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Happy Fall! It's probably still hot where you are. It has been one of those years. September is surprisingly hot on the southeast coast! But late fall is lovely in Savannah. I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer gardening. I have not had so much fun. Deer decided my cannas were so tasty they jumped over my 5 foot tall podocarpus hedge. So, I sprayed, and they held back. Things were looking better for a few weeks and then one morning moles had tunneled through some flowers and around shrubs. Maybe next year I will have better luck. There is always tomorrow when gardening!

Fall is always busy for garden clubs. Our clubs are gathering again for their monthly meetings and then October District Meetings. I hope to see many of you at those annual gatherings. Be sure to continue to check our website for event listings, educational articles and general garden club information.

I have included a few photos from our summer trip to Newport. Mary Ann Bryant led 25 enthusiastic travelers to beautiful gardens, historic mansions and the Newport Flower Show. It was a fun-filled 3 days staying at a lovely hotel, enjoying delicious food and camaraderie with new friends and old.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Lisa



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Years ago I chaired a garden club project that brought Grow Labs into elementary school classrooms. Recalling those weekly visits to teach young children how to plant a seed and care for the seedlings remain a highlight of my gardening life. The importance of introducing children to gardening at an early age was made very clear.

For this column, I posed 3 questions to three different people: 1. Do you start plants from seed? 2. What are some seeds you recommend for gardening with children? 3. What are some objectives when gardening with children?" Not surprisingly I received similar and optimistic answers.



Jane Kollmann, aka Farmer Jane, has directed a Children's Program for over a decade at Skidaway Community Farm. She reports good success with some easy seeds like radish, kale, lettuce, green beans, carrots and squash. Success comes, she says, when the seeds are planted at the proper depth, which is sometimes tricky with tiny hands.

Jane's main goal is planting for success which keeps the children interested! They love watching the seeds poke through the soil and the progression that occurs from that point to maturity and the main goal of harvest and eating the fruits of our labor!" Watching the excitement on young faces arriving at Jane's program on Saturday mornings is a joy to behold, gleaned from their squeals of delight and the wonder in their quiet voices as they hover over and tend their new plants.

Alana Edwards is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator working through UGA at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens. She reported that they grow most of the vegetables for the Kitchen Garden (part of the Children's Garden) from seed, including tomatoes, peppers and herbs, in the greenhouse and beans, squash, sunflowers and okra directly in the raised bed garden. Alana said that many of the children who come to CGBG have

never gardened. She added that planting seeds is an invaluable experience to have them get their hands dirty and plant something. Asked about the goals of the program, Alana said, "No matter the age of the child, teaching them to observe the natural world and ask questions is the goal. Reward all questions! Their curiosity is the best opportunity to teach them something new."

Sarah Thompson is a young mother who is new to gardening with her children. She wanted success right out of the gate, so she did use some seedlings, but also tried planting from seed. They scored with okra and zinnias. Sarah's objective is best told by her: "Gardening brings so much joy and connection with the Earth. It is such a beautiful and rewarding process that teaches valuable lessons we can keep tucked in our hearts for a lifetime. Being in nature is so important, and seems to have been lost as a priority. I want my children to know the peace and abundance that can only be found in the garden. Nurturing and watching plants grow is an incredible experience. What a gift to know first hand how nature works and impacts outcomes- sometimes the worms discover how delicious our tomatoes are before we have a chance to taste them! Of course I feel the most valuable is learning how to cultivate and steward what we have been given. I love thinking how we planted seeds in their hearts to love the land."

Sarah quoted from *The Secret Garden*, a book familiar to gardeners young and old. "If you look the right way, you can see the whole world is a garden." There is no question that the art and science of planting seeds with children is a worthwhile endeavor.



Soil, sunlight, water and big seeds is all you need to start children on their way. As Gertrude Jekyll said, "The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies." Inviting children to plant seeds, inside your garden gate, is a gift to the future.

Have you ever seen a child's big toothy grin over their first crop of juicy red tomatoes or bright yellow daisies? Growing a garden with children generates hours of fun, not to mention the potential for kindling an appetite for veggies! Letting a child get their hands dirty in a garden allows them to experience firsthand the essential process of how the earth supports the growth of plants. They learn that the flowers they enjoy or the fruits and vegetables they eat have a story that does not begin at the supermarket! Countless biology lessons are built into gardening. Concepts like photosynthesis and cellular growth come to life before a young gardener's eyes. It may be the first time a child sees a connection between what they are learning in science class and their own lives or at least what's on their plate at dinner.



As they witness how a plant grows with proper care, a child learns not only basic scientific concepts but also patience and responsibility. Plant care teaches responsibility with the bonus of a tangible and sometimes tasty reward. Seeing that much-anticipated pumpkin, giant cabbage, or shiny purple eggplant grow in the garden can rival the thrill of any sports trophy.

With some simple planning, it is easy to create a small garden perfect for you and your child to dig into some fun!

1. Start Plants from Seed

It is exciting to watch a plant grow and mature, but watching it sprout from seed is even more thrilling and easier on the wallet. Seed-starting trays with compressed peat pellets take the guesswork out of raising seedlings for your garden. Pouring water on the little pellets and watching them swell into perfect pillows of soil is great fun (for children and adults)! The instructions on the tray's packaging make it easy to start the seedlings indoors and then transplant them outside when the temperatures are right.



2. Prepare a Planter or Planting Bed

The planting area does not have to be large to be effective, and the method can range from raised beds or planters to a tilled piece of land. A quick internet search can help you find what suits your budget and outdoor space. Essential tips to remember are that containers must have adequate drainage, and raised beds should be no wider than four feet so that the middle can be reached from each side.

3. What to Plant

See the chart below for some tried-and-true, easy-care plants to get you started.

| Easy Care Plant | Start Seed Indoors | Purchase Seedling | Start Seed Outside (space permitting) | Notes |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Basil | ✓ | | | Germinates easily and goes well with tomatoes |
| Tomatoes | ✓ | | | Germinates easily; small, sweet cherry varieties are a favorite |
| Bell Peppers | ✓ | | | Brightly colored and easy to grow (<i>Never plant hot peppers in a child's garden. Serious skin and eye irritations can occur when handled</i>) |
| Zinnias | ✓ | | | Easy to grow in eye-popping colors. Great cut flowers for Mom! |
| Marigolds | ✓ | | | Marigolds in cheery golds and yellows are easy to grow, and the seeds are fun to collect when the flower matures |
| Chocolate Mint | | ✓ | | Who isn't thrilled by a plant that smells like a peppermint patty! |
| Dill or Fennel | | ✓ | | These plants attract butterflies to lay their eggs on the leaves. Watch caterpillars hatch and grow to gobble up the whole plant in a day! |
| Pumpkin | | | ✓ | The Great Pumpkin (Need I say more?) |
| Watermelon | | | ✓ | Sweet Summer Fun! |
| Sunflower | | | ✓ | A plant you can really look up to! |

Engaging the Next Generation with Environmental Education

by: Cora Keber, Director of Education at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Nestled on 323 acres nearly two miles from the University of Georgia's main campus is the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, a unit of Public Service and Outreach at UGA. The State Botanical Garden has offered youth programming since the 1990s.

