



# 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



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*“Thyme to Blossom our Friendships and Knowledge  
Through Gardening”*

**Hello Dynamic Dogwoods,**

Time is truly flying by. When Spring came, I was so excited to see the new growth peeking through the soil. I didn't spend much time taking care of my garden last year coupled with my terrible deer problem that I didn't know what to expect. So, lucky me!! My garden is blooming beautifully especially all of the new bulbs that I purchased from the Dogwood District Bulb Fall Fundraiser.

My life beyond the garden has been a very busy one. The Garden Club of Georgia keeps me busy with Zoom meetings, Training, Conventions, District Meetings and all my Dogwood District responsibilities. Thankfully, I'm enjoying it.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Thank you to all of the Dogwood District Garden Clubs who invited me to one of their meetings. I enjoyed meeting all of you. Again, thanks.
2. Thank you for sending in your President Reports on time. Great Job!!!
3. The Blue Star Memorial Marker (BSMM) for Dogwood District has been in the works for several months. We had a site visit at the Hunters Memorial Park in Douglasville on March 22nd. Loved it! I sent all the necessary paperwork to the Douglasville Mayor/Council. I'm excited to report, we are approved to install in Hunter Park. I will order the BSMM shortly.
4. Please Read, Enjoy and Share this Dogwood Dialogue. Presidents, please forward this Dogwood Newsletter to your fellow garden club members. It is not distributed directly to them. Give them a chance to read and enjoy the Dogwood Newsletter too.
5. Places to find answers to your questions:
  - A. The Garden Club of Georgia's website: [www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org)  
You can find all the GCG and Dogwood District info and forms there.
  - B. Dogwood District Facebook page. Send your articles to Dogwood District Facebook Coordinator, Lisa Ethridge [lrethridge110@gmail.com](mailto:lrethridge110@gmail.com).
  - C. Dogwood Dialogue Newsletter: Please send your club's pics & activities to Editor, Monica Bozonier at [dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com](mailto:dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com).

**HAPPY GARDENING!!!!.**



*Monica Bozonier*

Dogwood District Director, 2023-2025  
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# GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA



## The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. 96th Annual Convention in Peachtree City

The Convention was a big success. Redbud District sang “Ya’ll Come” and you came. Everyone enjoyed the speakers, classes, lunches and socializing. Thank you to all the Dogwood District Garden Club Members who attended. Your attendance was greatly appreciated.



*Thank You*

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Garden Club of Georgia Convention Attendees at Lunch



Nat'l President,  
Brenda Moore



GCG President  
Lisa Hall



Peachtree City Mayor Kim Learnard &  
Convention Chairman Quill Duncan



1st VP Diane Hunter &  
GCG Pres. Lisa Hall



GCG Former  
Past President  
Peggy Tucker

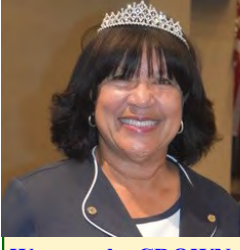
The purpose of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, correspondence, and publications, and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through Beautification, Conservation, and Education.

The purpose of the Dogwood District is to promote the Missions of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and The National Garden Club. We will be working together to provide the best garden club experience for our members. Using the Theme of Beautification, Conservation, and Education to improve your communities, you can make a big impact! Together, we can improve Cities, States and even the World!!

# Dogwood District Activities




## 96th GCG Annual Convention Pictures, Peachtree City, GA



**We won the CROWN-Scholarship Award. Yeah Dogwood!!!**



**Co-Director Christy Novellas & Director Monica Bozonier**



**Design by BJ Crabtree**



**LOTS OF FUN & GOOD FOOD WAS HAD BY ALL!!** Designer Challenge, Carrie Grayson's Design



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# GCG—Statewide Activities



## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA PROJECTS

*Blue, Gold and Historical Markers*  
*CWP - Community Wildlife Project Certifications*  
*Roadside Beautifications and Wildflowers*  
*Garden Therapy*  
*Community on my Mind*  
*Habitat for Humanity*  
*Garden Week*  
*Arboreta and Botanic Garden*  
*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 Show*  
*Natural Disaster*

For more information on these projects go to [www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://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](http://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:



**Habitat for Humanity**

GCG encourages all clubs and districts to work with their local offices of Habitat for Humanity to locate homes in need of beautification landscape projects. Clubs can do plantings, provide gardening tools and supplies, and educate new homeowners on the care and maintenance of their new landscaping. Please consider working on a Habitat for Humanity project in your community. Find more information at the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website:

