



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



2023-2025

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

Hello Dynamic Dogwoods,

First, let me begin by congratulating and welcoming all of the new Garden Club Presidents **and** our new Dogwood District Recording Secretary, Whitney Hand.

Congratulations!! Welcome!!

I am looking forward to working with you and all of the existing Dogwood District Presidents this upcoming year. Dogwood District had a great year. We won some awards and we had record breaking attendance at the Dogwood

District and Garden Club of Georgia’s Events. Thanks for attending.

You made our events a success!!

At the August 13th Dogwood District Board Meeting, we provided lots of information and dates that were compiled and put on a President Quick Guide Sheet to help you and your garden club succeed. Helping Dogwood District Garden Club succeed is one of our goals. Thank you for attending.

If you want to know a little bit about me, I had a very busy April, May, June, July and August because of the Convention and traveling for family graduations and functions. I spent very little time in my garden, but I did plant some annuals on my patio before I began traveling. Well, the security cameras went off and showed the deer on the Patio eating all my plants while also breaking the pots. Those Pests!!! I hope my planted perennial pots survive and come back next year. Even though I work very hard in my yard and I don’t get to enjoy beautiful flower like you because of the deer, my garden still brings me lots of peace and tranquility. I hope all of you are enjoying your gardens and having a wonderful summer. Send some pictures of your gardens to put in the next Dogwood Dialogue. **You work very hard in your yards, show it off.** Send to dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com. I’m looking forward to seeing your design and the beauty of your gardens.

BUSINESS:

1. My Co-Director, Christy Novellas, and I would like to attend one of your garden club meetings as a guest. Please send us an invitation to join you at one of your meetings.
2. The Dogwood District’s Blue Star Memorial Marker has been ordered.
3. Please Read, Enjoy and Share this Dogwood Dialogue. **Presidents, please forward this Dogwood Dialogue Newsletter to your fellow garden club members. It is not distributed directly to them. Give them a chance to read and enjoy the Dogwood Dialogue Newsletter too.**
4. Need information, forms and answers to your questions, go to The Garden Club of Georgia’s website: www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org.

HAPPY GARDENING!!!!

Monica Bozonier

Dogwood District Director, 2023-2025
 nubianprincess53@charter.net
 470-266-6224





GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.



THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

The Garden Club of Georgia Inc.'s President, Lisa Hall invited you to attend several "Cocktail and Conversation" Zoom calls. This is your opportunity to hear the latest news, offer suggestions and even vent your likes and dislikes. We all are trying to meet your club's needs. We can't do that if we don't know what they are. **Please make an effort to attend the next one.** Thanks.



GCG President Lisa Hall



THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.'S MISSION STATEMENT "BEAUTIFICATION, CONSERVATION, EDUCATION"

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 Mission statement of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and The National Garden Club. We will work together to provide the best garden club experience for our members. Using the Mission Statement 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!!



DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUB, INC. CONVENTION

March 11-13, 2025 in Valdosta, GA

HOSTED BY: Garden Club of Georgia's 7 Districts:

(Azalea, Camellia, **Dogwood**, Laurel, Magnolia, Oleander and Redbud)
THAT'S US!!!!



I would like to give all of you a heads up. When I explained to you the Hierarchy of the Garden Club in the last issue of Dogwood Dialogue, I said that you are a member of the Deep South Region. All Events in the gardening world are planned on a 6 year rotation. Year 2025 is Garden Club of Georgia's year to host the Deep South Region's Convention. That means all 7 Districts in GCG are responsible for hosting this event. When you attend this Convention, this will give you a chance to meet other garden club members from the other 5 states also belonging to the Deep South Region like: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee.

Dogwood District's Assignments: Publicity & A Floral Arrangement to Honor Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. President, Lisa Hall.



97th GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. CONVENTION

April 29-30, 2025 in Augusta, GA

We don't have to work this one. Just show up and have lots of fun!!!





AROUND the DISTRICT



National Garden Club Award Winners from Dogwood District—2023



Dogwood District is proud to announce that
Norcross Garden Club
 won the Youth Work YW1 Award - Outstanding Sponsor Clubs for
 their work with Youth Clubs
Club Estate Garden Club
 Won the Blue Star/Gold Star Marker Landscaping Award
Great Job and Congratulations!!!!

APPLY!!!

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Recognize an exceptional fellow Garden Club Member
 for one of the three awards listed below.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT AWARDS

Application Deadline: September 26th



2024 Dynamic Dogwood— This award is intended to honor a member who has made outstanding contributions which promote the goals of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the District, the Club and the Community over recent years of service, particularly during these past two years.

2024 Dogwood District Woman of the Year—This Award is intended to honor a woman in our District who has made outstanding contributions over many years of service in her club, in our District organization and on the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Board.

JoAnn Jones Civic Improvement Award—This award is intended to honor a club for its accomplishment on a landscaping project at a public building or other community center during the past year (even if the project is ongoing).

We invite you to nominate an exceptional woman or club who fit the criteria listed above. Applications for your nominees are available on the Dogwood District page on the GCG website, <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/dogwood-district-page/>

Forms can be found under the District Specific Forms section.

