



The Oleander Leaflet

Newsletter of the Oleander District of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

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Greetings...

My goodness!! Is it Fall Already!! I know that everyone is busy working on getting their club meetings going and planning for the new club year. I am excited about everything going on around Oleander and the State. I continue to look forward to meeting many of you and I hope to get better acquainted with those of you I do not know. Let's keep being Better Together through Beautification, Conservation and Education.



Love,

Martha

District Director 2025-2027



Activities Around the District

The 67th Oleander District Annual Meeting was just held in Brunswick, Georgia on October 9th. Many of our clubs were in attendance and everyone had a great time. A Special Edition of the Oleander Leaflets will be designated to the Oleander District Awards and the entire event. Be on the look out for this email coming soon!

The Leadership and Awards Workshop for the Oleander District was held June 17th in Baxley, GA. The special guest speaker was Diane Hunter, the new President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. The Workshop Session consisted of video demonstrations of how to access the GCG Website and find awards information pertaining to the updated Awards Handbook. We also discussed tips for writing applications and completed a practice writing sample award application. In the Leadership Session we met the Garden Club of Georgia officers and received information about the many ways to help our clubs and council be amazing when working with memberships, grants, parliamentary procedure, etc. So much new information is available as well as ways to access it. We also were made aware of the many programs in floral design and Master Gardener courses that are made available via zoom classes.



Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. President Diane Hunter



Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Awards Chairman
Diana Malone



First Vice President, Bess Hartley



Third Vice President, Linda Doiorn

Activities Around the District

The Oleander District Board meeting was held on August 14th at The Venue on Main in Swainsboro, Georgia. This was our first meeting under the leadership of our new District Director Martha Cobb.

The new Oleander District Officers are District Director Martha Cobb, Co-Director Barbara Cromley, Recording Secretary Martha Johnson, Treasurer Michelle Ricketson, Corresponding Secretary Irene Michael, and Parliamentarian Joni Thompson. We had the opportunity to meet all of the board members throughout the morning and to discuss upcoming projects and events. After the business session everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and had the opportunity to purchase various items in support of the Oleander District.



Activities Around the State

Subscribing Memberships

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GCG SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP?

- Any 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.
- They are eligible to participate in all programs/events available to the general membership *without* the privilege of a vote; and *if desired*, receive the quarterly **Garden Gateways** magazine and other informative notices.

WHO CAN NOMINATE? An individual can self-nominate or any GCG member can nominate.

DUES: \$25 per year with optional annual renewal

HOW: Complete the Subscribing Membership Application on the GCG website; submit a \$25 check payable to "The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc." and mail to: GCG Headquarters
2450 S. Milledge Avenue
Athens, GA 30605-1674

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP(SM) TYPES

HONORARY

- **Speakers/Instructors** at a garden club, event or gardening school.
- **Local Dignitaries** who conduct welcome greetings at annual meetings/conventions, Blue Star/Gold Star dedications. They can make their comments more meaningful when they know more about GCG. They have visibility due to garden club projects on maintaining city fountains, planters, planting trees and participating in Arbor Day, Earth Day, Garden Week in Georgia and National Garden Week events and city proclamations.
- **Community Volunteers/Workers** who partner financially and physically on garden club projects.

GIFT

- **Former Club Members** who are no longer physically able to attend meetings and/or actively participate in club events
- **Family Members** those loved ones who support us "behind the scenes". They avoid important garden club calendar events; help prepare for meetings; take care of pets while we are on the road; and patiently listen to our garden club stories---the good, the funny and the "what the heck?"
- **Friends and Neighbors** who support by donating raffle baskets/door prizes; help set up/clean up after events; make copies; decorate tables, etc.

NOTE: Using GCG website samples, clubs may send or present the recipient a welcome letter advising of their GCG Subscribing Membership with an attached dated and signed Certificate. District Co-Directors issue renewal reminders as necessary.

