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Left, Diane Hunter, GCG President with Right, Donna Donnley, NGC President

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DIRECTORS CORNER

Summer 2026

Spring arrived with Magnolias finishing the last details for the 2026 Garden Club of Georgia Convention. Under the excellent leadership of Kay Hagler, Magnolia Convention Chair and Co-Chair Sybil Willingham, the Magnificent Magnolias did shine! Magnolias staged the convention hall with red, white, and blue bunting with blue ribbon accents to echo the theme of "GCG Celebrates America." The speakers were excellent throughout the 2 days. Thank you to everyone who worked to make the convention a success, whether in Peachtree City or back home. Each district hosts the convention every 7 years.

By mid-April, many of our clubs were presenting wonderful projects and events to highlight Georgia Garden Week. Magnolia Garden Club of Fort Valley presented a highly successful Flower Fantasy themed to reflect

DIRECTORS CORNER continues

Magnolia District's theme of **“Healthy Environment, Healthier You.”** The thought-provoking display underscored the importance of recycling, reusing, reducing, and repurposing the trash we produce in our daily lives. This biennial event supports the GCG Scholarships and this year also provided funds to Magnolia District's Centennial project of a Wellness Garden at Masee Lane Gardens, a public garden in Fort Valley,

On May 1st, we gathered at the Plains Welcome Center in Plains, Georgia for the culmination of Magnolia District's two-year project to honor Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter for her many life achievements to include her promotion of Monarch Butterflies. She inspired the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail which today promotes pollinator gardens throughout our nation. Her action contributes to beautification, conservation, and education for a healthier environment. The beautiful memorial marker is located on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail at the entrance to the Welcome Center in Plains.

I encourage each of you to take time to read Magnolia Messenger. Find out what other clubs in our district are achieving and please share your successes in this newsletter. Let your clubs shine.

Send your articles to: Marilyn Aldrich,
magnoliadistrictdirector@gardenclubofgeorgia.org and to Kay Hagler,
haglerkay@gmail.com

Our Magnolia District Summer Board meeting is on August 6 in Byron. Mark your calendar for upcoming events! Plant red, white, and blue gardens as we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. Enjoy your summer!

Magnolia District Co-Director Report

MAGNIFICANT MAGNOLIAS !

An updated report from the Garden Club of Georgia indicates that all 24 clubs in the Magnolia District have completed the membership registration and payment for 2026. Wow, that is 100%. Not all districts can claim this record. Our membership total at this time is 495. This includes 6 Subscribing members. The membership total shows an **increase of 25 members since 2025**. The GCG state total is 9,287 which includes 257 Subscribing members.

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This is good news, but we need to increase our membership even more. Each club is challenged to pay for at least one new Subscribing member each year. This is a good way to thank a speaker or someone in the community who has helped your club. Sometimes that person may decide to become an active member.

Let us keep up the good work and invite new friends to visit and join your club. Make plans to attend the August Magnolia Board meeting. Your club can agree to fund one new person to attend a Magnolia District meeting in February, August, or October. This is a good way to get more members involved in district and State events.

Ann Howell, Magnolia District Co-Director

MAGNOLIA DISTRICT NEWS

Nature:



Photo of an Adult Male Luna Moth by Ellen Honeycutt. Blog by Ellen Honeycutt. I was walking near the creek where the stiltgrass is about 4 inches tall (it will be whacked down) and noticed that the grass was moving; a Luna moth had just emerged from its cocoon and was crawling across the ground, looking for a place to climb up to pump up its wings. I found a big stick, and it climbed up, and I put the stick against a tree.

When I came back about 10 minutes later, it had crawled up the tree about 5 feet. I returned several more times over the course of an hour and snapped photos of the changes. Unfortunately, it got dark before it was ready to open its wings. However, 5 days later, I found one in about the same area (see photo above), but I do not know if it is the same one.

What nature photos do you have? Send me your favorites for publication so we can enjoy what nature has to offer. We do not see all that there is to see! We look up and we look down but we do not see what we do not see! Send your photos of what you see to haglerkay@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE

MAGNOLIA DISTRICT SUMMER BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

9:30 - REFRESHMENTS

10:00 - 12:00 BUSINESS MEETING

BYRON HERITAGE CHURCH

LOCATED AT 103 W HERITAGE ST

BYRON, GA 31008.

