

The Azalea Trumpet

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Garden Musings from District Director Jan Stewart

It's more than half way through the Azalea District Garden Club year. Time for reflection and renewal.

As we reach this point of our garden club year, it's the perfect moment to pause, take a deep breath, and appreciate how far we've come together.

From the first buds of spring to the lush blooms of summer, our members have poured their time, creativity, and care into making our gardens—and our community—flourish. We've shared seeds, swapped stories, and learned new techniques that have not only enriched our soil but also our friendships.

This midpoint is more than just a marker on the calendar—it's a chance to reflect on our suc-

cesses and set intentions for the months ahead. Whether it's tackling that tricky shade garden, experimenting with pollinator-friendly plants, or planning our next community project, there's still so much beauty to cultivate.

Let's carry forward the same spirit of teamwork and joy that has brought us this far. Together, we can make the second half of our garden year even more vibrant than the first.

Here's to more blooms, more laughter, and more shared moments among the flowers. 🌸



Spring meeting: Mardi Gras was the theme for the district spring meeting. GILES PHOTO

Look for Civic Improvement Projects

By **RENEE MARBUT**

Azalea District

Civic Improvement Chairman

As we begin to see the little plants pushing through the dirt in spring, all gardeners think of what new projects can we start. It's also a great time for our garden clubs to think about new projects to begin too. I would like to encourage your club to start a civic improvement project that provides public benefit. These projects beautify or conserve community settings, and they benefit all citizens of the community.

It is such a privilege to give back to our communities. We can do this through cleanups, landscaping or beautification of public buildings, hospitals grounds, places of worship, courthouse squares, cemeteries or other public places.

There are numerous grants that will provide financial assistance and supplies. There is also a state award for civic improvement.

Look around your communities to recognize a need for a civic improvement project that will benefit your communities in a significant way and it will bring pleasure to many!

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.

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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.

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.

Instead of taking the time to embed photos in documents, send them as separate files.

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Deadline for next edition: Sept 18

Azalea District News

Wings Over the Old Capital



District Summer Board Meeting Is Aug. 18 in Milledgeville



All Azalea District board members, including officers, chairman, club or council presidents, as well as all club members are cordially invited to attend the Azalea District summer board meeting.

Carrington Woods Garden Club and Milledgeville Garden Club will host the meeting at First Baptist Church in Milledgeville, which was the state's first capital, from 1804 to 1868. Ergo the theme: Wings Over the Old Capital.

All committee chairs will have the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and share information about their area of responsibility.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and treats. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Lunch will be served.

The First Baptist Church is at 330 South Liberty Street in Milledgeville.

The registration deadline is Aug. 7. Send \$35 payable to Azalea District to Pam Lohr Hendrix at 1151 Thornwood Drive, Watkinsville, Ga., 30677-5342. Late registration is \$40.

A registration form follows on the next page.



Azalea District News

Summer Board Meeting Registration

\$35 if postmarked
By Aug. 7.
\$40 late registration

Name_____

Phone Number _____

Email_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip _____

Garden Club/Council Name_____

Garden Club /Council Position_____

Level (check one): Club _ Council_ District_ State_

Dietary Restriction: No __ Yes __ Describe:_____

Emergency Contact_____Phone _____

Please make check payable to **Azalea District** for **\$35.00**.

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Azalea District News

Azalea District II 2026 Annual Awards

Calling all Azalea District Clubs:

Please review the Azalea District Awards Handbook for district awards to be awarded at the Azalea District Annual Fall Meeting, **Oct. 20, 2026**.

New this year, when submitting your application via email, copy the Azalea District Awards Chairman, **Betty Hotchkiss** at bhotchkiss56@gmail.com.

You will receive an email confirmation once your award application has been received.

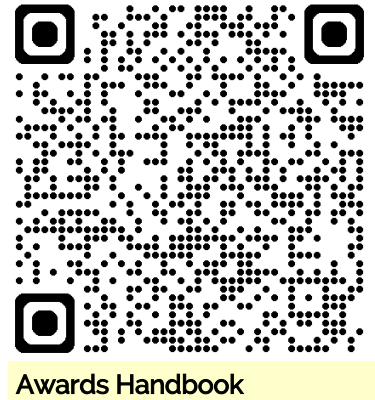
It is your club's time to shine. Club presidents and district board members, encourage your members to fill out an award application. Remember, if you do not submit, you cannot win.

