

The Azalea Trumpet

Spring 2024



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and the National Garden Club*



Jane presents Ginny King, President of the Iris Garden Club in Washington, GA, with the Club of Excellence Certificate for 2023.

Dear Azalea District Garden Club members,

We are buzzing into Spring with warmer weather. Time for planting and planning. I hope you are ready for the upcoming events that are flying your way.

The Garden Club of Georgia's Board met by zoom on January 24. We reviewed bylaws, and you will hear everything about them in April at the GCG Convention in Peachtree City. The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs met on January 26 to discuss the plans for their 75th Anniversary celebration planned for March 28, 2024. Please see the registration form for that "BEEautiful" luncheon in this *Azalea Trumpet*.

I have had the privilege of attending several programs since I last wrote to you all. On February 6, we held our Executive Board meeting in Crawfordville, GA. Special thanks go out to Randy and Jan Stewart for allowing us to use the Stewart Center for this meeting. Some recommendations were made, and a budget was proposed for the 2024-2025 years. It was a nice meeting with great audio-visual access.

On the same date Charlotte White, our Corresponding Secretary, and I attended the Louisville Garden Club meeting and saw a wonderful program on Ikenobo presented by Linda Boland.

On February 10, our Corresponding Secretary buzzed with me to Milledgeville, GA to attend the moving dedication of a Blue Star Marker at Comfort Farms. The work they are doing there with veterans is inspiring! Everyone enjoyed the talented bagpiper. Pictures are in this *Azalea Trumpet*.

Many of us enjoyed a wonderful District Board Meeting in Louisville, GA on February 20 hosted by the Louisville Garden Club. The club under the direction of Hulet Kitterman, President, made us feel welcome. We enjoyed a delicious lunch with beautiful favors and flowers as we met to make many decisions about the district.

Please be aware that the 365 roll out will be on March 1, 2024. After the information is sent out about registering on the website, treasurers will be able to put in member information and dues. Club Presidents and Treasurers will receive guidance on what to do, and we have several people who will be on hand throughout the month of March to help in any way we can.

It is my hope that we will see you at the Convention in Peachtree City on April 16 and 17. Go to the web site calendar and click on the afore mentioned dates for online registration.

The Web address is: gardenclubofgeorgia.org.

Thank you for all you do! Your clubs are amazing as I can tell from your President's Reports. If you have not completed one of the president's reports and need help, please email me at: azaleagcjane1@gmail.com or text or call me at (706)-833-4953.

Let me know what you are doing as I would love to visit your club. Each project or event you do is the time to take pictures and writeup what you are doing in preparation for applying for Azalea District Awards and completing your President's Report for next year.

BEE Happy Gardeners,

Jane Edmunds

Azalea District Director

"BEE apart of the Beautification, Education, and Conservation"

UnBEElievable Facts

- A Honey Bee lives approximately 40 days in Summer and 4—9 months in Winter.
- Beeswax begins to melt at 148 degrees.
- Honey Bees can fly around 15mph.
- It takes approximately 3,500 to weigh 1 pound.



Permission to use "Roodoodle" sketch given by Michael "Roo" Haun.

Chairman Reports

Jan Stewart, Azalea District Website Chairman

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has a new website and you should be Buzzing around for news from Azalea District; forms, calendar of events and much more. Did you know you can also find electronic copies of current and past Trumpets, the Garden Gateways and much more. Check it out at <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org>.



Calling all Azalea District Clubs to send photos with brief descriptions of events or meetings to Jan Stewart, Azalea District Website Chairman. Email to janlamerle50@gmail.com. Actual photos attached are preferred. I will forward these to our webmaster for posting. Please select only the ones you would like posted and no "duplicates please". I have no control on when and what will be posted, so be patient. The website is new and a work in process. We thank all those involved for their hard work!

Ann Wright, Chairman Pull a Tab For Ronald McDonald

There have been a few questions raised on what tabs will be accepted for recycling. Only aluminum can be recycled. Tabs must be individual and not attached to a can top. Soda cans are generally aluminum, but other cans, such as cat food, soup, and other household goods may be steel.