ALL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

WELCOME TO ATTEND



SAVE THE DATE

Magnolia District's
Annual Fall Meeting

October 15, 2026

Americus, Georgia.

**ALL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Details to Follow

Rosalynn Carter Memorial Marker Unveiling

Magnolia District of the Garden Club of Georgia Dedicates a Memorial Marker to Rosalynn Carter

Written by: Marilyn Aldrich.



On May 1st, the Magnolia District of the Garden Club of Georgia Inc. and guests gathered at the Plains Welcome Center in Plains to unveil a Memorial Marker honoring former Georgia and United States First Lady Rosalynn Smith Carter. Magnolia District Director Marilyn Aldrich (Butler Garden Club) and Kay Hagler (Buena Vista's Beautiful

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View Garden Club), Former Magnolia District Director and Memorial Marker Chair, welcomed special guest Garden Club of Georgia President Diane Hunter and members of the Carter family including Miss Rosalynn's sister, Mrs. Allethea Smith Wall, Clate and Courtney Wall, Julie Smith Wall, and Becky Carter.

The marker honors Eleanor Rosalynn Smith Carter an American activist and humanitarian who served as the first lady of the United States and first lady of Georgia as the wife of President and Governor Jimmy Carter. Throughout her decades of public service, she was a leading advocate for women's rights and mental health.

In the final decade of her life, she was dedicated to Monarch butterfly conservation. With the aid of her friend Annette Wise, now the President of the Board of Directors of the nonprofit Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trails, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter's concern for pollinators has blossomed into a network of pollinator gardens throughout the United States and into other nations.

In 2017, the Magnolia District decided to support the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly's Trail annual symposium focusing on recent research on pollinators and education to enhance habitat, food, and host plants for butterflies and other important pollinators.

The Marker can be viewed at the entrance to the Plains Welcome Center located at 1763 GA HWY 280 in Plains. The Marker is located on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail.

Mrs. Carter was also a member of the Iris Garden Club in Plains. While serving as First Lady, she invited the Iris Garden Club and the Sumter County Federation to help decorate the White House for Christmas, giving Magnolia District a little notoriety. The Magnolia District is comprised of 27 Counties from Middle to Southwest Georgia. The Mission of the Garden Club of Georgia is "Beautification, Conservation, and Education."



Photo: Kay Hagler, Joey Recker (Plains Mayor), and Marilyn Aldrich, District Director of Magnolia District.



The photo left is L to R: Bess Hartley (First Vice President of GCG), Diane Hunter, (President of GCG), and Mrs. Allethea Smith Wall (Sister of Rosalynn Carter).



GCG Convention 2026 Highlights America

The Garden Club of Georgia's 98th Annual Convention was held in Peachtree City on April 1 – 3, 2026.

The theme of the convention was "GCG Celebrates America." Over 200 attendees gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Peachtree City. The Convention was hosted by the **Magnificent MAGNOLIA District**. Village Green GC of Byron, Ga volunteered to develop and design the center pieces for the GCG luncheons and dinners. Fay Whigham, Chairman and her workers, stayed with the theme of "GCG Celebrates America" and designed a red, white, and blue centerpiece. The designs were a sellout.

The designs featured a lovely blue ceramic pot planted with red geraniums plus red, white, and blue stars. White stones were used on a blue mat to accentuate the blue of the mat and star bursting blue pot.



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HONOR DESIGNS BY MAGNOLIA DISTRICT DESIGNERS

Designs were created by members of Magnolia District to honor and welcome The National Garden Club President, Donna Donnelly, GCG President, Diane Hunter, and Magnolia District Director, Marilyn Aldrich.

Janice Cliett, Magnolia District, Dogwood GC of Americus designed the beautiful arrangement for Donna Donnelly, President, National Garden Club. Janice is just checking to see if perfection is perfection! It is a beautiful arrangement.

The Title of the design right:
"PLANT AMERICA For the next 100 Years". Designer: Janice Cliett. Photo Right.



