



DOGWOOD DIALOGUE

Newsletter of The Dogwood District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
 The Dogwood Dialogue is published quarterly at the end of the month of May, August, November, January.
 Featuring activities & events of our Garden Clubs, Federation and District
 that support the goals of GCG and National Garden Clubs



2023-2025

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

Hello Dynamic Dogwoods,

My Director’s term is flying by and I have so many wonderful memories that we have created together. As always, you all did a fantastic job with the October Dogwood District Fall Annual Meeting. Thank you!! I reiterate what I cheered in my speech. “We are proud of you, yes we are proud of you. Great Job!!”



Thanksgiving and Christmas have passed and I hope they were as wonderful for you as the holidays were for me. We are all very busy at this time; therefore, I will keep this short.



*Dogwood District
and the Executive Committee
would like to wish you a very safe,
happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.
Happy New Year!*

BUSINESS:

1. My Co-Director, Christy Novellas, and I would like to attend one of your garden club meetings as a guest. Please send us an invitation to attend one of your meetings.
2. The Dogwood District’s Blue Star Memorial Marker has been delivered and we are planning the dedication ceremony in Douglasville.
3. Please read, enjoy and share this Dogwood Dialogue. Presidents, please forward this newsletter to your fellow garden club members. It is not distributed directly to all of them. Give them a chance to read and enjoy the Dogwood Dialogue Newsletter too.

“This is my wish for you:

COMFORT on difficult days,
 SMILES when sadness intrudes,
 RAINBOWS to follow the clouds,
 LAUGHTER to kiss your lips,
 SUNSETS to warm your heart,
 HUGS when spirits sag,
 BEAUTY for your eyes to see,
 FRIENDSHIPS to brighten your being,
 FAITH so that you can believe,
 CONFIDENCE for when you doubt,
 COURAGE to know yourself,
 PATIENCE to accept the truth,
 LOVE to complete your life.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

inspiringandpositivequotes.com

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GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.



THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.'S MISSION STATEMENT

“BEAUTIFICATION, CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION”



GCG President
Lisa Hall

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

The purpose of the Dogwood District is to promote the Mission statement of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and The National Garden Clubs. We will work together to provide the best garden club experience for our members. Using the Mission Statement of Beautification, Conservation, and Education to improve your communities, you can make a big impact!

Together, we can improve Cities, States, and even the World!!



Cocktails and Conversation with the GCG President is February 24th, 5-6PM



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. 97th CONVENTION

April 29-30, 2025 in Augusta, GA

Dogwood District doesn't have to work this one. We just show up and have lots of fun!! Click here to register: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/annual-conventions/>



DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUB, INC. CONVENTION

March 11-13, 2025 in Valdosta, GA

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

(Azalea, Camellia, Dogwood (That's us), Laurel, Magnolia, Oleander and Redbud)

Dogwood District is partnering with the other 6 GCG districts to host the Deep South Convention.

Dogwood District's Assignments: Publicity, A Floral Arrangement to Honor Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. President, Lisa Hall, and 2 Raffle Baskets.

When you attend this Convention, this will give you a chance to meet garden club members from the other 5 states who belong to the Deep South Region: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee.

Lots of fun to be had by all!!!



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.
97th CONVENTION
April 29-30, 2025, in Augusta, GA

Gather on the River

*with the Birds and the Bees
 and the Flowers and the Trees*

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

97th Annual Convention

April 29-30, 2025

Augusta Riverfront Marriott

Registration is on the GCG Website opening page.
gardenclubofgeorgia.org



Call your garden club friends and plan a road trip to the GCG Convention in Augusta, GA. I'll see you there.



DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS



Deep South Garden Clubs Convention “Charms of the South”

[March 11-13, 2025](#)

Valdosta, Georgia.

Registration information and registration is located on the opening page of the Garden Club of Georgia’s website. gardenclubofgeorgia.org.

The National Garden Club Annual Convention

May 18 - 22, 2025 at Embassy Suites, North Charleston, SC.

Registration information and registration is located on the opening page of the Garden Club of Georgia’s website. gardenclubofgeorgia.org.

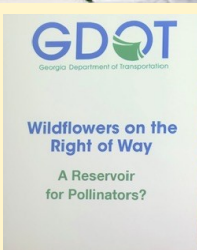
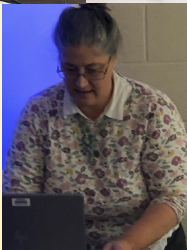
Dogwood District Fall Annual Meeting



GCG District Directors

Good Food, Awesome Speaker, Great Baskets, Fantastic Chairman Displays and YOU!! All the ingredients needed to make the best Fall Annual Meeting EVER!!!

Thank you!!