Send your completed application as a group email to: District Director, Monica Bozonier at nubianprincess53@charter.net, Co-Director, Christy Novellas at cnovellas@aol.com and Awards Chairman, Johnetta Gillies at johnettagillies@gmail.com. Remember, the deadline is September 26, 2024.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT



DOGWOOD DISTRICT FALL ANNUAL MEETING:

We are so excited!!! The **Dogwood District 66th Fall Annual Meeting** is coming soon on October 10, 2024. We plan to have a wonderful meeting and the GCG President, Lisa Hall, GCG Board and other District Directors will attend. The Registration information and other forms are on the next 4 pages. Please plan to attend with all of your garden club members. At the meeting, a \$25 award is given to the club with the most members in attendance and \$25 to the club that has the largest percentage of members in attendance. *We look forward to seeing all of you.*



DOGWOOD DISTRICT MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- **MEMORIAL SERVICE:** We honor garden club members who have passed away from October, 2023 to now. Please send their names, date of death and garden club's name via group email to: Chaplain, Vivene Holley at youthfulimage2015@gmail.com, Barbara Bourque at b.bourque@comcast.net & Monica Bozonier at dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com. Deadline 9/26th

- **AWARDS:** Learn what Garden Club is the winner of the 2023 Dogwood District "Club of the Year" and the persons who are the Dogwood District "Woman of the Year" and the "Dynamic Dogwood". One way to say thank you to a Club Member who is outstanding is to nominate them for one of these awards. Deadline for nominations is September 26th. *Don't pass up this opportunity to say thank you to your hard working and dedication garden club member by nominating them for an award!!*

- **GREAT GIFT BASKETS FOR RAFFLE!!!**
- **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR RONALD MCDONALD PULL TABS.**
- **GOOD FOOD AND LOTS OF FUN!!**
- **CHAIRMAN EXHIBIT BOARDS WITH LOTS OF INFORMATION!!**
- **A GREAT SPEAKER YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!**





DOGWOOD DISTRICT



DOGWOOD DISTRICT
of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
 Cordially invites you to attend the



66th Fall Annual District Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2024

9:30 A.M. Registration & Hospitality

10:00 A.M. Business Meeting

Hunter Park Ballroom

8830 Gurley Road

Douglasville, GA 30134

Honored Guest: Lisa Hall, President
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Featured Speaker: Felicity Davis Landscape Architect Manager - GDOT
(This is one speaker you don't want to miss. She is fantastic!!!)

Hosted by Area 1 Clubs:

Ama-Kanasta Garden Club

Pine Center Garden Club

Artistic Dogwood Garden Club

Spade and Trowel Garden Club

Foxglove Garden Club

Town and Country Garden Club

Join us before the meeting to visit, have a cup of coffee, view the educational displays, and make a purchase at the Ways & Means tables. Bring your checkbook or Credit Card !!!
Beautiful Baskets will be raffled.

All garden club members are encouraged and invited to attend.
The Registration form is on the next page and on the Dogwood page
of the GCG Website:

<https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/dogwood-district-page/>



DOGWOOD DISTRICT



DOGWOOD DISTRICT 66th ANNUAL FALL MEETING

October 10, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM



DEADLINE TO RECEIVE REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Online Registration to pay with Credit Card - use this Link :

<https://form.jotform.com/233206146669055>

Paper Registration below— to pay by check: **(Mail early—must be rec'd by 9/26)**

REGISTRATION AND LUNCHEON \$40
Late Registration after September 26th \$45
Make check payable to Dogwood District

Mail registration and check to Registrar: Christy Roberts

4261 Club Drive NE
Atlanta, GA 30319

Email: dogwooddistricttreasurer@gmail.com

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
 Garden Club Name _____
 District _____
 Amount Enclosed _____ Check# _____

Please check all that apply: (All Dogwood Dist. Bd. Members & Club Presidents- or one rep from each club are Voting Delegates)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Dogwood District Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> State President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dogwood District Voting Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dogwood District Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dogwood District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former Dogwood District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Council President | <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Club Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Director, Other District | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |

Do you require a special meal? () Vegetarian () Gluten () Food Allergies Please list food allergies on back.

Please send a separate completed Registration Form for Each Person Attending.

Reserve a Table: Groups of 8 from one garden club may reserve a table.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT



“Let’s Celebrate!”



Dear Dynamic Dogwood District Garden Club Presidents, one exciting and fun moment at the Dogwood District Fall Annual Meeting, is winning a Raffle Basket. It has been a long tradition to have **each club** donate a basket for the Annual Meeting. This is done statewide at all seven districts. Would you help with our fund-raising efforts by donating a beautiful Raffle Basket this year? These beautiful baskets should arrive by 9:00 AM on October 10th. Raffle tickets will sell for \$2 each or 15 tickets for \$20. Please text Renee Kell at 770-856-0809 or email at rkell8556@gmail.com if you are bringing a basket. Renee will give you instructions on how to label the content of your basket. Your club will be recognized as a Basket Donor. Thank you in advance for your Club’s generosity.

Clubs who wish to make a **monetary donation in the amount of \$50, \$75 or more in lieu of donating a basket**—may submit their checks payable to Dogwood District. Please mail all donations to Christy Roberts, 4261 Club Drive NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30319. If you have any questions, email Christy at: dogwooddistricttreasurer@gmail.com. Please make a notation on the check that this is a donation for the Dogwood District Annual Fall Meeting.

Don’t forget to invite all of your garden club members. We would not want them to miss out on all of the fun. Use the luncheon as a great recruiting opportunity!! Invite a family member and/or a friend. Hopefully they will join your club. Show them that Gardeners know how to have FUN!

I look forward to seeing you on October 10th at the Hunter Park Ballroom as we **Celebrate** being together and I thank you for supporting the Dynamic Dogwood Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,
 Monica Bozonier
 Dogwood District Director
nubianprincess53@charter.net

Suggested Themes for Baskets:



- TAILGATE SPORTS BASKET:
- TENNIS OR GOLF BASKET:
- CHOCOLATE AND WINE BASKET:
- CHILDREN'S THEME BASKET:
- TEA OR COFFEE BASKET:
- DINNER AND A MOVIE BASKET:
- BIRDS, BEES AND BUTTERFLY BASKET:
- THE GARDENER GIRLS NIGHT GIFT BASKET:
- GIFT CARD TREE OR BASKET:
- PIKES, HOME DEPOT, OR LOWES GIFT CARD BASKET:
- A MONEY TREE :
- A JEWELRY BASKET:
- A SPA OR MASSAGE BASKET:



DOGWOOD DISTRICT



EXHIBITS SHOP

Exhibit & Sales Table Reservation Form
2024 Dogwood Fall Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2024
9:00 A.M.