Sherrell Bailey of Dogwood GC, of Americus, designed the Honor Design for Marilyn Aldrich, Magnolia District Director. Photo right:



"Healthier Environment Healthier You"

Designer Delise Knight, Magnolia District, Magnolia GC of Fort Valley created the beautiful arrangement for Diane Hunter, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Photo left above.

"Building Communities of Diversity"

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CONVENTION GALLERY

The Magnolia District hosted the 2026 Convention "GCG Celebrates America " as we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Red, White, and Blue was on display from the moment you walked in the door to a Registration Table decked out in red, white, and blue bunting enhanced with blue bows. And a gorgeous red, white, and blue flower design made by Magnolia's District's Janice Cliett honoring special guest, National Garden Club President Donna Donnelly. The design was a wonderful interpretation of Donna's theme "Plant America for the Next 100 Years."

The Convention opened with the Old Guard costumed in 1776 regalia from the Atlanta Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presenting the flag in a moving ceremony. Again, red, white, and blue bunting made a stately head table display.

At the awards ceremony, the tables featured beautiful designs created in a design class that morning. Magnolia's Kay Hagler and Sherry Waller were among the designers. Winchester GC of Columbus created special chocolate favors festooned in red, white, and blue purses and firecrackers! How creative! All attendees were dressed in sparkling attire with silver, gold, pearls, and of course reds, whites, and blues. Donna Donnelly said we "looked like fireworks" from the head table.

The celebration continued with red, white, and blue table decor and a beautiful balloon arch acting as background for photographs. Fabulous speakers with tri-fresher recertification potential were included plus two design classes. Magnolia District sold beautiful Blue Tote bags festooned with red ribbons and red, white, and blue lapel pins. Magnolias worked hard but had some fun too!

Raffle Baskets were donated by District Clubs and



Members!
It was fun
to see the
joy when
Bess

Hartley announced the winners name!





Convention 2026 Workers were lovely in their coordinated red fascinators and red, white, and blue sashes! Organized, beautiful, and smart. They were a few of the efficient workers helping run the Convention!

The Convention workers constructed a red, white, and blue

balloon triple arch for the awards ceremony and photo takers.

The Sons of the American Revolution were OUTSTANDING!!!

PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG BY The Sons of the American Revolution. Photo below with Scott Collins, (far left), (National Society SAR Chief Compliance



Officer, Commander - Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, Commander - National Society SAR Color Guard (2023 - 2025), Past President (2019) - Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, Athens Chapter - Past President and Registrar) and Company.

Thank you Sybil Willingham for bringing them to this special event.





Photo Left: Attendees and Workers of the GCG Convention 2026! All workers did an outstanding job! Did you notice the Red Fascinators? Photo below, Convention Co-Chairman, Sybil Willingham smiles as she works the convention! Where did her red fascinator go?

This Convention was all about RED, WHITE, AND BLUE!!!!

Photo below left: Janis Webb, Magnolia District's Raffle Basket Chairman has many tickets to sell! Janis and her volunteer workers sold lots of tickets and did an outstanding job for GCG.



Photo right below:



Loraine Lester and Marilyn Aldrich sell Insulated Bags for Magnolia District as a Fund Raiser.



MAGNOLIA DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Village Green Garden Club of Byron



In honor of Garden Week of Georgia, the Village Green Garden Club held a public dedication of our **new public sign** located at North Peach Park in Byron, GA. The dedication was conducted by President, Faye Whigham on April 21, 2026. Honored guests included Mayor Micheal Chidester, former GCG president and member, Martha Price, and city employee,

Salina Hall along with nine members of our club.

Our sign depicts Village Green Garden Club of the Magnolia District and our service in the Byron community since we were founded in 1965. This year's club theme is 'Growing Together.' During the past 61 years former and current members have blessed our city by growing many community gardens including a sitting garden named after Frances Mosely on Main Street, a rose bed by the railroad tracks on Main St., a flower bed at the fire station on Hwy 49, a Blue Star Marker at the Byron City Cemetery and our beautiful, 'Serinity Butterfly Garden of Byron GA', registered on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, at the Byron Welcome Center. We installed birdhouses and various flower beds at North Peach Park, some of which are replanted seasonally and watered weekly by our amazing member, Judy Morris. Finally, to prepare for our dedication, we created a new flower bed to add beauty underneath our lovely new sign created by Sarylyn Smith, Kay Lambert and 'All in One Professional' located on Mosely Road, Byron, GA.

