

# The Azalea Trumpet

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE AZALEA DISTRICT----- SUMMER, 2025  
MEMBER OF: THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC., THE DEEP SOUTH REGION, AND THE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB

## Hummm ... From District Director, Jan Stewart

What a great convention in Augusta!!

The Azalea District hosted the 97th Convention of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. at the Augusta Riverfront Marriot Convention Center on the Savannah River. There were 314 registered for the convention from not only Georgia, but also Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Azalea District had volunteers working at the convention, greeting guests, arranging flowers and just just having so much fun and enjoyment.

### The Azalea District Theme

*"Humming for Beautification,  
Conservation and Education"*

**HUM BUSY:** With brave wings she flies, flying so fast.

**HUM TRUE:** The earth has music for those who listen.

**HUM SURE:** Bringing the gift of joy, learn to laugh and be happy.

**HUM LIFE:** Darting lightly, spreading of joy and beauty, teaching us to appreciate the nature's wonder.

**HUM SILLY:** There is no easy way to bathe a hummingbird.

**HUM BOLD:** Sipping nectar from every flower.

**HUM BELIEVE:** It's a great skill we all should learn: to believe in miracles in our life.

**HUM HAPPY:** Fly joyfully through my days, seeing beauty in everything.

**HUM CONFIDENCE:** Spread your wings, let your spirit soar, only from the heart can you touch the sky.

It was great to meet new club members. The registration table was sponsored by wonderful volunteers from the Iris Garden Club of Augusta.

It was a privilege to meet another Stewart, Vera

Stewart, Vera Stewart, from the "VeryVera Show", who spoke during a breakout session. She has so much determination!! What a lady.

The awards banquet was lively with colorful "pom poms" for each district. Congratulations to all the winners.

I was honored to participate in a Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony May 8, as my first club visit as your new Azalea District director. The Greensboro Garden Club had a beautiful and touching ceremony. Vickie Haney, president of the Greensboro Garden Club, welcomed guests and veterans. In attendance from The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. were President Diane Hunter, and Janice (Jan) Thiese, Blue Star and Gold Star Markers chairman.

I am excited to serve as the Azalea District director for the 2025-27 term. I look forward to hearing from your clubs and visiting clubs.

I want to thank Jane Edmunds for her leadership in her 2023-25 term and her continued friendship and guidance.



**Double Stewarts:** District Director Jan Stewart met Vera Stewart from the VeryVera Show, a speaker at the state convention. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Hummingbirds

## HUMMINGBIRDS HAVE ENORMOUS MEMORY, ABLE TO RECALL EVERY SINGLE FLOWER

Hummingbirds might be **tiny** (some weighing less than a penny!), **but their memory is absolutely enormous!**

These remarkable birds can remember **every single flower** they've visited - including which ones they've already emptied of nectar, which ones are currently refilling, and precisely when each flower will be ready again.



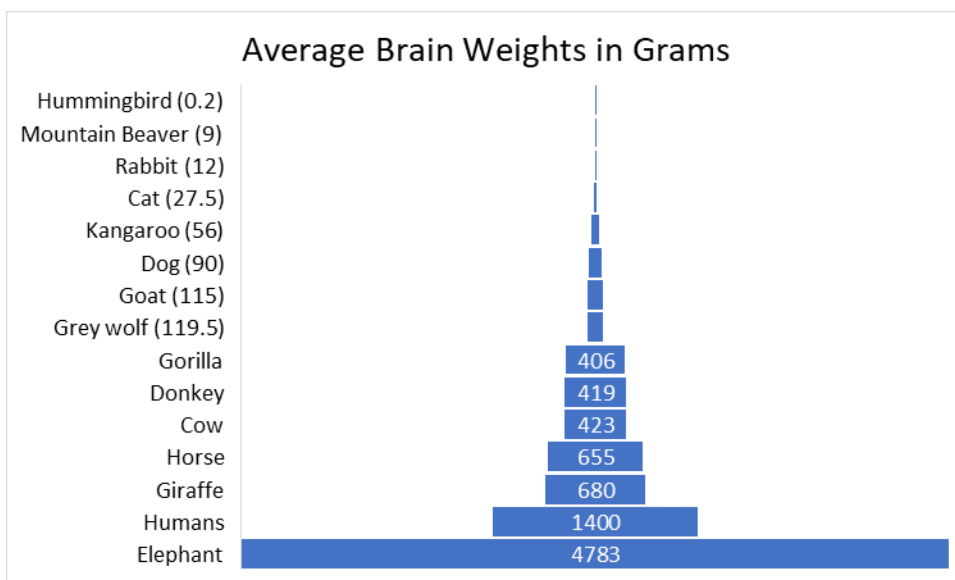
A study published in the journal *Current Biology* found that **hummingbirds can keep track of thousands of flowers** in their territory and remember how recently they've visited each one. They can even remember which flowers along their route have the **richest nectar**.