Hunter Park Ballroom
Douglasville, GA

Please complete one form per exhibit

Name _____
Chairman's Title _____
Name of Display _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please check the space needed. Tables are 6 feet long.

_____ 1/4 table
_____ 1/2 table
_____ 1 table

(If your club wishes to sell items, please select what size table is needed.)

POSTMARK DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Please complete this form and mail or email to the Exhibit Chairman:

Christy Novellas
4186 Roswell Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30342
(404) 441-9964
cnovellas@aol.com





DOGWOOD DISTRICT



Dogwood District Executive Committee



Monica



Christy



Ginny



Christy



Barbara



Chris



Terry



Whitney



**Dogwood District, please welcome our new
Recording Secretary, Whitney Hand
SHE HAS JOINED THE TEAM!!!**



2025 Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the
National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest!



Poster Rules, Tips and Details can be found on the GCG website

<https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/smokey-bear-woodsy-owl-contest/>

and the NGC website: www.gardenclub.org/smokey-bear-woodsy-owl-youth-poster-contest.

NOTE: new accountability form for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest..

Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are Official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing needs to be accurate. Check the colors on the Website: www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation .

Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. / National Garden Club Youth Poetry Contest

**2024 THEME: “My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare That I Can Share-
Help Fight Hunger by Sharing Vegetables from Our Garden”**

Eligibility and Categories:

- Youth in Grades K-12 compete by grade level in one of three categories.
(NOTE: This year, high school students are included)
- Categories: General Education, Special Needs, or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Dates for Submission:

Club entries must be sent by December 1 to Dogwood District Chairman
Trudy Rudert, 4852 Scotts Mill Way, Peachtree Corners, GA 30096
Contact her at: trudert@comcast.net or 770-446-1428





DOGWOOD DISTRICT



Dogwood District Fall Annual Bulb and Wreath Fundraiser



Dogwood District Fall and Wreath Fundraiser raises money for the GCG Scholarship initiative.

We are pleased to announce that we are offering **three** fundraising opportunities —all involving digging in the dirt and adding beauty to your home.

#1 GREAT NEWS! *By popular demand*, we are bringing back this year Color Blends Wholesale Company’s Amaryllis Bulbs as well as Paper Whites. Ship date will be **Oct. 23rd** and your club will be **able to pick up your order at a convenient location after this date.**



(These bulbs do not ship directly).

LINK: <https://www.jotform.com/242246137583054>

#2 - Flower Power Fall Fundraiser Bulb Selections are available online and the ship date will be **Oct. 18th**. These bulbs will ship directly to the location you specify. Flower Power Fundraising offers an earth friendly alternative in the fundraising world. They offer only the finest, best-quality bulbs and plants available from growers in Holland and the U.S. AND offer an unconditional, 100% replacement guarantee!



LINK: <http://gardenclubofgeorgiadogwooddistrict.fpfundraising.com/>

#3 - For those of you who love Three Rivers Holiday Wreaths, you are at the right place. These beautiful wreaths ship all over the Country and shipping is included in the price. It is especially great for out of state family and friends.



LINK: Wreath Link will be available beginning **October 15th**.

We look forward to our Club Members supporting the Dogwood District Fundraiser.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. Thanks,
 Christina Novellas
 Dogwood District Co-Director & Fundraising Chairman
 C - 404-441-9964 cnovellas@aol.com

BUY!!!

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GCG—Statewide Activities



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA PROJECTS

Blue Star & Gold Star Memorial Markers
CWP - Community Wildlife Project
Certifications
Roadside Beautification and Wildflowers
Garden Therapy
Community on my Mind-Beautification Projects
Habitat for Humanity
Garden Week
Arboreta and Botanic Garden
Historic Landscape Preservation
Marshall Forest and LeConte-Woodmanston
Youth Programs
Ronald McDonald Pull a Tab

National Garden Club Projects
State Parks and Public Lands
Scholarships
Environmental School
Gardening School
Landscape Design School
Flower Shows
Natural Disaster

For more information on these projects go to 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!!!!**



Club members along with residents at the Nursing and Rehabilitation Center are planting in raised beds created to allow wheel chair bound resident to participate.

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR DISTRICT
 PAGE TOO ON THE GCG WEBSITE!!!**

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:

GARDEN THERAPY

Good News!!! The Garden Therapy Grant is now \$750.

The Garden Therapy Program has provided funds to clients for gardening activities to promote the therapeutic aspects of gardening. The Garden Club Georgia is expanding this program and asking clubs to become more actively involved with Garden Therapy Projects at many local hospitals, nursing homes and senior centers. We encourage single garden club, a group of garden clubs, a council or a district to sponsor and fund a project with their own funds or other resources then apply to GCG for a **Garden Therapy Grant of \$750** to assist with this project.

[Garden Therapy Grant Application.](#)

This Garden Therapy Project must be a hands-on project and clients at the hospital, nursing home or senior center must be actively involved in the therapy activity. The Garden Club Members do not have to participate physically and it is okay for the facility staff to lead the activity, but the garden club or club (s) need to provide over site, monitor the finances, and insure the project is completed as planned.

If you have questions, please contact the GCG Garden Therapy Chairman:
 Glendolyn Hallman
 770-491-7398
 gkh44@aol.com



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
- Landscaping Projects
- Community gardens
- Implementation of environmental practices
- Youth gardening
- A horticultural or environmental educational event for the public
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping



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.