Our sign stands as a reminder of the dedication and hard work of the members of our Village Green Garden Club and the support of our wonderful Byron community. It is a testament to the belief that even the smallest of gestures—like an organization's can help make a



place feel more connected, more beautiful, and more welcoming to all who visit our community in Byron, GA.

BEAUTIFUL VIEW GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES SPRING

Beautiful View Garden Club in Buena Vista celebrated Georgia Gardening Week by **placing an exhibit** in the **Marion County Library**. This included a Georgia Gardening Week poster and a floral arrangement using native plants and wildflowers gathered from a member's yard. Brochures about the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and contact information for the Beautiful View Garden Club were displayed.

Members have spent many hours cleaning out debris, transplanting perennials, and adding irrigation hoses to the pollinator garden area near the newly constructed deck and along the south side of the building at the Buena Vista Community Center. In addition, the members have constructed a short, paved walkway adjacent to the pollinator garden using pavers donated by one of the club members.

Many **ox-eyed daisy plants** have been donated and planted near the front entrance of the building which also serves as the club meeting space as well as a rental space for local citizens. Daisies are the club flower and should continue to share their beauty for many years.

Club members have adopted the concrete planters around the Marion County Courthouse area to help bring some colorful flowers to the city. The addition of several new members has helped to make these improvements.

BLUE STAR MARKER RESTORED At the Early County Courthouse in Blakely, Georgia

Once Upon A Time there was a Garden Club named Blakely Garden Club, but it is no more. The history listed on the Blue Star Memorial states that the Blakely Garden Club did sponsor The Blue Star Memorial located on the Early County Courthouse Square in Early County, Georgia. It is history and as time progresses life moves forward. Things fade into the past and new items come from the future. This we see in Early County! We must step up to preserve the past and still walk into the future. A SPONSOR stepped up to preserve the past by refurbishing the Blue Star Memorial in Blakely

Georgia. SPONSOR YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!! A Patron noted the Early County Courthouse Blue Star Marker was not at its best and needed restoration. The marker is located in Blakely Georgia on the Courthouse square. GCG's Blue and Gold Star Memorial Chairperson, Jan These requested that Magnolia District patron the Blue Star Memorial as Magnolia District is listed as one of the original sponsors as well as Blakely Garden Club. Blakely Garden Club is no longer a functioning club.



So, a Patron understood the assignment and achieved the goal of bringing the Blue Star Marker back to its original condition. What a wonderful project for a Patron to undertake. The GCG grant award was applied for and GCG provided \$450.00 in grant funds to aid the project. Thank GCG, Jan These and the secret Patron!!!



BUTLER GARDEN CLUB

One of the sweet, if not the sweetest events in Taylor County is the Strawberry Festival,

Rt to Lt. Members of Butler GC OFFER FREE PLANTS AND PRIZES



held annually in Reynolds, Ga on the last weekend in April. The Butler Garden Club got involved early in potting and planting seeds and plants to give away at the festival; that's



Club members Pot up Plants TO PROVIDE FREE PLANTS TO ATTENDEES

and prizes. The festival was a tremendous success and the BGC booth was as well.

UNsung HERO OF THE MAGNOLIA GARDEN CLUB OF FORT VALLEY



For many Years, Sandra Haga has worked behind the scenes promoting our Magnolia Garden Club. She constantly makes sure the community knows we are present and active. Many times, the city calls on her to provide local support to the city. We have replenished gardens, filled hanging baskets on Main Street, decorated our bandstand, provided Christmas celebrations for the community, decorated municipal buildings, provided manpower with city workers, and many more civic projects. Sandra gives our club the credit but never herself. She supports and involves all of the

members to make sure our activities are on top and completed. Sandra recognizes our different abilities and talents. She makes sure we are all in place. No matter what the project, Sandra is the glue that keeps us on track and united. Sandra Haga is Magnolia

Garden Club of Fort Valley's unsung hero. She is a dynamic leader, a caring individual, but moreover, she makes all our members feel their value. She is the members Hero!