This impressive feat of memory is crucial for their survival. A hummingbird needs to consume **more than its body weight in nectar daily** to fuel its incredible metabolism (their hearts beat up to **1,260 times per minute** during flight!). Without this remarkable spatial memory, hummingbirds would waste precious energy revisiting empty flowers or missing ones ready for harvest.

Even more impressive? They accomplish this **with a brain that weighs just 0.2 grams** - about the size of a grain of rice!

Next time you see a hummingbird zipping from flower to flower, remember that behind those

fast wings is one of nature's **most impressive memory systems** - a tiny brain performing **complex calculations** that would challenge even sophisticated computers!



# *Azalea District News*

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## **Azalea District II**

### **Leadership & Awards Workshop**

#### **Presented by Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.**

**Tuesday, June 24**

**9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**GCG Headquarters**

**State Botanical Garden**

**2450 S. Milledge Ave.**

**Athens, Ga.**



The Leadership Awards Workshop is designed so any club leader or potential club leader can get something of value.

You will hear from GCG's elected officers who'll give you the basics of what you'll need to have a successful club experience.

We'll start with the awards portion with a large emphasis on how to fill out an award-winning application. This year, district directors will not need to print any booklet. The entire awards workbook will be available online. Diana Malone will have 10-page handouts focusing on the major awards and how to apply.

After lunch we'll focus on leadership, member-

ship, education, communication, and money! New this year, we'll have discussion groups that will help us identify what you want and need more of. We'll address some of those issues throughout the coming term with targeted zoom sessions and YouTube videos. This workshop is recommended for all district board members, club presidents, council officers, awards chairmen, and all other interested club members. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sign-in: 9:30 a.m.; coffee, tea

Workshops start promptly at 10:00 am

The registration form is on the next page.

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## *The Azalea Trumpet*



### **The Editor**

**Blake Giles** is the editor of the Azalea Trumpet. He is the past president of the Watkinsville Garden Club. He worked 34 years in the newspaper industry (remember those rolled-up pages they used to throw on your doorstep?)

### **Submission Guidelines**

Send all information to [azaleatrumpet@gmail.com](mailto:azaleatrumpet@gmail.com).

Send events that you want included on the quarterly calendar.

Word files preferred, but other formats are acceptable.

Regarding photos, the bigger the resolution, the better.

**Deadline for next edition:** Aug. 28.

**Questions:** [azaleatrumpet@gmail.com](mailto:azaleatrumpet@gmail.com)

# AZALEA DISTRICT II LEADERSHIP & AWARDS WORKSHOP

## Registration Form

Registration must be received by Friday, June 13, or a \$10 late fee will be charged. Documents will be printed, and a meal prepared for registered attendees. We will not be set up for "walk-ins".

Please fill out and mail to the address below

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership position: \_\_\_\_\_

For (check level) Club \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: No Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check for \$25 payable to AZALEA DISTRICT and send to:

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Watkinsville, GA 30677-5342

Phone: (706) 474-0637 email: [pamelalohrhendrix@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelalohrhendrix@yahoo.com)



# Greensboro Garden Club

## Greensboro Garden Club Dedicates Blue Star Marker

From Vickie Haney  
Greensboro Garden Club

It was a history making day for the Greensboro Garden Club. For those who were unable to come, we missed you.

The Greene County High Invincible Tiger Marching Band and Air Force Junior ROTC made the event memorable! These students were under the guidance of Mr. Boone, band director and USAF instructor for ROTC. They were so delighted to play and present the colors. Such a moving experience!

Greg Orlick, deacon at Christ Our King and Savior Catholic Church gave the invocation and blessed the marker, and he closed with prayer.

Our own member and keynote speaker Shelia Patterson shared her thoughts and gratitude for those who have fought and fallen for our freedom.

Diane Hunter, president of the Garden Club of Georgia, expressed how proud and honored she was to attend the GGC Blue Star Dedication.

Cheryl Martin, chair of the Veterans Memorial Garden, revealed the history of the Blue Star Marker as well as the acceptance of the marker as its caretaker. Azalea District Director Jan Stewart laid flowers at the base of the marker.

Jan Thiese gave us the dedication for the Blue Star Marker and closing remarks.

