

The Azalea Trumpet

Fall 2024



A publication of the Azalea District--Member of The Garden Club of Georgia, the Deep South Region, and the National Garden Club



Dear Amazing Azaleas,

Hope you have had a great summer! We are all looking forward to some cooler weather and wonderful Fall Annual District Meetings. It has been a great summer of activities and projects that will begin to buzz again when we start our club meetings back up this fall.

The Iris Garden Club of Washington hosted a marvelous Fall Board Meeting. It was beautiful with painted gourds filled with summer flowers for table decorations. We had a great turnout for this meeting and voted on some important recommendations. A special thanks to all of you who attended.

We are all looking forward to the Annual Fall District Meeting being held in Gray. These clubs have been working to make it a wonderful experience for all of us. Don't forget to get your baskets valued at \$50 ready for the raffle, and if you need a display table, please be sure to indicate that on your registration form.

Betty Davis and Molly Kimler are working on the GCG State Convention for April 29-30, 2025 in Augusta. Please help them by volunteering to work in one of the areas needed. Contact Betty at bettyboop2315@yahoo.com and ask how you can help.

Please let me hear if you have activities going on in your clubs. Our next Garden Gateways deadline is October 15th and the theme for District Digs is "Preparing Our Gardens for Winter". Please send pictures and articles on the things you are doing.

Two of our clubs are celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year. They are the Azalea Garden Club in Augusta and Monroe's Evergreen Garden Club. We wish them many more years of gardening success!

WE Are Buzzing into a Beautiful Fall,
Fondly,
Jane Edmunds

**“Bee” Friendly and join us on
October 17, 2024, at the**



**65th Azalea District Annual Fall
Meeting**



**Honored Guest
Lisa Hall, President GCG**

**Speaker
Terry Johnson**

**Gray Methodist Church
121 Gordon Street
Gray, GA 31032**



Registration begins at 9:30am. Meeting begins at 10:00am.

Hotel Information for October 16, 2024: Fairfield Inn & Suites 2631 A North Columbia Street, Milledgeville, GA, 31061. Room Rate \$129.00 + taxes. Call: 478-452-5202 and book directly, under Garden Club of Georgia. Cut-off date is Oct 02, 2024

About Terry Johnson: For as long as I can remember, I have been captivated with the natural world. This led me to a career in wildlife conservation. For more than three decades, I was employed by the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division, first as a wildlife biologist, and then as the program manager of the Nongame-Endangered Wildlife Program.

When I retired, I did not leave my passion for wildlife conservation behind. As such, I currently serve as a volunteer with the Georgia's Nongame Wildlife Conservation Section., conducting butterfly and bird surveys, coordinate the Community Wildlife Project, and additionally I am currently the Executive Director of The Environmental Resources Network (TERN).

BEE sure you have purchased a \$5.00 raffle ticket for the District Fundraiser. three \$100.00 winners will be smoked from the hive at the Winter board meeting.! While you are buzzing around, please view the exhibits on display presented by District and State Committee Chairman and buy a chance to win a beautiful raffle basket prepared by an Azalea District garden club members or a table centerpiece. "Bee Friendly" while enjoying lunch and catching up with old and new garden club friends, find out who will win Azalea District Awards, and learn about what's happening in the District, State and National garden clubs.



Registration

Due by October 5, 2024

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____ District _____

Email for Confirmation: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Special Diet required: ___ Vegetarian, ___ Gluten Free. Other _____

Check ALL that Apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Coucil President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District Direcor | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee at | <input type="checkbox"/> New Garden Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President | <input type="checkbox"/> District Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Member 2024 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former Deep South Directo | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member | |

Mail with check payable to Azalea District for \$35.00 To:
Jan Stewart, 722 Nancy Gunn Circle SE, Crawfordville, GA 30631 (734-904-5901)

I am ___ State ___ District Chairman for _____

Please reserve (select one) ___ 1/2 ___ 1 table for display for this Chairmanship



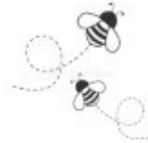
What do I need to Remember?

State or District Chairs should remember to reserve Exhibit space.

If your club has lost a member since the Fall 2023 meeting, please notify Mary Byrd at:maryb328@att.net or 706-829-7138



What do I bring?



Raffle Basket

Each club should bring a raffle basket worth \$50.00 or more (or send a donation of \$25.00 or more). Each basket should have the contents and value listed and attached to the basket.

BASKET NAME: _____

BASKET CONTENTS:	VALUE:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald

Bring your tabs in a non-returnable container you can lift.

Membership

Ina Hopkins, Chairman Membership Development

WANTED:

Subscribing Members

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. proudly distributes \$80,000 in college scholarships each year, thanks to the generosity of member Clubs and The National Garden Club. Funds from the National Garden Club are based on the state's membership rolls. In recent years, GCG has counted on subscribing members to receive scholarships from NGC. Now is the time to renew gifted subscribing members and apply for new memberships.

Anyone can nominate someone for a subscribing membership. The subscribing member is basically a member-at-large with all the benefits of membership, minus club participation. A subscribing member is eligible to attend all district and state programs, conventions. The member receives the state's quarterly publication *Garden Gateways* and other informative notices. The subscribing member does not have voting privileges, however.

Subscribing memberships are suitable for friends who cannot attend club meetings, family members, civic leaders, program speakers, and emeritus members of clubs.