While the programming has gone through many iterations, one thing remains constant, which is the connection to environmental education by teaching kids and their families about the importance of the earth's ecoservices. Anne Shenk, the first director of education, developed and implemented several curricula that are the foundation of programming used today.

Youth and families can connect with a variety of different programs throughout the year at the garden. Sweet Pea Club, field trips, summer camps, full moon hikes, birthday parties, and festivals are how the education department connects to the community with more structured programming. Additionally, families and groups can reserve an Adventure Pack for a more self-guided experience.



Throughout the school year, the education team will see nearly 6000 school-aged children. Teachers can sign up for one of the 10 different programs offered that are connected to the Georgia Performance Standards. Georgia Discovery Quest, Stream Ecology, and Remarkable Rainforest are just a few examples of how schools can learn about the importance of plants in their daily lives.

School programs are offered Tuesday through Friday throughout the school year. Additionally, K-5 students can participate in the Give Wildlife a Chance Poster Contest which is administered in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Wildlife Resources Division, Nongame Conservation.

Summer camps and birthday parties are an ever-popular youth-centric experience combining environmental topics, educational games, and play to solidify the value and interconnection of earth's

resources. Camps take place through June and July and registration begins in February.

Full moon hikes and festivals are great ways to build on those same concepts in a family-friendly atmosphere. Our annual festivals, Insectival, all about bugs, and Questival, all about the natural resources of Georgia, are offered in partnership with many local and university experts bridging community and family connections to environmental awareness in an experiential capacity.



Adventure Packs are available upon request for families or groups looking for a more self-guided and/or informal experience. Activities in the pack are designed to provide participants with a new way of exploring the gardens and trails at their own pace.

It is essential to highlight one of the hotspots at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden. This interactive educational space opened in 2019 and has been instrumental in increasing the garden's attendance by over 35%.

On the hot days of summer, Forest Play provides a shaded space to build forts, climb ropes, hide in the "Bones of the Giant" or relax on Flying Squirrel's hammock. During the cooler times, Dig and Grow, Pollinator Plaza, Misting Mushrooms, Water Zone, and Georgia Discovery Plaza welcome you to learn about the elements.

Sweet Pea Club is a program offered every Thursday, March through October to engage our youngest learners and their parent helpers in topics through songs, puppetry, games, and stories. Young learners visiting the children's garden can also pick up a passport to continue the learning at home. The passport includes activity pages that teach about each of the different areas in the children's garden. Bring the passport back to the gift shop when finished to get a stamp.

For more information about any youth or adult programming please visit our website at botgarden.uga.edu. Contact sbgeduc@uga.edu for additional questions.

Build a Children's Bean Pole Teepee

~ Stephanie Corley

Children love to play in "secret" hiding places that spark their imagination. Pole bean teepees are well known to gardeners but let's put this structure to use as a living playroom. They are easy to build and give space for the kiddos to play out of the summer heat not to mention the added bonus of green beans for the kitchen table.

What You Will Need

Poles: Six to ten (or more if you are going big) bamboo or other garden stakes readily available at most garden centers. The poles should be tall enough to accommodate your child's height when standing in the center. Keep safety in mind by using light weight poles.

Rope to secure the poles together at the top

Twine to support the vines

Soil amendments or garden soil

Seeds: A mix of vine varieties creates interest so think pole beans, scarlet runner beans with vibrant red blooms, purple pod beans with interesting pods or morning glories add color but be cautioned the flowers are poisonous and are probably not a good choice around young children.

Let's Begin

1. Choose a sunny location for best growing results.
2. Create a circle using a garden hose to mark the outline. Choose a size that will accommodate 2 or more children and tall enough for them to stand easily in the center. Select where the door will go, ideally facing toward the shadiest side.
3. Prepare the planting area (the teepee walls); remove grass, loosen the soil and amend with compost. *Planting the seeds in pots is also an option. Children can paint the pots in vibrant colors or patterns and plant several seeds in each pot. There should be a pot for each for each pole.*
4. Build your teepee frame. This is the hardest part and watching an online video or two will help you to understand the process. Grab a friend as you will need help for this step.
 - ▶ Lay 3 poles on the ground and secure with rope 6 to 10 inches from the top of the poles. Leave the rope attached to secure the remaining poles.

- ▶ Stand the poles up in a triangle pushing them into the soil an inch or so.
- ▶ Add the remaining poles between the first three and press into the soil. Secure around the top with the remaining rope and knot. *An alternate option is to tie all the poles together and then stand them to form the teepee*
- ▶ Weave twine horizontally around the wall poles approximately 8-10 inches apart to provide support for the vines. Remember to leave the door open.
- ▶ Plant the seeds according to the package and water.



Let the children participate keeping the vines watered and see their delight as their teepee grows into an outdoor playhouse. The addition of fairy lights to the poles creates a magical atmosphere in the teepee.



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Ag In The Classroom Plants Seeds Of Knowledge

by Lauren Goble, Georgia Farm Bureau Educational Program Coordinator

On farms across Georgia, the seasons dictate the ebb and flow of life. Most Georgians don't live on a farm, and many haven't had a family member who has farmed in multiple generations, so it's understandable that many students have no understanding of how farmers grow our food, fiber for our clothes, and timber for our homes.

This is why Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB), the state's largest farm organization, is a steadfast champion of agricultural education. GFB's Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) program is at the heart of its endeavors to bridge the gap between the farm and the classroom and give students an understanding and appreciation of the role agriculture plays in their daily lives.

GFB's AITC program offers a wide selection of activities, resources, and educational opportunities that sow the seeds of agricultural literacy to introduce students to gardening and encourage them to try new fruits and vegetables they might otherwise never eat. GFB aims to empower today's students to grow up to be informed consumers and maybe even pursue a career in agriculture.