Many Veterans were in attendance, including from Harbor Club and Del Webb communities veterans' clubs. Greensboro City Councilwoman Cynthia Rivers, City Manager Anton Hayes and City Supervisor Schilmarker Smith unveiled the marker.

Later, in another history making day for our club, Artistic Ornamental Ironworks installed our Veterans Memorial Garden sign.



**Blue Star Memorial:** From left, Vickie Haney, Cynthia Rivers, Jan Thiese and Diane Hunter at the dedication of Greensboro's Blue Star Marker.  
PHOTO FROM LAKE OCONEE NEWS



**The marker:** Greensboro added a special sign for its Veterans Memorial Garden surrounding the marker. SUBMITTED PHOTO



# Burkeland Garden Club



## State Convention

Ten members of Burkeland Garden Club attended the GCG convention in Augusta. They are pictured with an arrangement designed by member Julie Ruffo.

## National Arbor Day, Georgia Garden Week

Members of Burkeland Garden Club along with city officials planted two native trees along the Greenway in Waynesboro celebrating National Arbor Day and Georgia Gardening week.





# Warrenton Garden Club

## Warrenton Garden Club's Peebles Impresses Deep South with Arrangement

Past District Director Jane Edmunds turned to **Toby Peebles** (right) of the Warrenton Garden Club to design a requested arrangement for the Deep South Convention in Valdosta, March 11-13.

The floral arrangement was made to honor the out-going Deep South Director, Debby Cooper.

Toby used treated palm fonds, orchids, ferns, chrysanthemums, and tree roots. The arrangement fit perfectly in front of the lectern where Debby Cooper conducted all the events of the convention. Director Cooper loved the arrangement so much that she had her picture taken with Toby and the arrangement.



# *Iris Garden Club*

## **State Convention Delegates Toured Bonnie McClain Perennial Garden**

The Garden Club of Georgia Convention was held in Augusta on April 29-30 with many informative presentations, exhibits, and activities.

One of the items listed in the convention schedule was a tour of the Bonnie McClain Perennial Garden, an outreach of the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs. Mrs. McClain, a member of Iris Garden Club in Augusta, established the garden 25 years ago, and has worked diligently in it ever since.

More than 20 convention participants attended the garden tour, and learned from Bonnie about the plants in the garden, viewed pictures of the garden progress over the years, and asked questions.

Mrs. McClain is well known to the merchants in the area, and as part of the tour, was honored by them.

Greg LaBelle of Two Dudes and a Boat spoke of the impact Bonnie's lovely garden has had on the area. A gift certificate to a local nursery was presented, and music was provided by Jo Nash.

Mrs. McClain is clad in a green sweater and ball cap in the photos.





# Sharon~Raytown Garden Club



## **Crawfordville Concrete Planters Get A Saturday Morning Makeover**

Members of the Sharon-Raytown Garden Club gathered on a Saturday morning with gloves, shovels, flowers and potting soil to refresh the large concrete flower pots located on Broad Street in downtown Crawfordville.

There was a battle with ants, but we managed to get weeds out and plant flowers where needed.

Please enjoy these flowers as you walk or drive by.



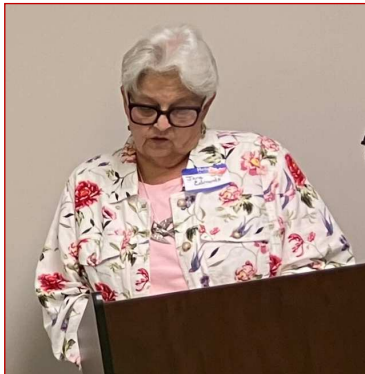
# Nancy Hart Garden Club



## May Flowers Bloom on Courthouse Square

In honor of Garden Week for the state of Georgia, our courthouse beautification committee worked diligently to present beautiful blooms for May. Our club maintains a specific area throughout the year for our community on the square of the county courthouse.

Pictured in the photo, left to right, is Sandra Baker, Janice Certain, Mary Lynn Johnson and Barbara Lamoureux. Not pictured is Kathie McCurley, our committee chairperson.



## New Officers Installed

During the May meeting of the Nancy Hart Garden Club, we were honored to have Jane

Edmunds, the outgoing Azalea District director in attendance for the installation of our 2025-27 officers. Pictured from left to right are Nancy Grizzle, recording secretary; Barbara Setchel, second vice president; Janet Schell, treasurer; Sarah Scroggs, first vice president; Kathryn Jordan, president; and Margo Seagraves, past president.