<https://gardenclub.org/blog/habitat-humanity-landscaping>



# 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 [threeves@aol.com](mailto:threeves@aol.com) or GCG Chairman Janice Thiese [janicemariemaconga@cox.net](mailto: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 already dedicated a Blue Star Marker and Gold Star Family Marker. Good Job!!!!*

*Roswell Garden Club: Blue Star and Gold Star Markers*

*Cherokee Garden Club: Blue Star Marker*

*Magnolia Garden Club: Blue Star Marker*

*Club Estates Garden Club: Blue Star Marker*



# AROUND the DISTRICT



## 2023 Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Award Winners CONGRATULATIONS!!!



*These awards were presented at the 96th Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Convention on April 16, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Peachtree City, GA.*

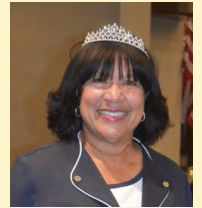
**AND THE WINNERS ARE:**



*Please.*

### **District Winner:**

*Dogwood District won the Scholarship Award. The Crown!! Yeah!!  
Dogwood District won Award #39 & 54 Marker Award Installation of a Marker*



## **DOGWOOD DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB WINNERS**

### **BELLMERE GARDEN CLUB**

*Award #37 Publication Newsletter Award - Medium Club - 2nd Place Bellmere GC*

### **CAMELLIA GARDEN CLUB**

*Award #26 Poem Award - Individual - 1st Place - Robin Conway - Camellia GC*

### **CLUB ESTATES GARDEN CLUB**

***Award #1 The Garden Club of GA Trophy - Club Estates GC***

### **NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB**

*Award #41 Herb Award - Large Club - 1st Place - Norcross GC*

*Award #46 Public Relation Award - Large Club - 1st Place - Norcross GC*

*Award #50 Gardening Award - Large Club - 1st Place - Norcross GC*

*Award #51 Butterfly Conservation Award - Large Club - 1st Place - Norcross GC*

*Award #53 SM Website - Large Club - 2nd Place - Norcross GC*

*Award #56 National Garden Week Award - Large Club - 3rd Place - Norcross GC*

*Award #57 Junior and/or Intermediate Activity Award - Large Club - 1st Place - Norcross GC*

*Award #61 Arbor Day Award - Large Club - 1st Place - Norcross GC*

### **Norcross Garden Club - Youth Winners:**

*GCG Sculpture Contest: 4th Grade Winner - 2nd Place Isabella Logan - Norcross Garden Club*

*GCG Sculpture Contest: 7th Grade Winner - 1st Dominic Khuawl - Norcross Garden Club*

*Award J-5 Conservation Award - 1st Place - Norcross Garden Club Norcross Garden Club*

*Award J-6 Certificate of Merit for JR Intermediate - Large Club - 1st Place - Norcross Earth Team -  
Sponsored by Norcross Garden Club*





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**AND THE WINNERS ARE:**



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**WINNERS CONT'D**



### ROSWELL GARDEN CLUB

- Award #7 Special Achievement Award - Medium Club - 2nd Place Roswell GC*
- Award #10 Garden Therapy Award - Medium Club - 2nd Place Roswell GC*
- Award #12 Cemetery Award - Medium Club—1st Place - Roswell GC*
- Award #13 Civic Improvement - Medium Club 1st Place - Roswell GC*
- Award #19 Horticulture Program Award - Medium Club - 1st Place - Roswell GC*
- Award #33 Member Participation Program Award - Medium Club - 1st Place - Roswell GC*
- Award #37 Manuals, Handbook, Leaflet - Medium Club - 3rd Place - Roswell GC*
- Award #46 Public Relation Award - Medium Club - 3rd Place - Roswell GC*
- Award #49 Holiday Decorations Award - Medium Club - 1st Place - Roswell GC*
- Award #53 SM Website Award - Medium Club - 2nd Place - Roswell GC*

### SANDY SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB

- Award #49 Holiday Decorations Award - Large Club - 3rd Place - Sandy Springs GC*

### SPALDING GARDEN CLUB

- Award #6 Tree Award - Large Club 1st Place - Spalding GC*
- Award #7 Special Achievement Award - Large Club - 3rd Place Spalding GC*
- Award #8 Conservation Project Award - Large Club - 2nd Place Spalding GC*
- Award #10 Garden Therapy Award - Large Club - 2nd Place Spalding GC*
- Award #16 -Yearbook - Clubs of 45-69 Members - 2nd Place - Spalding GC*
- Award #37 Manuals, Handbook, Leaflet - Large Club - 1st Place - Spalding GC*
- Award #46 Public Relation Award - Large Club - 3rd Place - Spalding GC*
- Award #49 Holiday Decorations Award - Large Club - 1st Place - Spalding GC*
- Award #53 Website Award - Large Club - 2nd Place - Spalding GC*
- Award #57 Junior and/or Intermediate Activity Award - Large Club -2nd Place - Spalding GC*