Central to Ag in the Classroom's mission is its monthly book recommendations, which cover a wide range of agricultural topics, such as gardening, the importance of pollinators to gardening and crops, soil health and farm animals, just to name a few. These carefully curated book selections provide students with insight into the intricate workings of agriculture while igniting a passion for learning.

Each book recommendation comes with free resources to reinforce the lesson the book teaches such as activity sheets, instructions for hands-on activities, or making an easy recipe using the featured commodity. Links to free videos that will take students on a virtual field trip are often provided.

Hands-on activities play a pivotal role in engaging students and bringing abstract concepts to life.



Whether it's planting seeds in a school garden or conducting experiments to learn about soil health, these interactive experiences let students explore the principles of agriculture firsthand, fostering a deeper connection to the land and the food it provides.

GFB's AITC program also holds annual middle school bookmark and high school art contests. These contests encourage students to explore the crops and livestock farmers grow in Georgia and then artistically express what they've learned about Georgia's rich agricultural heritage. Contact your county Farm Bureau office in late November to learn how to submit an entry in their contest.

Recognizing the crucial role teachers play in shaping the minds of tomorrow, GFB provides a wealth of resources and support to educators. From professional development workshops to classroom grants, the program empowers teachers to easily integrate agricultural concepts into their curriculum, ensuring that agricultural education is a cornerstone of students' learning experience. Many county Farm Bureaus have volunteer members or staff willing to visit their local schools to do AITC activities with teachers and their students.

Georgia Farm Bureau hopes that by planting and nurturing seeds of knowledge through its Ag in the Classroom program, that an appreciation for agriculture will bloom among the students that may grow into a lifelong understanding of agriculture and perhaps a passion for gardening or farming. GFB is working for a brighter future for agriculture, one where agricultural literacy thrives and the bonds between the farm and the classroom grow ever stronger.

Lauren Goble may be reached at ldgoble@gfb.org or 478-474-0679, ext. 5135. Visit www.gfb.org/AITC for the latest AITC news & for resources to teach children about agriculture. Visit www.gfb.org to learn more about the organization.

Smokey Bear Poster Contest Winners



Banks Boles, 1st Grade
1st Place GCG & Deep South Spade & Trowel Garden Club



Zhimu Dong, 3rd Grade
1st Place GCG & 2nd Place Deep South Spade & Trowel Garden Club



Jeb King, 4th Grade
1st Place GCG & 2nd Place Deep South Watkinsville Garden Club



Lilly Hutchinson, 2nd Grade
1st Place GCG & Deep South and NGC Award Winner Briarcliff Garden Club



Jacarya Washington, 5th Grade
1st Place GCG & 3rd Place Deep South Camellia Garden Club

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Trayletaah Garden Club



Sophie Graham, 6th Grade
Screven County Garden Club



Dominic Khuawl, 7th Grade
Norcross Garden Club



Lilly McAfee, 8th Grade
Screven County Garden Club

Youth Poetry Contest Winners

Elian Montes, Kindergarten ESOL
1st Place GCG & NGC, Odum Garden Club

BIRD
Bird flies
Is in water
Rest his feet
Drinking water

Leah Warnken, First Grade ESOL

1st Place GCG & NGC
Spade & Trowel Garden Club

MONARCHS IN MY GARDEN
Monarchs in my garden
Orange, black, yellow, white
Flying, looking for green milkweed
They are beautiful

Kenady Gold, 1st Grade Special Needs
1st Place GCG & NGC, Odum Garden Club

THE GREEN LEAF BUG AND THE GREEN GRASS

Leaf Bug
Camouflaged -Leaf-like
Looking -Standing-Moving
The green leaf bug walks in the green grass
Growing-Creating shelter- Cleaning the air
Fresh- Dewey
Grass

Lillian Gonzalez, 2nd Grade ESOL
Odum Garden Club

HUMMINGBIRDS COLIBRIES
Hummingbirds
Hummingbirds are pretty and fast
They fly and eat and fight for nectar
Their feathers change from green to pink
Another word for hummingbird is colibries

Bella Harris, 2nd Grade Special Needs
Odum Garden Club

FLOWERS IN MY GARDEN
Flowers in my garden
Lovely as can be!
Oh, how beautiful!
Wow! They grow so fast!
Enjoyable to see,
Rising in my garden,
Such a site to see

See all 45 GCG poetry winners at gardenclubofgeorgia.org
and read the NGC 1st Place Poems at gardenclub.org

Did you climb trees, lie on the grass and imagine figures in the clouds, catch lightning bugs in a jar with punctured lid, walk barefoot in puddles or a stream? Do you, your children or grandchildren do any of those things now? Are they free to imagine, create their own games, swing from trees, find bugs and lizards or are they at organized sports and video games? Time exploring in the natural world is not wasted time, rather it is learning about the world all around.



Today before venturing outside, children must have sunscreen, insect repellent, hats and boots. They must be warned about snakes, bugs, poison ivy, and strange people. Might they not

fall from a tree? Didn't you climb to the heavens in that old magnolia tree with its skirts on the ground giving you easy access to climbing. In Atlanta some schools were built to prevent views of the outside—no distractions. Some were built with no playgrounds—for safety and to prevent wasting study time. We have become so urbanized and disconnected from nature that we fear it. We walk outside only the short distance from the car to a building. Pavement is not nature. Nor can 'YouTube' take the place of real life. We all need our 'hundred-acre wood' in which to roam. We must find a way to embrace the real not the virtual world. Treasure the green spaces in your neighborhood. Kudos to all who work to save and enhance them.

Many garden club projects have begun to address the need to reengage ourselves and our children in nature. Do peanuts grow on trees? This question used to be a way to discern whether a person was from Georgia or not. Now that question poses problems for many native Georgians. How do you envision peanuts growing? Perhaps your school cannot grow peanuts, but raised beds allow for many vegetables, herbs and flowers. Beginning those plants from seeds allows students to see the entire process. A biology/botany lesson that is real and fun. Successfully grown produce can be sent home or sold to fund the repeat of the process. Hydroponics, a means of growing plants in water not soil, has been successful in some schools. This is also an introduction to an innovative urban gardening option. Kudos to garden clubs for facilitating these hands-on endeavors.

Walk with your children in your woodlands, parks, or botanical gardens. Do you notice a reduction of stress? Studies confirm that this is actually true. Your stress levels have been reduced. Counselors in our schools are thankful for the many Peace Gardens you have helped develop. These green, quiet areas give them another means to address conflict.