Every Garden Club of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has a goal of adding at least ONE Subscribing Membership to their rolls by 1 JANUARY

District Directors and Co-Directors will be advising their districts of this Subscribing Membership goal for garden club planning and budgeting purposes.



BENEFITS



- Subscribing Memberships add members to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. membership rolls which helps GCG receive scholarships from National Garden Clubs Inc. to deserving Georgia students.
- Once individuals receive a subscribing membership and receive the beautiful *Garden Gateways* magazine, they are the ones who have the biggest potential of being recruited for full club membership with only gentle coaxing.
- Any garden club with at least three (3) subscribing memberships, earns a well-deserved checkmark on the Club President's Activity Report for the calendar year.

Activities Around The State



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.

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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: _____

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Address _____

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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.

News From Our Clubs

School Improvement Fall 2025 Off To A Good Start

The summer has come to an end and the children are back in school, and you're wondering what you could do to ease the transition for the teachers and students. Here are a few ideas I've found that ease the tension:

Have a few students and garden club members gather to create simple arrangements for the school office. Finding some of the longer lasting flowers, such as zinnias, daisies, geraniums, Queen Anne's lace, beauty berry and greenery, give some simple instructions, provide covered can or jar, floral tape to make a grid, and allow the students to create arrangements. Don't forget to have someone create a welcome back tag and ID the garden club!



The entrance to the school is another fun spot to provide seasonal pots of color and a warm welcome back to a new year. I recommend the "Filler, Thriller, and Spiller" method. Filler is middle size plants, Thriller is a taller plant in the middle, and Spiller cascades over the sides of the pot!

The Great Southeastern Pollinator Count was August 22-23rd. The children really get into this especially if you discuss and provide id sheets of the pollinators they are looking for from the Garden Club of Georgia website. Tally sheets are there as well. I trust that many club members participated in this and that they uploaded their counts.

This is also a good time of year for seed collecting! Gather seeds from spent flower heads. Seeds should be dry and labeled for serious gardening projects. However, children can use Jenny Hendricks' seed bomb method: take dry clay (available at places like Hobby Lobby), wet a handful of clay and add seeds, form into about lynch balls, and dry. Package and label these for gifts or if you have access to a back field in need of planting, turn the class loose!

It is time to begin thinking about service projects as well. I'm fond of recycling! My partner with projects is Mark Petkewich the STEM teacher at Brooklet Elementary. He does an excellent job of providing information and hands on activities for students as the garden club team works with smaller groups to create projects. We have recycled paper and made bookmarks for a Garden Club luncheon. Another year we recycled aluminum pans by tooling them into decorative egg garlands for senior living facilities.

These are just a few ideas of projects that could be incorporated into your youth club.

Jane Wood, Youth, School Grounds Improvement Chairman

Youth Club Activities Around The District

Jacket Youth Club Sponsored by Brooklet Garden Club

Brooklet Garden Club's Jacket Youth Club has been super busy over the last few months. Students participated in the Great Pollinator Census Count, they have cleaned out the raised garden beds and prepared them for the fall plantings and also replanted pots at the front entry of the school. Students were instructed in how to plant and care for the containers prior to planting crotons, daisies, petunias, foxtails and creeping Jenny. The raised beds received beautiful violas and snapdragons. Recently the youth club made oyster shell ornaments and plan to share their

ornaments with community members. Some of the ornaments will be sold at the school's Holly Jolly Christmas sale to raise money for future garden projects. The Jacket Youth also participated in another recycling project consisting of saving tin and aluminum pie plates. These were

recycled, cut into the shapes of Christmas trees and then tin punched and painted. Each tree was then attached to ribbons, string, or rope to create a Christmas tree garland. The club plans to gift the Christmas garlands to residents of the local assisted living homes for the holidays.



News From Our Clubs

Windsor Forest Garden Club

Education and Windsor Forest Garden Club!

The club gave a generous donation to Georgia Southern University, to be used for a scholarship benefitting a botany student. Caitlin Borges at GSU accepted the check. Shirley Lewis and Shirley Wilkinson (in photo) and Shirley Goodson (not pictured) are the founders of the scholarship program.