**Great Job and Congratulations!!!!**



# AROUND the DISTRICT



**NEEDED!!**

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**Dogwood District is in need of a Recording Secretary. Please volunteer. There are only 3 meetings remaining to record.**

**Contact: Monica Bozonier 470-266-6224**

**JOIN THE TEAM!!!**

## DOGWOOD DISTRICT AWARDS:

Dynamic Dogwood Award

Dogwood District Woman of the Year Award

JoAnn Jones Civic Improvement Award

It is time to start nominating an exceptional woman in your Club for these prestigious 2 awards. Go to the GCG website Dogwood District page and get the application and criteria. Awards will be given at the October 10, 2024 Annual Dogwood District Meeting. <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/dogwood-district-page/>



## **PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR**



**DOGWOOD DISTRICT 66TH ANNUAL FALL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 10, 2024**

**LOCATION: ANSLEY GOLF CLUB**

**HOST GARDEN CLUBS: Ama-Kanasta GC  
Artistic Dogwood GC  
Foxglove GC**

**Pine Center GC  
Spade & Trowel GC  
Town and Country GC**





# AROUND the DISTRICT



## Share the Joy, Invite others to Membership

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**



*Two clubs told me that at every plant sale they have held, they got at least one new member. Hold a plant sale!!!*

At every meeting, we have been promoting the 3 Rs: **Recruit, Retain, and Revitalize**. It is so important to increase and/or retain your membership. Your garden club and the GCG can not survive if we have no members. Material is available on the GCG Website to help with membership. Also, 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](mailto:LeannePenman2@gmail.com) (770) 715-4901

**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** If any member of your garden club moves, resigns, passes away or moves to a summer residence, please contact Garden Club of Georgia ASAP. Rationale: The Garden Gateway Magazine is mailed to every member for a Fee. When the magazine is returned back to GCG, there is another fee. That’s an Extra Expense!! Please comply!! Also, if your member passed away, we would like to recognized them at the Convention and the Dogwood District Meeting.

## 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 MEMBER WHO PASSED AWAY

Ama- Kanasta - Sandra Rollins  
Artistic Dogwood - Barbara Cook  
Camellia - Jean Olive  
Magnolia - Lillian Grenvicz  
Magnolia - Martha Kollme

Magnolia - Jann Kern  
Northwood - Betty Webster  
Piedmont - Mary Gossett King  
Piedmont - Joan Dodd Woodall  
Piedmont - Allison Atkinson Kehoe

Pine Center - Teresa Bussey  
Poppy - Virginia Bondurant  
Primrose - Nan Cannon  
Rose - Mynelle Harris  
Sandy Springs - Jane Whiteman



### Get Well Wishes To:

Alpharetta GC - Barbara Chapman  
Sandy Springs GC - Ginny Wolf

Going forward, please send names of deceased club members to this group: [dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com](mailto:dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com) & Ginny Wolf at [vjwolf@comcast.net](mailto:vjwolf@comcast.net).



# AROUND the DISTRICT



## Community Wildlife Project—CWP

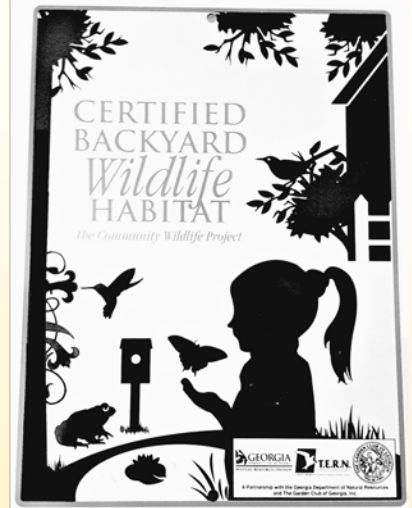
Earn certification in the CWP Backyard Projects.

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
6. Container Gardening for Wildlife Certification

Submit your completed application to: Dogwood District CWP Chairman, **Christy Novellas** at [cnovellas@aol.com](mailto:cnovellas@aol.com). If you need help with any of the forms, contact Christy.



Stickers you can apply for after being certified in that category

### CREATING A WINTER WILDLIFE WONDERLAND



“Clever Winter Warmth”

This Winter consider helping out birds and other wildlife to survive predators and cold weather. The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has a project for creating a Winter Wildlife Wonderland in your backyard. Whether you are in the city or not, wildlife relies on our backyards more in the Winter than any other time of the year. This project emphasizes providing appropriate sources of food, water, housing and cover. Suggestions for implementation and certification as a backyard Winter Wildlife Wonderland is found at this link: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CWP-winter-wonderland-appn-2019-1.pdf>.

