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DIRECTORS CORNER SUMMER 2024

Remember: TOGETHER WE BUILD MAGNOLIA DISTRICT and GCG!

Remember, the words of one song "You don't know, what you've got, till it's gone"? That is so true in life here on Mother Earth. Remember the Pony Express? Well, it is gone. This is where we can take a little time and participate in the mission of The National Garden Club, of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc, of Magnolia District, and of your Garden Club. Your Mission ("should you choose to accept it" - remember those words?) is "Beautification, Conservation, Education" in your community and throughout the nation as you are able to. Well, summertime is coming so let's get to our local mission.

DIRECTORS CORNER continues

Planning and action time! Simplicity is hard to come by sometimes. Everything comes in excess packaging with a huge list of ingredients which are unpronounceable without a lot of practice. Summer is just a few weeks away. Let's simplify! You can have simplicity in the mission of Beautification, Conservation, and Education. Do not overload. Embrace and keep it simple.

The clubs are finishing May 2024 and taking a break. No, they are really not! Someone is planning- working in the local clubs' backgrounds. Magnolia District has sent out a list of the Best Programs as listed by all of the Club Presidents in the State of Georgia. See if there are any suggestions in the list which will be useful (enjoyable) to your club. Remember, it is time to embark on an exciting journey with a brand refresh! Brand refresh -modern talk, but what does it mean? You can Google that! In the past months, with GCG we saw travel adventures, collaborations, user-friendly technologies, a new website, and so much more. We have got this! We are using new technology but keeping the same value system. We learned how to Google, shop on Amazon, use the flip phone before the I phone, and laugh at the younger generation while still garden clubbing!

We have got this! Our commitment to local garden clubbing is the cornerstone of the community and is unwavering. Bring on the epitome of simplicity. Remember to laugh, keep it simple, enjoy fellowship and as Nilsa, one of our fearless leaders states" **Recruit, Retain, and Revitalize!**" It is your revitalization time! Enjoy the Summer! Kay Hagler, District Director 2023-2025

Magnolia Co-Director: Membership Matters

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Magnolia District News

Magnolia District Projects Update:

- 1. Director Hagler and the Executive Board recommendation for memorials for Rosalynn Carter included a \$200 contribution to The Carter Care Center Mental Health Program and \$200 for the Institute for Caregivers which were awarded.
- 2. Placement of a marker in Plains in connection with the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail: A Committee is working with Annette Wise and Sewah Studios to honor the Former First Lady, Rosalynn Carter. A meeting in May of 2024 will be held in Plains with Annette to further develop this project. The project will be completed by April 2025.
- 3. The Scholarship Committee members are Chairman, Sybil Willingham, Nilsa Summey, and Reda Rowell. A fall 2024 scholarship will be awarded. All residents of Magnolia District who attend Georgia Southwest University are eligible to apply if they meet the scholarship criteria. Scholarship Criteria at: www.gsw.edu/financial-aid/scholarships-aid/org
- 4. Blue Star Gold Star Marker Grant Award: Committee report. To date there are no applications for a grant request to Magnolia District. Magnolia District has requested a Blue Star Grant from The Garden Club of Georgia for the I75, rest-stop 14 Blue Star Marker restoration.
- 5. Magnolia District supported the Rosalyn Carter Butterfly Trail Symposium held on May 3rd, 2024, with a contribution.

- 6. Magnolia District requested a grant from the National Garden Club, Inc. and was awarded \$500.00 to support the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Symposium. The post symposium report is being submitted to The National Garden Club.
- 7. Magnolia District contacted Tom Stellings of Historical Markers Restorations to restore a painted Blue Star marker located near Unadilla, Georgia at I 75 rest stop 14. Project complete.
- 8. Committee: Nominating Committee for Magnolia District: Committee Chairperson, Marilyn Aldrich has continued to communicate with Committee members, Janice Mohr, Kay Lambert, and Sandra Haga to develop the 2025-2027 Magnolia District Board Members. A meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024.
- 9. Finance Committee: The members of the Finance Committee are Chairman, Janis Webb, Magnolia District Treasurer, Janice Cliett, former Magnolia District Treasurer, and Cindy Williams.

Albany Garden Club Charter Member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

The Garden Club of Georgia's history dates back to 1891, when the first garden club in the United States, the Ladies Garden Club of Athens, was founded. The state organization was created in 1928 with 29 member clubs. The Albany Garden Club of Albany Georgia of the Magnolia District was a Charter member of the state organization in 1928.