AWARDS - Dogwood District would like all of GCG to hear about your wonderful projects. Apply for a GCG Award for all of your projects. We look forward to Dogwood District Clubs winning more GCG awards.



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 BSMM or GSFM in their area should contact Dogwood District Chairman Thelma Reeves thlreeves@aol.com or GCG Chairman Janice Thiese janicemariemaconga@cox.net. Information about the program & access to grant applications go to 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 recently installed a Blue Star Marker or 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

Let's Get More!!!

The Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc.



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Life Members (GCG State, Deep South, and National)

GCG STATE – DEEP SOUTH – NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

Giving someone a Life Membership in the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. provides an excellent means of honoring those who have made valuable contributions to your garden club, council, or district. **STATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP is \$100, DEEP SOUTH is \$50, and NATIONAL LIFE is \$200.** Benefits are many, and your donation supports a most worthwhile cause. State Life Memberships fund our GCG scholarships and are tax deductible. The person’s name will be recorded in the permanent Life Members book displayed at State Headquarters in Athens. The person’s name will be published in GARDEN GATEWAYS, and he/she will receive a subscription for one year regardless of garden club status. Recognition at State Convention is also customary. Deep South Life Memberships support the Deep South Scholarship Fund. **The honor of a Life Membership does not include omission of the payment of club and state dues.**

If you wish to become a Life Member or gift a membership to someone else, kindly use the below application form. Complete the application, and mail with a check to Bess Hartley. Questions: Contact Bess Hartley at bessbhartley@gmail.com or 229-942-9490

State, Deep South and/or National Life Membership Application

Name of Applicant _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Garden Club _____ District _____

Is this a gift? Yes No Date card is to be presented to recipient _____

Honored by _____

Email Contact _____ Phone _____

Name and Address to send Membership Card _____

_____ State Life \$100: Make Check Payable to: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

_____ Deep South Life \$50: Make Check Payable to: Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

_____ National Life \$200: Make Check Payable to: National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Mail check along with this application to:
Bess Hartley - 250 Cotton Hill Road, Fort Gaines, GA 39851

AROUND the DISTRICT



Subscribing Membership



A Subscribing Member shall be an individual who is committed to the purposes and objectives of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and desires association without the necessity of becoming a member of a local garden club. A Subscribing Member shall be eligible to participate in all programs and events available to the general membership, shall receive Garden Gateways and other informative membership mailings but without the privilege of a vote.

Dues are \$25.00 per year for the Subscribing Member. Reminders will be sent prior to membership expiration. Those unpaid will be dropped from the membership and will be ineligible for awards competition.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Subscribing Membership Application

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
 E-mail _____

No need for email or phone contact information if not receiving email notices.

Do you wish to receive regular email notices about all GCG Club Activities? Yes or No

Do you wish to receive our quarterly Garden Gateways magazine? Yes or No

Checks should be made payable to the **Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.**

Mail to 2450 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens, Ga 30605-1674

706-227-5369 headquarters@gardenclubofgeorgia.org www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org

If this is a gift membership, or you were referred by a GCC Club Member, please provide the following information so we may give that club credit for this Subscribing Membership. Thank you.

Garden Club _____ Club # _____ Dist: _____
 Donor/Referred by Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 E-mail _____ Phone _____

Use this donor address for renewal notification

Clubs or individuals may give an "Honorary Subscribing Membership" to a local dignitary, speaker, community worker/volunteer, etc. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the new Subscribing Member, noting a year's subscription to Garden Gateways. Please check the box and indicate the reason for this gift.

Reason for honor/gift: _____

If you would like to give an "Honorary Subscribing Membership" but don't have someone special in mind, send a \$25.00 check, but leave the top section blank. The gift will be awarded for you. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the new Honorary Subscribing Member, noting your donation and a year's subscription to Garden Gateways.



Share the Joy, Invite others to JOIN!!

Membership is Key to GCG!!

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. This issue we are focusing on:

Subscribing Membership

Material is available on the GCG Website to help with membership. If you need info on starting a new club, contact Special Projects GCG:

New Garden Club Support Chairman,
 Leanne Penman leannepenman2@gmail.com

If you have a recruiting idea, please share it with us.

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 honor them at the GCG Convention and the Dogwood District Memorial Services.



With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to clubs who had members pass away during the past year. 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 MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY

Ama-Kanasta -Sandra Phillips Rollins
 Norcross Garden Club - Jill Swenson
 Bellmere Garden Club - Charlotte Fitzgerald

Rose Garden Club - Mynelle Harris
 Rose Garden Club - Louise Clouse Magill
 Dogwood District Plant Society - Rosa Capps

Get Well Wishes To:

Magnolia GC - Christy Novellas
 Sandy Springs GC - Ginny Wolf and Spalding GC - Susan Frenzel



Going forward, please send names of deceased club members to this group:
dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com & Ginny Wolf at 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 **6 Backyard Certification Applications:**

1. **Backyard Certification— Do this first**
2. **Hummingbird Haven**
3. **Gardening with Georgia Native Plants**
4. **Creating A Winter Wildlife Wonderland**
5. **Nesting Boxes**
6. **Container Gardening for Wildlife Certification**

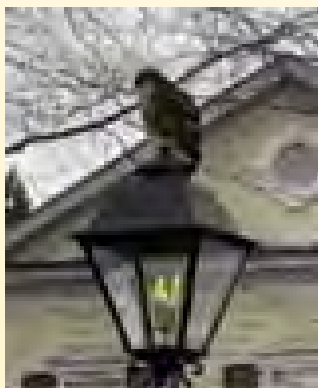


Submit your completed application to the address on the form. If you need help with any of the forms, contact Dogwood District CWP Chairman, **Christy Novellas at cnovellas@aol.com**.