## Calling All Azalea District Clubs: Help Us Build Our New Scrapbook!

**From Ann Wright**  
**District Scrapbook Chair**

The Azalea District is excited to announce the creation of a brand-new district scrapbook, and we need your help to make it truly special!

We're inviting all clubs across the Azalea District to submit materials that showcase the incredible work, events, and memories you will create over the upcoming year. Whether it's a successful service project, a creative fundraiser, a club celebration, or a special award — we want to see it!

What You Can Submit:

- ♦ Photos of events, projects, or special moments
- ♦ Short articles or captions describing your club's activities
- ♦ Flyers, programs, or newspaper clippings that highlight your work

- ♦ Any creative touches that represent your club's unique spirit!

Include the name of your club and the date of the event or project.

Help us preserve the rich history and achievements of the Azalea District by contributing your club's memories. The scrapbook will be a wonderful way to celebrate our shared accomplishments and inspire future service.

We can't wait to see what your club has been up to!

Please send your submissions or questions to:

Ann Wright, Scrapbook  
Chairman

4101 Dunwoody Club Dr. Unit  
#47

Dunwoody, GA 30350  
(404) 452-0405



**Scrapbook worthy:** District Director Jan Stewart was on hand for the dedication of the Blue Star Marker by the Greensboro Garden Club. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Help Us Help Families One Tiny Tab at a Time!

**From Ann Wright (ourann@me.com)**  
**Pop Tab Chairman**

Each tiny pop tab might not seem like much, but together they make a massive difference.

Ronald McDonald Homes use the money from recycled tabs to help cover the cost of housing for families with sick kids.

Let's turn summer into Gardeners Gone Tab Wild.

Memorial Day starts your Pop Tab Collection Mission.

Fourth of July, you're the Pop Tab Collector, stuffing tabs into pockets and

Ziplocs.

The Grand Finale. Labor Day marks the end of summer. Pop Tab Turn In. Bring the tabs to your club or Azalea District meetings to be donated to the Augusta Ronald McDonald

House. So, crack open a cold one

(of soda), and remember — this summer, the true MVP isn't the grill master or the person who brings the best potato salad.

It's you, the Pop Tab Collector.

You came. You grilled. You popped. You tabbed. Azalea District salutes you.



# Meet Your Azalea District Leaders

## Jan Stewart, District Director, 2025–2027

Jan was born in Atlanta. At the age of 13 she moved with her family to the country. Her love for flowers and hummingbirds started as a young child while helping her mother with weeds in the yard and growing flowers from seeds. Moving back to Georgia with her husband and sons has allowed Jan to focus on her love for gardening: growing a vegetable garden, starting a pollinator garden, and raising chickens for eggs. Jan joined her first garden club in Mississippi in the mid-1970s. She became a member of the Shady Oaks Garden Club in Johnson City, Tennessee, in the mid-1990s. Jan helped her garden club in Tennessee start a junior garden club, where her youngest son served as president.

Her husband's job took them to Mississippi; North Carolina; Illinois; Penang, Malaysia; Tennessee; New Jersey; and Michigan. Along the way, Jan volunteered as a first responder and led the March of Dimes "Ring Road Walk", raising over

**District Director Jan Stewart** asked each member of the district board to submit a brief bio to introduce themselves to the district. Their self-submitted bios follow. However, bios for Recording Secretary Stephanie Corley and Chaplain Janet Massey will appear next quarter.

\$4K with her team at Johnson & Johnson. Jan has worked as an accountant/bookkeeper and administrative assistant for more than 40 years. She was a member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals where she earned her certified administrative professional certification. Jan served as treasurer and later president of the Michigan Division of IAAP. Jan has served as president of the Sharon-Raytown Garden



**Jan Stewart**

Club in Crawfordville, since 2019. Her husband, two sons and daughter-in-law are also members of the SRGC. Jan was treasurer for the Azalea District in 2023-25 term and later treasurer and registrar for the 2025 Garden Club of Georgia Convention.

She looks forward to serving as the Azalea District director and getting to know more club members in her district and around the state.



## **Carol Reap, District Co-Director, 2025–2027**

Carol Reap's love of gardening, plants, and animals began in childhood, growing up with her parents and three sisters in a small farming and ranching town near the Central California coast. Her life's journey has taken her through Colorado, Chicago, and ultimately to Georgia—primarily Athens—where she has lived since 1973. After being invited to join the Ladies' Garden Club of Athens, Carol was introduced to the rich legacy and meaningful contributions of garden clubs in America and beyond. That invitation marked the beginning of her dedicated garden club journey.