We would like to have 100 percent Azalea District Awards presented.

AD Awards Handbook and AD Awards Application are available on the Azalea District Webpage. Follow the QR code.

AD Awards Committee is available on GCG Website, GCG Personal Guide. It is also printed on the following page.

Questions, contact Betty Hotchkiss
Azalea District Awards Chairman
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Azalea District News

Azalea District II

2025-2027 Awards Committee

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Awards Presented at GCG Annual Convention

Following are the awards presented to Azalea District Clubs for 2025:

No. 2, GARDEN CENTERS

Mini Garden Center

2nd, Pine Tree Garden Club of Hartwell

No. 3, NEWSLETTER OR BULLETIN OF 13-24 PAGES

District

2nd, Azalea

No. 4, BIRD AWARD

Medium Club

3rd, Pine Tree GC of Hartwell

No. 6, TREE AWARD

Medium Club

1st, Nancy Hart GC
2nd, Rose and Dahlia GC

No. 10, GARDEN THERAPY

Medium Club

2nd, Gray GC

Section B

2nd, Pine Tree GC of Hartwell

No. 11, WILDFLOWER

1st, Washington-Wilkes Iris GC

No. 13, CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Medium Club

Hon. Men., Pine Tree GC of Hartwell

No. 15, HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Medium Club

1st, Greensboro GC

No. 16, YEARBOOK

20-29 Members

3rd, Iris GC Augusta

30-44 Members

1st, Spade and Trowel GC
2nd, Pine Tree GC, Hartwell

45-69 Members

3rd, Ladies GC

No. 19, HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

Large Club

1st, Watkinsville GC

No. 25, SCRAPBOOK

Traditional

1st, Pine Tree GC, Hartwell
1st, Watkinsville GC

No. 26, POEMS

Written for adults, by adults

4th, Peggy Tucker, Pine Tree GC

No. 37, PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter; One Page

Small Club

1st, Sharon-Raytown GC

No. 37, B2B Ed BROCHURE

2nd, Gray GC, Azalea

No. 46, PUBLIC RELATIONS

Medium Club

2nd, Rose and Dahlia GC

No. 47, DVD/CD/FLASH/ POWERPOINT PROGRAM

Small Club

1st, Sharon-Raytown GC

No. 48, MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

Sara Marbut, Rose and Dahlia GC

No. 53, SOCIAL MEDIA

Medium Club

2nd, Pine Tree GC Hartwell

No. 56, NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB WEEK

Medium Club

1st, Pine Tree GC Hartwell

No. 57, JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Medium Club

2nd, Rose and Dahlia GC

No. 60, GARDEN WEEK IN GEORGIA

Small Club

Hon. Men., Sharon Raytown GC

Medium Club

3rd, Rose and Dahlia GC

No. 61, ARBOR DAY

Medium Club

1st, Rose and Dahlia GC

Watkinsville Garden Club



Watkinsville Garden Club Plants Bulbs At City's New Thomas Farm Preserve

The Watkinsville Garden Club embarked on a new project at the city's new Thomas Farm Preserve. Member Amy Lanclos chaired the effort, which started with planting different varieties of narcissus around a raised tree planting. Vinca was also planted. The club also did some soil preparation at nearby sites to prepare for future projects on the site. Succulents were planted atop a nearby rock wall. Stuart Willis of Athens Seed came by to check on the project. Athens Seed donated soil amendments. Thomas Farm Preserve was dedicated as a city park in December, 2024. It will preserve 60 acres of open pasture land, 33 acres of woods, two ponds and frontage on Calls Creek. The city installed one mile of paved, wheel-chair accessible 10-foot paths around the ponds, and two miles of crushed gravel paths in the woods. Mayor Brian Brodrick dropped in on the club's project to thank volunteers.