AROUND the DISTRICT



Dogwood District - 2023 Club Standard of Excellence Award Winners

Recognized at the 2024 Fall Meeting



To win the prestigious Club Standard of Excellence Award, your Club has to have acquired **30** or more points on the Club President’s Report. This is a big award from GCG and the GCG President presents this award personally. Also, the Club that has the most points on the Club President’s Report wins the Dogwood District “Club of the Year Award”. Please look at the Club President’s Report and plan to acquire 30 or more points each year. *The Club Presidents Report is due February 15th. We hope every garden club’s name will be on this list next year!*

2023 CLUB STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS:

- Alpharetta Garden Club
- Magnolia Garden Club
- Ama-Kanasta Garden Club
- Norcross Garden Club
- Bellmere Garden Club
- Piedmont Garden Club
- Camellia Garden Club
- Pine Tree Garden Club
- Club Estates Garden Club
- Roswell Garden Club
- Country Hills Garden Club
- Sandy Springs Garden Club
- Druid Hills Garden Club
- Spade and Trowel Garden Club
- Indian Creek Garden Club
- Spalding Garden Club

CONGRATULATIONS!!!





DOGWOOD DISTRICT



Dogwood District 2023 Award Winners CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Recognized at the 2024 Fall Meeting



Dogwood District's
Woman of the Year:
Trudy Rudert



Dogwood District's
Club of the Year:
Norcross Garden Club



Dogwood District's
Dynamic Woman of the Year:
Marianne McConnel

Dogwood District Executive Committee



Monica



Christy



Ginny



Christy



Barbara



Chris



Terry



Whitney



Thank You and Happy New Year!!!



This is a message from Garden Club of Georgia.

On behalf of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the State Chairmen and Dogwood District, thank you to all who have donated to our many Projects and Programs! We could not complete our important work serving our communities without your generous support!

Thank You!! Thank You!!



DOGWOOD DISTRICT



TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

Conservation Issues: By Linda Schuppener

Conservation issues in the gardening world often center around preserving biodiversity, reducing water usage, and minimizing the impact of harmful chemicals on the environment. Habitat loss has reduced spaces for pollinators like bees and butterflies, which are essential for many plants to thrive. A couple of the ways gardeners can play a key role in conservation is by planting native species (see photos of my Native Azalea, Black-eyed Susan, Beebalm, Spigelia) and by creating pollinator-friendly habitats, i.e., butterfly gardens and hummingbird gardens. Water conservation is also critical. By mulching, catching rainwater, and creating areas in your yard or garden that need little or no water irrigation, you can play an important role in conservation. Here's a thought for your spring 2025 garden - plan ahead and brainstorm on simple ways to contribute to the conservation effort!



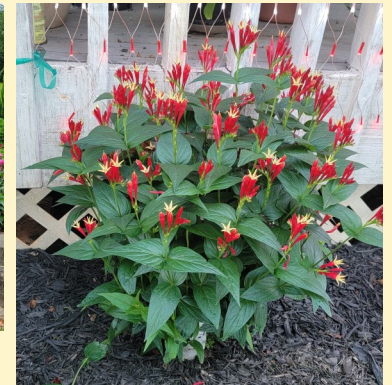
Native Azalea



Black-eyed Susan



Beebalm



Spigelia

Rainwater Harvest Enhancements: By Linda Doiron

This year you can improve your garden with rainwater harvesting techniques. Here are several ways that you can reduce water waste and promote deep-root growth.

1. Rain Barrels - Collect water from downspouts that you can later use for watering your plants.
2. Rain Gardens - Redirect water from an area that typically holds it during a storm by installing deep-rooted plantings, and permeable materials such as rocks or gravel.
3. Rain Chains - Rain chains can beautify your garden or porch. Attach it in a place where you can enjoy both the movement of the rain chain cups and the sounds it creates. My rain chain collects water from a covered porch that then flows into plantings below it.
4. Permeable Paving - Use materials that allow water to infiltrate the ground and absorb storm water. The key is to eliminate as much runoff as possible.
5. Native Plants - Design your garden with native plants as they generally require less water because they are already adaptable to local conditions.
6. Gutter Maintenance - Keep your gutters clean to ensure that excess rain is directed as intended.
7. Soil and Grass Improvements - Mulch your yard and aerate your grass to increase air circulation, absorption of rainwater and improvement of nutrients.

All or part of these strategies will promote long-term sustainability benefits to your garden for years to come.





GCG—Statewide Activities



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA PROJECTS

Blue, Gold and Historical Markers
CWP - Community Wildlife Project Certifications
Roadside Beautifications and Wildflowers
Garden Therapy
Community on my Mind
Habitat for Humanity
Garden Week
Arboreta and Botanic Garden
Historic Landscape Preservation
Marshall Forest and LeConte-Woodmanston
Youth Programs
Parks and Public Lands

Ronald McDonald Pull a Tab
National Garden Club Projects
State Parks and Public Lands
Scholarships
Environmental School
Gardening School
Landscape Design School
Flower Show
Natural Disaster

For more information on these projects go to www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org. From the menu, click on Projects and Programs. Select the project or program to see more details.



MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR DISTRICT PAGE TOO -ON THE GCG WEBSITE!!!
<https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/dogwood-district-page/>

Dogwood Dialogue’s featured Program:
SCHOLARSHIP FUND



It is time to donate to the Scholarship Fund. With your generous contributions last year, the GCG was able to give \$85,000 in Scholarships to deserving students. We thank you for your generous donations. Please consider donating the same amount or more again this year.

Thank You

Dogwood District, Let’s put our best feet forward to accomplish good things!!!!

Challenge—Every year, there is a Scholarship Fund Challenge. The district with the most contributions by membership percentage wins the crown.

Last year, Dogwood District won the crown for donations. Congratulations!! Let’s do it again!!



Dogwood won The Crown!!

Dogwood District would like 100% participation from each garden club to donate to the **Dollars Educate Scholars (DES) Fund**. Please contribute to this fund. If your club is not familiar with the DES Fund, please read below.

Dollars Educate Scholars (DES) - DES Scholarship Fund Donations are due before January 31, 2025 - Each year, we ask every garden club to donate at least **\$1 or more** for every member in your garden club. Example: If your club has 40 members, write a check to GCG in the amount of \$40 **or more**. Good News!! You get a point on your President’s Report for this donation. Send your DES form and check to GCG Treasurer Anita Allen, 381 McSwain Lane, Wray, GA 31798. Go to the GCG Website: gardenclubofgeorgia.org for the form which is located under Member Resources, Scholarship.





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SCAM ALERT!! SCAM ALERT!!! VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ

The GCG President, Lisa Hall and Dogwood District Director, Monica Bozonier will NEVER solicit money or gift Cards from you. Unfortunately, some people have received emails or texts supposedly coming from Lisa or Monica soliciting Money or Gift Cards for various reasons. These are Scam Emails and Texts. Please do not fall prey to these scammers and never send Money or Gift Cards for any reason. As a guide or rule of thumb, we only ask your club to donate to the Projects and Programs on the GCG website. A check is written to GCG. NO Money, NO Gift Cards or NO Credit Cards are asked for. Get the picture?

Sorry for the inconvenience. Please pass this on.

***Thanks,
Monica Bozonier***



With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to clubs who had members pass away during the past years. Here are the names of individuals who have been given to us recently. We extend our sympathy to their families and club members.

DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUB MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY

Ivy Garden Club - Jenny Pruitt
Norcross Garden Club - Barbara Johnson Bergin
Sandy Springs Garden Club—Ann Edwards, former
long-serving Dogwood Chaplain, passed away
on January 26th at the age of 102.



Get Well Wishes were sent to:

Artistic Dogwood GC—MaeBell Echols
Country Hills GC - Thelma Reeves
Country Hills GC - Johnetta Gillies
Roswell GC - Janice Stoltenberg
Roswell GC - Dottie Hartford
Roswell GC - Sandy Hanlon

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



National Garden Clubs Projects



National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Brenda Moore’s Theme is “Go Green - Plant America”. She is encouraging every NGC member to participate in a new project Plant America-Feed America which focuses on helping to fight food insecurity. Suggestions: Donate home-grown bounty to local food banks, Volunteer at the local community garden and/or Contribute to the local groups who provide fresh meals to the less fortunate.



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



Plant-A-Tree (formerly Penny Pines) - Saving Forests \$50 At A Time

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing a minimum of **\$50.00** to Plant-A-Tree as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees. Checks payable to NCG Plant-A-Tree. Mail to: NGC, 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110— and report your donation to Betty Davis, our state Chairman bettyboop2315@yahoo.com.



Blue Star Markers and Gold Star Family Markers



The Blue Star Memorial (BSM) Program honors service men and women who have served, are serving or will be serving in the armed services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way Markers are placed at locations such as national cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens. The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program was established in 1944 at the end of World War II and honors all who serve in the US Armed Forces; past, present, and future.

In 2015, the Gold Star Families Marker was incorporated into the National Garden Clubs Blue Star Memorial Marker Program. The Gold Star Families Marker honors the families of U.S. Armed Forces members who died in battle or in support of certain military activities.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has been very supportive of this program. They are offering a grant to seven districts and member clubs/councils for the restoration of Blue Star Markers. Any club interested in installing a BSMM or GSFM in their area should contact Dogwood District Chairman Thelma Reeves threeves@aol.com or GCG Chairman Janice Thiese janicemariemaconga@cox.net. Information about the program & access to grant applications go to the GCG Website: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-programs-blue-gold-star-historical-markers/>

We are very proud of the Dogwood District Garden Clubs who have already dedicated a Blue Star Marker and Gold Star Family Marker. Good Job!!!!