The <u>Vienna Garden Club of Dooly County</u> joined the state organization in 1934, just six years after the creation of the organization. <u>Fort Gaines Home and Garden Club and Oglethorpe Garden Club</u> joined in 1936.



IT IS HORTICULTURE!

The daylily photo to the left is the Caroline Silcox Daylily. It was hybridized by Kennesaw Mountain Daylily farm. Janice Mohr of Village Green Garden Club took this photo of her lilies and shared the photo. Janice states that she has had this lily since Caroline Silcox, was President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. in 2011. Note the color and shape of the lily. Pictured are the 2024 blooms in Janice Mohr's yard!

ANOTHER BLUE STAR MARKER REFURBISHED



On April 25.2024, Tom Stellings of Historical Markers Restoration, Inc. restored the Blue Star Marker located in

Dooly County, near Unadilla, Georgia at Georgia DOT Rest its original Area 14 to condition. The marker painted with a sticker applied. The Photo left is Tom Stelling post removal of all paint and restoration of the marker to its original condition. The photo right was the marker with paint and sticker applied. Magnolia



District has applied to The Garden Club of Georgia for a grant to aid with the cost of the restoration.

Magnolia Club News

Remembering and Appreciating the Sacrifices!

The Butler Garden Club

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Taylor County Historical-Genealogical Society

Cordially invite You to join Us on

Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

For the unveiling and dedication of a

Gold Star Marker

In tribute to the families who have lost a loved one in defense of our country.

Dedication ceremony will be held at Flint Energies Auditorium 3 South Macon Street, Reynolds, Georgia

Marker Unveiling in Jullian Knight Park Reception following at Trinity Church

We sincerely hope you can join us.

Azalea Garden Club of Columbus

Azalea Garden Club of Columbus getting <u>hy</u> with hydrangeas! The Azalea Garden Club continues to Plant Georgia with iconic native shrubs in our southern landscapes. On a beautiful and chilly Saturday in March, club members worked together to enhance an existing hillside shade garden to the parkway of Spring Harbor @ Green Island, a non-profit assisted living and memory support facility.

Multiple hydrangea quercifolia 'Alice' were selected due to its enormous panicle shaped blooms throughout the summer, outstanding fall foliage interest, and attractive bark texture when



exfoliated in winter. At maturity, 'Alice' will reach a height/width of 8-10' and will make a stunning presence in the landscape! The shrubs blend seamlessly in this woodland setting currently filled with hellebore, spring bulbs, hostas, native ferns, trillium, mahonias, azaleas, redbuds, and dogwoods. This hillside ridge will provide a multi seasonal visual experience to residents and guests upon approach and departure of the facility.



The Camellia Garden Club of Cuthbert

The Camellia Garden Club and Keep Randolph Beautiful partnered to sponsor an Arbor Day Event on Friday, February 17. A beautiful Bloodgood Red Maple was planted at the Corner of

Blakely and Front Streets near the Historic Cistern where the Randolph County Historical Society recently placed

a plaque explaining the significance of the Historic Cistern. The Camellia Garden Club will be landscaping this area in the near future. Arbor Day is celebrated in Georgia on the 3rd Friday of February each year. Patricia Goodman welcomed everyone, with Bobbie Liggett offering a prayer and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bobby Jenkins read the Arbor Day Foundation Official Proclamation which he had signed. In this proclamation, it is stated that Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world; trees reduce erosion of our topsoil by wind and water, they cut heating and cooling

costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products. Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community. Ann Moshell then shared the importance of trees to Randolph County. Trees are an essential habitat for some endangered species in our area such as the pileated woodpeckers and forestland provides shelter and food for many types of wildlife.

Wildlife has a direct economic impact on Randolph County, through hunting leases which help pay property taxes, while visiting hunters boost our economy with their presence. Trees biggest impact locally is through timber harvesting, which provides hundreds of jobs in our area while giving us building materials and paper products. Planting one tree is great, but our tree farmers plant thousands per year, many of them sourced from our local Arborgen nursery near Shellman. Ruth Ann Allison explained that the Bloodgood Red Maple became a staple in many Asian gardens in the 1700s, with it being introduced to the western world in the 1820s. These trees can adapt to various climates, but they prefer moderate temperatures. It is an ideal tree for smaller yards. They bloom in the spring, and this is when their red foliage is at its brightest. The color darkens in the summer to burgundy and their leaves can become even showier in autumn, making the foliage attractive for a full three seasons of the year. Andi Henderson read a lovely poem entitled, "The Gift of the Tree." Patricia Goodman introduced Jon Wright and Joe Fincher with the Randolph County Forestry Unit, who brought crepe myrtles and dogwood trees for those in attendance. Brenda Rice, who organized this event, recognized, and thanked Michael Montfort for planting the tree. Both the Camellia Garden Club and Keep Randolph Beautiful expect this lovely tree to shade and enhance this site, as well as be a welcome addition to assist in the beautification of our town.