Milledgeville Garden Club

Nelson Garden Selected as April Garden of Month Recipient

The Milledgeville Garden Club selected the property of Marion and Harriett Nelson as the April Garden of the Month. In April, the native azaleas, dogwoods and Japanese maples are especially beautiful. Butterflies dart about.

Nestled among towering pines, the home is surrounded by an amazing array of flowering shrubs, flowers and trees. Harriett, a retired biology teacher, is an accomplished hands-on gardener with seemingly tireless energy. She has used stones from the property as well as other sources to build walls to border the garden "rooms" inspired by Southern Living. Stones and salvage rocks were used to make walkways and small bridges throughout the area. Marion, retired from the Department of Natural Resources, has cleared trees and underbrush, hauled stones and provided endless support. But he states clearly, "This is Harriett's garden."

Harriett says that it has been her therapy.



Milledgeville Garden Club



Poyner's pointers: Linda Poyner, center, shared seed-starting tips with the Milledgeville Garden Club.. Shown with her are hostesses Valerie Wheeler, Sherrill Jones, Anne Neely-Beck and Sandy Connell.

Twelve Years in the Garden

Linda Poyner was the featured speaker for the January meeting of the Milledgeville Garden Club at Rose Hill Mansion in Lockerly Arboretum.

Through the use of vivid photos, Mrs. Poyner shared her 12-year journey of developing the landscape surrounding the Major Edward White House. Her presentation reflected not only her creativity and passion for gardening, but also her love of plants and nature.

In addition, she shared her tips for starting plants from seeds. .



This old house: This undated photo shows the Major Edward White House, believed to be Milledgeville's oldest home, dating to 1806.

Milledgeville Garden Club



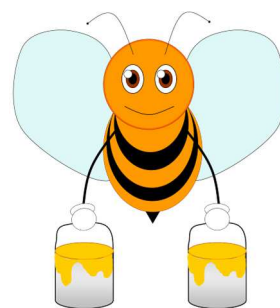
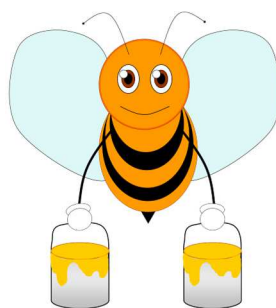
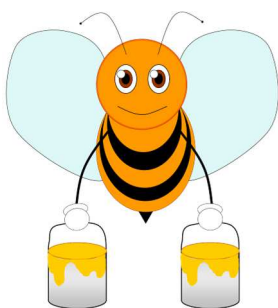
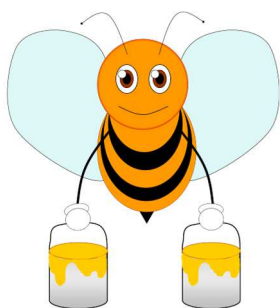
Let's get fruity: Betty and Mike Hotchkiss were guests of the Milledgeville Garden Club., shown with hostesses Denise Monica, Sylvia Moore, Sharon Williams, and Becky Brock.

Fruitful Meeting

Mike and Betty Hotchkiss shared with the Milledgeville Garden Club at its February meeting a program on "Incorporating Fruit Trees into the Landscape."

Mike Hotchkiss is a plant pathologist and researcher who specializes in supporting the fruit and nut industry. He has co-authored numerous peer-reviewed studies published in journals. It was an interesting and informative program, with lots of good Valentine food and fellowship among the large crowd gathered at Lockerly Arboretum in Rose Hill Mansion.

Milledgeville Garden Club



How Sweet It Is!

The Milledgeville Garden Club enjoyed a presentation from Trish Tuttle, a certified beekeeper and member of Lake Country Beekeepers Association.

She serves as a volunteer mentor to new beekeepers.

Her honey was voted the “Best Tasting Honey in Georgia.” Club members concur: It is delicious!

Fifty members and guests enjoyed delicious St Patty’ foods at LockeryArboretum in Rose Hill Mansion. It was really a fun and informative holiday gathering among happy & lucky garden loving ladies.



Sweet program: New Member Nancy Sorenson, left, heard speaker Trish Tuttle speak on bees.