Aluminum is not magnetic, so one way to check your tabs, is to run a magnet over your collection before donating. Unfortunately, steel tabs contaminate the entire donation so let's try to keep our donation clean!

Pop tabs may be small in size, but they have a big impact. Your aluminum tab donations help light the way for families at RMH of Augusta.

Thank you to all the clubs collecting and donating to this worthy cause.

The editor would like to apologize to Judy Kirkland for omitting her article on Native Plants.

Judy Kirkland, Native Plant Chairman

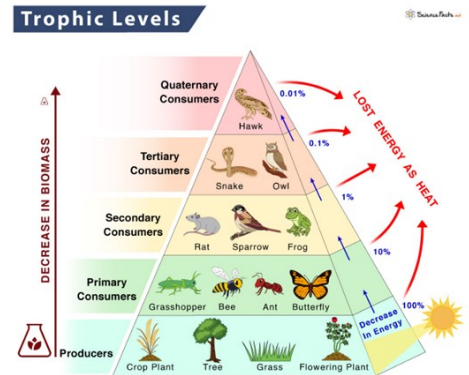
Wanted: More Native Plants

Wanted: More Habitat for Wildlife

Wanted: More Pollinator Plants

Wanted: Less lawn

There is a revolution in gardening which states that gardens should be more than beautiful. Gardens should also provide habitat and food for pollinators and wildlife. Plants turn the sun's energy into food through photosynthesis. Invertebrates use these plants for cover and food sources. The butterflies lay eggs on the leaves; their caterpillars eat the leaves; the birds feed the caterpillars to their young; the owl eats a bird; the hawk eats the owl.



What happens to mankind if the bottom layers of the food chain are gone?

As the Native Plant chairman for the Azalea District, I have been giving presentations about the importance of native plants in our gardens. Being a retired English teacher, I have had to take courses and do research and read books to get the information. I am more than willing to share it with your club members. I have located numerous sources of wonderful facts through websites like www.xerces.org and www.pollinator.org. One book that I have found to be especially helpful is Douglas Tallamy's *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. Tallamy is a researcher at the University of Delaware who has done 40 years of research about which plants support the most wildlife and has published four books about gardening with nature. Another wonderful book is Benjamin Vogt's *Prairie Up: An Introduction to Natural Garden Design*. Don't let the title fool you! The book is not just about prairie plants and gives the most detailed list of resources for anyone wanting to learn more about native plants. Another book by Larry Weaner and Christopher Thomas is *Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change*. They do a wonderful job of defining terms like "short-lived perennial," "generalist versus specialist species," and "ecotypes" in easy-to-understand language.

Want information on the best native plants for your area? Try *The New Southern Living Garden Book: The Ultimate Guide to Gardening*. You can learn which narcissus will survive our hot summers and return each year and much, much more. Sally Wasiwski's *Gardening with Native Plants of the South* and Larry Mellichamp's *Native Plants of the Southeast: A Comprehensive Guide to the Best 460 Species for the Garden* both give you information to create lists of natives good for your area. You can also type in your zip code at sites such as Audubon Society (<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>), National Wildlife Federation (<https://nativeplantfinder.nwf.org/Plants>), and Homegrown National Park (<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/directory/>). Start learning and help save the environment for our area of the United States

Lauren Williams, Chairman Ways and Means

Bee a part of the Hive!

Here is your chance to send your pollinator back to the hive, giving you a chance to win \$100.00!

Bees are \$5.00 each and will be placed into the hive before the Fall District Meeting when the winner's (3) will be smoked from the hive.

Remember, the Azalea District receives no funds from the Garden Club of Georgia and this is the only fundraiser the Azalea District holds.

Please buy and ask your club to buy Bees!

If you need more information contact: Lauren at Lauren.r.williams2@gmail.com



Shining a Spotlight On Our Members



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

~H Jackson Brown Jr

Cheri Crowley



The Azalea District Executive Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Cheri Crowley to the Azalea District seat on the Friends of the State Botanical Garden Board of Directors. With this appointment, Cheri joins the Azalea District Board of Directors. She is a member of the Rose and Dahlia Garden Club in Athens. Cheri’s love of gardening began while helping both grandmothers work in their gardens. Her fondest memories include shopping for new plants at nurseries with her paternal grandmother. While living in Columbia, SC, she served as president, vice president, horticulture chairman and program coordinator for Wildewood Garden Club. Cheri retired after six years as an investigator for the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office and 25 years as a supervisory investigator for the Drug Enforcement Administration. She is happy to be back in her native state of Georgia. She told us she is married to a wonderful man who helps with digging holes and moving plants in her growing perennial garden.