CAMELLIA GARDEN CLUB OF CUTHBERT'S EASTER GARDEN THERAPY

On March 31 members of the Camellia Garden Club of Cuthbert helped residents of Joe-Anne Burgin Nursing Home decorate Easter baskets for their rooms. It was a delightful event for everyone! Pictured here are Camellia Garden Club members Martha Corrigan, Patricia Goodman, Cheryl Meadows, Andi Henderson, Judith Howard, and Bobbie Liggett.



Camellia Garden Club of Cuthbert Dedicates Historic Cistern Garden

Camellia Garden Club of Cuthbert welcomed the community to the dedication of the beautiful Historic Cistern Garden in Cuthbert on April 17, 2026. Guest speakers were Cuthbert Mayor Bobby Jenkins and State Representative Gerald Greene.



Present were many community members who donated to make the project possible. The Garden Club of Georgia awarded the garden first place in the state for Civic Improvement, and it received first place in Community Action, Small Club by the Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. The historic water cistern was constructed circa 1837 to provide water for horses and mules that drew the wagons and carriages and also for livestock

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that in earlier times roamed free. The cistern is the centerpiece of the garden, now featuring seasonal plantings instead of water.

CAMILLA GARDEN CLUB OF CAMILLA



The Camilla Garden continually supports the Camilla Desoto Regional Library. On Thursday, April 9th, the club met to present the “Friends of the Library” a \$5000 check in order to help with landscape beautifications. Back in the fall, the club donated a butterfly bench for the beautification of grounds. The Camilla Garden Club loves our library.

Back Row: Paula Palmer (Friends of Library), Sharon Martin, Jenny Bostick, Lydia Bullard (Friends of Library), Debbie Murphy, Vanessa Orr (Librarian) Cindy Anglin, Nan Williamson, and Susan Luke
 Front Row: Deanie Campbell (Friends of Library) , Sandra Sullivan, and Shirley Moye
 Members of the Garden club who were not present were Cindy Bostick, Patsy Stripling, Bushy Davis, Len Hagan, Susie Horner, Nancy Muggridge, and Liz Lewis.

DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICUS



At the February Dogwood Garden Club meeting, the members put their creative talents and heart and soul into making old fashioned Valentines. The pop-up "gardens" were especially fun to make.

Hopefully, they will bring a bit of surprise and joy when they are open the valentine. Good thoughts and loving wishes were included on each card. It was a special time of sharing and caring for the members.

All the valentines were taken to Perfect Care, a local care facility, to be distributed to the residents on Valentines Day.

In March, the Dogwood Garden Club made a field trip to **Ann's Garden Shop in Albany**, followed by a nice luncheon meeting. The presentation gave us new ideas for spring and talked about available items for purchase, including spring decorative items, flowerpots, healthy plants, and bird feeders covered in moss. Members were inspired and came home with renewed enthusiasm and ideas for spring planting. The resident cat made us feel very welcome.



Garden Club Week display at Lake Blackshear Regional Library by Cindy Williams and Pat Booker.



The Dogwood Yard of the Month award for February went to Bobby and Brenda Underwood. Winter yard beauty: simple and perfectly groomed.



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AZALEA GARDEN CLUB OF COLUMBUS

Hats Off to a Winning Year!



*I NEED THIS HAT!!!!
YES, BOTH HATS!
OUTSTANDING!!!!*



The Azalea Garden Club's final meeting before summer break took a delightful detour down Derby Day lane. From the moment members walked through the door, it was clear that millinery ambition had reached new heights. Feathers fluttered, flowers bloomed from brims, and hats tilted at angles that surely defied both gravity and good judgment.

The theme, "Derby Day's Run for the Roses," fit perfectly as we celebrated the accomplishments of the past year and the many honors received at the recent Georgia Garden Club convention, along with National Garden Club recognition. These awards were part of our Plant America project --- truly a labor of love involving equal parts dirt under our nails, determination in our hearts, and deadlines on spreadsheets. Miraculously, we survived it all with smiles intact.