Application forms are available on the GCG website (gardenclubofgeorgia.org). Look under Member Resources for Membership, then click on Subscribing Membership. There you will find a Subscribing Member Application, a form letter you can use to inform the person, and a Subscribing Member Certificate to use, if desired. Mail the application and a \$25 check, made payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., to: GCG Headquarters, 2450 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30606.

Each GCG Club is challenged to add ONE subscribing member. Clubs subscribing three members before January 1, 2025, will earn a checkmark on the President's Report.

Subscribing members are likely to become active members when they learn the benefits of belonging to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.



Please contact Azalea District Co-Director Ina Hopkins (inahopkins@gmail.com) if you need further information or any help processing your applications.

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.

Chairman Reports

Diana Malone, GCG Awards Chairman



Very Important Announcement from GCG Awards Committee:

Most Awards Applications are due by November 15, 2024

(Approved by GCG Board of Directors in 2024)

- For Award Applications previously due on **December 1, 2024** – they are now due **November 15, 2024**.
- Exceptions are Marker Awards #39 and 54 – still due December 1st.
- Other Awards due January 15 and February 1 - are still due on those dates.

Send applications to:

Awardschairmangcga@gmail.com

or

a Diana Malone, GCG Awards Chairman
129 Hannah Drive, Jesup, GA 31546

For questions, please contact Diana Malone by email or text or phone (770-490-7417)

Charlotte White, Azalea District Awards Chairman



Apply for Azalea District Awards

To All Club Presidents:

Attached are the updated documents clubs in the Azalea District need to use in making applications for awards. The deadline is **September 30**, so it is important to get award applications completed as soon as possible. Please make sure that these documents get to the individual in your club who fills out the awards information for your club.

Don't forget that Award #14 The Florence Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award will be given this year since it is an even numbered year.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your applications for Awards!



UPDATED INFORMATION Azalea District Awards 2024

All Applications Are Due By September 30

Outstanding Member Award

The Dollie T. Harper Outstanding Member Award donated by the Madora Garden Club, may be awarded annually to the most outstanding member of Azalea District. Candidates' names are submitted by letter of nomination which shall not exceed three pages. No pictures.

Scale of Points:

Club participation	40
District and State Participation	40
Local community and church activities	20
TOTAL	100

Send applications to:

Charlotte White, Azalea District Awards Chairman

3395 Jack Ray Rd.

Norwood, GA 30821

Cell: 706-829-5008

May send by email: ccw3395@aol.com

Outstanding Garden Club Award

The Ellen Schneider Goodrich Azalea District Outstanding Garden Club Award, donated by The Carrington Woods Garden Club and The Old Capital Garden Club, shall be given annually to the most outstanding garden club in the Azalea District as determined by the District Director. The President's Report may be used as a guide. To be eligible for this award, the club must contribute to at least five (5) of the GCG special donation projects listed on the President's report.

May send by email: belltrucking@windstream.net

Attendance Award

The Azalea District Attendance Award, donated by Gloria Cobb, shall be awarded annually to the garden club having the highest percentage of members present at the Azalea District Annual Fall Meeting in October. Club membership number shall be determined by dues paid as of the preceding March 1. Host clubs are not eligible for this award. No application is necessary.

Flower Show Schedule Award

The Marjorie Taylor Smith Award for the Most Creative Flower Show Schedule for a Standard Flower Show, donated by the Greensboro Garden Club, may be awarded annually to a garden club in the Azalea District submitting a Flower Show Schedule for judging.

Scale of Points

Date correct and specific wording Current to Handbook.....	25
Clarity of Explanation	15
Originality	20
Layout (legibility, neatness, placement of type, spelling, etc.....	15
Artistic presentation-appropriate, workable, Inspiring	15
Distinction	10
TOTAL.....	100

Send one copy of schedule to:

Ellen Goodrich, Azalea District Flower Show Schedule Chairman

203 O'Connor Drive NW

Milledgeville, GA 31061

May send by email: goodrichellen45@gmail.com

Garden Therapy Award

The Maxine Shapiro Goldstein Garden Therapy Award, donated by Jacob Goldstein, may be presented to the club with the most outstanding Garden Therapy project. Applicant should submit a report no longer than two pages (typed and double-spaced) to the Azalea District Garden Therapy Chairman. Submit by September 30.

Send application to:

Dianne Bell, Garden Therapy Chairman

121 Coopers Rd. SW

Milledgeville, GAA 31061

Cell: 912-457-6407

May send by email: belltrucking@windstream.net

Historic Preservation Award

The Norma Watterson Historic Preservation Award, donated by the Town and Country Garden Club of Eatonton, may be presented annually to the club presenting the most outstanding Historic Preservation project. Application for this award requires a report or Book of Evidence submitted to the Azalea District Historic Preservation Chairman by September 30.

Points to be covered in the Book of Evidence are:

Does the preservation enhance the value of the historic property?

Was there community involvement in the project?

What percentage of the club membership was involved in the project?

How were the club members involved?

What was the amount and source of the money spent on the project?

What was the duration of the project?

How will the project be maintained?

Send application to:

Doris Blalock

2721 Knob Hill Farm Rd.

Evans, GA 30809

Cell: 706-799-5049

May send by email: doblalock@att.net

Civic Improvement Award

The Jeanne Lyons Mathis Civic Improvement Award, donated by Sylvia Gibson, shall be awarded annually to a club presenting the most outstanding Civic Improvement project. Applicant should submit a report no longer than two pages (typed and double-spaced) to Azalea District Corresponding Secretary by September 30.