News from Our Clubs



Milledgeville Garden Club

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Milledgeville Garden Club members gathered in Rose Hill at Lockerly for a lively discussion of Douglas Tallamy's Bringing Nature Home, led by President Jennifer Pollard.

Everyone enjoyed delicious Valentine themed refreshments, featuring a grand arrangement of camellias from the gardens of Carol Grant.

Pictured are Hostesses Kathy Stewart, Ann Vinson, Carol Grant, Barbie Pressas, Sherrill Jones and Jimmie Speir with

President Pollard. It was a beautiful joyful afternoon among Garden loving friends!



Sharon-Raytown Garden Club Donation of Love



Jabez Assisted Living is a senior living community in Crawfordville, Georgia; Taliaferro County, offering assisted living and memory care.

Assisted living communities, sometimes called residential care or personal care communities, are for older adults who need help with activities of daily living, such as medication management, personal hygiene and dressing.

Memory care communities offer a safe living environment and specialized support for seniors living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other forms of memory loss.

The members of the Sharon-Raytown Garden Club annually provide Jabez Assisted Living organization with numerous clothing items during the Christmas holiday season. The club members have provided this support for over 20 years.

ROSE AND DAHLIA GARDEN CLUB



Among our many community service projects, we facilitate the monthly *Growing Seeds Club* at **Downtown Academy**.



On November 17th members of the Rose & Dahlia Garden Club's Roadside Beautification Committee volunteered along with other members of the community, including UGA students and staff from local and state agencies, in planting daffodil bulbs as part of the UGA PSO Day of Service.



February meeting of the
Growing Seeds
at
the Downtown Academy

Participants planted 8,000 daffodil bulbs at the exit ramp (#15) for Tallassee Road/GA-Loop 10 in Athens.

Gray Garden Club

Gray Garden Club celebrated the Holidays December 5, 2023 with our annual Christmas luncheon.

In keeping with season of giving, members decorated Christmas stockings and collected fig leaf items for local health and rehab centers as well as filling a box with toys for the Jones County Toys for Tots campaign.

Members enjoyed a delicious lunch and fellowship.



The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs

What A Wonderful World.....

The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs celebrated their 31st Annual Spring Luncheon at the Augusta Country Club, March 24, 2022.

The highlight of the meeting was the speaker, Dr. Allan Armitage, International speaker, writer, and lecturer, who presented “From Confusion to Contentment in the Garden”.

Our Honored guest, GCG President, Peggy Tucker, and Azalea District Director, Betty Davis, were also in attendance.



President Rita Hamilton presented the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs awards.

Pull Tabs-Pine Needle of Lincolnton, Yearbook Award-Azalea GC.

Most Outstanding Project-Azalea GC, 2022 Club of the Year-Spade and Trowel GC, Presidents Award-Beth Wiseman, and Attendance Award-Spade and Trowel GC.

Clubs that received a \$1000.00 grant from the Augusta Council made display boards informing others of their Club’s Projects for 2021-2023.

Spade and Trowel and Azalea Garden Club also received a National Garden Clubs “Plant America” grant for their projects. All thirteen clubs in the Council had a wonderful time!

Pictured: Beth Wiseman, Dr Allan Armitage, GCG President Peggy Tucker, Augusta Council of Garden Clubs President Rita Hamilton

Rose and Dahlia Garden Club

Members of the Rose and Dahlia Garden Club worked closely with Athens Area Habitat for Humanity to complete a landscape design plan, including plant recommendations and selection, for the newest Habitat for Humanity house in Athens. The home's dedication took place on Friday, February 23rd. Charles R. Smith, Vice President of Operations for the Athens Area Habitat for Humanity offered a lovely prayer/blessing at the dedication and presentation of house keys:



So may these walls regularly hear laughter; may these floors bear the weight of a family which stays healthy; may these windows give them a vision of a community that loves them; and may this roof protect them from unexpected storms. May you continue to bless [this] family as they have blessed us; may you continue to give to [this family] as they have given to our community.