Blue and Gold Star Memorials Honoring Those Who Served Our Country

LOCATE BLUE STAR AND GOLD MARKERS IN YOUR CLUB AREA OR CONSIDER INSTALLING A MARKER

Check the GCG website under Programs and Projects, Blue and Gold Star Memorials (https://gardenclub.org/blue-and-gold-star-memorials) to see a listing of Blue Star Markers in the Magnolia District. It is the District and Clubs goal to review every maker for the condition of the marker in the District AND RESTORE markers as needed. There are groups which can aid your club with this project.

- Contact your local Veteran's organizations, i.e., American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc.
 - Invite local high school students, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

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The Magnolia Garden Club of Fort Valley

2024 Flower Fantasy at Pineola Farms



In a matter of minutes attendees to the 2024 Flower Fantasy floral event were able to visit eight gardens from around the world. Held on the weekend of April 20 and 21 at Pineola Farms in Fort Valley, Georgia, comments of "absolutely stunning", "gorgeous", and "unbelievable" could be heard from the more than 600 event attendees. This was a

Garden Club of Georgia event and was hosted by the 20 members of the Magnolia Garden Club of Fort Valley for the purpose of raising funds for the Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund. Photo above: Jeanette Harrison, Nilsa Summey, and Terry Morgan of the Winchester Garden Club enjoy the day at Pineola Farms.

The event was held at one of the Magnolia Gorden Club. Figure 1:Do you see the lady in the hat?

The event was held at one of the Magnolia Garden Club member's (Delise Knight) home. The Bassett home place was built in 1865 and stands much as it has for almost 160 years except for the yard and gardens. The historic home is lovingly decorated with beautiful antiques from all over the world. The adjoining gardens have seen a lot of changes over the years and are currently on Rosalynn Carter's Butterfly Trail.

The featured designers were Roy Lamb, a well know floral designer, and one of our Magnolia Garden Club members, Delise Knight. Delise and her husband Paul are the owners of Pineola Farms. She has been involved with floral installations for as long as she can remember. In the past, she and her husband Paul owned and ran an extraordinary events venue at Pineola Farms. The theme for this year's floral event was "gardens around"



the world." There were 6 rooms, in addition to the front porch entrance and the grand hallway which were decorated in florals and plant materials representative of Mexico, Japan, Italy, Portugal, The Netherlands, England, and America. Additionally at the main entrance was a photo opportunity with a French market. Through the many sponsors supporting and investing in the event, the club will be able to give over \$10,000 from ticket sales to the GCG Scholarship Fund.



This year there were five guest speakers; Mark Ballard, "Wreath Design;" Nikki Taylor, "Perennials, Herbs, and Pollinators;" Tommy Alden, "Camellia Care;" Jean O'Shields and Ruby Meeks, "This and That Generational Perspectives With Flowers;" and Terry Johnson, "A Collage of Color, Georgia Backyard Birds."

Another fantastic addition to the Flower Fantasy this year was the raffle of a wheelbarrow full of wonderful goodies and plants with a value of a little over \$1,000. The wheelbarrow and contents were won by Melissa Hedgpeth of Fort Valley, Ga. With over 600 attendees (ticket holders, sponsors, and workers) over \$10,000 will be donated to the GCG Scholarship Fund this year. We at Magnolia Garden Club feel like education is key. We want

to continue to help inspire our youth in all fields of horticulture.

Celebrating Georgia Gardening Week 2024



The Azalea Garden Club observed Georgia Garden Week by adopting 4 urns at the Confederate memorial in Salisbury Park, located on Broadway in historic downtown, Columbus, Georgia. Partnering with the Historic District Preservation Society and Bloomers Lawn & Garden Center, the Club will refresh and plant seasonal annuals and perennials and maintain their care. A mixture of heat

tolerant pollinator friendly plants that thrive in containers are planned for late spring, summer and fall color. When volunteers are needed, dedicated

members have committed to a rotating shift to keep an eye on the park and respond when the containers need weeding, watering, and replacement. This community beautification involvement provides our awesome Azalea members the opportunity to take an active role in helping pollinators while enhancing the visual appeal of the park, continue our focus on the beauty of public spaces, and show our community pride.