Send application to:

Charlotte White, Corresponding Secretary

3395 Jack Ray Rd.

Norwood, GA 30821

Cell: 706-829-5008

May send by email: ccw3395@aol.com

History Award

The Carolyn Childers History Award, donated by Suzanne and Bob Wheeler, may be presented to the club or council presenting the most outstanding 10, 25, 50, 60, 75, and above year history. District Certificates shall be awarded to the first-place winner in each class with the silver trophy awarded to the overall winner. History should be submitted to the District Historian and Archivist Chairman. The history should follow the guidelines set forth in the GCG *Guide-Award* #20. Submit by September 30.

Send application to:

Nancy Lindroth, Azalea District Historian and Archivist

2243 Huntington Rd.

Augusta, GA 30904

Cell: 706-726-3946 (H) 706-364-9706

May send by email: ndlind@knology.net

Birds, Bees and/or Butterfly Gardening Program Award

The Suzanne Wheeler Bird and/or Butterfly Gardening Program Award, donated by Bob Wheeler, may be given annually to the club presenting the most outstanding program emphasizing the protection of birds and/or butterflies. A Book of Evidence should be sent to the District Bird and Butterflies Chairman by September 30.

Program content	65
Summary of the program	
Handouts and displays	
Special or unusual features	
Appeal	20
Presentation of material	15
Novice and experienced gardeners	
TOTAL	100

Send application to:

Peggy Tucker, Judge/Birds & Butterflies

1848 Mt. Olivet Rd.

Hartwell, GA 30643

Cell: 706-376-8241

May send by email: wotucker@hartcom.net

School Grounds Improvement Award

The Edell Raburn School Grounds Improvement Award, donated by Green Acres Garden Club, shall be presented to the garden club that has the most outstanding school grounds improvement project. Involvement of community is a plus. A Book of Evidence should be sent to the District School Grounds Improvement Chairman.

Scale of Points

Scope of Achievement.....	50
Community Involvement.....	20
Member participation	20
Presentation.....	10
TOTAL.....	100

Send Application to:

Elizabeth Crabbe, School Grounds Improvement Chairman

501 S Jefferson St.

Washington, GA 30673

706-678-1548 (H)

May send by email: elizabethcrabbe@bellsouth.net

The Katherine Stewart Allen Youth Activities Award

The Katherine Stewart Allen Youth Activities Award donated by John Allen, shall be presented to the garden club that is judged to have the most outstanding activities in support of youth. Award to be presented at Annual Fall District Meeting.

Applicant should submit a report no longer than two (2) pages (typed and double-spaced). Inclusion of pictures is optional. Deadline is September 30.

Send application to:

Molly Kimler, Youth Camp

555 W. Hightower Trail

Social Circle, GA 30025-3903

770-464-3589 (H)

May send by email: mollykimler@gmail.com

The Florence Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award

The Florence Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award is given by Pat and BJ Hathaway every two years. The goal is to honor our members who have devoted a lifetime of service to The Garden Club of Georgia Azalea District. Candidates should have served for at least TWENTY years and held various positions in their clubs, Azalea District, and/or The Garden Club of Georgia.

The award is to be presented to a winner in even numbered years (every other year) at the Annual Fall District Meeting. Candidates' names to be submitted by email to the Azalea Awards Chairman. This is a very special award devoted to a very narrow list of candidates we would like to remember and recognize.

The award will be engraved and given as a gift to the winner as a token of our appreciation.

Charlotte White

Cell: 706-829-5008

May send by email: ccw3395@aol.com

Membership Award

The Betty Davis Membership Award donated by Roger Davis, shall be presented to the garden club that has added the most members to their club in one year.

New membership number shall be determined by dues paid to the State as of the preceding March 1st. No application is necessary.

Native Plant Award

The Azalea District Native Plant Award, given by Marilyn McDonnell, in honor of the 2019-2021 Azalea District's project to add native azaleas shall be presented to the club that demonstrates the best use of native plants in a public setting. Applicant should submit a report no longer than two (2) pages (typed and double-spaced). Inclusion of pictures is optional.

Send application to:

Judy Kirkland, Native Plants Chairman

1055 Fieldstone Rd.

Grovetown, GA 30813

706-533-1149

May send by mail: jkirland@knology.net



Azalea District Award Application

Award #: _____ Award Name: _____

Club: _____ Club #: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Application form must be in the hands of the proper person or postmarked by September 30.

Attach letter of nomination or description of project, history, or report (not to exceed 2 pages typed and double-spaced). Pictures optional.

Mail or email application to proper chairman as stated under the award.

Bess Hartley, Life Membership Chairman



**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 \$100.00, DEEP SOUTH is \$50.00, 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**

Ann Wright, Chairman Pull a Tab for Ronald McDonald



One family's trash is another family's treasure.

Collecting pop tabs is a fun and easy way to support the Ronald McDonald House in Augusta. These tabs are recycled to generate essential funds that help to sustain the house and assist thousands of families each year.

So far, the Azalea District has collected and delivered 115 pounds of tabs to the RMH. As the end of the collection period approaches, I encourage all clubs to send in their tabs by September 30th to be counted in the final tally. Ensure the tabs are 100% aluminum (if a magnet sticks, it is not aluminum), and please label your container with your club's name and city.