Thank you for our loyal volunteers, our generous donors, our capable staff, and this loving family. Thank you for hearing our prayer.

AMEN

This lovely house will be the home of an amazing family of ten, including 8 children.



Union Point Garden Club News



Union Point Garden Club

Union Point Garden Club members have become pollinators this term!! President Sherley's theme for the year involved pollinators. The year started with lots of work on our Joel McCray Memorial Pollinator Garden at the southern terminus of the 39 mile Firefly Trail. It continued with the Sunday afternoon Community Wildlife program. And our latest creative effort was our entry in the Union Point Christmas Parade. "A Pollinator Christmas". Vice-President Jan planned the float, her husband created the frame and the members contributed time and effort to construct the float. The day of the parade five members dressed as pollinators and another member drove us. We were awarded a third place ribbon and \$100 which will probably go into the garden. The club's Christmas dinner continued the theme requiring all arrangements to have pollinator included in the design.

Louisville Garden Club



Announcements

Scenes from the Azalea District Board Meeting February 20, 2024, in Louisville, Georgia



Azalea District Board Meeting
February 20, 2024



All New For 2024 - The Flower Fantasy at Pineola Farms

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

Every Year is a New Design - This Year's Theme
Is Gardens Around the World.

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 Rd.

Fort Valley, GA, 31030

United States

Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc

cordially invites you to our

75th Anniversary

and Annual Spring Luncheon

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Augusta Country Club

655 Milledge Road

9:30 registration 10:00 meeting

Honored guest Lisa Hall, President of the Garden Club of Georgia

Honored speaker Janisse Ray

"How to Garden for Pollinators without the Neighbors Complaining"

Please send a check made payable to AGCG.

\$45.00, Mail to Wendy Edwards, ACGC Treasurer

3486 Stallings Island Road, Martinez GA 30907

Deadline March 22, 2024, registration is non-refundable.

**** Each club is responsible for the centerpiece on your table(s)****

Registration

Name _____

Club _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Vegetarian ___gluten free___ Dietary restrictions _____



You've Got an Open Invitation



Hello GCG clubs!

I am Andrea Fischer, the tour coordinator for the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens. I wanted to share our tour offerings in 2024 with you.

As you plan your 2024 meetings and outings, I would like to offer your Garden Club guided tours of our incredible 323 acres at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. These tours are led by experienced guides, many of whom are Master Gardeners. You will stroll through expertly curated gardens and cared-for natural woodland trails. We offer a variety of tours, from the Garden Sampler tour to a more customized tour based on your group's interests.

Our guided garden tours are planned for at least 10 participants per tour guide. We will try our best to provide one Garden Guide for every 10 guests, no matter the size. These tours last approximately 90 minutes and cost \$5 per participant.

Our routes are accessible to anyone who wants to participate, regardless of any physical challenge. Please do not hesitate to come and visit.

As a bonus for your Garden Club, by responding to this email, your group organizer will receive a "Thank You" gift on the day of the tour.

It would be my pleasure to share our common love and passion for the beauty of nature in 2024. Please consider a guided tour for all your club members in the upcoming year. I do hope to meet you at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Andrea Fischer
Volunteer & Tour Coordinator
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w: botgarden.uga.edu



South Carolina Orchid Society

*The South Carolina
Orchid Society presents*

AND SALE

Fri. April 26th: 1 - 6pm

Sat. April 27th: 11 - 6pm

Sun. April 28th: 11 - 4pm

AOS JUDGING FRIDAY APRIL 26TH

VENDORS:

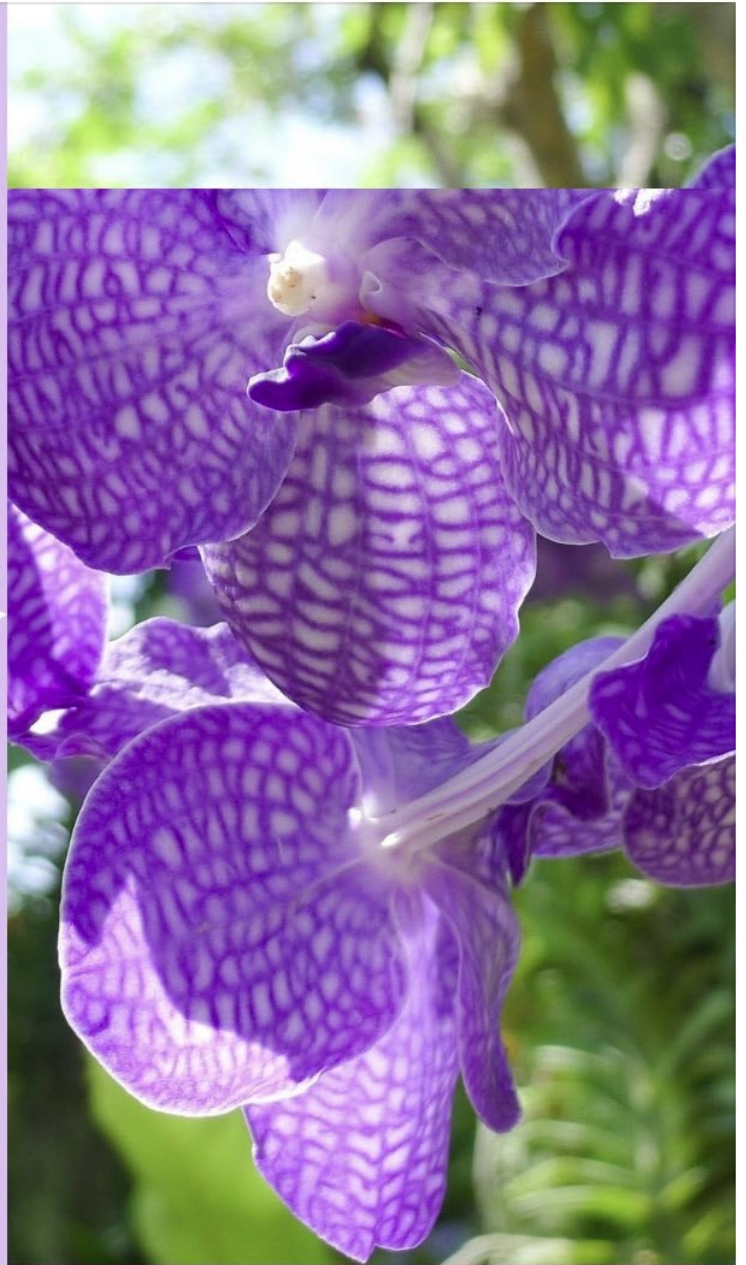
MARBLE BRANCH FARMS

SEAGROVE ORCHIDS

CARTER & HOLMES ORCHIDS

**The Garden Council of
Greater Columbia Building
1605 Park Circle
Columbia SC 29201
(near USC campus)**

**FREE admission &
FREE parking!**



Find us on Facebook or Instagram and at
"<https://southcarolinaorchidsociety.org>"





Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail®

2024 Symposium & Native Plant Sale

Plains, Georgia

Friday, May 3, 2024

Symposium Speakers



Dr. Jaap de Roode, PhD

Emory University Department of Biology
Director, de Roode Monarch Lab



Lauren Goble

Georgia Farm Bureau
Educational Programs Coordinator



Tom Johnson

Vice President, Azalea Society of America
Former Director, Magnolia Plantation
The Carter Presidential Center, Landscaper
Growing Old Plant Nursery—Co-Owner



Amy Heidt

Coastal Plain Chapter
Georgia Native Plant Society

Symposium details are located on our website as well as registration information. www.rosalynncarterbutterflytrail.org

Seating will be limited so book early!