School grounds in which the students have erected and monitor bird houses and feeders give students a feeling of responsibility and pride. Observing the young fledge can be a wonderful moment. Butterfly gardens, which beautify the campus, also showcase the incredible life cycle of this pollinating insect. A neighborhood bird sanctuary is a wonderful use of a vacant lot. Special praise to the garden clubs whose efforts over the years have made possible the development of these important enhancements to their communities.



For children, the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. sponsors poetry and poster contests. Don't forget Woodsy the Owl and Smokey the Bear. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also has a poster contest-Give Wildlife a Chance. For teens the Georgia DNR sponsors a summer camp called the Career Academy to encourage teens to explore career opportunities in nature. There are education programs available at our state parks. Consider sponsoring a group to participate in the Georgia DNR sponsored annual Youth Birding Competition. Our state has so many options for engaging nature. Join in.

Go outside. Early evening in the summer the lightning bugs twinkle, the frogs and cicadas sing. In the fall search for the huge silvery shimmering webs of the immigrant Joro spider. Winter brings real 'snowbirds.' What birds are sheltering from the northern winters at your feeders? Spring brings all back to life. Look for the hummingbirds to return. Nesting begins. Kudos to all the garden clubs funding and initiating programs in their areas that make nature accessible and fun, not only for children but also for adults

Bright ideas begin with one person but then spread from one to others. Seven years ago, the City of Norcross asked then Norcross Garden Club (NGC) President Leanne Penman, "Do you really want all of these plants?" The plants are those in the historic downtown area that are replaced each year. Leanne's response was a resounding "yes," and from there the garden club members began to dig, re-pot and sell the donated plants, the proceeds of which would be contributed to a scholarship fund. The proceeds are enough to give a scholarship through the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) to a deserving college student who is majoring in a garden-related subject or environmental field of study. Known today as the "city digs", this bright idea to recycle and re-purpose city plants lives on.

The call goes out to members, "Good news! There is a plant dig from the Norcross City beds this Sunday. Digging great plants to support our scholarship program is a nice way to spend an hour or two. Bring your own tools and containers, and don't take their dirt as the city landscape company is coming on Monday to prepare the beds for new plantings."

It's time again for the next "city dig" and now the city coordinates it with Kathy Sumner, current NGC President. Kathy is quick to assemble a team and jump on the chance to recycle the plants. It is serendipitous that the new city manager responsible for the plantings (and their recycling program), Shahin Khalili, was also one of the first recipients of NGC scholarship, through GCG. His degree in Environmental Horticulture from Gwinnett Tech in 2022 makes him especially well-suited for keeping the city's parks and green spaces looking their best.



Shahin Khalili, Manager
City of Norcross

day. It inspired him to learn more about plants and healthy ecosystems.

When asked about removing trees in residential areas, Shahin often goes out of his way to suggest using natural landscapes as a way to create lush spaces full of native plants and trees that are best suited for the neighborhood and environment.

He recently completed an arboretum application for Pinnacle Park, an underserved area in Norcross. It was once a privately owned retention pond covered in kudzu before the city acquired it and began the remediation and native plant installation. Today, it is the only arboretum in Gwinnett County, and as a Level One arboretum, the park has at least 25 identified species of trees or woody plants and provides educational programs during the year.

There is no grass growing under Shahin's feet as he moves forward from Pinnacle Park to the process of designating two plots of land as "forest preserves". The designation allows for the maintenance of the properties to protect its natural resources and to preserve its natural beauty.

Looking back, Shahin acknowledges that college can often be much pricier than one thinks and there are lots of hidden costs. That's why donating to a scholarship fund is a great opportunity for gardeners to help students who could really use the extra financial help. Shahin is grateful for the aid from the NGC in 2021.

GCG makes it very easy to donate to worthy students like Shahin. To find out more about scholarship donations and applications, go to the GCG website at gardenclubofgeorgia.org and look under the Member Resources tab. If you have any questions, you may contact the GCG Scholarship Chair, Susan Turner at glencree@bellsouth.net.



Pinnacle Park

Within a year Shahin became the City Arborist and is hands-on when it comes to his new position. His interest in natural landscapes began by way of a Hibiscus Rose of Sharon that he found in his yard one

Named Scholarships March 2023 - February 2024

GCG awarded \$85,000 to students for the 2024-2025 Academic Term.

We are thankful to all who have contributed to our Scholarship Program in any amount.

Our 42 Named Scholarships totaled \$55,360.00. In addition, we granted \$29,640.00 through Patrons of Scholarships, General Fund contributions, Dollars Educate Scholars and Life Memberships, along with interest & dividend income from Brown Thrasher and Cherokee Rose Investment Accounts. A certificate is presented to our Named & Patron of Scholarship donors in October at their Annual District Meeting. We congratulate our students on their continued achievements and send our best wishes for their futures.

Laurel District

- Laurel District Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2016, this year is presented in honor of Deanna Slone
- Jennie Byers Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2024 in her honor by the Garden Club Council of Cherokee County
- Garden Club of Ellijay; \$2,000
Est. in 2022 to honor the service of the club to their community
- James M. (Jim) Grimes; \$1,000
Est. in 2023, given in memory by his family
- Jody Hunter Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2023 given in his memory by Diane Hunter
- Mary Ellen Roos Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2023 in her honor by the Garden Club Council of Cherokee County.
- Luann & Don Schultz Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2023 by Shirley M. Thomas in loving memory of two individuals whose love of the natural world and dedication to the environment were inspiring.
- Larry John Thomas Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2017 by Shirley Thomas in memory and appreciation for her husband's support for her garden club activities.

Azalea District

- Azalea District Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2024 in honor of Molly Kimler.
- Burkeland Garden Club Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. by The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. in honor of the 2023 Club of the Year.
- Thomas Bond Calloway, IV Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2024 by Mary S. Byrd in honor of her Great Grandson.
- Carolyn J. Childers Scholarship; \$1,010
Est. in 2023, given in memory by her garden club friends
- Samuel M. Goodrich, M.D. Scholarship; \$1,000
Father, Husband, Physician Est. in 2016 in tribute to his memory by Ellen Goodrich
- Ladies' Garden Club Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2018 in honor of the club and their members

Oleander District

- Oleander District Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2014 in honor of its clubs and members.
- Lisa Hall Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2024 to honor Brenda Griner for her many years of service to the GCG Board of Directors, Oleander District and Blythe Island Garden Club
- Landings Garden Club Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2014, this year in honor of Anne Gardner

- David L. Shaw Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2022 by Geri Shaw in memory of her husband.