Spartina Garden Club



The Spartina Garden Club celebrated their September meeting honoring member Dottie Coburn's 97th birthday. Sheriff T.K. King along with Chief Deputy Gary Taylor and Major Mike Ward from the McIntosh County Office of the Sheriff presented the program on their commitment to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents in McIntosh County. Members presented questions and concerns to them. The sheriff and his deputies provided answers to their questions and led discussions to address their concerns. Pictured are members of the Spartina Garden Club with Sheriff T.K. King. Dottie Coburn is pictured to Sheriff King's left in the photo.

News From Our Clubs

Parkersburg Garden Club

The perfect day for our annual luncheon and new officer installation...and an amazing recap of all the great projects and programs of the past year!



Garden Club of Pooler



The Garden Club of Pooler's June meeting was held at Queensboro Bank. Each member gave a Spiritual Statement about gardening. Members shared plants from their gardens for a Horticultural Moment. Egg cartons were collected that were saved for "Loaves and Fishes" a food bank donation project for those in need. Christina Blanchette, Ace Hardware Plant Buyer and Landscape Designer & Installer presented an educational slideshow, "Selecting Plants and Caring for your Home Garden". Subjects discussed were cut flowers - perennial and bulbs, right plant for right light, water, soil, fertilizer, plant nutrition and common plant problems. Much was learned from this program presented by an exceptional speaker!

In September the club met for their first meeting of the Garden Club year. Members shared Obedient, Cockscomb and Candy Cane Lily plants from their gardens and there were enough plants for members to take home. Members brought cartons for eggs to give to needy which is a club project.

Plans for coming year were discussed by all including our Plant Sale. Two of our members are docents at Coastal Botanical Gardens which is our October meeting place to include a tour and lunch. Brooklet Peanut Farm will be our tour in November. Many other fun and educational plans are made for the coming 2026 year.



News From Our Clubs

Green Thumb Garden Club

Green Thumb GC members offered free flower and herb seeds to customers at the farmer's market sponsored by the Jenkins County Chamber of Commerce. Members manning their booth at the entrance of the train viewing platform stayed busy handing out pollinator friendly flower seeds and answering questions about the planting and care of the different flowers. As a member of the Garden Club of Georgia, Green Thumb's projects are all in support of the GCG's mission of beautification, education, and conservation of our community.



Members of Green Thumb Garden Club recently spent time with the sweet folks at the HomePlace Adult Day Care Center. They enjoy doing craft projects with the residents, today's project was all about painting pumpkins. The clients and the staff always appreciate the dedication, time, and compassion that has been shown by club members over the past several years.



News From Our Clubs

Garden Club of Savannah

SACGC President Sandy Champion led the first official board meeting for club presidents and delegates. While there were no issues to vote on, lots of updates have occurred and the information was delivered. The theme for this year is Honoring the Past and Protecting the Future.

Garden Club of Savannah was represented at the Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs by our president, Ena Shelley, immediate past president and the current VP Programs SACGC, Cindy Meyer, Catherine Scott who revamped the garden volunteer group and is working on the Savannah Botanical Gardens volunteer handbook, and Kathy Shields the SACGC recording secretary and webmaster.

It is important to note that the new website is fully operational and you can bookmark it now and be the first to know about ways to get involved or to attend horticultural education events.



Getting into fall we held a meeting at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens with speaker Tom Cooler of Savannah Citrus. Thank you to the hostesses who surprised us with Halloween treats and tech support from Coastal Botanical. It was a beautiful day in the gardens!



News From Our Clubs

St Marys Garden Club

St Marys Garden Club has been busy over the last several months. The Club's Beautification committee presented their quarterly Beautification Award to Arby's Restaurant in St. Marys. In appreciation, a certificate and yard sign were presented from the St. Marys Garden Club committee to the manager, Cortlyn Massie, and her co-worker Tea Kite, commending them for their hard work in making St. Marys a beautiful place to live.