Thank you for “pulling together “for the RMH



News from Our Clubs

Augusta Council of Garden Clubs



The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs recently celebrated a significant milestone, marking their 75th anniversary with a grand event at the Augusta Country Club. It was a momentous occasion that saw representation from all 17 member clubs, showcasing the unity and shared passion for gardening within the community. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Lisa Hall, the GCG President, honoring the council with her attendance. Adding to the intellectual richness of the event, Janisse Ray, a renowned environmentalist and writer, took the stage as the special speaker, undoubtedly inspiring the attendees with her insights and experiences. The celebration also recognized the exceptional contributions of its members, with Burkeland Garden Club receiving the

prestigious 2024 Club of the Year award, and Doris Blalock being honored with the President's Award. The history of the ACGC, which was founded in 1948, was beautifully displayed on tables, accompanied by a display of 36 Presidents' pictures and other cherished memorabilia, connecting the past with the present in a meaningful display of the council's enduring legacy.

Pictured: Janisse Ray, Spade and Trowel GC-award for most members attending



Rose & Dahlia



Monthly, Rose & Dahlia Garden Club's Youth Outreach Committee works with Athens' Downtown Academy to hold the Growing Seeds Garden Club. At one meeting, students created amazing art with a purpose, reusing trash and recyclables. This art was submitted to the Garden Club of Georgia's art contest and resulted in two winners, First and Third Place.



Committee member Marcia Talmadge presented the awards at Downtown

Academy's end of year ceremony in June.



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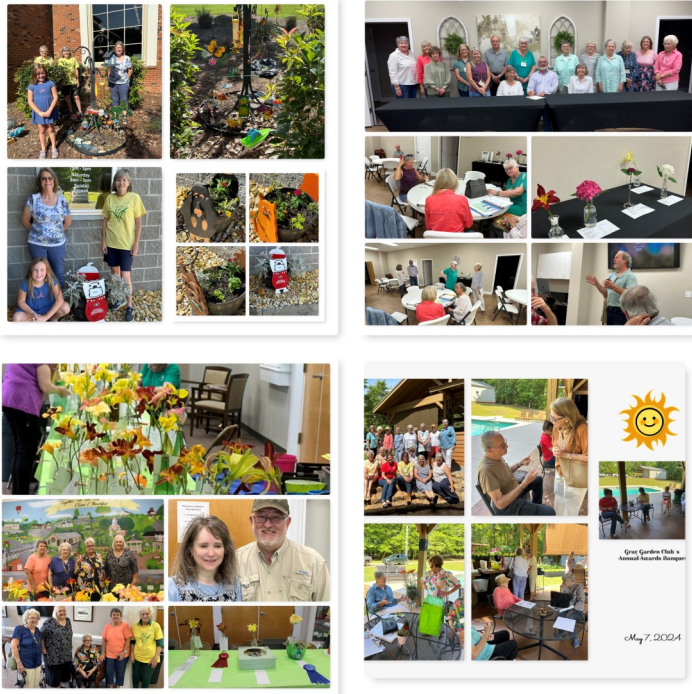
Gray Garden Club

Gray Garden Club celebrated National Garden Week in many ways. We started the week with our annual Daylily exhibition and display. The community was invited to bring their favorite day-lilies to display, and to bring them they did! 174 lilies were entered in the display, the largest number since the club started the display in 2009. We were also honored to have District Director, Jane Edmunds, Past District Director, Betty Davis and Linda Owens as judges and Corresponding Secretary, Charlotte White came as

well. During the display, the club held a plant sale.

At the June meeting Jones County Commissioner, Chris Weidner signed the NGW Proclamation as did the Mayor of Gray, Ed Barbee. The program in June was "Snakes in the Garden", which gave us a new perspective on snakes.

Also during NGW members placed flowers in public places and the club will donate flowers to the Senior Citizens Center.



I put catnip in my flower beds and now very strange creatures are visiting my garden.

Announcements



Happy News to share!

Our Arianne Knowlton, HQ Office Manager, has just finished her course work at UGA and will graduate with a Master's of Education in Learning, Design, and Technology- Instructional Design and Development and a Graduate Certificate in eLearning Design. Please congratulate her when you see her or drop her an email of good wishes! We are very proud of her!

Lisa

Congratulations

Go To:

The Azalea Garden Club of Augusta

And

The Evergreen Garden Club of Monroe

Both clubs are celebrating 75 years of gardening.



Scenes from the Fall Azalea District Board Meeting August 20, 2024 in Washington, GA





Plant America Community Project Grant



Applications for Plant America Grants are due by October 15. Up to \$2,000.00 can be made available to be used for direct expenses of projects. Use this web address to find all the information you need to understand what projects qualify for the grant and how to apply: <https://gardenclub.org/plant-america-community-project-grants>

And when life
became too frenzied
**She came to her garden and
whispered to the plants until**
Her smile returned
and her mind was calm





Hello, all Garden Club of Georgia Members.
I need your help.

The Garden Club of Georgia needs contact information for advertising in our Garden Gateways. Are you or a friend a business owner? Would you consider advertising in Garden Gateways? Do you know of a business in your area who could benefit advertising in Garden Gateways?

The Garden Club of Georgia needs contact information for advertising in our Garden Gateways. We also need contact information for Sponsorships.

What is the difference in the two? They both aim to increase awareness and get attention, but they have different methods.

Ad- A payment has been made to place an ad with Garden Gateways.

