



# Board Briefs

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Message from President, Lisa Hall



Greetings Friends!

I hope that you will be attending the District Annual Meeting where you live this October! It is always a great time to meet friends, converse with other club members, hear great speakers, shop and enjoy good food.

Following our September 10 GCG Board Meeting I attended the NGC Board Meeting, September 19 in St Louis. **Pictured to the left (GCG President Lisa Hall and NGC President Brenda Moore).**

What a beautiful setting next to the Missouri Botanical Gardens. The headquarters is mid-century modern in design but has some beautiful formal touches provided by Deen Day Sanders. The Path of Success was officially dedicated at the meeting. A new Brick pathway now links the NGC headquarters to the botanical gardens. All fifty states and regions are represented by bricks in the pathway. (see the photos below).

One of the items affecting GCG was discussed at the NGC Board Meeting; the Plant A Tree Program, formerly known as the Penny Pines Program. In partnership with USDA Forest Service, NGC has supported reforestation and education about forests. The NGC Board passed a significant change in how the program operates. Donors can now contribute any amount starting at \$50 to give greater flexibility for donors. Specific forests can still be designated with donation. More information will be provided by our Chairman Betty Davis in the coming months or check out the NGC website; [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org).

I hope to see you all at our many events this fall including the 7 District Meetings, special club anniversaries, flower shows and Blue Star/Gold Star Marker dedications, the annual Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser and more!

Best regards,

*Lisa*



# *Cherokee Garden Library 50 Years and Growing*

## *Elaine Bolton - Chairman*

Founded by the Cherokee Garden Club of Atlanta in 1975, Cherokee Garden Library is named for the state floral emblem of Georgia, the Cherokee rose (*Rosa laevigata*) and is one of the special collection libraries of the Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center. The Garden Library collects and preserves works in gardening, landscape design, garden history, horticulture, floral design, botanical art, plant ecology, natural landscapes, and cultural landscapes, including historic sites, designed landscapes, vernacular landscapes, and ethnographic landscapes. From 1586 to the present, CGL contains over 40,000 items, including books, periodicals, manuscript collections, and visual arts collections that tell the diverse and fascinating stories of horticulture and botanical history.

As a Library of the Kenan Research Center, the Cherokee Garden Library is free and open to the public, Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, by appointment. To schedule an appointment, email [reference@atlantahistorycenter.com](mailto:reference@atlantahistorycenter.com) or call 404.814.4040. The collection catalog for books, periodicals, manuscript collections, and visual arts collections is available online anytime via this **comprehensive search engine**. You can keep current about programs, online exhibitions, collections, partnerships, and more through the Cherokee Garden Library's webpage. Check it all out here.