Camellia District

- Camellia District Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2011 in honor of their former District Directors.
- Barbara Jones Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2023, given in loving memory of her husband, Lynn L. Jones.
- Dot Williams Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2024 in her honor by the Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc.
- Thomasville Garden Club, Inc. Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2024 to honor the past, present and future Presidents and officers of the Council and their four member clubs: Briarcliff Garden Club, Killarney Queen Garden Club, Lady Banks Garden Club and Rambler Rose Garden Club located in Thomasville

Magnolia District

- Magnolia Garden Club, Fort Valley Scholarship; \$8,000
Est. in 2022, to honor the club and its members

Dogwood District

- Dogwood District Scholarship; \$2,000
Est. in 2016 in honor of its clubs and members
- Bettye Trankina Scholarship; \$2,000
Est. in 2023 by Alpharetta Garden Club in her honor
- Ama-Kanasta Garden Club Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2011 by its members in honor of the club
- Club Estates Garden Club Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2022 to honor their members and many years of service to the community
- James R. Cothran Landscape Architecture Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2011 in tribute to his memory by Lee & Michael Dunn
- Garnett Hanna Cobb Scholarship; \$2,000
Est. in 2013 by Jane Whiteman and Terry Waith continued by Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Cobb in memory of his mother, a founding member of fifty years in the Sandy Springs Garden Club
- Mrs. Sammie S. Flaherty Scholarship; \$1,500
Est. in 2008 by Nancy Moses in loving memory of her mother, a Life Member and Former President of Hilltop Garden Club, Augusta
- Stanley D. Moses Scholarship; \$1,500
Est. in Stan's honor in 2014 and in loving memory in 2020 by Nancy Moses
- Norcross Garden Club Scholarship; \$1,000
Est. in 2019, in honor of the clubs and their members

Donna Smith Scholarship; \$1,350
 Est. in 2021, this year given in honor and in her memory by Pine Tree Garden Club, Atlanta

Deen Day Sanders Scholarship; \$2,000
 Est. in honor of Deen by her friends and family.

Deen Day Sanders Scholarship; \$1,000
 Est. in honor and memory of Garden Club Friends.

Redbud District

Avondale Estates Garden Club Scholarship; \$1,000
 Est. in 2022 in honor of the club and its members.

DeKalb Co. Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.; \$1,000
 Est. in 2020 in honor of their clubs and members.

Sharon R. Denney Horticulture Scholarship; \$1,000
 Est. in 2020 in tribute to his memory by Mary W. Denney.

Dunwoody Garden Club Scholarship; \$2,000
 Est. in 2020, in honor of the club and its members.

Jody Hunter Scholarship; \$1,000
 Est. in 2023 given in his memory by Diane Hunter

Jim and Lorraine Loftis Scholarship; \$1,000
 Est. in 2018 by Nanette Loftis in loving memory of her parents

Patrons of Scholarship

May 2023 to April 2024 Contributions of \$200 or more help us reach our goal!

Laurel District

Commerce Garden Club
 Fleur de Lis Garden Club
 Jonquil Garden Club
 Magnolia Garden Club
 Mountain View Garden Club

Azalea District

Augusta Council of Garden Clubs
 Carrington Woods Garden Club
 Cherokee Rose Garden Club
 Nancy Hart Garden Club
 Pine Tree Garden Club
 Spade and Trowel Garden Club

Oleander District

Sprig- N- Dig Garden Club

Camellia District

Erin Garden Club
 Greenbriar Garden Club
 Killarney Queen Garden Club, in honor of Suzanne Finger
 Lady Banks Garden Club

Magnolia District

Green Island Garden Club

Dogwood District

Dogwood District, in honor of
 Deen Day Sanders

Alpharetta Garden Club
 Ama-Kanasta Garden Club
 Bellmere Garden Club, in honor of
 Deen Day Sanders

Bellmere Garden Club, in memory
 of Dot Rouse

Camellia Garden Club
 Druid Hills Garden Club
 Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs,
 in honor of Carolyn Herndon

Magnolia Garden Club
 Rose Garden Club
 Roswell Garden Club, in honor of
 Carolyn Herndon

Deen Day Sanders, in memory of
 Eunice Robertson

Sandy Springs Garden Club
 Spade & Trowel Garden Club

Redbud District

Redbud District VII
 Redbud District, in honor of Deen
 Day Sanders

Avondale Estates Garden Club
 Green Thumb Garden Club
 Lullwater Garden Club
 Deen Day Sanders, in memory of
 Joy Stuart
 Susan Turner

Friends of GCG

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 memory of Joy Stuart

Georgia Iris Society
 Dr. & Mrs. Frank Vinson, in honor
 of Quill and Steve Duncan

Dr. & Mrs. Frank Vinson, in honor
 of Delise & Paul Knight

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 Pecans

Growing Old Nursery
 Lane Southern Orchards
 Macon Tent Rentals
 Orchard Home, LLC
 Pine Needles Country Café
 Rosier Restorations
 Rupert Distributing, LLC
 Speir Heating & Air
 SunMark Community Bank
 Tapatio Mexican Restaurant

New Life Members

Bess Hartley, Life Membership Chairman

State Life Members

#2160 Lynn Fronk- Laurel District
 #2161 Shirley Priest- Laurel District
 #2162 Maye Suddath- Laurel District

Deep South Life Members

Delise Knight- Magnolia District
 Lynn Fronk- Laurel District
 Tanya Oliver-Dogwood District

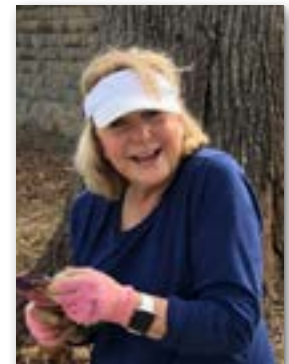
National Life Members

#10716 Pamela Hendrix- Azalea District

Thirteen Years Of Youth Work In Ellijay The Garden Club of Ellijay has always been eager to share their knowledge in the community of Ellijay and what better way to do that than create an interest in the local young people? The club created a junior garden club for 4th grade students at North Georgia Christian Academy thirteen years ago. Five to seven times a year, club volunteers meet an interested group of 4th graders and present a wide range of programs including growing perennials in raised beds, vermiculture, learning about herbs and sampling various herb butters to decorating fresh pumpkins.

The young volunteers have dug in the dirt, planted, weeded and maintained raised beds. The group has been led by June Harrison for the last thirteen years. Her dedication and leadership has been recognized by both The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. Many young new gardeners have been created through her efforts. What a legacy!