Sponsorship- Involves a much deeper ongoing relationship. A Sponsor provides financial support to Garden Club of Georgia or to one of our events. i.e., examples of sponsors to the 2024 Olympics are Coca- Cola, Intel, Panasonic, Samsung.... In return, we promote their brand.

Please send contact information to:

Bess Hartley

besshartley@gmail.com

FREE FREE HALL COUNTY MASTER GARNERS FREE FREE !

The Hall County Master Gardeners will once again be hosting the Fall Garden Expo at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville on September 27-28, 2024. The expo features dozens of vendors with high-quality garden-related products including plants, tools, garden art, birdhouses, and much more. This is north Georgia's largest plant sale, and autumn is the best time of year to plant trees, shrubs, perennials, and native plants.

We are pleased to offer free admission to garden club members after noon (12:00 pm) on Saturday, September 28. Club members simply need to mention when they arrive at the gate the name of the garden club to which they belong, and everyone in their vehicle will be admitted for free. Of course garden club members are welcome to visit the Fall Garden Expo at any time on Friday or Saturday, but free admission is available only on Saturday afternoon. Additional information about the Garden Expo can be found at <https://www.hallmastergardeners.com/fall-expo>

*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.

*Deadline for entries December 1, 2024
Winners will be announced January 1, 2025*

*Submit entries to
Beth Wiseman
bethwiseman807@gmail.com*



🐝 Some interesting facts about bees 🐝

Here are 20 interesting facts about the importance of honey and bees:

1. Did you know that honey never spoils? Archaeologists have found pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are over 3,000 years old and still perfectly edible!
2. Did you know bees are essential for growing many of our foods? They pollinate about one-third of the food we eat, including fruits, vegetables, and nuts.
3. Did you know honey has natural healing properties? It can help soothe sore throats and even speed up the healing of wounds and burns due to its antibacterial qualities.
4. Did you know bees produce a tiny amount of honey in their lifetime? A single worker bee produces only about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in her entire life, but together they make a lot!
5. Did you know bees communicate through dancing? They perform a "waggle dance" to tell other bees where to find the best flowers.
6. Did you know honey can help your brain? It contains antioxidants that may support brain health and improve memory.
7. Did you know beeswax, made by bees, is used in many everyday products? It's found in things like candles, lip balm, and even some types of food packaging.
8. Did you know honey can be a natural energy booster? It provides a quick source of energy because it's packed with natural sugars.
9. Did you know there are over 300 types of honey in the United States alone? The flavor, color, and aroma depend on the flowers that bees visit.
10. Did you know that beekeeping helps many communities around the world? It provides income, supports agriculture, and helps improve food security in many regions.
11. Did you know honey can be used as a natural preservative? Because of its antibacterial properties, honey has been used to preserve fruits and other foods for centuries.
12. Did you know that some bees can recognize human faces? Studies have shown that honeybees can remember and recognize human faces, much like they remember different flowers.
13. Did you know honey can improve your sleep? A spoonful of honey before bed can promote relaxation and better sleep by raising insulin slightly and allowing tryptophan to

14. Did you know bees are colorblind to red? Bees can see ultraviolet light, which humans can't, but they can't see the color red. Instead, they see it as black.
15. Did you know honey can help with seasonal allergies? Consuming local honey is believed by some to help build immunity to local pollen and reduce allergy symptoms.
16. Did you know that royal jelly, produced by worker bees, is fed to all bee larvae? However, only those destined to become queens are fed royal jelly throughout their development.
17. Did you know honey has different medicinal uses in various cultures? For example, in Ayurvedic medicine, honey is used to treat digestive issues, and in ancient Egypt, it was used to treat wounds.
18. Did you know bees have a built-in GPS? They use the position of the sun, the earth's magnetic field, and their own memories of landmarks to navigate and find their way back to the hive.
19. Did you know honeybees are the only insects that produce food eaten by humans? They are unique in their production of honey, which has been a staple in human diets for thousands of years.
20. Did you know that honey can vary greatly in taste and texture? The type of flowers the bees pollinate affects the flavor, color, and texture of the honey. Some honey can even be creamy or spicy!

Thank you, precious bees!

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Did you know, those little bees you see in the evening sitting on flowers are old bees. Old & sick bees don't return to the hive at the end of their day. They spend the night on flowers, and if they have the chance to see another sunrise, they resume their activity by bringing pollen or nectar to the colony. They do this sensing that the end is near. No bee waits to die in the hive so as not to burden the others. So, next time you see an old little bee sat upon a flower as the night closes in...
...thank the little bee for her life long service. 🐝

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Save the Okefenokee

Twin Pines Minerals, LLC , seeks to mine Titanium Dioxide on 898 acres on trail Ridge on the rim of the Okefenokee swamp. With 438,000-acres of wilderness, the Okefenokee is the largest National Wildlife

Refuge east of the Mississippi, our nation's largest aggregate carbon reserve, North America's largest blackwater wetland and the source of the Suwannee and St. Marys Rivers. The National Park Service has nominated the Okefenokee as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Despite its protections, international importance and economic value to local communities, the swamp is far from secure. The future of the Okefenokee is threatened by a proposed mine. Twin Pines Minerals, LLC, an Alabama-based company, seeks to mine for titanium next to the swamp. The Wild Heart of Georgia should not be risked for a mineral that can be acquired more safely elsewhere. Titanium is a common mineral, but the Okefenokee is an uncommon place.