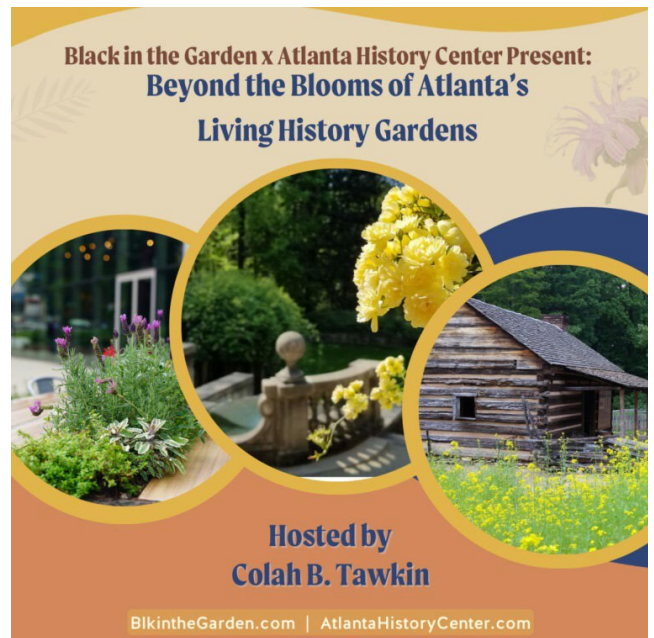
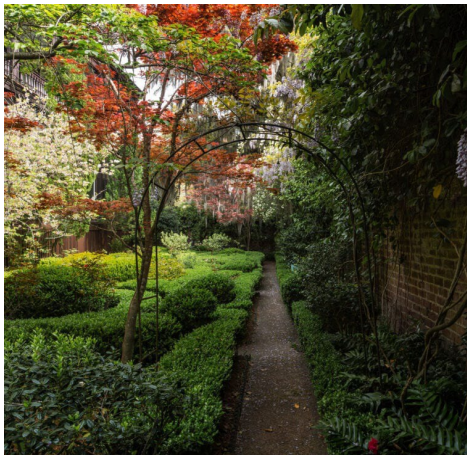
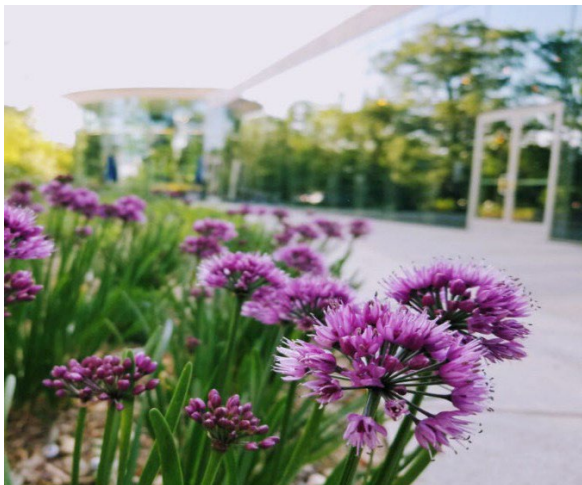
The Cherokee Garden Library's key goals are to serve, collect, conserve, present, and ensure a sound financial future. In addition to holding over 11,000 books dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present, CGL has many fascinating visual arts and manuscript collections, including the Seed and Nursery Catalog Collection (1827 – Present). This collection contains catalogs, price lists, and other company information from over 500 Seed, Nursery, and Supply companies located chiefly in the North and Southeastern United States. Material within the collection is both historical and contemporary, with a gap between the late 1930s to the mid-1940s. If you have seed and nursery catalogs from this period, please consider donating them to the collection by contacting Director Staci L. Catron at [scatron@atlantahistorycenter.com](mailto:scatron@atlantahistorycenter.com) or 404.814.4046.

The Library holds a complete collection of the Garden Club of Georgia's *Garden Gateways* from 1934 to the present. Other GCG-related collections include records of over 150 garden clubs containing local press articles, minutes, scrapbooks, and yearbooks documenting each club's contributions to their communities. One exceptional collection

is the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. records, containing over 33 document cases of 45 oversized boxes, with materials ranging in date from 1948 to 2024.

The Cherokee Garden Library is one of the designated programs to which all clubs, districts, and federations are encouraged to donate. All GCG funds go to support the goals of the Library. It is my pleasure to serve on the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. State Board as the Cherokee Garden Library Chairman. In our Districts, we have CGL Chairpersons who encourage participation – in person or virtually – to be inspired and learn from the many opportunities the library offers and to make donations.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, to celebrate the Cherokee Garden Library. Celebrating 50 Years & Growing with Charlotte Moss. Renowned interior designer Charlotte Moss will lead us on a fascinating journey as we travel the world through her eyes and explore the small intimate gestures of gardens near and far. From her home in Virginia to Italian villas, French chateaus, and through the Irish countryside, Moss will share her musings, influences, and inspirations. An author's book signing, and festive reception will follow the lecture. Tickets will be available via the Cherokee Garden Library's webpage later this year.



# *Garden Club of Georgia Scholarships*

*Susan Turner - Chairman*

We continue in our excitement and our appreciation for the generosity of garden club members and friends that enabled us to grant \$85,000 to our deserving Georgia students this past February.

Once again, please make GCG Scholarships a part of your giving, including honorariums, as you return to meetings with clubs, councils, federations, and districts. Continued donations for Named Scholarships, Patrons of Scholarships, Honors and Memorials, General Fund Contributions, Life Memberships and Dollars Educate Scholars are all appreciated and have influence in our giving.

Now is a great time to send in your contributions for 2025. It will be here before we know it! Information is found at [www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org) Click on *Member Resources* and scroll down to Scholarships. Please contact this chairman should you wish further assistance.

This January 2025, we will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year with *Dollars Educate Scholars*. Thank you for supporting this on-going fundraiser. This chairman is cooking up something special for the occasion!

Please continue to help our mission by financially supporting the future careers of our Georgia students. Our students are profoundly grateful to all. On behalf of the GCG Scholarship Committee, we thank you for being a part of their lives. These young people are dedicated to the same mission as The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. *Beautification, Conservation & Education*.



# Flower Power Fundraising

Fall bulbs are here and ready for you. Flower Power has some amazing options. We have raised over \$1000 so far. Yay! Remember, this is our fundraising effort for this year.