The urban sprawl has made it difficult for cavity nesting birds to find a place to nest. In an attempt to offset the shortage of natural cavities, consider erecting a *variety* of nesting boxes. In doing so, earn certification in #5 Community Wildlife Program’s Backyard Nest Box Project. But first, get your #1 Backyard Certification



Here are stickers you can order after your application has been approved. They can be affixed to the sign above that you can purchase after completing #1 Backyard Certification



Clever Winter Warmth

CREATING A WINTER WILDLIFE WONDERLAND

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 emphasizea 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://70w341.a2cdn1.secureserver.net/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 Clubs



FF President
Trudy Rudert

**Fulton Federation Award Luncheon was Wednesday, May 15, 2024.
Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the speaker and food.**



CENTERPIECE .



SMILE, YOU'RE A WINNER!!



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L. Pollack Speaker Silver Elbert Nursery Lions Club - Blue Bird Houses



Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs (Cont.)

FF Horticultural Tip

GARDEN TIPS AND TRICKS:



Hydrangeas are a beautiful addition to any garden, and with these simple steps, you can grow and care for them easily:

Growing Conditions:

1. Choose the right plant.
2. Hydrangeas like sunlight in the morning and shade in the afternoon.
3. Plant Hydrangeas at the right depth in the ground & give them enough room to grow and stay healthy.
4. Hydrangeas like to be constantly moist so water them regularly, but sitting in too much water can cause root rot. Hydrangeas have shallow roots and keeping them hydrated is key. Don't let them get stressed!
5. Plant in well-draining, fertile soil with compost or organic matter. Make sure to mulch heavily around the bottom.
6. Prune to keep them healthy. Get rid of old or sick branches, but be careful not to cut too much, especially those kind that produce flowers on old wood.
7. Provide winter protection with mulch and burlap wrapping if needed. Especially after the plant has produced its new buds.
8. Controlling the color: Adding lime to make the soil a bit sweeter will bring a **pink** color and adding acid will produce a **blue** color.
9. Disease and Pest Prevention: Start by picking the right spot, keep it hydrated in good rich, well drained soil, with space to grow and breathe. Water from the bottom and not on the leaves. Mulch around the bottom and prune off all sick or dead parts with clean tools.
10. With these tips, you can enjoy the beauty of Hydrangeas in your garden year after year!!



FULTON FEDERATION AWARDS WINNERS

- **Butterfly Award – Tie** –
Norcross Garden Club
Country Hills Garden Club
- **Youth Garden Therapy** – Country Hills Garden Club
- **Adult Garden Therapy** – Norcross Garden Club
- **Creative Fundraising – Tie** –
Alpharetta Garden Club
Norcross Garden Club
- **Single Page Newsletter** – Bellmere Garden Club
- **Two or more Page Newsletter** – Camellia Garden Club
- **Civic Improvement Award** – Sandy Springs GC
- **Holiday Hosting Award** –
Roswell Garden Club
- **Holiday Decorating Award** – Roswell Garden Club
- **Bird Award** – Camellia Garden Club
- **Conservation Project Award** – Norcross Garden Club
- **Youth Education Award** – Norcross Garden Club
- **Plant America/Feed America Award** –
Alpharetta Garden Club
- **Horticulture Award** – Alpharetta Garden Club
- **FF Club of the Year** – Norcross Garden Club





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



ALPHARETTA GARDEN CLUB

In April, Alpharetta Garden Club had another successful Plant Sale. Plants divided from members gardens were sold to the public and everyone had a good time.



Throughout the year, our Alpharetta Garden Club Members spruced up the planters around the Alpharetta Adult Center in North Park.



Our spring visit to Rucker Farm in Alpharetta was a wonderful and eye opening experience. Rucker Farms grows and distributes vegetables to local charities so that everyone can have nutritious meals. The Director of the farm showed us the chickens and the honeybees too.



FUN LUNCH!

During the summer, it's always fun for the Alpharetta Garden Club Members to get together for lunch at a local restaurant.



GARDEN TIP:

SPRINKLE COFFEE GROUNDS IN YOUR SOIL

The taste and smell maybe pleasing to many, but not to squirrels. Coffee is a natural repellent for squirrels. Instead of discarding your coffee grounds, sprinkle them around the surface soil and in your potted plants.

Coffee grounds are also good fertilizers for plants. They provide Nitrogen and Potassium to promote healthy plants while repelling those squirrels.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



IRIS GARDEN CLUB

ROAD TRIP TO MADISON, GA:

We wrapped our 2023-2024 year with our final May meeting, which was a road-trip to beautiful Madison, GA. A special thanks to Boxwood Gardens owners Randy Korando and Dan Belmand, who fearlessly opened their gorgeous historic home and grounds to a group of enthusiastic Iris Garden Club members. The experience was definitely a crescendo for our year end of fantastic programming! We enjoyed a delicious catered lunch from a local vendor in Madison. Special thanks to the Luncheon Committee: Linda Peterson, Bonnie Burnett, Elizabeth Porter, Cathy Kilgore, Carolyn McDonald, Janis Henry and Linda Parrish. A huge thank you goes to the unflappable Diane Drake for overseeing the luncheon committees and orchestrating our meeting homes throughout the entire year!



Mary Glenn

AWARDS: We ended our year with our annual award recognition presentation. What a thrill to see our Awards Chair, Mary Glenn explain the significance of the very special awards presented and explain the nomination and voting process.