Roswell Garden Club: Blue Star and Gold Star Markers

Cherokee Garden Club: Blue Star Marker

Magnolia Garden Club: Blue Star Marker

Town and Country Garden Club: (2) Blue Star Markers

Club Estates Garden Club: Blue Star Marker

Let's Get More!!!





AROUND the DISTRICT



Community Wildlife Project—CWP

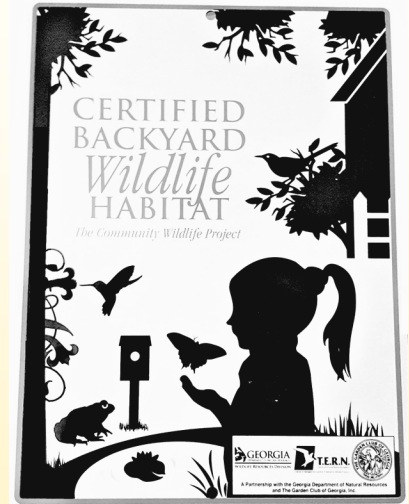
Earn certification in the CWP Backyard Projects.

Go to: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/projects-programs-community-wildlife-project/>

to download the 5 Backyard Certification Applications:

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

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



Stickers you can apply for after being certified in that category

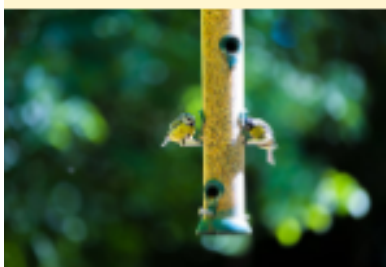
CREATING A WINTER WILDLIFE WONDERLAND



“Clever Winter Warmth”

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

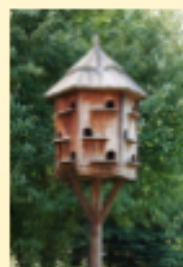
**Get certified and help the wildlife this Winter!
ALL YOU NEED IS:**



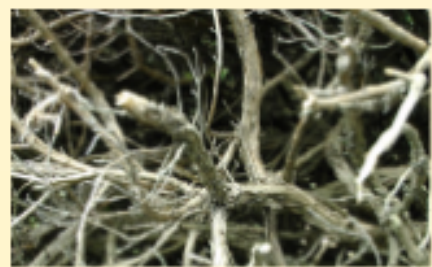
FOOD



WATER



HOUSING



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GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.



Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Members Save the Okefenokee

Okefenokee News Updates:

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has approved a minor expansion of the acreage in the Okefenokee Swamp - some of which would include portions of Trail Ridge, currently in the debate on titanium mining in the area. The Fish and Wildlife Service was inundated with comments of support - **Thank you to those of you who contacted them in support of this proposal.** Your efforts paid off! A great article appeared in the Savannah paper with further details.

<https://www.savannahnow.com/story/news/state/2025/01/05/okefenokee-refuge-expansion-receives-support-from-all-50-states-36-countries/77437434007/>

Please know that the expansion requires voluntary support from adjacent landowners. No one expects Twin Pines to just hand over the property. We hope that the Georgia EPD will not issue a permit for the demonstration mine. And hope that a moratorium on future mining in the area will make it through the state legislature this session. Stay tuned for more developments.

The Georgia Water Coalition has a great page on their website with complete details of the mining issue: <https://www.gawater.org/okefenokee-swamp>

CAPITOL CONSERVATION DAY:



CAPITOL CONSERVATION DAY is Tuesday, March 4th. The Georgia Water Coalition holds this event each year at the Atlanta State Capitol.

Please plan on attending breakfast at the Central Presbyterian Church and learn about the current issues. We then walk across the street to the Capitol steps for a group photograph, and then enter the Capitol Building to meet and speak to your legislators to share your opinion on matters of importance.

More details will be forthcoming.

Questions: Contact Barbara at b.bourque@comcast.net



DOGWOOD DISTRICT



ROSE GARDEN CLUB

Rose Garden Club Helps Support St. Philip's Giving by Design Show

The Rose Garden Club Volunteers created floral masterpieces for St. Phillip's Giving by Design Show. The show's beneficiary is Wellspring Living, which helps women recover who have been sexually abused and often are victims of trafficking. Rose Garden Club also donated \$250 to support the women at Wellspring Living.



Gift of Life Membership to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Rose Garden Club President Judi Stanley surprised Judd Oyler with a Life Membership to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Judd has been a Rose for 50 years and her name will be published in the *Garden Gateways Publication*. In April, Judd will be honored at the GCG State Convention in Augusta, GA. Life Membership donations benefit the GCG scholarship program.