She has served in multiple roles within Ladies' Garden Club, including president, and has contributed in numerous capacities on both the Azalea District and

Garden Club of Georgia boards. Her service includes time as chairman of Founders Memorial Garden in Athens, co-chairman of the Garden Club of Georgia's 100th Anniversary Committee, and now, newly installed co-director of the Azalea District.

Carol values not only her opportunity to serve within the Garden Club of Georgia, but also the friendships and community it has brought her over the years.

In addition to her work in gardening, Carol has a deep passion for historic cemeteries, an interest that complements her horticultural pursuits. She has served as a docent and as a board member for several groups dedicated to historic cemetery preservation.



**Carol Reap**

Carol and her husband, James Reap—emeritus professor of historic preservation at the University of Georgia—share many interests, including gardening, world travel, and caring for their two beloved cats, Buddy and Pippa.

## Pam Hendrix, Treasurer, 2025–2027

I am currently serving as treasurer of the Azalea District and recording secretary of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. I was born on a wheat farm in Colorado, moved to Georgia in 1976, and grew up in Morgan County between Madison and Buckhead on a broiler chicken/beef cattle farm. We always had a large garden.

I graduated from Morgan County High School in 1984; from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, in 1989; then received my law degree from Duke University in 1991. I practiced law in Madison for 15 years before moving to Watkinsville in Oconee County in 2008 to allow my two sons to attend Westminster Christian Academy.

Almost immediately I joined the Watkinsville Garden Club and have been an active member ever since. I've served in several capacities, including president during Covid. I truly believe a community's finest people are always in the garden club.



**Pam Hendrix:** Steve Scruggs of the David Hardigree Wildlife Center recognized Pam's donation to the center. FILE PHOTO.



## **Sherley Selman, Assistant Treasurer, 2025–2027**

I am Sherley Selman, president of the Union Point Garden Club. I was asked if I would be treasurer for the Azalea District Board and very quickly said, “No.” Then how about assistant treasurer and that I agreed to, hoping that I don’t need to move up.

I have been a member of Union Point Garden Club since 1987.

My husband Chuck and I retired from the U.S. Army and moved back to my hometown of Union Point. A first cousin was very active in local, district and state garden Clubs, so I didn’t have much choice but to join.

We had a large club at the time so I was not very involved, but recently our numbers have reduced and I’ve been more involved. In addition to garden club, I have been very involved in 4-H, especially in food projects and competition. I enjoy food activities, especially around the holidays. I bake and decorate gingerbread houses and old time fruitcakes, sharing with families and craft fairs. If there is time left to kill, I enjoy reading.



**Sherley Selman**

## **Charlotte White, Corresponding Secretary, 2025–2027**

I always enjoyed having pretty flowers and a nice yard, so after retiring for the second time, I was able to join my local garden club and enjoy wonderful times with new friends as a member of the Warrenton Garden Club.

How does one become a corresponding secretary? The Azalea District director appointed me to the position. Just as the GCG president appoints the corresponding secretary and parliamentarian to the state board, the district director also appoints these positions.

My job is to send cards for the district director to club members throughout the district who have suffered a personal loss, who are hospitalized or very ill, or who just need to know that they are thought about. The director informs me after receiving the information from club presidents or other club members, and I send an appropriate card to that person. Sometimes clubs contact me directly at my email address: ccw3395@aol.com. I then let the director know about the request before sending a card.

If the Azalea District receives non-business correspondence, I read it at the next district board meeting.

Communication is the key to club members receiving a card from the Azalea District Director. Remembering our members is important!



**Charlotte White**



## **Doris Blalock, Parliamentarian, 2025–2027**

Pine Needle Garden Club of Augusta has been my club since the late 1970s because a dear friend wouldn't take NO for an answer! With four children and a civic club obligation, where was the time?

It was a good match serving as club president, two terms as president of Augusta Council of Garden Clubs and Azalea district director!

In 1991 I was appointed to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. state board and reappointed for 34 years before retiring in 2025,. I served seven terms, a total of 14 years, as the state parliamentarian.

My lifetime study of parliamentary procedures began in the early 70s when classes in Augusta were offered and taught by a registered paraliamentarian. At that time my love of Robert's Rules of Order became my passion! This service has been for club, council, district and state, for too many years to count.

My goal as a parliamentary adviser is to make the presiding officer "look good" and for the organization to run efficiently and orderly!

My physical gardening is limited to house plants (most inherited from Mother and Grandmother) and patio herb gardening.



**Doris Blalock**

## **Garden Club of Georgia Pointing to Centennial Celebration in 2028**

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has unveiled its theme and logo for its impending 100th anniversary.