“Ada Thornton” / Silver Trophy Award was presented to the member who has devoted time and effort toward the various projects of Iris Garden Club and accumulate the most points during the past year.
2024 Recipient - Jenny McClure



Jenny McClure



Jackie Hatch

The “President’s” Award / Silver Tray was given by the President to the member who has done the most outstanding work in the club’s many endeavors.
2024 Recipient - Jackie Hatch

The “Tibby Scarborough” Award / Iris Plate was given to the member in her first three years of membership for the most outstanding contribution to the Club.
2024 Recipient - Melba Hill



Melba Hill

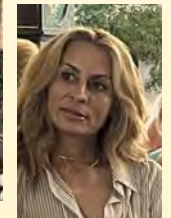
The “Hallie McGaughey” Award / Hans Frabel Glass Iris was given to the member(s) voted by other members for their outstanding service to the club.
2024 Recipients: Terry Schaezel, Maxine Smith and Claudia Stimmel



Terry Schaezel



Maxine Smith



Claudia Stimmel



NEW MEMBERS: At long last, our six newest members were presented to the club at our May meeting. They are currently in the process of being added to the official membership directory and will begin to receive direct communications from the club versus their sponsoring member. I encourage you to personally welcome them via email or text in the near future!

FRIENDS OF REFUGEES: Earlier this year, Iris Garden Club held a working meeting at Friends of Refugees/Jolly Gardens in Clarkston. A couple of our Iris members promoted the great work being done there to their church in Milton, GA. The Milton based ladies ministry group decided to select this fine organization as the recipient of a charitable donation in the amount of \$1,060. Susan Spratt did the honors of presenting checks on behalf of the Women’s Ministry at Birmingham United Methodist Church.



Susan Spratt

A great way to “grow it forward”!!



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



IRIS GARDEN CLUB, (Cont.)



Linda Parrish's 1st Place Design

Carol Keen's Entry

Iris GC celebrated the end of the garden year with a Cocktail Party at Ansley Golf Club with a "Masters Golf Theme".



DESIGN CLASS: New members attended a floral design class at the home of member Clare Weaver and those skills translated into a very impressive display of entries. Judge Nancy Jamison presided over the event and her colorful commentary helped all attendees walk away with a better understanding of floral arrangement composition "dos and don'ts". Each display was presented to the club and critiqued on its balance, dominance, contrast, rhythm, proportion and scale. **This year's winner was Linda Parrish.** Congratulations Linda and we applaud all our new member's entries which were truly sublime!



Mary Patterson Goodrum House and Gardens Tour





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS




NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB



Norcross GC Members: Tixie Fowler, Nancy O'Reilly & Jeanette Shewbert

Summer Camp

What to do with a bunch of kids ages 5 - 15 who don't want to go outside? Take them outside of course! And guess what - they had FUN! At a church's summer camp, we pretended we were migrating birds, played a wildlife "Who am I?" game and explored the forest with magnifying glasses - and at the end of it all, we practiced deep breathing, silence, and listened for God. The kids said they could hear Him, too! Nature...She is mighty and magical. 

Stripling Community Garden Project

On April 20th, several members joined other community volunteers, including several master gardeners from Gwinnett County, civic clubs, students, parents and school personnel to plant the garden beds. Prior to the planting day, Kathy Sumner and Rebecca Phillips, the STEM teacher leading the Stripling Community Garden Project, worked on the layout of each garden bed, so that volunteers would know where to place the various plants. The Norcross Garden Club donated pollinator plants and herb plants for the garden. We also recommended a source for garden soil and the vendor donated the soil to the Community Garden. Several club members had a fun morning with students and teachers at Stripling Elementary on June 10th. This was the first day of a voluntary in-school STEM camp at Stripling Elementary. Kathy Sumner talked to the students about good and bad garden pests. She brought a few live sample bugs for them to see. She also passed around pictures of others. Then we went out to the garden beds, where the students had fun looking for garden bugs. There were lots of squeals of fear and excitement! They were very enthusiastic about the progress of the plants and vegetables. Members showed the students how to weed and water. And helped them relocate a few plants. We helped them thin out zinnia's and many took home a zinnia plant. The children were very interested in their garden and eager to help in anyway. (Kathy Sumner, Debbie Boyd, Trudy Rudert, Jill Rice, Jeanette Shewbert)



Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Community Garden

NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB: YOUTH PROJECTS

Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Community Garden at Stripling Elementary School

We encourage our club members to support this project through participation. The official Groundbreaking Ceremony was Thursday, March 21, 2024



Kathy Sumner, Trudy Rudert, Jeanette Shewbert, Jill Swenson and Rosalie Webb are pictured with Dr. Molly McAuliffe, Principal, Stripling Elementary School.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB



WORK DAY: Country Hills Garden Club Members had a work day at Lenora Park where we had fun in the sun as we pulled weeds & harvested food to donate to the food Co-Op as part of the NGC's Plant America /Feed America Program.



Food donated to the local Co-Op



The Country Hills Garden Club Members: Leslie Busino, Johnetta Gillies, Regina Williams, Katrina Scott, Winnie White, Priscilla Drain, Vivene Holley. Wanda Newton & Monica Bozonier are visiting Lenora Park to see what vegetables need to be harvested. Tomorrow is work day!!



Chrissie Foster, Monica Bozonier, Wanda Newton & Winnie White are having fun celebrating Winnie's 90+ birthday at the Gainesville Botanical Garden. Doesn't she look good? Happy Birthday Winnie!!



Winnie, the Birthday Girl





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



SPADE AND TROWEL GARDEN CLUB



75th Anniversary
Spade and Trowel Garden Club celebrated their 75th Anniversary at the home of Lindsay Jennings.



**HAPPY
75th
ANNIVERSARY!!**

Spade and Trowel Garden Club Members celebrates 75 wonderful years!!



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

YARD SALE!

On April 20, 2024, the Town and Country Garden Club participated in a community wide yard sale! It was held at the City of Douglasville Police Department and all proceeds went to benefit the underprivileged citizens of the City of Douglasville! The club sold donated items from club members and we made over \$400.00! Woo hoo!! The Club has put the proceeds aside with hopes to use in conjunction with grant funds available through the GCG! Good News! We have possibly gained 1 or 2 new members from the sale.