Gardening Tip:

Water Deeply - Watering plants and grass deeply is recommended to encourages strong deep root growth rather than with shallow watering that only causes the roots to grow near the surface. Water long and infrequently rather than short and frequently.

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ROSWELL GARDEN CLUB

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY:

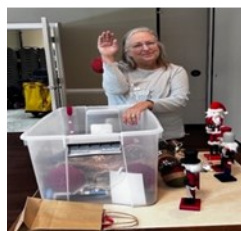
Thank you to Dorothy Juzdan, Irma Douglass, Debbie Vann, Wade Vann and F. A. Berna for representing the Roswell Garden Club at the 2024 Wreaths Across America Ceremony on December 14. At noon simultaneously across the US, volunteers laid wreaths on the graves of veterans who served in any conflict. This practice started in 1992 when Morrill Worcester of Maine had extra Christmas wreaths at his wreath company and decided to donate them to those graves at Arlington National Cemetery that were in a remote section of the property and where graves were not visited as frequently. This has been done every year since. In 2005 while laying wreaths in a big snowstorm that year, video of the event went viral. Soon cemeteries across the US wanted to join the movement. Today, over 2 million wreaths are placed in hundreds of cemeteries. Our members joined over 90 volunteers at Old Roswell Cemetery to remember those who served their country. Wreaths Across America offers discounts for wreath sponsorship starting for a period of time in January. Roswell GC wreath sponsorship can be discussed at the Jan. meeting.

Centerpiece Committee – JoAnn Jones, Carole Poole, Brenda Jimmerson

The centerpiece committee along with 10 other members created beautiful Thanksgiving centerpieces and Christmas centerpieces for the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Adult Recreation Center in November and Christmas luncheon in December. Approximately 80 centerpieces were made and given as door prizes to the guests.

Adult Recreation Center Christmas-Roswell GC Christmas Elves at Work:

On December 4th the Elves arrived at the Adult Recreation Center where they put their talents to work. They decorated 4 rooms with Christmas trees, centerpieces, mantels, window garden, and more. The decorations were beautiful in every room. We left the center and continued to the Roswell Square where we decorated 3 trees on the pavilion and a very special RGC tree.



We are done!

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Garden Tips: By Sharon Lovejoy
 *Sprinkle baby powder on seedlings to deter rabbits.
 *Cure plant viruses with milk.



Jeanne Nardiello

“Meals on Wheels “Holiday Tote/Door Hanger Project”

Twice a year, RGC members create hand-sewn items to be given to persons enrolled in the Meals on Wheels program. In November, Fall/seasonal items were decorated at Jeanne Nardiello’s home where she and JoAnn Jones instructed members on how to create the items. On November 6, seven members sewed and/or glued 50 “hangers”. Toiletry items, pens, pencils, and various other items were placed in the pockets which were donated by members. Thank you to everyone who participated: Linda Becker, Sherron Lawson, (new member), Jacque Haijsman, Stephanie Ludtke, Marcia Camp, and especially Jeanne and JoAnn!!



DOGWOOD DISTRICT

ROSWELL GARDEN CLUB CONT'D

Christmas on the Square with Santa & Children

Roswell GC members provided helping hands to Santa on the Roswell Town Square on December 14 and 22. We provided a Christmas craft-making opportunity and goodie bags of chocolates and Christmas coloring books and pencils to 130 excited children while they waited to see Santa. Many thanks ladies, for braving the cold to assist Santa in bringing smiles to the children's faces.



Birdhouse Project

Two birdhouses were purchased. One was installed at the Old Roswell Cemetery, RGC Plot and the other birdhouse at Huntcliff Summit.



Happy New Year!!



This is what it looks like in the beginning.



Finished Product - Beautifully decorated Christmas Trees at the end.



Santa, this is what I want for Christmas!!!

ALPHARETTA GARDEN CLUB

Save the Date:

Alpharetta Garden Club is having their Annual Plant Sale
Saturday, April 26, 2025
9:00AM—3:00PM Rain or Shine
Historic Mansell House and Gardens
1835 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta, GA



DOGWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL



Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Council

At the Fulton Federation November and January Meetings, everyone enjoyed the fantastic speaker, great food and lots of wonderful fellowship. Next Meeting is March 10th. *Come and you can have fun too!!*



FF President
Trudy Rudert



WINNER!!



At Fulton Federation Meetings, there is always a great speaker, delicious food, great prizes and lots of fun! And YOU!





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS

PINE CENTER GARDEN CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS On your 70th Anniversary!!!