**Get certified and help the wildlife this Winter!  
ALL YOU NEED IS:**



**FOOD**



**WATER**



**HOUSING**



**COVER**

# DOGWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Fulton Federation of Garden Club Council



**Next Fulton Federation Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**  
**The Award Luncheon**



FF President -  
Trudy Rudert

FULTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS  
INVITES **YOU** TO ATTEND  
THE AWARDS LUNCHEON:



CREATING BIRD FRIENDLY GARDENS  
WITH SPEAKER MASTER GARDENER  
LYNDA POLLACK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

At Bellmere Garden House  
10777 BELL ROAD, JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

REGISTRATION OPENS 10:30 AM

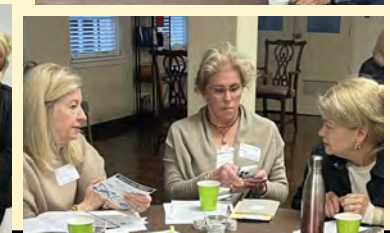
MEETING, PROGRAM AND LUNCH: 11:00 AM

Following the luncheon Fulton  
Federation Awards will be presented.

**COST \$40**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO BE SENT AFTER 4/18

Fulton Federation had a great meeting on March 11, 2024 featuring the Speaker, Virginia Webb. It was all about the Bees. She was awesome. Her presentation was fun and very entertaining. If you need a speaker/program, she comes highly recommend.



**Pull Tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House. Don't forget to save and bring your tabs to the Fulton Federation Meetings. Remember to put your Garden Club's name on the bag. Thanks!

### RECYCLING INFORMATION:

Recycle your old glasses. You can bring them to any Fulton Federation Meeting or Dogwood District Meetings.



Be a good steward of your environment and help others!



# DOGWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Council Cont'd

Lisa Ethridge -FF Horticultural Chairman



### GARDEN TIPS AND TRICKS:

**Clematis** is a beautiful addition to any garden, and with these simple steps, you can grow and care for it easily:

#### Propagation Methods:

1. Take 4-6 inch cuttings from new growth in late spring or early summer. Remove lower leaves, dip in rooting hormone, and plant in well-draining soil.
2. Bend a low-growing stem to the ground, wound it slightly, and bury it in soil. Once roots develop, transplant the new plant.
3. Divide established plants in early spring or fall, ensuring each division has healthy roots and shoots.

#### Growing Conditions:

1. Provide at least 6 hours of sunlight daily for optimal blooming.
2. Plant in well-draining, fertile soil with compost or organic matter.
3. Install sturdy supports for climbing.
4. Keep soil consistently moist, avoiding water logging.
5. Apply mulch around the base to retain moisture and regulate temperature.

#### Caring for Clematis:

1. Prune according to the Clematis group.
2. Feed with balanced fertilizer in early spring and after the first bloom.
3. Monitor for pests and diseases, treating promptly.
4. Provide winter protection with mulch and burlap wrapping if needed.

With these tips, you can enjoy the beauty of Clematis in your garden year after year!



#### Making Color Palettes: Article By: Linda Doiron

You can learn a lot from flowers. Finding your favorite color palette for a floral arrangement may be as easy as taking a walk and observing what you see. Nature works in extraordinary ways, especially when you consider its hues (colors), tints (lighter color variations) and shades (darker color variations). One way to create your own floral palette is to take pictures from nature and add them to a separate folder that you can return to for inspiration. Don't miss the humble and small aspects of a flower's colors including variations of petals, sepals, stamens, pistils, leaves, stems and subtle hints of new (and old) growth. Floral design experts agree that blending shades and tints of chosen colors is a key to success, so blend, blend, blend. If you like to read, one of my favorite books for inspiration is Taylor Darroch Putnam and Michael Putnam & #39 Flower Color Theory, a complete guide featuring nearly 200 arrangements using color theory as the starting point for floral design. If one truly loves nature one finds beauty everywhere". - Vincent Van Gogh



Picture: Tulips in City Park





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## BROOKWOOD HILLS GARDEN CLUB

### *Contemporary Floral Arrangements Utilizing Reeds*

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club recently hosted a unique floral design workshop presented by Kathy Powell of Atlanta. Ms. Powell has exhibited in the Philadelphia Flower Show every year since 2000 and has won numerous awards across the country. Kathy co-chaired the floral design division of the 2024 Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show. She is also a Sogetsu teacher. Sogetsu is one of the many schools of Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement with formal display according to various rules.