Hostesses with the mostest: A St. Patrick's Day meal was prepared by hostesses Jan Jeffords-Schenck, Joanne Battle, Mary Nevins, Elizabeth Hines, Jane Thompson and Carol Grant. Not shown is Betty Sopp.

Milledgeville Garden Club

HISTORIC HOME GETS NEW HERB GARDEN COURTESY OF CLUB AND FRIENDS



Planting a little history: The Milledgeville Garden Club joined with friends in planting a historic herb garden at the 200-year-old Brown-Stetson-Sanford House at 601 W, Hancock St. in Milledgeville. The house is a museum open for tours. Shown above are, from left, Linda Poynter, Jan Jeffords-Schenck, Amy Wright, Blanton Carter and in front Harriett Whipple.. Sherril Jones, Joanne Battle, Sara Brantley and Anne Warren also assisted with the project.

Union Point Garden Club

First Flower Show a Big Hit

The Union Point Garden Club hosted its first ever flower show, 'Fun in the Gaden', on Saturday, May 30.

The event was held at the recently renovated Union Point Community Center on Hart Avenue. They welcomed entries from neighboring garden clubs, including Warrenton Garden Club, Sharon-Raytown Garden Club and the general public. The event was attended by many local flower enthusiasts. Awards were given for best design and horticultural specimens. Susan Turner, Diana Malone and Barbara Warner served as certified judges.

The three classes of floral design included a Creative Design, a Traditional Mass Design, A Functional Table for Two, which is where a table is arranged and set for the actual service for two people. All designers were encouraged to create a design that gave an overall feeling of fun in the garden. Just have fun with it. The Horticulture Division was divided into seven sections including: Broadleaf Evergreens, Needled Evergreens, Cut Leaf or Fronds, Cut Blooms, Container Grown Foliage Plants, Container Grown Blooming Plants, and Combination of Three to Five Plants together.

There were lots of ribbons given out. Top awards given were Table for Two were Betty Davis from Pine Needle Garden Club, Creative Design to Toby Peebles, Traditional Mass Design to Jane Edmunds, both from the Warrenton Club and Horticultural Excellence to Jan Brazier.

Many thanks to Farmers Bank for its sponsorship. We enjoyed this opportunity to share our love of gardening with the community.



Movers and shakers: Union Point Club members and judges Susan Turner, Jeanne Starr, Velma Pearson, Sherley Selman, Jan Brazier, Barbara Warner, Brenda Warwick, Diana Malone .



Final adjustments: Beth Lewis put the finishing touches to her mass .



Mass appeal: Randy and Jan show her mass arrangement.



Table for two: Bette Davis shows off her work.

Gray Garden Club

All About Natives...

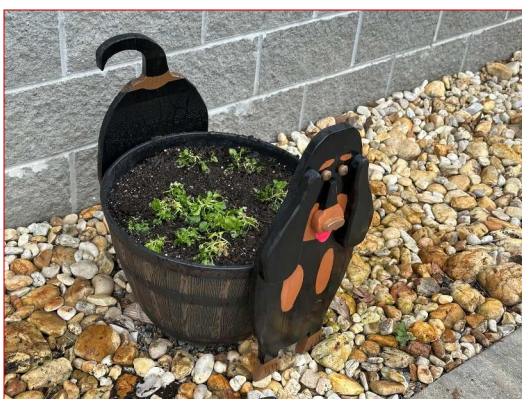
The not so nice winter weather did not slow down Gray Garden Club.

January's program was "Georgia Native Plants in Central Georgia," presented by Brandon Fountain, naturalist at the Jarrell Plantation. His PowerPoint presentation showed natives and what times of the year you can find them. Members were especially interested in learning how to incorporate these native species into their own gardens, promoting both beauty and ecological balance. After the meeting, members gathered to pot 200 daylilies for the club's June plant sale, giving the club a total of 300 to sell. The group's hard work and enthusiasm set a positive tone for the upcoming gardening season.