Send the link to your friends, post it on your Facebook page and pass it along to all those folks you have bought popcorn and cookies and pecans from over the years.

Click here to go directly to GCG's market:

<https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/marketplace/discover/?shop=garden+club+of+georgia>

These premium bulbs are unique and hearty.



[Bess Hartley](#)  
2nd Vice President  
Sponsorship Chairman

## *Historic Preservation*

*Pam Hendrix - Chairman*

Since the 1930's GCG has been actively involved with various aspects of preserving Georgia's landscape history. For the past twenty years, one of its signature programs is the Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative (GHLI). GHLI is a collaboration among The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the Cherokee Garden Library, Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center and the University of Georgia, College of Environment + Design, Historic Preservation Program. The purpose of the GHLI is to conduct a statewide inventory of historic gardens and landscapes of Georgia. The program is currently being evaluated by GCG leadership and more information will be forthcoming.

GCG has established an endowment fund for the Historic Landscape Preservation Grants entitled the "James R. Cothran Historic Landscape Preservation Endowment Fund" in memory of James R. Cothran, founder of the Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser, Grand Fund, and the Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative. Monies donated to the fund will be used as a permanent capital fund solely for the purpose of financing the Historic Landscape Preservation Grants with the state of Georgia. Anyone wishing to support historic preservation and/or to honor Cothran's outstanding contributions to historic landscape preservation, may make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund.

Member clubs and individuals may donate to historic preservation. Clubs donating \$25 or more are awarded "Partner of Preservation." Organizations or individuals donating \$100 or more become a "Patron of Preservation".

This year the annual the Historic Landscape Preservation fundraiser is hosted by the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and the Laurel District on November 2, 2024 10am to 2pm at Fair Oaks House in beautiful historic Marietta, an event Honoring our Past through Stories!



*Fair Oaks*



***A LOVELY DAY OF STORIES AND FRIENDSHIP!***

Join us for a day filled with laughter and friendship at Fair Oaks in Marietta for the annual HLP Grant Fundraising Event hosted by the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the Laurel District. Transport yourself back in time as we gather resources and enhance the beauty of historic landscapes across Georgia!

The [HLP Grant](#) aims to support the restoration of aging landscapes that hold cultural significance in Georgia, all of which were installed over 50 years ago. Can't go? [Donations are appreciated!](#)

***EVENT HIGHLIGHTS***

**Guest Speaker** – Paul Pugliese, Bartow County Extension Coordinator & ANR Agent

**Guest Speaker** – Trevor Beemon, Executive Director Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society, Inc.

**Explore the Gardens** – including our unique “Georgia’s First Ladies” Camellia Garden

**Educational Exhibits** – hosted by plant societies

**Plein Air Painters** – creating new masterpieces throughout the grounds

**Box Lunch** – choose from the menu on order form

**RAFFLE BASKETS** – specially created by our very own Katryn Taylor



HISTORIC LANDSCAPE  
PRESERVATION GRANT FUND BENEFIT

TICKETS - ORDER BY OCTOBER 25, 2024

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE  
SENT VIA EMAIL**

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ GARDEN CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "GCG" GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA**

# \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS@ \$45 = \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION AMT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Thank you!**  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE MARK YOUR LUNCH SELECTION

\_\_\_\_\_ TURKEY AND PROVOLONE CHEESE SANDWICH

Smoked turkey, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato. Served with our Tuscan Mayo on the side.

\_\_\_\_\_ MAPLE HONEY HAM AND SWISS SANDWICH

Canadian Maple ham, baby Swiss, lettuce, tomato. Served with our Spicy Sweet Mayo on the side.

\_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE HONEY PECAN CHICKEN SALAD ON CROISSANT

Seasoned chicken breast tossed with dried cranberries, celery, pecans, honey. Served with mayo on the side.

\_\_\_\_\_ SPINACH SALAD

Spinach leaves mixed with chopped eggs, feta cheese, walnuts, and cranberries. Served with our ginger Mandarin orange dressing on the side.

\_\_\_\_\_ NUT ALLERGY \_\_\_\_\_ GLUTEN FREE BREAD

**Each box lunch includes Broccoli Mandarin Salad** (broccoli florets tossed with golden raisins, pecans, red onion, and seasoned mayo dressing. Garnished with Mandarin oranges).

**Bing Cherry Salad. Tomato basil soup. Beverages and Dessert Bar.**



CONTACT HOST CAROL FEY AT

[CFEY@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:CFEY@BELLSOUTH.NET) EVENT AND

FUNDRAISING HOSTED By

LAUREL DISTRICT

# *Tally Sweat*

## *An Inspiration to All*



Tally Sweat, a Georgia native, was a beloved member of her community and an inspiring leader who made significant contributions to both Atlanta and the state of Georgia. Her contributions to her community have left a lasting impact for future generations to come.