### **The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. – 1928 to 2028**

#### **“Celebrating a Century of Beautification, Conservation & Education”**

There will be many events during 2028 to celebrate the centennial. Put it on your long-range calendar. The 100th Anniversary Committee will need funds to pay for the following:

- Statewide traveling exhibits
- Exhibits within each of the Districts – at libraries and other public places.

Garden club members can help defray the costs of celebrations in 2028. People who attend various functions will still need to pay something to register for bus tours in Athens, the reception itself in June at headquarters, or other events to be determined, in order to make a commitment that they are coming. The funds raised in advance will lower the ticket price of everything that year.

Any other events and projects in each district that will be developed by the committee.

Therefore, in order to raise funds to help defray the cost of some of the events planned for the 100th Anniversary Celebration, GCG has established the Century Club. Members who wish to belong to this club and financially support the 100th Celebration may donate \$100 and receive a Century Club lapel pin (preliminary design above) and certain other benefits. The total list of benefits is still being determined. Other benefits being considered are:

- A beautiful acknowledgement card suitable for framing, possibly featuring watercolor artwork of GCG Headquarters.
- Early seating at certain events
- Recognition at events or in district newsletters and *Garden Gateways*.

Plus more.

Donations are being accepted now. Pins will be ordered over the summer and distributed at fall district meetings. Wear it with pride! The fundraising will determine how big celebrations can be.

Use the registration form on the next page to join the Century Club now.

Get your order in ASAP to become a Century Club Member.

Make your \$100 check payable to GCG and mail along with the form below to:



**Barbara Bourque, 100th Committee Chairman**  
**6445 Holland Drive, Cumming, GA 30041-4641**  
**b.bourque@comcast.net (404) 374-2828**



## I want to become a Century Club Member



Make your \$100 check payable to GCG and mail to:

Barbara Bourque, 100<sup>th</sup> Committee Chairman

6445 Holland Drive, Cumming, GA 30041-4641

[b.bourque@comcast.net](mailto:b.bourque@comcast.net) 404-374-2828

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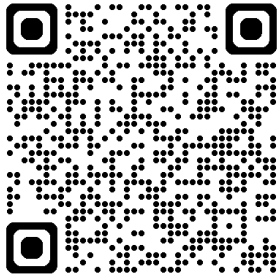
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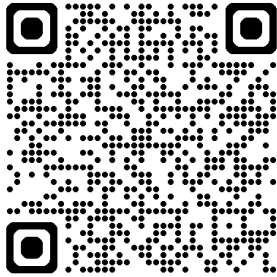
**2025-27 President:** Donna Donnelly

**Email:** ddon21@aol.com

**Theme:** Plant America for the next 100 years!

**Website:** <https://gardenclub.org>

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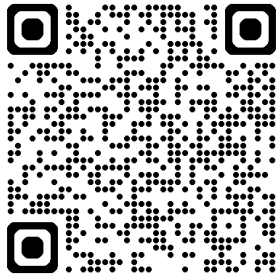
**2025-27 Director:** Denise Thorne, Tennessee

**Email:** denise@tec63.com

**Theme:** Plant the Deep South with flowers and trees for the birds and the bees.

**Website:** <https://deepsouthgardenclubs.com>

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## **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA**

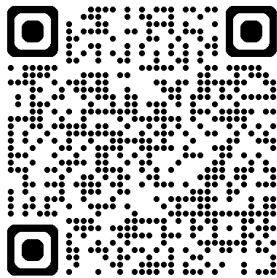
**2025-27 President:** Diane Hunter

**Email:** [president@gardenclubofGeorgia.org](mailto:president@gardenclubofGeorgia.org)

**Theme:** Tending the Heart of Georgia: Creating Community Through Beauty, Conservation and Education

**Website:** <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/>

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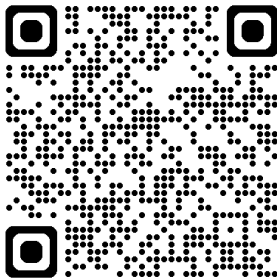
**2025-27 Director:** Merrill Holden

**Email:** [laureldistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org](mailto:laureldistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org)

**Theme:** Let's Get Out There and Have Fun!

**Website:** <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/laurel-district-page/>

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**2025-27 Director:** Jan Stewart

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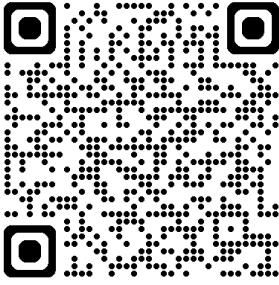
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**Note:** QR codes link to appropriate websites.