Kathy instructing the Members



Brookwood Hills GC Members listening to the instruction for this creative event.

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club was introduced to some concepts of this floral art as we created contemporary centerpieces utilizing reeds. During this workshop, the reed (which was obtained from China) was soaked in water for about twenty minutes and then each student weaved/manipulated the reed into an artistic structure which served as the vessel or vase. Next, our participants thoughtfully placed beautiful, tropical Anthurium (from Hawaii) into water tubes and then positioned the five flowers into the reed structure. In typical Ikebana style, the flowers were often grouped together to one side (as a harmonious family) leaving important negative space in the structure.



The beginnings of the artistic creations



Members enjoying the workshop

Lastly, the green Aspidistra leaves (Cast Iron leaves) were folded into expressive designs and carefully placed near the red, pink, or white Anthuriums.

Each member departed the meeting with an individually crafted, statement centerpiece large enough to grace a dining room table. It should be noted that the vessel structure can be re-used in the future with the simple addition of new flowers!



The finished product—beautifully displayed



“The dining room centerpiece in my home”

It was a lovely morning workshop, and for many of us, this experience was a new opportunity for creative growth within the floral arrangement sector.

Article by: Anne Valgoi



**QUOTE:**

*Listen to your heart  
It may be on your left  
but it is always right.*

# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS

## IVY GARDEN CLUB



Dogwood District would like to welcome our newest Garden Club Members

### IVY GARDEN CLUB

## WELCOME!!! WELCOME!!! WELCOME!!!

Ivy Garden Club had their annual cocktail party on April 16th. We had a wonderful committee that put on the entire event and a flower committee that put together all of the floral arrangements which were stunning. Yes, husbands were included.



Beautiful Floral Arrangements!!

Ivy GC Members are having fun!!



Our community service project on April 22nd was at Hillside Children's Facility where we did gardening with the children. It is such a worthwhile project as we have worked with this organization and these children in the past.





# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB



Norcross Garden Club at the dedication of a new garden at a local school.



He is posting the NGC Pollinator Sign at the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation Memorial Garden.

## ROSWELL GARDEN CLUB

### Roswell Garden Club's ARC Adaptive Program

Several Roswell Garden Club members participated in the March St. Patrick's Adaptive Dinner/Dance at the Roswell Adult Recreation Center. Pots, soil and succulents were made available to the Adaptive attendees. Members demonstrated how to plant and worked alongside those who chose to participate in this hands-on planting. The Garden Club of Georgia Garden Therapy Grant Program paid for the materials. Forty attendees participated in this project.



Debbie , Amy & Lisa



Amy



Attendee, Amy & Lisa



Under the leadership of Jeanne Nardiello and JoAnn Jones, 55 "Happy Sacks" were created by RGC members and filled with various toiletries. The sacks were delivered to "Meals on Wheels" recipients. Kudos to those ladies who created the beautiful Spring sacks!

# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS

## CAMELLIA GARDEN CLUB



I did it!!!



On March 14, Camellia Garden Club Members (top photo L to R) Tinah Saunders, Janice Gordon, Sherry Gary, Robin Conway, Vicky Cork, Janet Wells, Margaret Boone, Alicia Blanton, and Debbie Herzig made a “Spring” craft with the residents of Saint Anne’s Terrace. Residents filled a nest glued to a mattress spring with flowers, bunnies, eggs, and birds. Club members also made extras to give to residents unable to attend.



Jim Bearden, trail keeper of the Bluebird Trail in the Green Meadows Preserve in Cobb County, gave Camellia Members a walking tour of the trail and provided much information about nesting bluebirds.



Teresa Horan and Robin Conway show off Camellia Garden Club’s third place win in the Synergistic Design category at the Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show.



On April 12th, Mary Lou Williams, Diane Sinclair, Janet Wells, Teresa Horan, Robin Conway, Janice Gordon and Alicia Blanton refreshed many planters at the Chastain Therapeutic Horse Park.



At our March Meeting, Elizabeth Weaver of Elizabeth’s Edibles prepared a lunch featuring many different herbs for Camellia Garden Club members.



In February, Jack Rogers, a member of the Georgia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation, updated members on the progress being made to restore the American chestnut that’s becoming functionally extinct due to blight and root rot.





# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## CAMELLIA GARDEN CLUB CONT'D



In January, Cole Palmer showed Camellia Garden Club how to make a Potman for their garden.



So cute!!!