MONEY - MONEY - MONEY!!

Recording Secretary, Gail Knight with "A NEW MEMBER" SMILE!



Town and Country Garden Club is celebrating their **70th Anniversary.**
CONGRATULATION AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!



Let's Celebrate !!





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



GARDENIA GARDEN CLUB



Field Trip - Gardenia Garden Club Members went on a "Field Trip" to Corso Atlanta's florist shop, Terry Furuta Designs. Terry is an amazing Floral Designer and she did a fantastic presentation on "Terrariums"! Terry also told us interesting historical facts about Terrariums and assembled some beautiful creations of inspiration for us to make a Terrarium at home! Everyone enjoyed this outing so much. If your garden club needs a speaker, we would highly recommend her.



The Gardenia Garden Club Members



Dogwood District Clubs



ARTISTIC DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Celebrating 50 Years!!

The Artistic Dogwood Garden Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary on August 24, 2024, 3:00 - 5:00 PM at the Georgia International Convention Center. They were very excited and pleased to see so many in attendance, including District Director Monica Bozonier. The sax music was delightful and everyone enjoyed the plant auction.



Happy National Garden Week!

The Artistic Dogwood Garden Club continued its tradition of presenting a Peace Lily to a local library. The **Adams Park Library** was this year's recipient. Pictured are Brenda Hewitt, Vice President of Artistic Dogwood, and Veronica Corson, Associate at the library.



Brenda Hewitt and Jenelle Wilson attended the Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Award Luncheon on May 15, 2024 and had a good time.



Lovely Surprise Lily!

Artistic Garden Club Member Brenda Hewitt was delightfully surprised to see this lovely display. Sometimes all we do is toss some dirt atop an old dead Lily and forget about it. Sometimes that's all we have to do.



Getting Ready for the Flower Show!

The Artistic Dogwood Garden Club held a design workshop in anticipation of the Flower Show & Tea celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Jenelle Wilson, a multi Best-in-Show and Blue Ribbon winner, gave detailed instructions and guidance on flower designs. The July meeting and workshop was held at the Wolf Creek Library.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



BELLMERE GARDEN CLUB



Bellmere Garden Club Worker Bees.

On April 25th, we had a bazaar and raised funds to pay for a Blue Star Memorial Marker to be installed at the Veterans Walk in Newtown Park, Johns Creek, GA. Great Job!!



ROSWELL GARDEN CLUB



High Tea
Roswell Garden Club hosted a High Tea for 60 seniors at the Adult Recreation Center.



Roswell Historical Cemetery
Roswell Garden Club Members adopted two plots at the Roswell Historical Cemetery. The Members weeded, pruned, planted natives and fences were installed around the plots.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



SPALDING GARDEN CLUB

Garden Week in Georgia

Spalding Garden Club kicked off a celebration of Garden Week in Georgia on Friday, April 19th by planting an Autumn Blaze Maple tree at Sandy Springs Fire Station #1 with the help of Rudy's Landscaping. This native tree replaces the cherry tree that was planted there in 2002 in memory of the Firefighters who lost their lives at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Spalding Garden Club member, Lee Dunn, who also planned and implemented the planting of the original tree, coordinated with William Park, Sandy Springs Urban Forest Coordinator and Captain Jeremy Green with the selection of the tree and planning the dedication ceremony. Dr. Phil Schroeder, head pastor of Dunwoody United Methodist Church gave the dedication and prayer. Members of Spalding Garden Club provided baked goods, floral arrangement and plants for the firefighters to enjoy. Spalding celebrates Garden Week in Georgia every year by visiting fire stations and police stations in Sandy Springs and Dunwoody, taking plants, flowers and baked goods as a way to acknowledge our gratitude for all that they do for our communities.



Spalding Member Lee Dunn with Captain Green and 2 of the Sandy Springs Firefighters.



Spalding Members who prepared goodies and attended the special event.

Mary Hall Freedom Village

Spalding Garden Club Members made floral arrangements for Mary Hall Freedom Village graduation dinner. Member Janet Schaefer led the group in creating designs that included flowers and greenery from member's backyards and some purchased flowers as well.



Sandy Heuer, Janet Schaefer, Jay Gribble, Judy Marston, Mary Millar, and Alana



Mary Millar, Judy Marston, Sandy Heuer, Sue Donges, Katherine Coppedge, Sandra Salem and Janet Schaefer



Janet Schaefer

Xeriscape

Spalding Members met in June to spruce up the Xeriscape Garden that the club maintains at the Dunwoody Post Office. Mulch was spread and Gallardia and Blue Daze were added for a pop of low maintenance color.

DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS

SPALDING GARDEN CLUB (cont.)

Spalding Garden Club Members and the Youth Spalding Garden Club kids harvested cucumbers and tomatoes and made sandwiches with them. Okra will be picked this week and the children are watching 4 watermelons and 2 cantaloupes grow, resisting the urge to pick them. Our Jr Gardeners definitely have green thumbs!!



Look at these happy kids smiling!!

The younger children learned how to water the plants without hurting the leaves.

On rainy days, the group goes to the \$1 movie at City Springs Cinema.

The Spalding Jr. Gardeners went to Pikes Nursery to learn more about plants and gardening. The program has been very successful this summer.



ROSE GARDEN CLUB

We are having fun this summer!! Roses, Nancy Jamison, Judi Stanley and Miriam Skiles modeled in the Highlands Fashion show and Rose Garden Club President Judi Stanley, Former Presidents Ginger Kimball and Lisa Bridges competed in the Waterfall Country Club's Western themed Member Guest Golf Tournament.

