



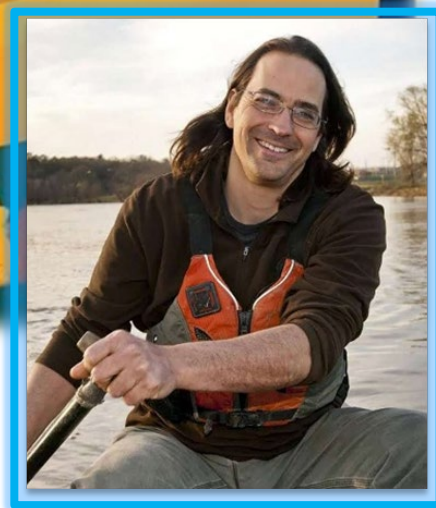
**LAUREL DISTRICT of
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
67th ANNUAL MEETING**



Hosted by Rome Federated
Garden Clubs, Kathy Cooper and Linda Easterwood, Co-Presidents

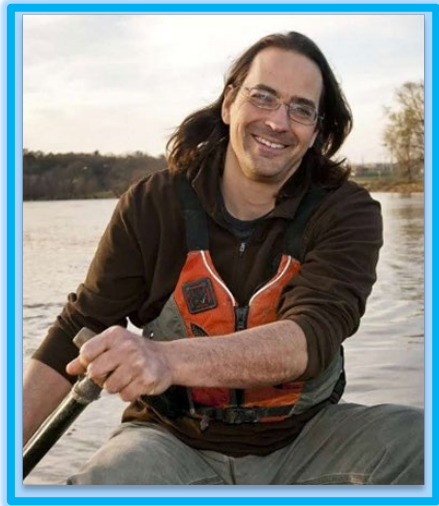


Featured Speaker: Joe Cook,
Paddle Georgia Coordinator and
Guidebook Author



Wednesday, October 22, 2025
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Coosa Country Club
110 Branham Ave., Rome, GA 30161

Joe Cook is a 1988 graduate of Berry College where he studied communications and agriculture. Between 1996 and 2016, he served in various capacities with the Coosa River



Basin Initiative/Upper Coosa Riverkeeper in Rome, including serving 10 years as executive director and riverkeeper. Since 2005, he has worked with Georgia Rivers as Paddle Georgia Coordinator, organizing and leading paddle trips that introduce more than 600 people to Georgia's rivers annually. He has travelled thousands of miles on Georgia's rivers and studied and reported extensively on water resource issues in Georgia since 1994. A photographer and writer, he is the author of Georgia Rivers' River User's Guide series, including guidebooks covering the Etowah,

Chattahoochee, Broad, Flint, Oconee and Ocmulgee rivers. His work is also featured in Wildflowers of the Appalachian Trail, Wildflowers of the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains and River Song-A Journey Down the Chattahoochee and Apalachicola Rivers. He lives in Rome, Georgia.

Checklist for the Meeting:

- Register by mail or online by October 10.
 - Clubs donate a basket for raffle.
- Bring pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Notify laureldistrictdirector@gardenclubofgeorgia.org of club members to be honored in the memorial.
- Make hotel reservations by September 21.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT ROME RIVERWALK

320 W 3rd Street SW, Rome, GA 30165

for 169.00 USD per night - Last Day to Book: Sunday,
September 21, 2025

Book your group rate for Laurel District, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc

Laurel District asks that every club donate a raffle basket with a theme of your choosing. Please attach this information to the basket:

Club Name and City
Basket Theme
Basket Items and Values
Total Basket Value

If your club is unable to donate a raffle basket, please mail a check to Laurel District for \$50 to
Edna McClellan, 180 Pacer Ct., Unit 9044, Ellijay, GA 30540



Remember to bring your pull tabs to the meeting on
October 22, 2025, at Coosa Country Club. Thanks so much!
Virginia Hunter, Pull-a-Tab for Ronald McDonald

Does your club have someone we may honor in our memorial service for club members who have passed since our last annual meeting in 2024? Email Merrell at laureldistrictdirector@gardenclubofgeorgia.org by October 15 with their name, garden club and city.

FOUR SEASONS GARDEN CLUB, President- Lisa Butler, LAVENDER VIEW GARDEN CLUB, President- Peggy Carmen, MOUNTAIN VIEW GARDEN CLUB, President- D'Ann Downey, ROME AFRICAN VIOLET STUDY CLUB, President- Charity Nicholson, SEVEN HILLS GARDEN CLUB, Co-Presidents- Patti Barron and Ellen Smith, THISTLE GARDEN CLUB, President- Joyce Gaston and Co-President- Marilyn Hendrickson, THREE RIVERS GARDEN CLUB, Presidents- Jeanettia Rush and Donna Knighten and TOWNVIEW GARDEN CLUB, President- Sharon Norman



Welcome you to Rome!

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and in the northwest corner of the state, Rome is in the center of the triangular area defined by the interstate highways between Atlanta, Birmingham and Chattanooga.

One of the founding fathers, Col. Daniel Mitchell, suggested Rome as the name of the new city as the seven hills reminded him of the Italian city of Rome.

Rome's rivers form the most diverse ecosystem in all of North America.

The rivers also served as the inspiration for iconic cartoon character Popeye, the Sailor Man.

Visitor's Guide is at [Georgia's Rome Office of Tourism Georgia's Rome Destination Guide - Georgia's Rome Office of Tourism](#)

Register by October 10 for Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting 2025

online at Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1638823869309?aff=oddtcreator> for \$53.36

or mail this completed form by October 10th with

check to Laurel District for \$45 to:

Edna McClellan, 180 Pacer Ct., Unit 9044, Ellijay, GA 30540

Confirmation will be emailed to you.

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

GARDEN CLUB AND CITY:

DISTRICT:

Please indicate all that apply to you:

- ☐ National Garden Clubs Board Member
- ☐ Deep South Board Member
- ☐ Garden Club of Georgia Board Member
- ☐ Laurel District Board Member
- ☐ Garden Club President
- ☐ Garden Club Member
- ☐ Garden Club Voting Delegate
- ☐ New Garden Club Member 2025
- ☐ First Time Attendee at District Meeting
- ☐ National Garden Clubs Life Member
- ☐ Deep South Life Member
- ☐ Garden Club of Georgia Life Member
- ☐ Emeritus
- ☐ Subscribing Garden Club Member
- ☐ Guest