On October 19, 2024, Pine Center Garden Club hosted their Annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser to benefit the Atlanta Chapter of Bosom Buddies Charities. It was held at the home of Celestine Jimmerson. All of the ladies wearing the pink cowboy hats are Cancer Survivors. Each Cancer Survivor eloquently spoke about their personal journey through their recovery of Cancer and surviving. Their inspirational stories were very emotional and encouraging.

Special guests included Ms. Kendall R. Johnson, the youngest reported Certified Farmer, and Dogwood District Director, Monica Bozonier.



Sarah Ridgeway created this beautiful floral arrangements.



Pine Center GC gifted the GCG President, Lisa Hall with this beautiful Hospitality Gift Basket.



Pine Center President, Paula Jones



Celestine Jimmerson's Garden



QUOTE:
"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments."



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



IVY GARDEN CLUB

Ivy Garden Club has had a busy start to the 85th year of the Ivy Garden Club. In September, the club welcomed Staci Catron, the Director of the Cherokee Garden Library, who discussed her book “Seeking Eden - A Collection of Georgia’s Historic Gardens”. Then on October 15, the club travelled to the William Harris Homestead circa 1825 in Monroe, GA where they learned about farming, surviving the Civil War, and restoration. Next, the club enjoyed our first “Evening with Ivy” since COVID which was held at the Peachtree Battle Antiques and Interiors & featured guest speaker, Robert Long whose theme was “White Autumn”. Amongst all of these regular meetings, the ladies in the club have also enjoyed attending the Fulton Federation meetings.



Pictured: Speakers, Staci Catron and Robert Long along with the Ivy Garden Club Members who are enjoying every minute of these wonderful programs. .



“Evening with Ivy”





AROUND the DISTRICT



IVY GARDEN CLUB CONT'D

Wreaths and Topiaries

In November, the Ivy Garden Club was entertained by Lance and David of Parker Kennedy Living. These engaging speakers use vintage pieces in their interior & floral designs as well as in their outstanding wreaths and topiaries.

One member was so inspired she went home and created this lovely vintage wreath.



Jeannine Hester with Last Year's Scrapbook.

Ivy GC Members are so looking forward to our 85th year celebration in April. Not only will we have a speaker from the United Kingdom, we will also have scrapbooks from Ivy's beginnings which have been archived at the Atlanta History Center. Here is a picture of our vice-president, Jeannine Hester, with last year's scrapbook.



Benefits of Native Plants

For our January meeting, members braved the cold to hear Laura Qadri speak on the benefits of native plants. We all learned how native plants enhance our gardens, support local wildlife, and promote sustainability. The meeting focused on why these native plants matter and how to get started.



Beautiful Amaryllis

Ivy GC Members are continuing to enjoy their Paper Whites and Amaryllises they purchased to support the Dogwood District.

Gardening Tip:

Plant Spacing - Give your plants enough space so they can grow well and don't compete for resources.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN

WORK DAY: Country Hills Garden Club Members had a work day at Lenora Park preparing the garden for the winter vegetables.



CHGC's November Meeting and Outing at Jaemor Farms



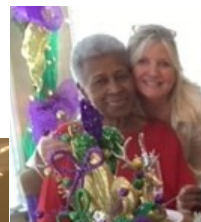
Winter Garden Planting



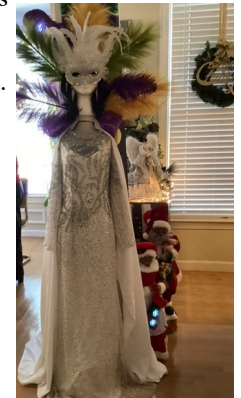
Winter Garden Plantings are growing well. Results after 3 weeks of being planted.



Country Hills GC Members hosted the November 11th Fulton Federation Meeting. What a Spread!!!



CHGC Christmas Host House: Home of Monica Bozonier. The Theme was "A Good Old Mardi Gras Christmas" Colors were Purple, Green and Gold.



Queen of the Mardi Gras



Leslie Busino, Monica Bozonier, Bonnie Davis, Winnie White, Jen McCullough, Vivene Holley, Thelma Reeves, Beverly Busino, Johnetta Davis & Chrissie Foster.





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



AMA-KANASTA GARDEN CLUB

Ama -Kanasta GC Members volunteered to refresh the Mill Village Community Garden in Douglasville for winter. We planted collards, cabbage, herbs, and replanted strawberries in raised beds. The Mill Village Community Garden is sponsored by Keep Douglasville Beautiful & Good Samaritan Center. Good Samaritan gives harvested produce to clients.



L to R: Robin Henry, Marjorie Stansel, Nancy Berry, City Representative, Beverly Scholz, Nell Boggs and Joann Peters



Connie Hartley & Melissa Sanders



Ama-Kanasta GC President Nell Boggs is accepting an Award from GCG President Lisa Hall



Having Fun with friends!!