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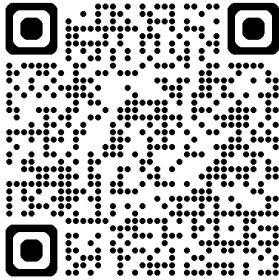
**2025-27 Director:** Martha Cobb

**Email:** [oleanderdistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org](mailto:oleanderdistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org)

**Theme:** Better Together Through Beautification, Conservation and Education

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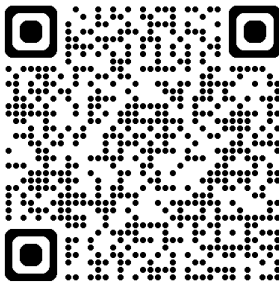
**2025-27 Director:** Melodie Smith

**Email:** [camelliadistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org](mailto:camelliadistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org)

**Theme:** Gardening for the good of our communities...through Community Beautification, Conservation and Education

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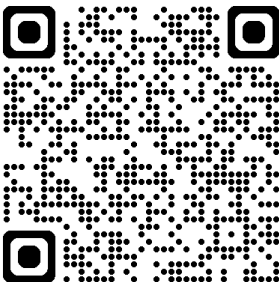
**2025-27 Director:** Marilyn Aldrich

**Email:** [magnoliadistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org](mailto:magnoliadistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org)

**Theme:** Healthier Environment, Healthier You with Beautification, Conservation and Education

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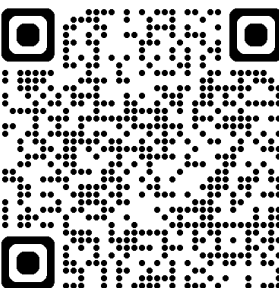
**2025-27 Director:** Christy Novellas

**Email:** [dogwooddistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org](mailto:dogwooddistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org)

**Theme:** Blooming Together: The collaborative effort of gardening and community building.

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

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**REDBUD DISTRICT**

**2025-27 Director:** Bonny Dudley

**Email:** [redbuddistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org](mailto:redbuddistrictdirector@gardenclubofGeorgia.org)

**Theme:** Let's Dig in and Get Things Done: Beautify, Conserve, Educate

**Website:** <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/redbud-district-page>

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# *Azalea District Calendar*

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## **TUESDAY, JUNE 24**

**Azalea District Leadership and Awards Workshop**, GCG HQ, Athens, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, AUG. 5**

**Azalea District Executive Committee Meeting**, GCG HQ, Athens, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, AUG. 19**

**Azalea District Summer Board Meeting**, Union Point, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10**

**Garden Club of Georgia Fall Board Meeting**, GCG HQ, Athens, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, OCT. 16**

**Azalea District Annual Fall Meeting**, GCG HQ, Athens, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



**District headliner:** The Azalea District Annual Fall Meeting will feature Dorinda Dallmeyer, executive producer of the award-winning documentary, "Cultivating the Wild: William Bartram's Travels." ONLINE IMAGE

## **TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 2026**

**Azalea District Executive Committee Meeting**, GCG HQ, Athens, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, FEB. 17, 2026**

**Azalea District Winter Board Meeting**, Hartwell, Athens, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

## **APRIL 1-2, 2026**

**Garden Club of Georgia Annual Convention**, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Peachtree City,

## **MAY 16-MAY 17, 2026**

**National Garden Club Convention**, St, Louis, Mo.

## **TUESDAY, AUG. 18, 2026**

**Azalea District Summer Board Meeting**, Milledgeville

## **THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 2026**

**Azalea District Annual Fall Meeting**, Warrenton.



# *Garden Calendar*

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## **SATURDAY, JUNE 7**

**Carnivorous Plants of the Southeast**, State Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**

**Basics of Water Gardening**, Atlanta Botanical Gardening, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$30-\$35. Sign up by June 8.

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

**Nature Ramblers**, State Botanical Garden, Shade Garden Arbor, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 13**

**Our Native Pollinators**, Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center, Blairsville, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

**Native Ferns of North Georgia Mountains Region**, State Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 17**

**Sunflower Concert Series**, Randall Bramblett Band, State Botanical Garden Flower Garden Lawn, 7-9 p.m. \$26.

## **MON., JUNE 19-WED., JUNE 21**

**Biennial Flower Show Judges Symposium**, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

**Summer Tree Identification**, State Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 8 a.m.-noon.

**Alice H. Richards Children's Garden Performance Series**, Adam Lowe & Matt Baum Magic Show, State Botanical Garden Children's Garden, two shows, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 26**

**Nature Ramblers**, State Botanical Garden, Shade Garden Arbor, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

## **FRI., JUNE 27 & SAT. JUNE 28**

**Art in the Garden Flower Show**, Garden Club of Ellijay

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 28**

**Native Plant Propagation**, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, JULY 3**

**Nature Ramblers**, State Botanical Garden, Shade Garden Arbor, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

## **FRIDAY, JULY 11**

**July Friends First Friday**, State Botanical Garden, Porcelain & Decorative Arts Museum, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. \$12, register by July 3.