COMFORT FARMS BLUE STAR MARKER DEDICATION

FEBRUARY 10, 2024



<p>PRE DEDICATION MUSIC – Al McGalliard</p> <p>BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY</p> <p>WELCOME Jan Thiese <i>Blue & Gold Star Memorial Marker Program Chairman The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.</i></p> <p>REMARKS Poppy Tucker – <i>Immediate Past President The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.</i> Garden District Blue & Gold Star Memorial Marker Program Chairman Jane Edwards – <i>Asalea District Director</i></p> <p>INVOCATION Rev. Laurel Van Gorder – <i>Pastor The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity 414 Tracy Street</i></p> <p>PRESENTATION OF COLORS Baldwin County High School NJRBYC <i>Under the Direction of Chief Brian Finney, USN Retired</i></p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chief Brian Finney</p> <p>NATIONAL ANTHEM</p>	<p>HISTORY OF BLUE & GOLD STAR MARKERS Poppy Tucker</p> <p>RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS Jan Thiese</p> <p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER U.S. Army Veteran Jonathan Jackson <i>Founder/Executive Director of STAG VETS INC. and Comfort Farms – Milledgeville, Georgia</i></p> <p>DEDICATION Jan Thiese</p> <p>AMAZING GRACE Al McGalliard</p> <p>UNVEILING OF MARKER ENC Alan F. E. Phelan, US Navy, Retired Jonathan Jackson – U.S. Army Veteran/Comfort Farms</p> <p>TRIBUTE OF FLOWERS Asalea District</p> <p>ACCEPTANCE OF MARKER Jonathan Jackson Comfort Farms</p> <p>PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES Jan Thiese</p> <p>MEDITATION HYMN Alan F. E. Thiese, USN Retired</p> <p>CLOSING REMARKS Jan Thiese</p>	
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The name for "Comfort Farms" is to Remember
This Hero Who Gave His Life on May 8, 2010.
CPT Kyle A. Comfort was a Fellow Soldier
of the Founder of Comfort Farms
Jonathan Jackson
U. S. Army Veteran





**Serenata Farm
&
Boxwood**



Welcome to historic Madison!

**The Madison-Morgan Cultural Center cordially invites you to join us for our annual
Madison Spring Tour of Homes and Gardens**

**Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20
10 AM to 4 PM**

Greetings Garden Club of Georgia Leaders and Members,

As the crisp winter air shifts to warm spring breezes, journey to beautiful Madison, GA to see the first blooms of spring on Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th, 2024. This daytime tour boasts six gorgeous private residences and color-rich gardens. It promises to be a delightful promenade through the City of Madison during its most exquisite time of year. We are happy to announce that Serenata Farm and Boxwood (featured in Garden & Gun) are on tour this year. Please see the attached photographs of several of the homes and gardens that are part of this year's tour.

We love group tours. Group tours can be a great way to explore charming historic places, and create lasting memories together when you consider traveling to our compelling historic town - only 55 miles east of Atlanta. Groups of 15 (paid persons) or more will enjoy discounted tickets and two free tickets, one each for the organizer and bus driver. We will provide a customized itinerary and pair you with a step-on-guide, if available. I will happy to answer your questions and assist you with lunch recommendations. We plan to partner with local establishments for boxed lunch options as well. Keep an eye on our website for updated details.

Our self-guided walking tour (plus a home or two within a short driving distance) take place rain or shine. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring raincoats or umbrellas, and be prepared to have a grand time. Our beautiful, quaint town offers delicious dining, in-town shopping, and the best of Southern hospitality.

The Madison-Morgan Cultural Center is a multi-disciplinary non-profit institution that endeavors to enrich the lives of the residents of its immediate community and the broader region by presenting high-quality programming and educational opportunities in the fields of visual and performing arts, history, and other humanities. MMCC will preserve and interpret its historic buildings and will cooperate with other organizations that have mission-compatible goals. Visit www.mmcc-arts.org to learn more about the Center and our Tour of Homes.

Sincerely,
Erin Garrett
Tour Consultant
706-342-4743 (MMCC)
203-940-1104 (Cell)
egarrett@mmcc-arts.org

Group Tour Pricing is \$25 per ticket for 15 paid persons or more



You Don't Want to Miss This!
Please join us for these events coming soon!

The 96th Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Convention

April 16 & 17, Peachtree City Crowne Plaza

Registration and hotel information can be found at the link below.

<https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/gcg-state-convention-2024/>

Gardening School Course 3

Register now! If you missed the first 2 courses, you do not need to take all of them or take them in order!