Of course, the hats became the stars of the afternoon. Some were elegant wide-brimmed masterpieces worthy of Churchill Downs, while others were flamboyant fascinators secured with determination, strategic pin placement, and a prayer or two. A few members clearly viewed the competition for "Best Derby Millinery" as a personal calling. Then there were the brave souls who arrived hatless, only to discover they had unintentionally qualified for the "booby prize" division. Good sportsmanship and plenty of laughter carried the day.

The luncheon carried the Derby theme beautifully with a delightful teatime spread of finger sandwiches, tomato rounds, cheese straws, fruit skewers, and desserts too pretty to eat. The only thing missing were mint juleps, though the sparkling refreshments made a convincing case that we were already celebrating in proper Derby spirit.

Adding to the fun was an entertaining program on the history and traditions of the Kentucky Derby, including the famous rose garland, the winner's circle, and the long-standing customs surrounding the beloved "Run for the Roses." By the end of the afternoon, we all felt like winners ourselves.

As we close another wonderful season together, we do so with gratitude for the friendships we have cultivated right alongside our gardens. Through every project, program, and shared laugh, this club continues to bloom because of the kindness, creativity, and fellowship of its members. Until we meet again this fall, may your gardens thrive and your hats always be dramatic enough to win a blue ribbon. Wishing everyone a blessed summer filled with sunshine, blooms, friendship, and laughter. Happy gardening!

GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. NEWS

Congratulations Magnificent Magnolias on taking home GCG Awards!

Conservation Award -Small Club:

Winchester GC Columbus 1 st Place

Garden Therapy Small Club section A:

Oglethorpe GC Oglethorpe - 2nd Place

Village Green GC Byron - 3rd Place

Garden Therapy Medium Club section B:

Butler GC – Butler - 3rd Place

Cemetery Award Medium Club Small Club:

Village Green GC Byron – 1st place

Butler GC Butler – 3rd place

Civic Improvement – Small Club:

Camellia GC Cuthbert – 1st Place



Civic Improvement – Medium Club:

Azalea GC of Columbus – 3rd Place

Yearbook - Small Club:

Oglethorpe GC Oglethorpe - 2nd Place

Horticulture Program – Small Club:

Oglethorpe GC Oglethorpe– 1st Place

Publicity Press Book – Small Club:

Oglethorpe GC Oglethorpe – 1st Place

Publicity – Medium Club:

Butler GC Butler - 3rd Place

Member Participation Award – Small Club:

Oglethorpe GC Oglethorpe – 1st Place

Membership Brochure – Medium Club:

Butler GC Butler – 2nd Place

Garden week in Georgia – Small Club:

Oglethorpe GC Oglethorpe – 2nd Place

Holiday Decorations – Small Club:

Village Green Garden Club 3rd Place



Holiday Decorations – Medium Club:

Butler Garden Club – 3rd Place

High School Gardeners Activities:

Azalea GC Columbus – 1st Place

Public Relations:

Butler GC Butler – 3rd Place

Litter/Recycle/Reclamation – Small Club:

Winchester GC Columbus – 1st Place

Standard Flower Show – 2 or more Districts:

Magnolia and Camellia – 1st Place

Flower Show Schedule – 2 or more Districts:

Magnolia and Camellia – 1st Place

Flower Show Staging Award – 2 or more Districts:

Magnolia and Camellia



THE GCG CENTURY CLUB NEEDS YOU: TODAY

The Magnolia District is continuing its quest to have the highest percentage of Century Club Members and Clubs than other districts based on membership size. With fewer than 500 members, our district is the smallest of the 7 districts via membership. If you have not sent your \$100 check payable to "Garden Club of Georgia" with the correct Century Club form (for individuals OR

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clubs/councils/districts) to Barbara Bourque, please do it soon and today sounds even better.

As of May 7, 2026, Magnolia District has 36 members, 8 garden clubs and 1 council. The next formal presentation of Century Club Pins to individuals will be at the upcoming Magnolia District Board Meeting to be held August 6, 2026, hosted by the Village Green Garden Club in Byron, GA. We are waiting for you to be added to the MAGNOLIA DISTRICT CENTURY CLUB HONOR ROLL!