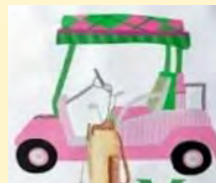


Rose GC Pres. Judi Stanley & Former Presidents Ginger Kimball & Lisa Bridges



- THE TOP 3 BEST GOLFING CHICKS
1. JUDI
 2. GINGER
 3. LISA

WINNERS!!!



Nancy Jamison, Judi Stanley & Miriam Skiles



AROUND The DISTRICT



DOGWOOD CLUB MEMBER GARDENS



Wanda Newton's Garden



Lindsay Jennings' Garden



Brenda Hewitt's Garden



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

Send to:

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Monica Bozonier's Garden



Leslie Busino's Garden

A picture of your garden could have filled this space. Instead, we had to fill this space with Tips

GARDEN TIPS & QUOTES:



QUOTE:

"In the garden of life, sow kindness and watch love bloom."

QUOTE:

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better".

By Maya Angelou

FEED PLANTS REGULARLY

Just like humans, plants need regular feedings throughout the year—at least once a season. Well nourished plants are more resistant to pest, disease, heat stress and frost. Regulars feedings ensures that plants grow properly, produce beautiful blooms and abundant harvest/fruit.

CONTAINER PLANTS

Towards the end of summer, feed all your container plants with an All Purpose Fertilizer to give your plants a boost before the winter sets in.

DOGWOOD DISTRICT



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
in partnership with
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., Unified Project is
pleased to present the

“Planting for Pollinators in Public Places” Contest

1st place - \$250.00
2nd place - \$150.00
3rd place - \$100.00

Contest Rules:

- Any club or council affiliated with the Garden Club of Georgia is eligible to enter.
- The pollinator garden can be a new or existing project located in public places such as schools, church yards, downtown areas, libraries, or medians.
- Please provide a brief description of your project within a 2-page limit. Include details on project funding, participant involvement, types of pollinator plants in the garden, and the garden maintenance plan.
- Submit images of your project to complete your entry.

Winners will be announced January 25, 2025

Submit entries to
Beth Wiseman
bethwiseman807@gmail.com

Deep South Garden
Club Convention
March 11 - 13, 2025

All garden clubs in Georgia
have to host this convention.
Please put this date on your
calendars.

THE DOGWOOD DISTRICT ANNUAL BULB & WREATH FUNDRAISER
go to page 10 for the link.



HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION
HONORING OUR PAST THROUGH STORIES
NOVEMBER 2, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM
MARIETTA EDUCATIONAL GARDEN CENTER | FAIR OAKS
505 KENNESAW AVE | MARIETTA | GA | 30060
TICKETS \$45 SEND CHECKS FOR TICKETS AND DONATIONS
PAYABLE TO "GCG" TO: EDNA MCLELLAN
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The Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraising Committee is asking each club on the behalf of The Garden Club of Georgia for your support with a donation of a minimum of \$100 - \$200 for this program. The dollars are returned to your district and/or your community through a grant application process.

PLEASE ADD THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION DONATION AS A LINE ITEM IN YOUR GARDEN CLUB'S BUDGET FOR 2024

Use your camera to learn more about the Historic Landscape Preservation Program.

Spalding Garden Club
Proudly Presents
"A Floral Affair"

A floral demonstration by Mary Delia Poynter, holiday tablescapes by Lucy's Market, luncheon & live auction.
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 | at City Springs | 10:00AM - 2:00PM
To Purchase Tickets, Please Visit: www.spaldinggardenclub.com

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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The Third Week in April
April 20-26, 2025
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Looking Forward

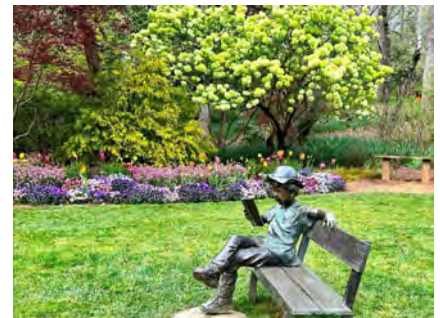


SAVE THE DATES & MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Monday, September 9, 2024	Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs –Northside Baptist Church
Thursday, October 10, 2024	Dogwood District 66th Annual Meeting Luncheon, Hunter Park Ballroom, 8830 Gurley Rd., Douglasville, GA
Saturday, November 2, 2024	Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser - 505 Kennesaw Ave, Marietta, GA
Monday, November 11, 2024	Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs –Northside Baptist Church
Monday, January 13, 2025	Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs –Northside Baptist Church
Wednesday, January 22, 2025`	Dogwood District Board Meeting - Lost Corner Preserve, 7300 Brandon Mill Road, NW, Sandy Springs
Saturday, February 15, 2025	Club President’s Annual Report Deadline
Saturday, March 1, 2025	GCG Annual Club Dues Deadline
Saturday, March 1, 2025	Fulton Federation Annual Dues Deadline
March 10, 2025	Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs –Northside Baptist Church
March 11 - 13, 2025	Deep South Garden Club Convention - Valdosta, GA (Hosted by Garden Club of Georgia) That’s us!!!
April 29-30, 2025	Garden Club of Georgia 97th Annual Convention, Augusta, GA
May 14, 2025	Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs –Annual Awards Luncheon, Bellmere Garden House

- ◆ 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!!!
- ◆ We 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. We would love to hear all about your wonderful projects!!



RELAXED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER!!!

Need Answers? You can find most of your answers to your questions on the GCG website 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

We hope you enjoyed reading this Issue. I’m looking forward to meeting all of you. Please invite me to one of your meetings and come introduce yourself to me when I am in your presence.

Enjoy life and smile!!

Monica Bozonier, Dogwood Dialogue Editor

“Thyme to Blossom our Friendships and Knowledge Through Gardening”



WIPED OUT AT THE END OF THE SUMMER!!!