See the attached brochure

Held on Zoom March 4-5

Contact Gale Thomas: galedthomas@gmail.com

GCG Garden School Course 3

Landscape Design Course 1

Register now!

Held on Zoom March 13-14

See the attached brochure

Contact Betty Davis: bettyboop2315@yahoo.com

Landscape Design School Course 1

DON'T KNOW WHO
NEEDS TO HEAR THIS,
BUT YOU'RE A GREAT
GARDENER.
THAT PLANT REALLY
SHOULD HAVE TRIED
HARDER.



**Protect the Okefenokee Wilderness, its
wildlife, and clean water from mining**

As you may recall, in January 2023 the State of Georgia released a draft plan for a mine proposed at the doorstep of the Okefenokee Wilderness in southern Georgia. Thousands of you wrote opposing this proposal. **Now, we need your help once again!**

On February 9, 2024, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) released three Twin Pines Minerals LLC [draft permits](#), opening a 60-day public comment period. The Alabama-based mining company is attempting to open a mine that would ultimately reach 8,000 acres on Okefenokee's Trail Ridge, the prehistoric barrier island that helped create the swamp by holding back its waters.

The comment period allows the public to voice concerns and opposition to Twin Mines' mining proposal. [Please let EPD know you want the Okefenokee protected and the mining permits denied.](#)

At more than 400,000 acres, the Okefenokee Swamp is the largest national wildlife refuge in the eastern United States and one of the world's largest intact blackwater swamps. These qualities help make the Okefenokee important habitat for native wildlife such as black bears, American alligators, and red-cockaded woodpeckers.

The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is also an International Dark Sky Park and a National Natural Landmark—a designation reserved for “the best examples of biological and geological features” in the country. **The 354,000-acre Okefenokee Wilderness makes up almost 90 percent of the refuge and is one of the largest Wilderness areas in the East.**

Water is critical to the well-being of Okefenokee, which is recognized worldwide as a Wetland of International Importance. **The proposed mining of heavy mineral sands would destroy over 370 acres of wetlands, pump over a million gallons of fresh groundwater every day, discharge pollutants into the air and waste into the St. Marys River basin, and disturb the refuge with noise and light pollution. Wilderness values like solitude, silence, and remoteness could be impacted by the close proximity of industrial mining activity and associated development.**

Wilderness Watch is a member of the Okefenokee Protection Alliance, a coalition of more than 40 conservation organizations representing millions of members that have joined forces to save the Okefenokee from the proposed mine and other threats. Twin Pines’ proposed mining project has already drawn an unprecedented level of opposition from the coalition and its members. So far, more than 100,000 people from all 50 states and 36 countries have voiced opposition to the mine, including thousands of Wilderness Watch members and supporters. Thank you!

Now it’s critical that we step up once again and let Georgia EPD know that jeopardizing the Okefenokee is unacceptable. Please submit a public comment opposing the proposed Twin Pines Minerals mining permits by April 9.

TAKE ACTION



Azalea District Calendar 2024-2025



March 8-9, 2024	American Daffodil Society S. E. Region Show	Alpharetta, GA
March 9—10, 2024	Deep South Convention	Gatlinburg, TN
March 28, 2024	Augusta Council Spring Luncheon	Augusta
April 14—20, 2024	Garden Week in Georgia	
April 16—17, 2024	GCG Convention	Peachtree City, GA
April 19-20, 2024	NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens	Savannah, GA
April 19-20, 2024	The Flower Fantasy at Pineola Farms	Ft. Valley, GA
May 2—5, 2024	National Garden Club Convention	Denver, CO
May 27, 2024	Blue Star Marker Dedication	Reynolds, GA
May 31, 2024	DEADLINE FOR SUMMER AZAELA TRUMPET	
June 2-4, 2024	National Garden Club Convention	Denver, CO
June 2—8, 2024	National Garden Week	
August 6, 2024	Azalea District Executive Board Meeting	
August 20, 2024	Azalea District Board Meeting	Washington
September 10, 2024	GCG Fall Board Meeting	
September 30, 2024	DEADLINE FOR FALL AZAELA TRUMPET	

*I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose, I would always
greet it in a garden. ~Ruth Stout*