The Butler Garden Club

Members of the Butler Garden Club attended the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly and Native Plant Symposium. Photo left to right are Mary Luna Shepherd, Sybil Willingham Gayle Wyrick and Sylvia

Harris. The Butler Garden Club members attended the symposium to learn more and become a better steward of our native ecosystems!! It was a fun day and learning day but there was no test at the end! They did take the time to cultivate productive relationships!

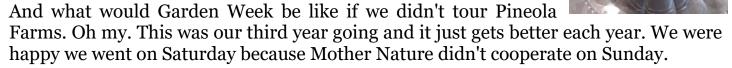
The Winchester Garden Club



What was Winchester Garden Club up to during the Garden Week in Georgia? Several of the Club members met at the home of Judson Patten for a light lunch. Then we got our creative juice flowing and made Tea Cup Gardens. When it was all over and out of supplies, we had 16 beautiful and whimsy tea cup gardens. I

have enclosed some samples of the tea cups. We then took them to Rivertown Center a nursing home in Columbus, Georgia. The residents and staff got a kick out of how cute they were. We met with the Activity Director Marcia and talked about future project we

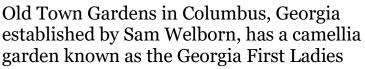
could do with the residents of the home. It was a fun project and very rewarding to see the faces of the residents.

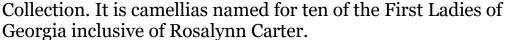


We also toured Old Town Gardens. It was beautiful and the weather was just right but not for all the Camellia who had their beauty pageant a few weeks prior to our visit. I



did manage to take a picture of one of the Camellias that was named after First Lady Roslyn Carter. Terry Morgan, Winchester Garden Club President.







Oglethorpe Garden Club: Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Oglethorpe Garden Club places flags along the streets of Oglethorpe on national holidays. These flags were becoming faded and torn and needed to be replaced. We found no organizations in Macon County which properly disposes of unusable flags; therefore, the club appointed a committee to take on this task.

The committee contacted Macon County High School NJROTC (Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps) and asked if they would like to partner with the Oglethorpe Garden Club to hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony. The advisers were enthusiastic about the idea.

Personnel in the local city halls and county courthouse were contacted about being drop-off locations for unusable flags. When contacted, they all said they had flags which were being stored until proper disposal could be arranged. A



date was set, and notices were posted in the local paper to inform the public about bringing their unusable flags to the drop-off locations and inviting them to attend the ceremony. Over 200 flags were collected for the retirement ceremony. Working with the NJROTC Advisors, the committee arranged for the ceremony to be held at the flagpole on the campus of Macon County High School. The cadets presented the colors, folded the flag, and assisted with the entire program. Oglethorpe Garden Club Members were present to assist as needed, welcome the group, and recognize the flags to be retired. The local Fire Department and Emergency Management Service were also present as well as a school board member. Approximately 50 community members also attended the program. The program was to include only the retirement of one flag as a representative of all the flags collected; however, the cadets asked to be allowed for each to retire a flag. Their display of respect and patriotism was an added bonus to an already impressive ceremony.



NJROC The Advisors are interested in continuing the project annual event. This would be a of their part training for the cadets and service to the community. This was a first-time project for the Oglethorpe Garden Club as well as the Macon

County High School NJROTC. Oglethorpe Garden members look forward to working with this group in the future on this and other projects.

Memorials:



Evelyna Keadle Rogers, 84, of Newton, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville. Evelyna was a Former Magnolia District Director from 2019-2021 and held numerous positions in The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. She was a long standing and committed member of the Camilla Garden Club of Camilla, Georgia. December 9, 1939 - March 20, 2024.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. News

Two newsletters are provided for your information on The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. website! Did you know? There are numerous publications located on the GCG website.

GO TO: https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/membership-publications/

Environmental Newsletter

Protecting Pollinators Chair, Annelle Moore

Article: I Admire Butterflies by Terry Johnson, visit **Publications**

Landscape Design Newsletter

Come dig into the Basics of Landscape Design

Our Landscape Design Newsletter Editor, Suzanne Finger is a Georgia-grown, registered Landscape Architect. In each installment of this four-part series of Landscape Design 101, she explores various aspects of Landscape Design. visit <u>Publications</u>

National Garden Club, Inc. News

The National Gardener Magazine is 100% Online.