She was an active member of several organizations, serving on the Board of Directors of the Trust for Public Land Georgia Advisory Council, Friends of Georgia State Parks, Atlanta Music Club, Atlanta Symphony Associates, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., National Garden Clubs, Inc., and the Olmsted Linear Park.

In 2020, Tally was recognized by Central Atlanta Progress with the naming of the Dan and Tally Sweat Award, honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to downtown Atlanta and demonstrated exceptional leadership, forward-thinking public service, and humility of spirit. In late February 2024, Tally Sweat was awarded the Georgia Water Coalition's (GWC) first time ever Lifetime Achievement Award at the State Capitol during Capitol Conservation Day. She was also honored by Georgia House Resolution 1219 for her decades of outstanding dedication to public service. Tally has been an activist for Georgia's environment since the 1950's. The Eastern Swallowtail Butterfly became the State Butterfly with her help. As a Garden Club volunteer, she served on several GWC leadership committees and offered invaluable support with her steadfast wisdom and guidance. From 2011-2024 Tally was GCG Legislative Chairman and spoke often for Georgia's amazing wilderness areas, wildlife, and plants. Tally was honored by the Georgia House of Representatives with a resolution acknowledging her many accomplishments and conveying gratitude for her service. It stated that Tally helped establish the Olmstead Linear Park Alliance which renovated and now manages the 45-acre Olmstead Linear Park in Druid Hills Community. In 1989 she was the Founding Board President of Park Pride, a nonprofit working with Atlanta Community to increase greenspace and contribute to community health and well-being. The resolution recognized her work in The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and garden clubs in Stone Mountain and Druid Hills.

## *Roadside Enhancement & Beautification Council*

*Barbara Bourque*

Per state law, the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has one representative on the Roadside Enhancement & Beautification Council. This group works with the GA Department of Transportation to award grants to local municipalities for beautification projects along state highways within their communities. This group will continue to monitor the grant awardees (\$750K in March) and follow up on their landscaping projects. The funding for these projects comes from the fees the Outdoor Advertisers pay when they cut down trees along the highway, from the sale of Wildflower Auto Tags, from donations, and from the general fund. Felicity Davis, a Landscape Architect with G-Dot, serves on the Council. She spoke at Redbud's fall meeting in 2023 and will be speaking at Dogwood's fall meeting in 2024. She provides an excellent presentation on the whole program.

## *National Garden Club Special Projects*

*Trudy Rudert - Chairman*

With Plant America – Plant for Pollinators gardeners can apply for certification as a pollinator garden. You can upload a photo of the garden. There have been 20 applications from GA out of the 412 nationwide.

This is the link to the application for Plant America – Plant for Pollinators:

<https://gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/z17pbyz17msloz/>

With Plant America – Landscape for Wildlife gardeners can apply for certification as a wildlife habitat. You get to choose the wildlife you want to encourage. It may be only birds or only small mammals or only insects (hint: pollinator garden) or it can be a wide range of animals (at least 5 you want to attract). You provide food, water, cover, and places for animals to raise their young. You can upload a photo of the garden.

This is the link to Plant America – Landscape for Wildlife application:

<https://gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/z16n6ku90w6df5v/>

There are 5 people in GA who have registered their gardens under this program.

This project is similar to GCG Community Wildlife Project. Those who have already registered their garden as a CWP can also do it at the national level with Plant America – Landscape for Wildlife.

## *Upcoming Events to Remember for 2025*

### **Deep South Regional Convention**

Hosted by Georgia

March 11-13, 2025 in Valdosta, Georgia

(More information to come on Garden Club of Georgia, Inc website)

### **Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention 2025**

April 29- 30, 2025 in Augusta, Georgia

### **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention**

May 18-22, 2025

North Charleston, SC

(More information to come on NGC website)

**New Website** [www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org)

**New Facebook page and remember to like and follow us!**

*To post content contact our **Facebook Manager**: Lisa Ethridge:*

*[Lrethridge110@gmail.com](mailto:Lrethridge110@gmail.com)*

*New **YouTube Channel**: Contact our YouTube Manager with ideas and content:*

*Camille Greeley: [Camille.Greeley@gmail.com](mailto:Camille.Greeley@gmail.com) or [Camillegreeley@att.net](mailto:Camillegreeley@att.net)*

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