QUOTE:



“We delight in the beauty of the Butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty” By: Maya Angelou



## COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB



Georgia Museum of Art - Athens, GA

Country Hills GC Members toured the Georgia Museum of Art, went to the Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters House and Atlanta Botanical Garden.



Thelma Reeves & Monica Bozonier



Thelma Reeves, Vivene Holley & Johnetta Gillies at GCG Headquarters, Athens, GA



Leslie Busino, Vivene Holley & Winnie White at the Atlanta Botanical Garden



Country Hills Garden Club Members - Botanical Garden 17

# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS

## AMA-KANASTA GARDEN CLUB



Our March meeting speaker was local author & garden blogger, Lucy Mercer. She took us on a visual tour of her favorite Georgia Gardens & plant sales in our area. Our tables were filled with mini garden centerpieces. Special guest was our Dogwood District Director, Monica Bozonier who updated us on the Dogwood District and GCG Programs and Project and the status of our request for a Blue Star Memorial Marker to be placed in the Hunter Memorial Park, Douglasville, GA.



VP Nell Boggs & Speaker Lucy Mercer

Ama-Kanasta's April Meeting was held at Souper Jenny in Atlanta where we toured their Souper Farm. Glenna Cigallio taking notes. We learned about Regenerative Gardening which is a more eco-friendly way to garden. The restaurant uses the vegetables & herbs grown in their own garden. This was a wonderful learning experience. Farmer Jeff also offers "Plant & Learn" workshops periodically. You can follow him on Instagram at "farmerjeff1".



Guided tour by Farmer Jeff.

## ROSE GARDEN CLUB



(L to R): Virginia Ellis, Ginger Kimball, GCG, Inc. Pres. Lisa Hall & Judi Stanley attended the GCG Convention.

**QUOTE:**

**"Try to be a Rainbow in someone's cloud".**

## FOXGLOVE GARDEN CLUB



Kathy Spissman and Johnnie Berry with some beautiful African Violets.



# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## BELLMERE GARDEN CLUB

Bellmere Garden Club Members enjoyed a hands-on activity at their March meeting. VP Mina Dyson bought “super high heel” shoes from Goodwill, lined them with plastic, and soaked oasis for members’ use. Cut flowers were provided and Members brought greenery from their yards. We all had great fun creating floral creations in our fancy shoes! See the colorful results.



Bellmere Garden Club Members at the work table.



Fabulous and Colorful Shoe Designs!!!!



Georgia Nickles



Rose Rigdon



Vice-Pres. Mina Dyson



Pres. Barbara Taylor & Sally Copeland

**Looking for a Native Plant to add to your yard?  
Here are two!!!**

**FEATURED NATIVE PLANTS:**

Coneflower and American Beautyberry



Coneflower



American Beautyberry

Native Plants provide crucial resources for birds and other animals: They provide Fruits and Berries when needed, and they sustain other insects. Native plants are hardy, well adapted and requires less water. They give every gardener the opportunity to sustain wildlife in their backyard! To learn more, visit [www.georgiaaudubon.org/plants-for-birds](http://www.georgiaaudubon.org/plants-for-birds).



# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## PINE CENTER GARDEN CLUB

70th Anniversary  
Pine Center Garden Club celebrated their 70th Anniversary at the Historic Oakland Cemetery.



Guest

President Paula Jones

Oldest Pine Center GC Member

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!



Chris



Monica & Johnnie



Speaker & Club Member Abra Lee



Pine Center Garden Club Members:



Sarah Ridgeway



# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## PIEDMONT GARDEN CLUB

The Piedmont Garden Club of Atlanta, GA turned out strong for a tour of a private home featured in Southern Home, Veranda and Southern Lady Magazines, as well as the Serena & Lily Catalog. The home featured many cutting gardens comprised of Roses, Foxgloves, Lilies and Feverfews. The 8 exterior rooms of the property contain 3 varieties of Boxwoods, Climbing Clematis, Spirea, Akebia vine, Gardenias, Azaleas, Camellias and Hydrangeas. The trees included Cherry Blossom, Fig, Pear, Maple and Arched Espaliers. The vegetable garden was filled with bright Pepper bushes and a lush Herb garden of Rosemary, Thyme, Parsley etc.... This charming landscape contained a Pergola for alfresco dining, an iron/wood arbor covered in Wisteria, a french style potting shed, a swimming pool, benches for resting in the sun, a courtyard, an oval fountain, parterre gardens, various sculptures, a porte cochere, pea gravel paths and a lush lawn. This unique garden experience was truly heaven on earth for The Piedmont Garden Club members!