What is Titanium Dioxide used for?:

Titanium dioxide, also known as E171, is a food additive used in many foods to brighten colors, create a smooth texture, or act as a thickener: "Some" of these products are:

Candy: Used in popular candies like Skittles, Starburst, Sour Patch Kids, Swedish Fish, and Trolli gummies to give them a smooth texture and bright color

Milk products: Added directly to milk and other low-fat dairy products like ice cream and cottage cheese

Powdered foods: Used to keep powdered foods like confectioner's sugar from clumping.

Toothpaste: Used in small amounts to give toothpaste a bright white color

Chewing gum, Cake decorations, Coffee creamer, Salad dressing, Pastries, Sauces, Food dyes, Seasonings, Flavored beverages, and Supplements.

Does this widely available mineral justify the possibility of destroying Georgia's most precious ecological sites and wilderness areas for Skittles?

Urge the Georgia EPD to deny Twin Pines' mining permits Ask Georgia legislators to pass legislation to protect the swamp from mining forever.



Blue Star Marker Restoration Project

This is being sent to all Club Presidents, Council Presidents and District Directors in all Districts as listed with GCG. If you are not the current president of your club/council, please pass this along to the person who is. The purpose of this communication is to ask for your help in getting ALL of the older Blue Star Memorial and By-way Markers in our state restored to their original beauty. In doing so we continue to honor the men and women who have served, are serving and will serve in the US Armed Forces. Now more than ever we need to show our support and appreciation for these brave heroes who serve to protect our freedom.

Attached to this email is each District's list of markers. You need only to be concerned about your District.

The markers most likely needing restoration are highlighted, but everyone is encouraged to check on your markers. If your club, council or district is the sponsor for any of these markers, PLEASE check on them. If they are faded, have chipping/flaking paint or have what looks like a rusted center they NEED to be restored. Money is available in the GCG Marker Restoration Grant Fund to assist with the cost of restoration. Currently Thomas Stelling does restorations on site. The cost at this time is \$800 for the large markers and \$400 for the By-way markers. The GCG grant covers 1/2 the cost of the restoration. A copy of the Grant request with all of the details is attached. A huge Thank You to Azalea District and Camellia District for already having most, if not all, of their markers restored. This has been an ongoing project for a couple of years now. PLEASE let's wrap this project up during this administration and before Tom decides to retire. As most of you know Tom does restorations on site. Once he retires they will have to be sent to the manufacturer, which is more costly and a lot more trouble.

Tom will be traveling to Georgia in November to do restorations. You may call or email Tom to schedule a restoration, His contact information is: Phone # (386) 299-7841 Email is: historicalmarkersrestorations@gmail.com

If your club, council or district is a sponsor of a highlighted marker please let me know that you/your club received this communication and keep me informed of your plans. I know that most clubs do not meet in the summer, but I also know that District Board Meetings are being planned and now is a good time to address this need and get out and check on your marker. If a sponsor club no longer exists, a district or other club is encouraged to sponsor a restoration. I will be following up if I do not hear from you by September 30, 2024. Thanks so much for your attention to this project. Once all markers are restored, consideration will be given to offering grants for the purchase of new markers.

I hope that you are having a great summer in spite of the tremendous heat and thank you again for giving this project your attention.

Best Regards,

Jan

Jan Thiese

Blue Star & Gold Star Markers Chairman

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

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Laurel District

Azalea District

Oleander District

Camellia District

Magnolia District

Dogwood District

Redbud District

Restoration Grant Application

AZALEA DISTRICT II
Blue Star Markers

By-way	Union Point Garden Club, Intersection of US 278, GA 77 and GA 44 Moved to Elizabeth Bryan Garden, Corner of Carton and Veazy Streets Restored and Rededicated	Union Point, GA	Installation date unknown	4/18/2021
Memorial	Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc 7 th Ave. Gate One, Ft. Gordon Entrance	Augusta, GA	Marker was Missing but replaced *	11/11/1948
Memorial	GCG & State Highway Dept. US 1, NW corner 5th & Reynolds St. Savannah River Bridge to SC	Augusta, GA		5/19/1949 Restored 10/16/2022
Memorial	GCG & State Highway Dept. In Front of Courthouse at corner of Green St & SR 4	Louisville, GA		1950
Rededication	- Louisville Garden Club	Louisville, GA		4/12/2002
Memorial	Wrens Garden Club US 1, in front of Rideshare Lot	Wrens, GA		4/12/1953 Restored 11/2020
Memorial	Garden Arts Garden Club I-20 Welcome Center Exit 199 Mile Post 201	Augusta, GA		3/08/1973 Restored 2018
Memorial	Boxwood Garden Club US 441 & SR 12 in Walton Park, Boxwood Memorial Garden	Madison, GA		9/24/1976 Restored 11/2020
Memorial	Milledgeville GC Council US 441, Hatcher Square	Milledgeville, GA		4/26/1980
By-way	Tennille Garden Club City Park, Park Street	Tennille, GA		1988 Restored 11/2020
Memorial	Azalea District US Hwy 78 at GA 53, Bethebara Baptist Church	Athens, GA		8/19/1990 Restored 11/2020
By-Way	Willow Wood Garden Club Patriot's Park in front of Battle Field 13	Grovetown, GA		9/27/2000 Restored 11/2020
Highway	Pine Needle Garden Club Lincolnton Clubhouse 255 Washington Street aka (US 378 & GA 43)	Lincolnton, GA		11/9/2001
By-way	Sandersville Garden Club Location not Known- Does anyone know?	Sandersville, GA		7/13/2002
Highway	Town and Country Garden Club Ga. 15 at the Courthouse Square	Sandersville, GA	Installation date unknown	Restored 11/2020
Memorial	Hartwell Garden Club 165 W Franklin Street on Courthouse Square	Hartwell, GA		2/20/2003 Restored 11/2020