## **TUESDAY, JULY 15**

**Founder's Day Celebration & Storytelling**, Hill & Dales Estate, LaGrange, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Sunflower Concert Series**, The New Orleans Jazz Stompers, State Botanical Garden Flower Garden Lawn, 7-9 p.m. \$26.

## **THURSDAY, JULY 17**

**Nature Ramblers**, State Botanical Garden, Shade Garden Arbor, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

## **SATURDAY, JULY 19**

**Alice H. Richards Children's Garden Performance Series**, Rebecca Sunshine Band, State Botanical Garden Children's Garden, two shows, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

## **SATURDAY, JULY 26**

**Carnivorous Plants and Their Habitats in the Southeast**, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **FRIDAY, AUG. 1**

**August Friends First Friday**, State Botanical Garden, Porcelain & Decorative Arts Museum, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. \$12,

register by July 25.

## **SATURDAY, AUG. 16**

**Alice H. Richards Children's Garden Performance Series**, Canopy Studio, State Botanical Garden Visitor Center, two shows, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

**Printing with Botanicals**, State Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 1-2:30 p.m. \$30.

## **TUESDAY, AUG. 19**

**Sunflower Concert Series**, The Abbey Road LIVE!, State Botanical Garden Flower Garden Lawn, 7-9 p.m. \$26.

## **SATURDAY, AUG. 23**

**Native Plants & Insect Pollinators**, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27**

**Fundamentals of Design Graphics**, State Botanical Garden Gardenside Room, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10**

**Garden Club of Georgia Fall Board Meeting**, GCG HQ, Athens, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## **FRI., OCT. 3-SUN., OCT. 5**

**Georgia National Fair Flower Show**, Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry.

# GREAT SOUTHEAST



# Pollinator Census

## Alabama To Be Included in Count in 2025

Interested in joining the Great Southeast Pollinator Census this year? Scan the QR code to visit the Great Southeast Pollinator Census web page. Then follow these instructions.

Sign up for our newsletter to get the latest in your inbox

1. Prepare for the count days on August 22 and 23.
2. Download the printable Counting Sheet.
3. Check out the Insect Counting & Identification Guide.
4. Review the corresponding pamphlet.
5. Join our Southeast Pollinator Census Facebook page and follow us on Instagram: [@SoutheastPollinators](#).
6. View *The Pollinator Census—How-To and History*

7. View *The Pollinator Census—Educators and Non-Profits*

**7. Upload your counts to this website. The portal to upload counts will open early on August 22nd.**

**Note: All appropriate links are found on the website. Click the QR code below.**





## Hill & Dales Estate Founder's Day Celebration & Storytelling

July 15, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 15, Hill & Dales Estate in LaGrange will be celebrating Fuller Callaway Sr.'s 155<sup>th</sup> birthday with complimentary tours of the first floor of the Callaway family home and walks through the historic gardens.

Executive Director Carleton Wood will also be offering his fresh-squeezed homemade lemonade at the Pool Terrace beginning at 11 a.m. while supplies last. That evening, the Donald Davis Storytelling Workshop participants will hold a public storytelling in the Pecan Grove at 7 p.m. This is also free to the public and guests are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets. For more information regarding these events, please visit our website: [hillanddales.org](http://hillanddales.org), email [info@hillsanddales.org](mailto:info@hillsanddales.org), or call (706) 882-3242.



## Georgia Judges Symposium

June 19-June 21, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon

The Middle Georgia, South Georgia, North Georgia and East Georgia Councils of Flower Show Judges will hold their biennial symposium at Highland Hills Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. We invite judges, students and curious garden club members to attend.

David Robson will handle horticulture instruction (ferns and hemerocallis) and Claudia Bates will be the design instructor. Her topic covers multiple design types in one design. The allied topics are Botanical Arts Horticulture (Robson) and Botanical Arts Design – Collages, our own Anna Burns. Scan the QR code for details and registration information.



From the Garden Club of Ellijay Facebook Page:

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Philosophy is wondering if that means ketchup is a smoothie.