- Joanne Waddey, Vice President, Garden Club of Ellijay



North Cobb High School (NCHS) Greenhouse Gang (GHG) is a student-led club of more than 70+ students in Kennesaw. The youth engage in active learning, growing, service and beautification on a weekly basis, year-round. GHG was honored to be recognized as an Outstanding High School Garden Club by GCG. The youth club was formed in 2015 and is supported by the NCHS Golden Warriors Club. The first plant sale was in 2016. "As a first year member, GHG was thrilled for our students to be recognized, at such a high level, for the body of work in which they participate," added Lorelle LoCurto, NCHS Golden Warriors Club President. The founding six members set the current mission: Growing non-GMO food to help those in need, beautifying our school and community, and learning and sharing about plants and propagation techniques.



Greenhouse Gang Students hosted their Annual Mother's Day Sale at NCHS.





Washington-Wilkes Iris Garden Club; "No Child Left Inside"

Cotton underwear is the teaching tool in the Soil Station! Robert Smith and Chris Amos, soil scientists from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, delight and educate each class as they "uncover" the secrets of what makes soil the most fertile. This Soil Station lesson was part of the "No Child Left Inside" Outdoor Classroom event on Earth Day this spring, sponsored by the Washington-Wilkes Iris Garden Club in partnership with the Washington-Wilkes Primary School.

Rose and Dahlia Garden Club of Athens sponsor The Growing Seeds Youth Garden Club at Downtown Academy.

Their dedicated members meet monthly during the academic year with ten 4th and 5th graders. Each meeting has a theme and the April meeting focused on Epiphytes, air plants, to learn where and how they survive and their care and needs. Students used clear bulb containers with rocks in their school colors donated by Foxglove Plant Bar.



Milledgeville Garden Club Shares Love of Gardening with Learning Enrichment Center Friends



Club members continue to enrich the lives of their special friends of the Life Enrichment Center (LEC) by sharing garden club activities. This special group of interested ladies and gentlemen, adoringly named The Sunshine Friends, meets at the Lockerly Arboretum Education Center and other sites for garden club activities throughout the year. Garden club members and the Sunshine Friends enjoy working together on projects that include making mug arrangements, designing floral bags and creating decorative wreaths. Club members donate tomato and pepper plants among other vegetable garden plants to the LEC greenhouse for those who enjoy vegetable gardening. We encourage all of our garden club members to take the opportunity to engage with our Friends and build strong bonds with our community.

The Union Point Garden Club assisted with AG Day at Anita White Middle School in Greensboro co-sponsored by Greene Co. Ext. and Greene Co. Farm Bureau.

The 5th grade students, about 125, rotated through five stations representing the components of a cheeseburger. Stations included grain for the bun, beef for the burger, dairy for the cheese, condiments and vegetables. This unique presentation helped students understand how agriculture affects their everyday lives. The cafeteria provided a sack lunch that included a cheeseburger. Participating club members emphasized the importance of including vegetables in the diet and on their cheeseburger and presented info on different types of grain and the advantages of consuming whole grain products. Participating members were Brenda Warwick, Jeanne Starr, Velma Pearson, Sherley Selman and Jan Brazier.



Brooklet Garden Club Members Teach Floral Design to the Jacket Youth Club; Brooklet Garden Club Youth



Committee members came together to teach 4th grade students about the basics of floral design. Members Judy Butler, Faye Hulst, Juanita Morton, Debbie Page, Judy Walker, Jane Wood and Nancy Watson collected greenery and flowers to begin the lesson. Students were eager to show their skills as they learned about line, color, shape, texture and form. Much fun was had by all and we were all surprised at how quickly the students learned the fundamentals of floral design. We definitely have some talented designers in our midst!



Something from Nothing - by Jane Wood

One day while wishing for a walking trail on the Brooklet Elementary school property, I realized it could happen. The school sits on the front of a forty-acre former peanut field. The back portion was not being used and the broom straw and dog fennel was left to grow nice and tall, just right for young explorers to wander through. After getting permission and looking over a few first-grade trail designs from STEM class, David Cromley, my farmer nephew, brought his tractor and cut a quarter mile trail through the grass and sent me a GPS map of the trail. Three other garden club husbands, Ronnie Page, Dewayne Perkins and Brant Clifton, all had a hand in staking the area around the trail so children and county workers would know the boundaries. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in February with Youth Committee Garden Club members Judy Butler, Nan Watson, Judy Walker, Debbie Page, Juanita Morton, Renee Perkins, Susan Taylor, Jane Wood, Principal Mike Yawn and STEM teacher Mark Petkewich all in attendance and some of the first to walk the trail.



(L-R) Judy Butler, Juanita Morton, Susan Taylor, STEM teacher Mark Petkewich, Nancy Watson, Jane Wood, and BES Principal Mike Yawn.

As I watched different classes take their turn exploring the trail, childhood memories of the great outdoors flooded my soul. There are so many opportunities in this trail for children to discover animal tracks, butterflies, caterpillars, birds and the list goes on. Such a simple activity, but oh the opportunities of learning and just being! School news casts have already been researched to share lessons about the plants and butterflies as the seasons change. Did you know broom straw is really used to make brooms, and it's also the host plant for the wood nymph butterfly? I know not every school can make something from nothing, but at Brooklet Elementary it did. The cost was just phone calls but the happiness is endless.



Green Acres Garden Club of Dublin and Hillcrest Elementary School Serve Their Community



GAGC teamed up with their youth garden club at Hillcrest Elementary School and Keep Dublin Laurens Beautiful, to pick up trash around the school recently. The garden club provided supplies for the children to participate in the "Great American Clean Up" sponsored by Keep America Beautiful. Part of the activities prepared the school's Secret Garden for the

Garden Crawl Tour in May. One goal of our club is to sponsor activities and events that encourage children to learn the value of protecting the environment.

Green Acres Garden Club (GAGC) members (right) and students from Hillcrest Elementary brightened the day of residents of Addington Place with flower arrangements and a visit with students.



Fox Trotting Through the 2023-24 School Year: Fox Trot Garden Club finished up their inaugural year as a GCG High School Youth Garden Club, sponsored by Killarney Queen Garden Club in Thomasville.

A highlight of their year was a floral design workshop presented by Mary Tomlinson of Killarney Queen. Also, a Fox Trot member won a top youth award (Green Thumb Award) at the Thomasville Garden Club, Inc. Flower Show. Two other members brought home 1st place awards in the Perry Flower Show.



The Thomasville Garden Club held their 103rd Flower Show in April. Entries included 239 General Horticulture, 122 Youth Horticulture, 24 floral designs, 2 educational and 2 commercial entries. The NGC Standard Flower Show was judged by NGC accredited judges and three student judges.