[**NOTE:** If you need the Century Club form, please go to the GCG website: gardenclubofgeorgia.org; click on the 3 dashes at the top right; click on Member

Resources; 100th Anniversary Celebration; arrow down to the bottom and click on the blue form.]Nilsa Summey & Janice Cliett, Magnolia District Century Club Representatives. Nilsa Summey & Janice Cliett, Magnolia District 100th Anniversary Committee

GCG'S Community Wildlife Project



The Community Wildlife Project (CWP) is a joint effort of GCG and the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Conservation Section. Its purpose is to better manage non-game wildlife and plant habitats in rural, urban, and suburban communities.

Need more information?

Contact Jean O'Shields

Chairman Certified Wildlife Project

478-397-7660, jeanoshields7@gmail.com.

Photo left: Molly Kimler instructs the group on how to promote the CWP program.

Photo right: Magnolia District member Gayle Wyrick proved to be quite the artist. Her sister Marilyn Aldrich, Magnolia DD, looks on.



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The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
The Seven Districts
&
The Carter Presidential Center

Invite you to attend the Dedication Ceremony for a

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

10:00 AM

At

The Carter Presidential Center
453 John Lewis Freedom Parkway NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

Blue Star Memorial Markers are dedicated to honor
All who have served, are serving or will serve in the
United States Armed Forces

President Jimmy Carter served in the U.S. Navy, graduating from the Naval Academy in 1946 and achieving the rank of Lieutenant before his honorable discharge in 1953. His military career included service on submarines and involvement in the Navy's new submarine program during the Cold War.

Please Join Us

For this very special occasion to show support for those
who sacrifice daily to keep our Nation free.

All are invited but you must RSVP by June 15, 2026: **[RSVP HERE](#)**

Please make reservations only for those who have confirmed that they plan to attend. This will be a catered event and we have to give the caterer a headcount.

THE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

NEWS

PLANT AMERICA/GEORGIA: RED, WHITE & BLUE



The weather is perfect for planting those red, white, and blue gardens. Big or small, corners of your yard, container gardens, add flags, banners, colored pots, painted bird houses, etc. We all want to see your beautiful handiwork!

For each location RW&B submission, please send ONE EMAIL of the individual project titled “PLANT AMERICA/GA (#05-XXXX)*, add the location (area name, rest stop name, park, or home street name only) and your contact information with the

attached pictures. You will receive an acknowledgement when properly submitted.

This chairman is expecting multiple submissions from different members within a club for their personal gardens. If your members work on a single group project, then only one submission should be made.

Since this is a statewide project and emails with pictures are coming in from all 7 districts, it could be a nightmare trying to correctly piece together information from multiple emails.

Therefore, all RW&B submissions have to be submitted following this same, consistent manner. Please help this chairman, make this NGC/GCG project a winner!!

Nilsa Summey, NGC Special Projects Chairman: Plant America USA 250th Anniversary
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[*NOTE: If you don't know your 5 digit club number, ask your club treasurer OR go to the GCG website: gardenclubofgeorgia.org; click on the 3 dashes on the top right corner; go to “Districts & Clubs”; “Magnolia District 05”; arrow way down to green block “Click here to see list of Magnolia District Clubs” above GCG logo]



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Spring Issue (Mar. April May) February 15
Summer Issue (June, July, August) May 15

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check Sign up and Details at <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/events-calendar/> : Also, Check out The Facebook and District Webpages.

2026

June 30, 2026:	Blue Star Marker Dedication, Blue Star Marker installation at The Carter Center, 10 am-1 pm: The Carter Center, 453 John Lewis Freedom Parkway NE, Atlanta, Georgia RSVP to: GCG
July 15, 2026:	Deadline Garden Gateway Submissions
August 6, 2026:	Magnolia District Summer Board, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, Byron, Ga.
August 15, 2026:	Deadline for Magnolia Messenger submissions
August 19, 2026	NGC Flower Show School, Course 1: GCG or NCG for registration, Johns Creek, Georgia
August 21-22, 2026	Great Southeast Pollinator Census 2026, https://gsepc.org/
August 26, 2026	Zoom, GCG Fall 2026 Finance and Executive Committee Zoom: 1:30 pm-3:00 pm
September 9, 2026	GCG Fall Board Meeting, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters, 2450 S. Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.
October 15, 2026	Magnolia District Annual Fall Meeting, Americus, Ga.

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