Piedmont Garden Club 9.19.23

**We love our Club  
and what we're  
doing!!!**

The Piedmont Garden Club hosted a hands on floral arranging workshop given by Chris Macksey of Topher Mac florals for 75 of it's members on January 16th, 2024.

The presentation by the famous florist, Chris Macksey included numerous helpful floral tips, a live demonstration and a guided flower arranging session using 3 vases per member. What an incredible meeting thanks to Topher Mac florals!!





# DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



## SANDY SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB

### GARDEN TIP:



Sandy Springs Garden Club has a new Logo



Speaker Geri Laufer holding her book pictured with Ingrid and Carrie.

## CLUB ESTATES GARDEN CLUB



We are proud of our Blue Star Marker Corner



BJ Crabtree 's Floral Arrangement Representing Dogwood District

On April 16, at the Garden Club of Georgia Convention in Peachtree City, Club Estates Garden Club won three GCG Awards. They are Club Standard of Excellence Award, the Blue Star Marker Award, and the highest award, The Garden Club of Georgia Trophy Award. We were represented by Dogwood District Liaison, Louise Jackson Hoffman, Fulton Federation Vice President, BJ Crabtree, CEGC Treasurer and President Elect Becca Taylor Settles, and CEGC President Cheryl Durham. We had a great time and are honored to receive these three wards.



Louise Hoffman, Cheryl Durham, Becca Settles & BJ Crabtree





# Dogwood District Clubs



## SPALDING GARDEN CLUB

The Mary Hall Freedom Jr. Gardeners planting projects have begun, including containers with Micro Greens and a Daffodil Experiment. The children made cute Valentine frames with individual pictures in them for their Mom's for Mother's Day, They planted bulbs, and pots of Micro Greens.



Mary Hall Freedom Village held a Fundraiser Tea on Saturday, February 24, at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church. Spalding Garden Club Member and Co-founder of Mary Hall Freedom Jr Garden club, Vicki Canakaris invited several of the volunteers to join in the fun. We sang, wore hats, participated in the "Congo" line, shopped the vendors and enjoyed a very fun and inspirational afternoon.



The kids made beautiful Valentines Day Frames to give on Mothers Day..



Our January meeting hostesses, Clare Schelhammer, Kelly Feyock, Alana Anderson, Dot Drury and Marilyn Santa Maria outdid themselves with beautiful table arrangement and delicious refreshments..



Vicki Canakaris, Sue Donges, Judy Marston, Sandy Heuer, Pat Gianelloni and Julia McClanahan

Great job Spalding Garden Club!!!!  
You earned a Gold Star.





# AROUND The DISTRICT



## DOGWOOD CLUB MEMBER GARDENS



Johnetta Gillies' Garden



Chris Adams' Garden



Rosa Bitussi's Garden

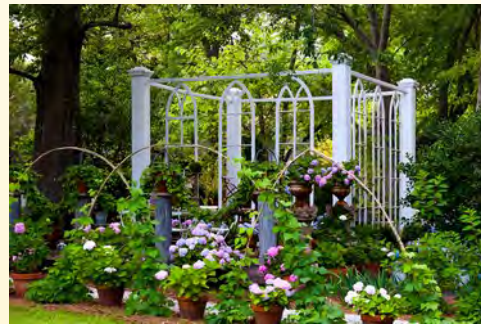


Winnie White's Garden

I ENJOY SEEING PICTURES OF BEAUTIFUL GARDENS. SEND ME A PICTURE OF YOURS!!! YOU MAY BE GIVING ONE OF US A NEW IDEA



Monica Bozonier's Container Garden



Susanne Hudson & Jeri Farmer's Garden



Kathy Henry's Garden



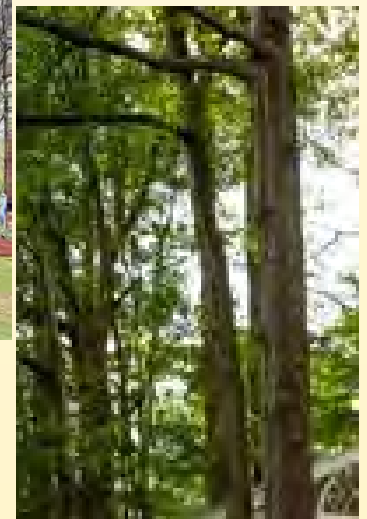
Nancy Berry's Garden



Nancy Berry's Garden



Debbie Vann's Garden



Jeri Farmer's Garden

### GARDENING TIP:

Make the birds in your yard very happy with these cute Bird Seed Ornaments. Use your different cookie cutters for every occasion !!!