October was a busy month for our Garden Club Members. On October 10, we were one of the hostess clubs for the Dogwood District Fall Annual Meeting held at the Owings Community Center in Douglasville. We set up and decorated the tables on Wednesday evening. Our club won the Attendance Award for having the most Members attending with 17 members present. We also were recognized for donating a Named Scholarship (\$1000 or more) and thanked for our generous contribution.

In December after the tour of the Governor's Mansion, we had Brunch at the Cherokee Country Club.



Ama-Kanasta GC Members made the beautiful centerpieces that decorated the tables at the Dogwood District Fall Annual Meeting. SOOO BEAUTIFUL!! Great Job!!



After working hard the night before decorating the Center, Ama-Kanasta GC Members are enjoying themselves at the Dogwood District Fall Annual Meeting. Clockwise: Kathy Henry, Nancy Berry, Judy Thompson, Nell Boggs, Joann Peters, Marjorie Stansel, Tammy Kone and Cheryl Buck



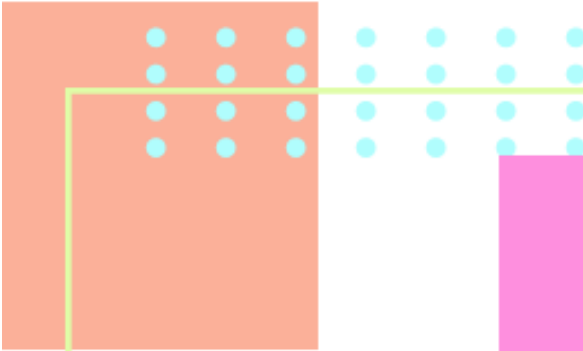
Back Row: Helyn Mayhew, Judy Thompson, Connie Hartley, Melissa Sansers, Linda Kinsey, Melinda Morris, Paula McClung, Cheryl Varney, Brenda James, Jeri Dettmering, Libby Altwies, Lisa Youg, Emmaline Pursley, Joanne Peters, Tami Kone, Cheryl Buck, Mallory (Guest), Angie McLeod, Gail Knight, Genie Gordon, Libby Tedder and Amy Baker
Front Row: Beverly Scholz, Nancy Berry, Nell Boggs (President), Robin Henry, Lee DeNucci, Suzie Stephenson and Glenna Cigallio



DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



AMA-KANASTA GARDEN CLUB



PETALS & POSES

PLANTING THE SEEDS
FOR TOMORROW'S
HORTICULTURE STARS



AMA-KANASTA GARDEN CLUB FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS

Join us for a chance to win door prizes & bid on valuable auction items while enjoying a delicious lunch and previewing the spring fashions from Dillard's. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased from a Garden Club Member or by following the QR code.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 11:30

SUNSET HILLS
COUNTRY CLUB
IN CARROLLTON

Featuring fashion from

Dillard's



**TICKET
INFORMATION
HERE**





DOGWOOD DISTRICT CLUBS



CHEROKEE GARDEN CLUB



On November 10, 2024, the Cherokee Garden Club Members were so excited to finally have their Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony at the Cherokee Library in Atlanta, GA. The Cherokee GC President, Anne Mori presided over a beautiful ceremony that included the presentation of the American Flag, beautiful singing, placing of a wreath and the attendance of the GCG Dignitaries and lots of Cherokee Garden Club Members, Family and Friends.



Dogwood District Director, Monica Bozonier and Atlanta City Council Woman, Mary Norwood





Dogwood District Clubs



ARTISTIC DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS on 50 Years!! Let's Celebrate!!



Celebrating 50 Years!!

The Artistic Dogwood Garden Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary on August 24, 2024 with a Tea Party and Flower Show. Tea Sandwiches, Fascinators and good music, Oh My!! It was so much fun and we were very excited and pleased that so many ladies attended.



The Tea!!



Artistic Dogwood's Flower Show!!



Brenda Hewitt and Jenelle Wilson are accepting an Award. from GCG President, Lisa Hall.



Hey Guys, My green thumb is still working!! Brenda

Ok, So It's Not My Garden! It's my Sister's! Rev. Marily Shields' Angel Trumpet is so admired, that Artistic Dogwood Garden Club member, Brenda Hewitt just had to share. The clear blue skies applaud its beauty.