Included in the photograph are from L to R Colleen Weinkle, Janet Sullivan, Cortlyn Massie, Tea Kite, Mary Ann Intravia, and Freda Malphurs. Not pictured is Gail Steier.



St Marys Garden Club celebrated National Garden Club Week with St Marys mayor, Greg Lockhart. The mayor read the proclamation designating June 1-7 as National Garden week, then club members delivered flowers to locations around the city.

Cheryl Doster of St. Marys Garden Club delivered Christmas in July donations to the Food Pantry. Another trunk full of diapers, towels, and personal care items was delivered to Camden House. Twice a year the club collects donations for these two organizations. Good job St Marys.



News From Our Clubs

Sea Oats Garden Club

Sea Oats member, Kathy Deloach, was presented a plaque for serving as club treasurer for 14 years. Mary Virginia Keith, outgoing president, was presented a picture of a Butterfly Chair that will be put at the Pollinator Oasis at Frederica Park in her honor. Pictured (l - r) are outgoing officers: Francene Roberson, Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Deloach, Treasurer, Mary Virginia Keith, President, and Linda Dunlap, Recording Secretary.



The last meeting of the year for the Sea Oats Garden Club of Brunswick was held at the 1800 Mexican Restaurant. The meeting concluded with the Installation of Officers for the 2025-2027 term conducted by Elaine Alberson. The theme was Rainbow Legend, a combination of colors with a bouquet of flowers for each officer. The newly installed officers are (l - r) President Faye Hollington, Vice President Linda Dunlap, Recording Secretary Annette Neu, Corresponding Secretary Francene Roberson, Treasurer Kathleen Moore, and Parliamentarian Olivia Holland (Diane Ghioto stood in for Olivia at the meeting).



The Sea Oats Garden Club of Brunswick recently presented Mary Lamond, Director of Habitat for Humanity, a check for \$5,000. This donation from SOGC was to be used to construct the sign at the Century Place location in Brunswick where Habitat has already completed 8 houses with plans to build several more at that location. Pictured presenting the check to Ms. Lamond are Sea Oats committee members (l to r) Diane Ghioto, Olivia Holland, Kathleen Moore, Elaine Alberson, Charlotte Kostelic, and Mary Virginia Keith with Mary Lamond, Director of Habitat for Humanity.



The Sea Oats Garden Club met October 15th at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Brunswick. Guest speaker was Sam Ghioto who is a filmmaker and award-winning photographer and writer from Saint Simons Island who currently resides in Atlanta.



As a self-employed documentary filmmaker, storytelling is at the core of what he does. After the program, Lindsey Atkinson, editor of Golden Isles Magazine, presented Sam with the Eddie Ozzie Award from New York City for first place in the Best Cover Design for Seaside Splendor for 2025 for the Golden Isles Magazine. Sam is pictured with the hostesses for the meeting: l to r, Camille Mraz, Sam's aunt Kathy Deloach, Sam, and Mary Jo Kelly.

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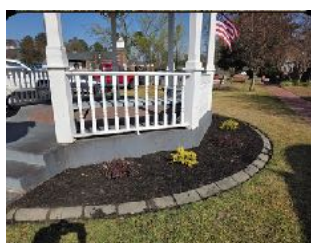
Brooklet Garden Club