The Online quarterly publication is available through the NGC website. The digital PDF version is meant for convenient viewing online, for presentations and for reference. Check the current issue and archives at:

https://www.gardenclub.org/national-gardener-archives

Magnolia District Awarded A Native Plant and Wildflower Grant by NGC

The National Garden Club, Inc. has a grant available of up to \$500 to be used towards direct expenses for an educational program on the subject of Native Plants and Wildflowers. Magnolia District applied for the grant which was awarded to be used for

The Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail May 2024 Symposium.

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Rosalynn Carter's Butterfly Mission continues in Plains, Georgia with the May2024 Symposium. The event was well attended with 98 attendees plus speakers and workers. The symposium hosted a workshop, area sites and trails in the area for viewing native plants, and a large number of vendors selling native plants. Speakers shared knowledge related to native plants and the monarch butterfly. Several plants like the native azaleas were on sale at the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail Symposium plant sale. "Each one of us can make a difference even if it's a small container garden," said Annette Wise, President of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail.



Figure 2: Dr. Jaap De Roode, PHD Emory University

Right now, there are over 4,000 public and private gardens around the world that have registered with the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail. Julia Snipes, Vice President of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, said the former first lady would be proud of how far they have come. "She would be so proud and thrilled that this many people would come to learn, to get native plants, and promote the butterflies," she said.



Snipes said every year the plant sale and symposium is a success with all the money going back to several gardens throughout Plains—all for one purpose. "Just letting people know the importance of planting host plants for the butterflies and the nectar plants that help not just the butterflies but the bees and other pollinating insects," she said.

Dr. Jaap De Roode, Emory University biology professor, said it is because of organizations like Mrs. Carters that the monarch butterfly population has increased, but they still need your help. "Even if they're stabilized, they're not like they used to be and that is true for most species that we share the world with, so we need to keep on working hard to recreate habitat and saving the species," he said. With a mission 11 years in the making, which is what Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail officials say, they will continue to do in honor of Mrs. Carter. Additional speakers enjoyed by the attendees were Amy

Heidt, Costal Plains Native Plant Society; Lauren Goble, Georgia Farm Bureau; and Mr. Tom Johnson, Horticulturist on Creating a Romantic Garden.

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check Sign up and Details at https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/events-calendar/: Also, Check out The Facebook and District Webpage.

Club Presidents, please email this to your members as the newsletter will not be sent out by any other method. Thank you for distributing the Magnolia Messenger!

		Georgia Club of Georgia, INC.	
May	2024	Georgia Grab of Georgia, 11ve.	
27	Monday	Gold Star Marker Memorial Dedication	Julian Knight Park, Reynolds, Ga.
29-30	Wednesday	NGC Landscape Design School – Course 4	gardenclub.org/landscape-design-school
June	2024		
2-4		National Garden Club Convention	Denver Co.
2-8		National Garden Week	
18-21		GCG Newport Gardens And Glitz Tour – Newport Rhode Island 2024	
10-21		·	
July	2024		
August	2024		
13		Magnolia District Summer Board Meeting 2024	Vienna, Ga.
15		Magnolia Messenger Article Deadline Fall Issue Sep, Oct, Nov	<u>haglerkay@gmail.com</u>
19		Finance and Executive Committee Fall Meeting 2024 Zoom	
23-24		Great Georgia Pollinator Census.	www.ggapc.org
September	2024		
10		GCG Board of Directors Meeting	GCG Headquarters
October	2024		
4-6		Camellia- Magnolia District Flower Show	Georgia State Fairgrounds, Perry, GA.
9		Laurel District Annual Meeting 2024	

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10		Dogwood District Annual Meeting 2024	
16		Oleander District Annual Meeting 2024	
17		Azalea District Annual Meeting 2024	
22		Redbud District Annual Meeting 2024	
23		Magnolia District Annual Meeting 2024	
24		Camellia District Annual Meeting 2024	
November	2024		
15		Magnolia Messenger Article deadline for Winter Issue. (Dec, Jan, Feb)	haglerkay@gmail.com
December	*	Remembers Awards Deadlines are 12.1.24. Mail or digital submit to be received prior to 12.01.2024	

"In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row

That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago, We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



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