AZALEA DISTRICT II
Blue Star Markers

Memorial	Greensboro Garden Club Hwy 278 & 15 North Intersection	Greensboro, GA	5/15/2005
Memorial	Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Hwy 278 Gate I – Ft Gordon * May be replacement for missing marker installed in 1948	Augusta, GA	6/14/2006 Restored
By-way	Pioneer Garden Club Harlem Memory Gardens, 320 N. Louisville St	Harlem, GA Hwy 221	5/22/2005 Restored 11/2020
Memorial	Garden Arts Garden Club Augusta VA Medical Center	Lincolnton, GA	11/27/2006
Memorial	Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Entrance to Uptown Div. of Augusta VA Med Center	Augusta, GA	6/20/2007
Memorial	Town & County Garden Club of Eatonton Putnam County Courthouse, 100 South Jefferson Avenue	Eatonton, GA	5/27/2010
By-way	Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center Entrance 950 15 th Street, Augusta	Augusta, GA	6/8/2010
Memorial	Sharon-Raytown Garden Club American Legion, Roy Dozier Post 8 128 Main Street	Crawfordville, GA	11/11/2010
Memorial	Gray Garden Club Jones County Courthouse, 110 South Jefferson Street	Gray, GA	11/06/2010
Memorial	Milledgeville Garden Club Council GA Veteran's Memorial Cemetery ~ 2617 Vinson Hwy.	Milledgeville, GA	11/02/2012
By-way	Azalea District and GCG Founders Memorial Garden @ UGA 325 S. Lumpkin Street	Athens, GA	3/15/2015
Memorial	Pine Needle Garden Club of Lincolnton Lincoln County Court House ~ 210 Humphrey Street	Lincolnton, GA	5/11/2015
Memorial	Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Columbia County Court House ~ 640 Ronald Reagan Dr.	Evans, GA	6/9/2015
Memorial	Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center Fisher House 1 Freedom Way	Augusta, GA	5/15/19
Memorial	Azalea District Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center 543 Elliott Trail	Mansfield, GA	5/17/19

AZALEA DISTRICT II
Blue Star Markers

Memorial	Watkinsville Garden Club 23 N Main St. at the Courthouse	Watkinsville, GA	3/30/2021
Memorial	Gateway Garden Club 184 South Cherokee Rd. in Friendship Park	Social Circle, GA	6/14/2021
By-Way	The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Franklin County Courthouse at 9592 Lavonia Rd.	Carnesville, GA	11/13/2021
Memorial	Grovetown Garden Club Park at City Hall at 103 Old Wrightsboro Rd.	Grovetown, GA	11/12 2022
Memorial	Rutledge Garden Club (Not a GCG Club...Allowed to sponsor in error) 126 Fairplay Street	Rutledge, GA	11/10/2023
Memorial	Azalea District Comfort Farms 347 Horace Veal Road NW	Milledgeville, GA	2/10/2024
<i>Note: Markers missing</i>			
*By-way	Sandersville GC	Sandersville, GA	unknown

35 Total Blue Star Markers * (does not include 1 missing Byway marker in Sandersville)

AZALEA DISTRICT II
Gold Star Families Markers

Memorial	Garden Arts Garden Club GA Visitor Welcome/Information Center I-20 West Bound coming into Augusta from South Carolina	Augusta, GA	11/22/2019
Memorial	Watkinsville Garden Club 23 N Main St. at the Courthouse	Watkinsville, GA	3/30/2021
Memorial	Pine Needle Garden Club 255 Washington St. at Lincolnton Club House	Lincolnton, GA	4/01/2021
Memorial	United Garden Club Council of Hartwell 165 W Franklin Street on Courthouse Square	Hartwell, GA	5/16/2021
By-Way	The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Franklin County Courthouse at 9592 Lavonia Rd.	Carnesville, GA	11/13/2021
Memorial	Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Iris Blue Star Marker Garden – 517 Reynolds Street	Augusta, GA	4/29/2022
BY-Way	Monticello Garden Club American Legion Post 110 438 E Green Street	Monticello, GA	9/09/2023
Memorial	Gateway Garden Club 184 South Cherokee Rd. in Friendship Park	Social Circle, GA	9/13/2023

8 Total Gold Star Markers



Application for Blue Star Marker Restoration Grant

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is offering a grant to the seven districts and member clubs/councils for the restoration of Blue Star Markers. These funds shall come from the "Blue Star Marker Restoration" account that was set up from donations given in memory of GCG President Suzanne Wheeler until all funds are exhausted. Districts and member clubs/councils may be awarded 1/2 the cost of restoration, up to a maximum of \$500.00. The process is as follows: The District, Council or Garden Club pays for the restoration and then submits their grant application, including a receipt of payment and before and after photos of the marker. After approval by the GCG President, GCG will then reimburse the club, council or district, 1/2 the cost of restoration, as reflected on the receipt, up to \$500.00. Clubs will be responsible for arranging for the restoration. Two contacts are as follows:

SEWAH Studios (740) 373-2087 - The original manufacturer.
Marker has to be shipped to them, but shipping is included in cost of restoration.