Brooklet Garden Club members have been very busy over the last few months with many varied activities. We have continued to gather donated items in support of our pet therapy project, the local Fostering Bulloch Hope Chest, as well as collect candies to be placed in homemade Christmas stockings (by Linda O'Dowd) for the patients and families in Ogeechee Area Hospice. We also enjoyed some amazing craft projects under the leadership of Jane Wood with residents at Willow Pond and Southern Manor Assisted Living facilities. We have worked with the Jacket Youth Club in preparing garden beds and container gardens as well as creating oyster shell ornaments and recycled tin into Christmas garlands to be shared with residents of the assisted living homes. We celebrated National Garden Club Week by preparing florals and presenting them to Morris Bank and Core Credit Union along with a proclamation signed by Brooklet Mayor, Nicky Gwinette. Soon after, the Youth Club participated in the Great Pollinator Census. So much fun! We worked with the local Georgia Southern University Botanic Gardens in preparing for the fall plant sale which is a three day event and also helped at the Botanic Gardens by volunteering to work on Saturdays to welcome guest and to sell memberships. Another fun thing was all the work our Downtown Community Project Committee did in cleaning out the planter boxes and placing new plants in the containers.. The committee planted violas, snap dragons and pansies to add along side the existing nandinas and purple heart. Beautiful red bows were recently added for the holiday touch. Did I mention that Brooklet Garden Club joined forces with the Brooklet Development Authority to aid in funding of the Brooklet Gazebo Landscape improvements? We are excited to be a part of this developing hometown project! Another wonderful gift was presented to the Brooklet Garden Club by the Brooklet Kiwanis Club. A check for \$600 was given to the Jackets Youth Garden Club. We are so thankful for the help and support of the Brooklet Kiwanis Club! We also recognized one of Brooklet Garden Club's very own members on Veteran's Day. We were honored to present Sandra Martin with flowers and a certificate of appreciation for her service in the Women's Army Corp, Special Intelligence from 1961 through 1965 at Fort McPherson, Georgia and Orleans, France. We expressed our deepest gratitude for the sacrifices Sandra made in the name of freedom.

We participated in the Awards and Leadership Workshop in mid June, followed by the District Fall meeting for board members in late August. Soon after we enjoyed the wonderful Oleander District Annual meeting in beautiful Brunswick, Georgia.

News From Our Clubs

Brooklet Garden Club Con't



BGC and Brooklet Development Authority fund Brooklet Gazebo and Landscape Design



BGC presents floral arrangements to Core Credit Union and Morris Bank in celebration of National Garden Club Week.



Kiwanis Club of Brooklet presents \$600 to the Jacket Youth Club

Bulloch County Garden Club attendees at the Awards and Leadership Workshop.



Brooklet Garden Club Oleander District Board Members attending the Oleander District Board Meeting.



Presentation of flowers and certificate to Sandra Martin, BGC member for Veteran's Day.



GSU Botanic Gardens Fall Plant Sale.



BGC members stuff Christmas Stocking with candy for the Ogeechee Area Hospice patients and families.



Downtown Brooklet Planters.



Craft project with residents of Willow Hill and Southern Manor Assisted Living Facilities.

News From Our Clubs

Magnolia Garden Club

Lots of wonderful things have been taking place with Magnolia Garden Club. As a result of the successful 2024 Christmas Tour of Homes, Sandy Dean, Magnolia Garden Club member and Tour chair, presented a \$5,500 check from the club to Julie Martin, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Signature Squares of Brunswick. The Signature Squares nonprofit has partnered with the City of Brunswick since 2005 to raise funds for the complete renovation and continued preservation of Brunswick's 14 historic squares in the Old Town district. These green spaces, designed in 1771 by George Oglethorpe, had fallen into disrepair over the years and have been brought back to vibrant community spaces since this endeavor began. The donation will fund the interpretive signage for several of the original squares. Club members believe that strong community involvement is crucial to historic preservation efforts, and many MGC members were there for the event.



Fifteen MGC members gathered at the Cassina Garden Club's restored slave cabins on Saint Simon's Island for a field trip. Cassina is the guardian of two original tabby cabins on what was once the Hamilton Plantation. These historic cabins were the homes of enslaved people on the plantation from the 1830s until the end of slavery in 1865. A Cassina Garden Club

member provided the tour. Following the event, MGC members gathered at Golden Isles Olive Oil for lunch and conversation. The day had just the right mix of education and fellowship.



New Officers Kick-Off 2025-2027 Term



The executive board of the Magnolia Garden Club had an exciting and energizing kick-off gathering at the home of the new president, Connie Neiman, on August 7 to discuss the plans for the 2025-2026 club year. Connie and her vice presidents, Karen Dwyer and Jean Sasser, led a discussion covering the 2025-2027 theme, possible new members, member notebooks, the programs and schedule for monthly meetings, and possible new and continuing club projects.