### Bird Seed Ornament Recipe:

1 cup Bird Seeds  
1/4 cup flour  
1/4 cup water  
2 Tbsp corn syrup

Mix all ingredients together. Spoon into the cookie cutters. Let dry 24 hrs. Make a hole to attach the twine. Hang. NOW, Enjoy watching those fascinating creatures!!



# DOGWOOD DISTRICT

## Notices:

### AMA-KANASTA GARDEN

**Penny McHenry  
Hydrangea Festival  
& Garden Tour**  
Saturday June 1, 2024  
Introducing  
**Eclipse Hydrangea**



Tickets available on line at [domecon.org](http://domecon.org) April 1  
678-449-3939  
**Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival**  
**Dogwood as Country Museum History & Art**  
12431 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Douglasville GA 30134



You are cordially invited to the  
**C. Burke Day Walkway Dedication**  
Wednesday, May 8th  
1:30–3:30 pm  
Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters  
State Botanical Gardens, Athens

We wish to thank our many clubs for their financial support of this project: a Memorial Fund established in 2017 upon the passing of Deen Day Sander's son who had muscular dystrophy. Monies have been used to landscape a handicapped accessible walkway at the State Botanical Garden. Join us for light refreshments and short presentations. Tour the C. Burke Day Walkway and the Porcelain Museum before or after the reception.

RSVP by April 26<sup>th</sup> - see link for form  
[B.Bourque@comcast.net](mailto:B.Bourque@comcast.net)

**SPALDING GARDEN CLUB**  
"A Floral Affair"  
Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
City Springs  
1 Galambos Way  
Sandy Springs, GA  
10AM - 2PM

There will be a floral demonstration by Atlanta Floral Designer, Mary Delia Poynter. Lunch and a Live Auction will follow.

Tickets and Information can be found on The Spalding Garden Club link: [spaldinggardenclub.com](http://spaldinggardenclub.com)



**Deep South Garden Club Convention**  
March 11 - 13, 2025  
Valdosta, GA

All garden clubs in Georgia will help to host this convention. Please put it on your calendars.



**Garden Club of Georgia's Fundraiser**  
**Summer Bulb Sale - Ends May 15th**  
**GCG Flowerpower Fundraiser**



**Travel Opportunity**  
**Gardens and more of the Loire Valley of France**  
**September 5-16, 2024**

The Loire is the longest river in France, and gives its name to this beautiful valley, abounding in romantic and historic castles, charming villages, constructed of limestone, wineries, and, of course, gardens. The Loire Valley is known as the "Valley of the Kings of France" and "The Garden of France."  
Join a small group (15 max) of garden enthusiasts as we explore this amazing valley and its lovely gardens. For pricing and details visit **GARDENS AND MORE OF THE LOIRE VALLEY** or contact Chris Adams at [cadams30041@gmail.com](mailto:cadams30041@gmail.com)



Chateau Villandry



# Looking Forward



## SAVE THE DATES & MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Deen Day Sanders Walkway Dedication
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Fulton Federation Award Luncheon - Bellmere Garden House, 10777 Bell Road, Johns Creek, GA
Saturday, June 1, 2024	Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival & Garden Tour Tickets available on line at <a href="http://www.dcmuseum.org">www.dcmuseum.org</a>
June 2-5, 2024	2024 National Garden Club Convention, Westminster, CO 80020
Tuesday, August 13, 2024	Dogwood District Board Meeting - Lost Corner Preserve, 7300 Brandon Mill Road, NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
Wednesday, October 10, 2024	Dogwood District 66th Annual Meeting Luncheon, Location TBA
Saturday, November 2, 2024	Historic Landscape Preservation - 505 Kennesaw Ave, Marietta, GA
Wednesday, January 22, 2025`	Dogwood District Board Meeting - Lost Corner Preserve, 7300 Brandon Mill Road, NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

- ◆ 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](mailto:dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com). We would love to hear all about your wonderful projects!!

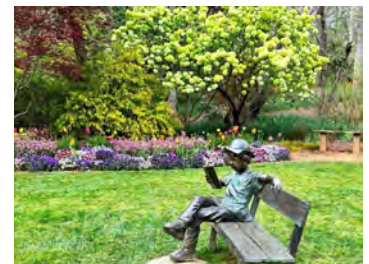
Need Answers? You can find most of your answers to your questions on the GCG website [www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org) Be sure to visit the [Dogwood District page](#).

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](mailto:webmaster@gardenclubofgeorgia.org)

I hope you enjoyed reading this Issue. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you. Please come introduce yourself to me when I am in your presence.

Enjoy life and smile!!  
Monica Bozonier, Dogwood Dialogue Editor



**RELAX & ENJOY  
YOUR SUMMER!!!**