and even our garden club brochure gives your visitors a primer about the flower show, your club, and the garden club organization. Cava.com is a free and easy online software program that can be used to create it.

Additionally, QR codes can be used to link visitors to more information on a website, web page or cloud storage file. Examples are the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, the Flower Show Schedule, GCG home page, a directory of the garden clubs, and a brochure for membership contact email addresses. Canva.com does all the formatting, QR code generating and has the cloud storage anyone needs to accomplish this. Let's educate our members and the public about all that the garden club has to offer!

Sample brochure text:

Welcome to the Flower Show which is all about bringing gardening and floral design to the forefront, spreading knowledge and creativity, and supporting National Garden Clubs' (NGC) vision of a greener, more responsible world. From boosting civic and environmental consciousness to connecting garden clubs across the globe, this show is a blossoming tribute to the power of nature. Let's take a stroll through the show!

Division I – Horticulture. Enjoy what is growing in our region.

Division II – Design. The floral design interprets the theme or title of its class.

Division III – Education. An overview of the topics that align with garden club goals.

Division IV – Youth. Youth groups, divided into three age groups, are taught and sponsored by the garden club. The children compete in the same division categories as adults.

Division V – Botanical Arts. Sections are:

BA Horticulture – See plant material dried and manipulated.

BA Design – Here floral design types have been added for the designer.

BA Artistic Crafts – Useful items that are decorated using plant material.

BA Photography – Having subjects in line with our goals and objectives.

Each division is divided into sections, then by classes. All entries are judged by NGC Accredited Judges by using the NGC Standard System of Awarding. Each class can have one first place blue ribbon (90pts.), one second (red), one third (yellow) and multiple Honorable Mentions (white). Any blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 out of 100 moves up to compete for the NGC Top Exhibitor Section Awards. Out of the Section winners, one is chosen in each of the Divisions I – III, to receive one of the three top division awards. (Award of Horticultural Excellence, Award of Design Excellence and Educational Top Exhibitor Division Award)

Founders Memorial Garden

Chairperson - Carol Reap

Founders Memorial Garden (FMG) on the University of Georgia (UGA) North Campus, opened in 1939 with the support of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) and numerous donors and was named for the twelve founding women of Ladies Garden Club, the first in America. The house located in FMG also served as GCG headquarters for many years. Both the garden and house are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1999 FMG was recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects as one of the top one hundred “Landscapes of Significance” in the U.S. The grounds and the house remain under the care of the UGA College of Environment and Design with a Faculty Director, Garden Curator, and FMG Advisory Committee, all actively involved in the continued preservation, care, and management of the site.

The GCG has continued its critical support of FMG throughout the years, with donations both large and small. Recently projects which GCG helped make possible include: refreshing the serpentine garden and pond; renewed involvement of paid student workers in garden care and research projects; crown pruning or removal of affected trees; continuation of a fertilizing and aphid treatment program; the scraping and painting of all FMG buildings (including the house formerly used by GCG and the former smokehouse which houses a small exhibit on the Ladies’ GC). The garden remains free and open to the public and is a continual teaching resource for UGA.



Founders Memorial Garden

Location: 325 South Lumpkin Street

UGA North Campus

Athens, GA 30602

Monday - Sunday

7:00 am - 8:30 pm

Community on My Mind

Chairperson - Willie Maxwell

Co-Chair - Drenda Sternenberg

The Community on My Mind (COMM) grants are for member garden or council clubs to use for the beautification or conservation of a community building or setting such as a library, cemetery, park, historic building, etc. that benefits all members of the community. The \$200 COMM grant can be applied for at any time of the year from May 1 to April 30. COMM grant funds have been used to landscape around Blue Star Memorial Markers, areas around new or historical community buildings or enhancing the area around antique artifacts and for decorating community areas for Christmas. For more information and application form: www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org, dropdown menu: Projects and Programs. For questions contact COMM chairperson: Willie Maxwell, wmmx2@gmail.com, or co-chair, drenda.sternenberg@gmail.com



Natural Disasters

Chairperson: Kay Peacock

Natural Disasters refers to devastation created by floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, ice storms, forest fires, etc. The purpose of NGC's Natural Disasters program is to identify states that experience such devastation.

This is a fund managed by NGC to give grants to clubs throughout our nation who are doing projects to recover and restore parks/public gardens following a natural disaster. Georgia clubs received grants several times following tornadoes that damaged our state. Any club that donates \$25 or more by March 1st will merit a certificate. Make checks payable to GCG and mail to GCG treasurer, Geri Shaw, 813 Park Street, St. Marys, GA 31568. This Chairperson encourages a donation to Natural Disasters.