The foyer was adorned with patriotic wreaths, garland, a banner with show title and a portrait of Mrs. Pansy Poe, a major benefactor of our organization.

A children's activity titled "What's the Flutter?" was attended by fifty-five students with hands on activities on butterflies and their contribution to our environment.



Designer's Choice Award
Kelly Jones, Lady Banks
Garden Club

Horticultural Excellence Award
African Violet;
Mary Tomlinson
Killarney Queen GC



The Oglethorpe Garden Club Flag Retirement Ceremony

The streets of Oglethorpe have been adorned with flags by the Oglethorpe Garden Club (OGC) on national holidays; however, after years of use the flags needed to be replaced. Finding no groups that properly dispose of flags, a committee was formed to take on the task. The committee contacted the Macon County High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps



(NJROTC) who were enthusiastic to hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Government offices provided drop-off locations and contributed their unusable flags. The date was set and advertised to the public with great success. Over 200 flags were collected at the drop off sites.

The ceremony was held at the Macon County High School flagpole with over 50 citizens attending. OGC members assisted in the program, welcomed the guests and recognized the flags to be retired. Cadets presented the colors, folded the flag, and each Cadet retired a flag. Their display of respect and patriotism was a bonus to an already impressive ceremony. OGC and NJROTC would like to continue this as an annual community service event making it a part of Cadet training.



Gold Star Marker Dedication: The Butler Garden Club (BGC) and the Taylor County Historical Genealogical Society (TCHGS) in cooperation with The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) dedicated a Gold Star Marker in Julian Knight Park in Reynolds on Memorial Day. The program began with Sybil Willingham, President of the BGC and Gene Brunson, Vice President of the TCHGS presiding followed by an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of a patriotic medley. Marilyn Aldrich, Magnolia District Co-Director, introduced the guests, Nilsa Summey brought greetings from the GCG, and the history of the Gold Star Markers was given by Kay Hagler, Magnolia District Director. Janice Thiese, GCG, presented certificates to BGC, TCHGS, and the GCG. Colonel Tom Aldrich U.S. Army, (Ret.) gave a tribute to the military and Gold Star Families represented. Janice Thiese dedicated the marker located at the flag terrace of the park and Mayor Fred Waller accepted the Marker on behalf of the city of Reynolds. Gold Star family members placed a tribute of flowers.



Azalea Garden Club of Columbus Bluebird Trail: The sign of a bluebird is associated with springtime and in mid-February the Azalea Garden Club took on a winter project of cleaning out bluebird nesting boxes for the upcoming nesting season at Spring Harbor @ Green Island assisted living and memory support facility. The bluebird trail is set on 40-acres of natural woodlands surrounding the campus.



Members received a crash course on cleaning, minor repair, and learned bluebirds are a bit picky about how their house is designed, its location, and cleanliness! Nest construction begins with the male bringing the material, and the female constructs a tidy woven contour cup formation usually consisting of fine grasses and pine needles that is truly a work of art.

The bluebird trail is an integral part of the Spring Harbor community and has to increased the bluebird population on campus, and added to the quality of life for those who live there. It was a rewarding way to learn about these beautiful little birds and a fun way to share an educational experience with each other.



Norcross Garden Club Members Bring Youth to the Outdoors:



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, Norcross Garden Club (NGC) members, Tixie Fowler, Nancy O'Reilly and Jeanette Shewbert pretended they were migrating birds, played a wildlife "Who am I" game and explored the forest with magnifying glasses. 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.

Community Garden at Stripling Elementary School: In March the official Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Stripling Elementary School Community Garden was held with NGC members Kathy Sumner, Trudy Rudert, Jeanette Shewbert, Jill Swenson and Rosalie Webb. In April NGC members joined community volunteers, master gardeners, civic clubs, students, parents and school personnel to plant their new Community Garden. NGC donated pollinator and herb plants



for the garden and recommended a source for garden soil donated by a local vendor.

On June 10th, the first day of Stripling Elementary School voluntary in-school STEM camp, members enjoyed a fun morning with the students. Kathy Sumner talked about good and bad garden pests. She brought a few live sample bugs and pictures of others for them to see. Then they went out to the garden beds and had fun looking for garden bugs amid lots of squeals of fear and excitement! The children were very interested in their garden and were eager to help. Members showed the students how to weed and water, and helped them relocate a few plants and thin out zinnias.



Spalding Garden Club Summer Youth Program:



Spalding Garden Club members and the Youth Spalding Garden Club 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. The younger children learned how to water the plants without hurting the leaves, and on rainy days the group goes to

the \$1 movie at City Springs Cinema. The program has been very successful this summer.



Plant Sale at Lullwater Conservation Garden: Each year the Lullwater Garden Club has a plant sale in April with the proceeds to benefit the Lullwater Conservation Garden. The plant sale offers perennials suited to Atlanta's climate, a variety of native plants, herbs, and vegetables. This year the plant sale and the garden were featured on the Druid Hills Tour of Homes, April 26-28, 2024, which also corresponded with Georgia Garden Week.



Lullwater Conservation Garden is a 5.21-acre natural woodland located in historic Druid Hills, which is the last subdivision planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. Our most ambitious undertaking has been to be stewards of the garden since 1931. In 1964, Lullwater Garden Club purchased the garden. Open to the public year-round, it is an all-encompassing project which involves all facets of garden work. A rustic stone entrance welcomes visitors to enjoy our bird sanctuary, wildflower refuge, footbridges, stone benches and natural paths through virgin stands of old-growth oak, beech and tulip poplar trees along Lullwater Creek.

All club members participate in the plant sale. Our February meeting program was planting many heirloom seeds for flowering plants, herbs and vegetables as we prepared for the plant sale. After the meeting, the containers were kept in a member's greenhouse until time to move the thriving



plants to the three-day plant sale held in the Lullwater Conservation Garden. Plants grown by club members were also featured in the plant sale. Every year, Moonflower vines (*Ipomoea alba*), which are grown from seed by one of our members is one of our most requested items.

A crafting project to learn how to make a fairy friend was held in the garden during the plant sale. A Lullwater Garden Club member taught children and adults how to create fairies using natural elements from the garden. Some of the fairy friends remain in their fairy garden for the enjoyment of visitors to the garden.