Historical Markers Restorations (386) 299-7841 Thomas Stelling historicalmarkersrestorations@gmail.com
Mr. Stelling refurbishes markers on location.

Funding shall not be used for landscaping purposes; only Marker restoration. BSMs that cannot be repaired may be sold for scrap metal, with proceeds going towards a new Blue Star Marker. If the Marker cannot be repaired and the sponsoring club who originally paid for the Marker is no longer active and no other club wants to adopt the marker to restore, the marker may be sold for scrap metal and the funds shall be sent to the GCG Treasurer for deposit into the BSM Restoration Account.

Districts and/or other member clubs are encouraged to adopt markers whose sponsoring club is no longer active.

CLUB REQUESTING GRANT: _____ CLUB # _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ APPLICATION DATE: _____

LOCATION OF MARKER: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

DISTRICT: _____ Restoration Cost: _____ Amount Requested: _____

SEND/EMAIL THE APPLICATION including before and after photos and proof of payment for restoration to:

JAN THIESE ~ BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER CHAIRMAN
GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.
128 Weatherby Drive
Macon, GA 31210
Phone: (478) 477-6507
Email: janicemariemaconga@cox.net

Approved by GCG President

Date: _____

Grant Amount: _____

EAT IN THE WILDERNESS

1. ASPARAGUS



THE WILD VARIETY OF ASPARAGUS IS THINNER THAN ITS DOMESTIC COUNTERPART & IT TENDS TO GROW ON DAMP SOIL WITH DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

2. LAMBSQUARTERS



THE LAMBSQUARTERS ARE RICH IN VITAMIN A, VITAMIN C, CALCIUM, IRON, AND PROTEIN.

3. BURDOCK



THE BURDOCK IS CONSIST OF BIG LEAVES & PURPLE FLOWER HEADS THAT ARE THICK-LIKE IN NATURE.

4. CHICORY



THE CHICORY IS A DASHY PLANT THAT HAS SMALL, LANGUER, WHITE & BLUE FLOWERS.

5. RED CLOVER



THE RED CLOVER CONSISTS OF TRIFOLIOL LEAVES & RED, ROUNDED FLOWER HEADS.

6. WILD GINGER



THE WILD GINGER IS USED TODAY AS A SPICE SUBSTITUTE & ITS ROOTSTOCK CAN BE TRANSFORMED INTO WILD GINGER CREAM WHEN ITS BOILED DOWN IN RICE GRAPY SUPP.

7. DANDELION



THE DANDELION IS ENTIRELY EDIBLE FROM ITS ROOTS TO ITS LEAVES.

8. GREEN SEAWEED



THE GREEN SEAWEED CAN BE EATEN RAW AFTER RINSING WITH FRESH WATER TO REMOVE ITS SALTNESS.

9. KELP



KELP IS A FORM OF SEAWEED AND IS RICH IN POLY, IODINE, AND VITAMIN K.

10. AMERICAN ELDERBERRY



THE AMERICAN ELDERBERRY'S FRUIT IS PURPLE-BLACK, SWEET & CAN BE USED IN CORDONS, JAMS & JELLIES.

11. CATTAIL



THE CATTAIL IS MOSTLY FOUND NEAR THE EDGES OF FRESHWATER WETLANDS.

12. WHITE MUSTARD



THE WHITE MUSTARD IS ABUNDANT IN MOST PART OF THE WORLD.

13. PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS



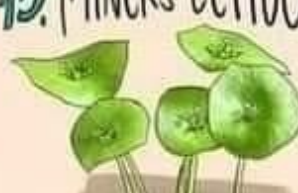
THE PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS IS VERY TASTY & NUTRITIONAL.

14. CHICKWEED



THE CHICKWEED'S LEAVES ARE BERRY-LIKE WITH SMALL WHITE FLOWERS AT THE PLANT.

15. MINER'S LETTUCE



THE MINER'S LETTUCE IS USUALLY USED AS A SALAD CRISP.

16. WILD ROSE



THE WILD ROSE CAN GROW ANYWHERE.

17. PINE NUTS



PINE NUTS HAVE ENDS THAT ARE EASILY STRAIGHT FROM THE PINE CONE.

18. PURSLANE



THE PURSLANE IS CHARACTERIZED BY ITS GLOSSY, MEATY LEAVES THAT CAN PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED VITAMINS.

19. BAMBOO



THE EDIBLE PART OF THE BAMBOO ARE THE COUL & FETTERED PARTS WHICH HAVE BEEN G. STORED AGAIN FOR COOKING.

20. FIREWEED



THE FIREWEED HAVE FLEET-FLOWERING FLOWERS THAT USUALLY POP UP IN AREAS THAT RECENTLY BURNED.



Azalea District Calendar 2024-2025



September 10, 2024	GCG Fall Board Meeting	
September 18 –23, 2024	North Georgia State Fair Flower Show Part 1	
September 24—29, 2024	North Georgia State Fair Flower Show Part 2	
September 30, 2024	DEADLINE FOR FALL AZAELA TRUMPET	
October 4—5, 2024	Georgia National Fair Flower Show	
October 5, 2024	Savannah Garden Tours, Isle of Hope	
October 17, 2024	Azalea District Annual Meeting	Gray
November 2, 2024	Historic Landscape Preservation “Fair Oaks”	Marietta