Garden Club of Georgia Event

Please don't miss this unique opportunity to tour a historic home filled with beautiful floral installations inspired by gardens from around the world.

This is a chance to tour the gardens of this historic property full of spring color and shop with many of our vendors. Included are presentations from noted garden and horticultural experts.



The Flower Fantasy at Pineola Farms

Tickets are now on sale!
April 20th and 21st, 2024

[For a detailed description of the event, see Pineola Farms Website](#)

\$20 per person

If you thought last year was amazing, wait to see what the designers have dreamed up this year. The Flower Fantasy will be even better including more Vendors and Expert Speakers.

Sponsored by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Presented By The Magnolia Garden Club - Fort Valley, GA

**This Year's Inspiration
Gardens Around the World
You Will Love It**

Pineola Farms

1195 Taylors Mill Road Fort Valley, GA, 31030

Continuing Education

The Garden Club of Georgia conducts NGC approved adult education in several areas like gardening topics, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design, and flower show procedures. The two areas we are currently highlighting are Gardening School and Landscape Design Classes. For more information on Landscape Design School and Gardening School, visit www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org or contact Gale D. Thomas, Education Chairman, schoolregistrar@gardenclubofgeorgia.org or 404-790-7101. **All classes are being taught on Zoom.**

In **Landscape Design School** you will learn the history of Landscape Design along with tools to help you design landscapes. Professional landscape architects and designers expose you to the history of domestic, urban, and public architecture. You will learn how to complete a landscape plan along with current trends in planting with natives, de-emphasizing lawn, landscaping for wildlife. After successful completion, you will be an NGC certified Landscape Consultant. **All classes are being taught on Zoom.**

Course 1 March 13-14

Course 3 April 2-3

Course 4 May 29-30

The NGC **Gardening School** Courses are designed to provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture, and related subjects. The school consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, including exams on some of the topics. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest. **All classes are being taught by Zoom.**

Course 3 March 4-5

Course 4 TBA



Garden Club of Georgia

Newport Garden and Glitz



Join us for an exciting tour of beautiful Newport, RI. Founded in 1639, Newport is said to be one of the most important port cities in the 18th century North American British colonies. In addition to its colonial past, Newport is known for its rich sailing history, its magnificent coastal scenery, and its opulent gilded age “summer cottages”.

June 18-21, 2024

(4 days and 3 nights)

Price per person based on two sharing a room - \$2,450

Single Supplement - \$1,050

*Includes a \$100 Donation to Garden Club fo Georgia, Inc.

For more information contact:

Mary Ann Bryant
Boutique Tours, Inc.
2220 Creekstone Point Drive
Cumming, GA 30041
770-893-1570
Maryannbryant1@gmail.com

Garden Club Councils, Consultants Councils and Flower Show Judges Councils Dues

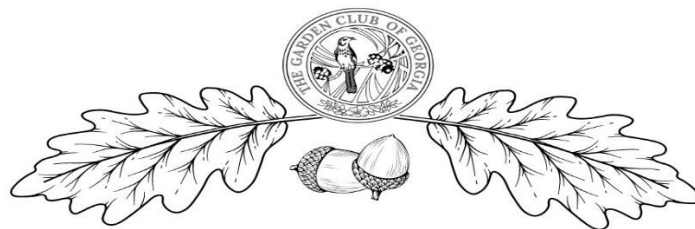
Rosemary Maulden, GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman

Garden Club Councils, Consultants Councils (Environmental Consultants, Gardening Consultants, Landscape Design Consultants) and Flower Show Judges Councils – GCG 2024 dues will be due by March 1, 2024.

Please make checks payable to GCG for \$15.00 and send to GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman, Rosemary Maulden, 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick, GA 31525

Please do not mail this chairman individual's dues or garden club individual dues that should go to the local council.

SAVE THE DATE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA



Fair Oaks

**HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION FUND
MARIETTA, GEORGIA**

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Sponsored by Laurel District

Capitol Conservation Day

February 27 @ 8:00 am – 2:00 pm



Capitol Conservation Day

Tuesday, February 27 – GWC members and supporters will gather in Atlanta for our annual [Capitol Conservation Day](#), beginning with breakfast and advocacy training at 8:00 AM.

The Georgia Water Coalition holds this event at the Georgia State Capitol. We gather for a continental breakfast, orientation, and issue briefings at the Central Presbyterian Church. Then we walk across the street to the Capitol for a group photograph and to meet with legislators about timely water legislation.

Central Presbyterian Church
201 Washington St SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

For questions, please contact Chris Manganiello at Chattahoochee Riverkeeper at cmanganiello@chattahoochee.org