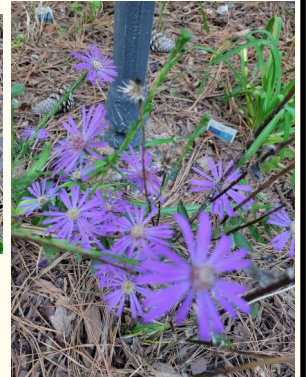




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DOGWOOD CLUB MEMBER GARDENS

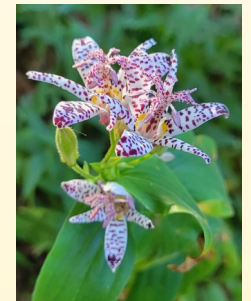
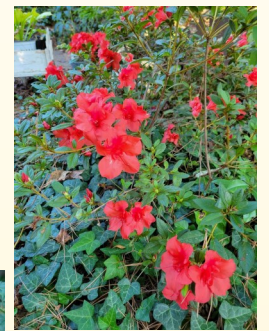
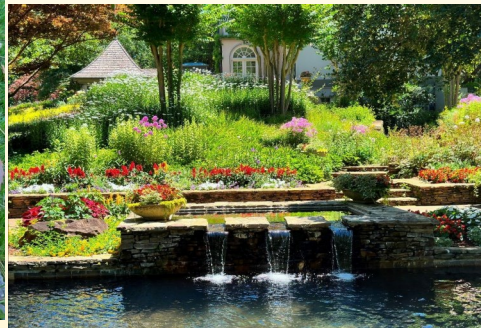


Cindy Liggett shared these pictures from her garden that was still blooming profusely in October. Hope you enjoy!

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

Send to:

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



If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction.

Martin Kornfeld

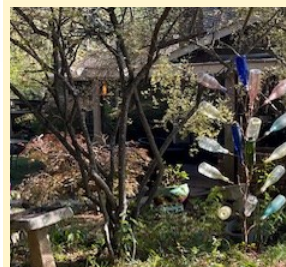


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| THINK | Deeply |
| SPEAK | Gently |
| LOVE | Much |
| LAUGH | A Lot |
| WORK | Hard |
| GIVE | Freely |
| TRUST | God |
| And BE | KIND |

Jonnie Craig's Garden

Happy New Years!!

Brenda Hewitt's Garden



Celestine Jimmerson's Garden

DOGWOOD DISTRICT



The Lions Club collects old glasses and sun glasses. Please bring them to Trudy Rudert, Fulton Federation President.



Deep South Garden Clubs Convention
March 11 - 13, 2025,
Valdosta, GA
The Registration Form is on the GCG's website opening page.



March 4th
Capitol Conservation Day

Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
97th Convention
April 29-30, 2025
Augusta, GA
Riverfront Marriott
*Gather on the River
"With the Birds and the Bees and the Flowers and Trees"*



Fulton Federation Annual Award Luncheon
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Bellmere Garden House
10777 Bell Road
Duluth, GA 30096
Registration - 10:30AM



Norcross Garden Club
Fantastic Plant Sale
33 College St.
Norcross
Thurs, April 24 | 10 AM-7 PM
Fri, April 25 | 10 AM-7 PM
Sat, April 26 | 10 AM-2 PM



Looking Forward



SAVE THE DATES & MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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| February 15, 2025 | Club President's Report Deadline |
| March 1, 2025 | GCG Annual Club Dues Deadline |
| March 1, 2025 | Fulton Federation Annual Dues Deadline |
| March 4, 2025 | Capitol Conservation Day at the State Capitol in Atlanta |
| March 5, 2025 | Native Plant Symposium. State Botanical Garden, Athens, GA |
| March 10, 2025 | Fulton Federation Meeting, Northside Baptist Church |
| March 11 - 13, 2025 | Deep South Garden Clubs Convention - Valdosta, GA (Hosted by Garden Club of Georgia) That's us!!! |
| April 20-26, 2025 | Garden Week in Georgia - Do something with your club members! |
| April 29-30, 2025 | Garden Club of Georgia 97th Annual Convention, Augusta, GA |
| May 14, 2025 | Fulton Federation Awards Luncheon - Bellmere Garden House |
| May 18-22, 2025 | The National Garden Club Annual Convention North Charleston, SC. |
| June 1-7, 2025 | National Garden Week - Do something with your club members! |

- ◆ Garden clubs are essential to our communities. The work you do for your communities can leave a lasting impression on so many lives. Keep doing your volunteer work. It is much appreciated. Great Job!!!
- ◆ I hope you enjoyed reading the articles about your fellow garden clubs. If you would like to see your garden club in the next edition, please send your articles and pictures to: Monica Bozonier, Dogwood Dialogue Editor dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com. We would love to hear all about your wonderful projects!!

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

The only time you will need a password is to access the **GCG Personnel Guide** (under Membership in the menu bar).
password - We don't publish it, so please contact your district website chairman, Chris Adams webmaster@gardenclubofgeorgia.org

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

Enjoy life and smile!!

Monica Bozonier, Dogwood Dialogue Editor

"Thyme to Blossom our Friendships and Knowledge Through Gardening"

Quote:
Everyone
has a
chance
to make a
difference