We believe that by honoring our past and by being diligent custodians of the present, we can make a difference in the future. For more information www.lullwaterconservationgarden.com

Avon Garden Club celebrates National Garden Week: Avon Garden Club hosted an outdoor event themed "Flowers and Friends" at the Willis Park Pavilion in Avondale Estates in June, the highlight of the Club's week-long celebration of National Garden Week. The City's Greenspace crew and volunteers with Gardeners for the Common Good were invited to join Club members in the celebration.



After being "greeted" by a tall and friendly scarecrow, attendees were officially welcomed by Club President Frank Mullins who expressed gratitude for their successful efforts in beautifying Avondale Estates. Willis Park Pavilion proved to be a choice location for the celebration as it (1) is part of the City's Greenspace and (2) kept attendees and food dry when the inevitable rain shower occurred. Attendees enjoyed a light brunch featuring many homemade



goodies. Tables were decorated informally with white tablecloths overlaid with red, white, and black - patterned bandanas. Table centerpieces featured freshly gathered flowers and greenery from Club members' gardens which had been artfully arranged on-site just prior to the celebration. The celebration also included a Plant Swap and plants left over were shared with attendees to take to a new plant home.



“The Secret Ingredients – Tips to Creating a Timeless and Enjoyable Landscape Design”

In this final installment of a four-part Landscape Design 101 Series, join Suzanne Finger as she shares a landscape architect’s secrets from 25 years in the industry. She uncovers the mysteries of plant placement and general tricks to creating a fabulous landscape design.

Access the article by visiting the gardenclubofgeorgia.org and click on Publications under the Membership Resources tab.



Coming Up

September

Sept. 6-Friends First Friday

9-11am; Horticulture Complex St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 7-Fall Wildflowers of the Georgia Piedmont

9am-1pm; Visitor Center, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 10-GCG Fall Board Meeting

10 am-5 pm; GCG Headquarters Athens

Sept. 12-Living with Trees

6pm-7:30pm; Zoom, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 14-Native Ferns of the North Georgia Mountain Regions

9am-1pm; Visitor Center, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 17-Sunflower Concert Series; Randall Bramblett Band

7-9pm; Flower Garden Lawn, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 17-Full Moon Hike

8-9:30pm; Visitor Center, St. Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 18–N. GA St. Fair Flower Show

8 am- 5 pm; Jim R. Miller Park Marietta

Sept. 19-Fall Wildflowers of the Granite Outcrops of Georgia

9am-1pm; Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve, Stonecrest, GA. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 21-Monarchs & Beyond: Pollinator Stewardship

9-1pm; Visitor Center, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 24–N. GA St. Fair Flower Show

8 am- 5 pm; Jim R. Miller Park Marietta

Sept. 28-35th Annual Insectival!

9am-1pm; Visitor Center, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Sept. 28-Managing Invasive Plants

9am-1pm; Gaskins Forest Education Center, Alapaha, GA. See botgarden.uga.edu

October

Oct. 4-GA National Fair Flower Show

8 am-Oct. 5-5 pm; Georgia National Fairground and AgriCenter, Perry

Oct. 4-Friends First Friday Container Gardening and More

9-10:30am; Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum, 2450 S. Milledge Ave., Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Oct. 4 Stonehedge Garden Club Flower Show; 1-4pm; Spout Springs Public Library, Flowery Branch; Open and Free to the Public

Oct. 5-Stonehedge Garden Club Flower Show. 10am-4p; Spout Springs Public Library, Flowery Branch

Oct. 5-Savannah Garden Tours

10 am-2 pm; Isle of Hope Baptist Church, Savannah

Oct. 5-Plants We Love to Hate: Identifying and Controlling Exotic Pest Plants; 9am-3pm; Visitor Center, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Oct. 9-Laurel District Annual Mtg.

9:30 am-2:30 pm; Marietta, details TBA

Oct. 10-Dogwood District Annual Mtg.

9:30 am-1:30 pm; Atlanta, details TB

Oct. 12-Grow Your Own Prairie in N. GA

9am-1pm; Visitor Center, St. Botanical Garden, Athens See botgarden.uga.edu

Oct. 16-Oleander District Annual Mtg.

9:30 am-2:30 pm; details to follow

Oct. 17-Azalea District Annual Mtg.

9:30am-2:30pm; Gray, details TBA

Oct. 17-Full Moon Hike

8-9:30pm; Visitor Center, Front Fountain St. Botanical Garden, Athens See botgarden.uga.edu

Oct. 19-Warm-Season Grasses of the Georgia Piedmont

9am-1pm; Visitor Center, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Oct. 22-Redbud District Annual Mtg.

9:30am-2:30pm; Thomaston, details TBA

Oct. 23-Magnolia District Annual Mtg.

9:30 am-2:30 pm; Albany, details TBA

Oct. 24-Camellia District Annual Mtg.

9:30 am-2:30 pm; Thomasville Garden Center, Thomasville

Oct. 30-Basic Botany: Fundamentals of Plant Biology; Zoom. See botgarden.uga.edu

November

Nov. 1-Friends First Friday The Shady Side of Gardening

9-10:30am; Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum, 2450 S. Milledge Ave., Athens. See botgarden.uga.edu

Nov. 1-Planting Design for the Sustainable Landscape

9am-4:30pm; Visitor Center , St. Botanical Garden, See botgarden.uga.edu

Nov. 2-Historic Landscape Preservation Event

10am-2pm; Marietta Educational Garden Center, Marietta

Nov. 2-Groundcover Restoration

9am-1pm; Gaskins Forest Education Center, Alapaha, GA. See botgarden.uga.edu

Nov. 9-Basic Botany: Fundamentals of Plant Biology

10am-12pm & 1-3pm; Zoom, See botgarden.uga.edu

Nov. 12-Basic Botany: Fundamentals of Plant Biology

6-7pm; Zoom, St. Botanical Garden, Athens. Details at botgarden.uga.edu

Nov. 16 - Got Privet? Strategies for Managing 3 of the Worst Invasive Plants of Georgia

9am-1pm; Zoom, See botgarden.uga.edu

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State Headquarters
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Athens, GA 30605-1674

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The Terrace Room

A unique ballroom-like space known for its elegant decor and tasteful appointments opens onto an expansive brick terrace overlooking a wooded area and landscaped garden. Its beauty and location distinguish it as one of the premier wedding reception sites in the area. The Terrace Room can seat up to 140 for dinner and larger numbers for lectures, receptions, and exhibitions, and includes a catering kitchen.

In addition to providing an ideal venue for receptions and formal dinners, the Terrace Room is the perfect setting for business meetings, conferences, and corporate retreats. The room offers state-of-the-art audio and video equipment, including an electronic projection screen and room-darkening capabilities for the purpose of media viewing.

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