As one of nine local garden clubs hosting the Oleander District Annual Meeting (ODAM), Priscilla Jordahl, Co-Chair of the Thursday, October 9, 2025 ODAM, briefed the group on the status of the planning and talked specifically about MGC's registration duties.

Seated from left: Priscilla Jordahl, Connie Neiman, Nora Sue Spencer; Standing: Karen Dwyer, Pat Ingram, Linda Flournoy, GuyNel Johnson, Jan Galloway, Pam Mathis, Martha Johnson. Not pictured: Jean Strasser.

News From Our Clubs

Magnolia Garden Club Con't

MGC has a lovely tradition of ending the club year with a picnic. Members and spouses gathered at the home of Jim and Martha Johnson for fried and roasted chicken with potluck salads, vegetables, breads, and desserts.



Incoming President Connie Neiman



Spouses enjoy the get-together, too.



Club members gather for the last photo of the 2024-2025 year.

News From Our Councils

Millen Garden Council

The Millen Garden Council, composed of the Green Thumb Garden Club and the Millen Garden Club, hosted a very successful Trivia Night to fundraise for the March 2026 Flower Show. We always appreciate the sweet folks at the Jenkins County Senior Center for lending us a great and beautifully decorated venue to host this event! Approximately 16 teams of 4 participated and the top 3 teams were 1st Place: The River Rats winning \$200 and included Shirley Reed, Sharon Tillman, Will Thomas, and Nathan Johnson. 2nd Place: The Retired Teachers winning \$100 and included Nancy Deal, Pam Walker, Joyce Hodges-Hite, and Jacinda Ford. 3rd Place: Eagle Pharmacy winning \$50 and included Ken Delay, Jeff McGruder, Hiller Spann, and Susan Newsome.



Our trivia host was Ames Floyd with A Rogue Collaboration out of Statesboro. Ames has been our faithful trivia host for the past 3 years since we have been having this fun event and many thanks to him! Also, the Millen Garden Council would like to offer a huge shout out and thanks to our wonderful sponsors including Core Civic, The Jenkins Law Firm, Your Property Duo, Griffin Warehouse, Durden Bank, Ag South, and Arie Hogan, GTCC Member. And last but not least, MGC thanks everyone who contributed our amazing door prizes this year, including Your Property Duo, Rocker's Supply, Thompson's Corner, Cafe on Cotton, Regions Bank, Taylor's BBQ, Lakeview Restaurant, Fish Eye Grill, Brinson's BBQ, Farm Bureau, Eagle Pharmacy, Pecan Row, Wagon Barn, FFA Plants, The Millen News, Spring Creek Auction, The Jenkins County Times, Neal Hardware, Honey's Catering, Millen Garden Club Member, Sara Beth Vaughn, and MassageWorks By Vanessa.



Recently the Millen Garden Council met for their November meeting. The members enjoyed a wonderful evening together.



Door Prize winners L to R
Vondesa Lee, Vanessa Posey
Reeves, and Angie Gay Brantley.

Oleander Leaflet Tidbits

Please send your club activities to Nancy Watson, Oleander Leaflet Editor at watson25714@gmail.com.

June Thomas, Oleander Facebook Editor, Kathy Shields, Oleander Website Coordinator, and I will at times share your club's submissions on all three social outlets. The **Oleander Leaflet** guidelines are as follows:

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Winter is on its way and hopefully with the cooler temperatures, we will also receive some much needed rain! The Holidays are upon us and all the clubs are busy preparing for their Christmas festivities. Please remember to document your activities and send them in as soon as possible in order for them to be placed in the Oleander Leaflets. We love sharing your events with all of the clubs within our district. Don't forget to also send in your "Sofie's '80s Ladies" as well. Remember to send in a brief summary of how long you have been in your garden club and what you enjoy most about being a member along with your photograph.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.



Nancy