February brought Ben Standifer to the club meeting. He gave a wonderful program on the "Middle Georgia Honor Flight," explaining the program that honored veterans with a trip to Washington D C. Members re-planted the re-furbished pots at the Jones County Animal Shelter with pansies donated by Ace Hardware. To finish off the month, members attended an Arbor Day in Georgia presented by Keep Jones Beautiful, celebrating the late Joyce Conn, a long time Gray Garden Club member.



Brandon Fountain



Gray Garden Club

Daylily Display Engages Community

The Gray Garden Club held its annual “Daylily Display” and Plant sale, Saturday ,June 6, at the W. E. Knox Civic Center.

The event allowed people to show off their daylilies. Although the “Daylily Display” is not an official flower-show event, it gives those who display a chance to learn how to prepare their flowers to show, and come together for a fun day of friendly competition.

The display showed daylilies of all shapes sizes and colors, giving our esteemed judges, Azalea District Director: Jan Stewart, Past District Director: Molly Kimler and Past Garden Club of Georgia President Jane Hersey, some serious thinking to do.

The first-place ribbon was awarded to Deon Hutchison, second to Greg Thompson and third to Lynn Edwards. Deon Hutchison was the “Sweepstakes” winner and was awarded a beautiful glass bowl. The “Best in Show” winner was Deon Hutchison. Marcia Whidby was runner-up.

Meanwhile outside, garden club members were busy selling daylilies, angel trumpets, old-fashioned lantana, sweet shrub, Confederate roses and many more inside and outside plants.



Judges: Jan Stewart, Molly Kimler and Jane Hersey were the judges for the Daylily Display.



Sweepstakes winner: Deon Hutchison took home the top prize..

Nancy Hart Garden Club



Members Learn Floral Design Basics

The Nancy Hart Garden Club was honored to have Daniel Tindel, a former florist owner in the Atlanta area and floral design instructor, at its January meeting. Daniel instructed members in the basics of floral design, along with best flowers used, vase size, the cutting of stems to insure long bud life of our arrangements. All members had their own designed arrangements to gift or take home.



Nancy Hart Garden Club

Red, White and Blue Kind of Meeting



In honor of our country celebrating its 250th anniversary, the Nancy Hart Garden Club of Hartwell celebrated the June picnic luncheon with the theme of red, white and blue.

Our white and red table coverings along with the beautiful centerpieces provided a festive time of celebration!

Afterwards the centerpiece flowers consisting of perennials were taken to our local Hart Care Nursing facility for the residents to enjoy for the summer.



Pine Needle Garden Club

Georgia War Veterans Enjoy Monthly Visits

Pine Needle Garden of Augusta has two monthly garden therapy programs that its members are very proud of. The first is at Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, and the second is at Ronald McDonald House.

The Georgia War program was started in 2003 and has continued until the current time. Each month, members take greenery and flowers from their gardens as well as purchasing cut flowers to make flower arrangements for the veterans. Recently we were awarded a Garden Club of Georgia grant to help defray the cost of purchasing flowers. We spend about 90 minutes each month with the vets, making the floral arrangements and talking to them. Some of them enjoy arranging the flowers themselves, but most either can't or don't want to do that. Many of them are excited to have something to give to a loved one, but most just enjoy the company and the beautiful arrangements. Each arrangement is put into plastic jars (collected from members) and then wrapped in floral paper (donated by a local florist) and tied off with ribbon. The nursing staff ensures that each arrangement gets to the vet's room and any additional arrangements are taken to those who are unable to join us.



Pine Needle Garden Club

Ronald McDonald House Helped in Multiple Ways

The other garden therapy project is the Ronald McDonald House. The club support it in multiple ways including collecting can pull tabs, saving unopened fast-food disposable silverware packets, and various donations of needed items from the membership. Monthly the club provides table decorations for the dining area. Each month member volunteers decide on a theme and create table arrangements for each dining table. Fresh flowers are refreshed mid-month. At Christmas members decorate the lobby tree with beautiful bird ornaments.

The goal with these projects is to bring some joy into the lives of people who need some cheer. The efforts are successful at least in some small measure.



Pine Needle Garden Club



Remembering our armed forces: The dedication of a Blue Star Memorial Marker was a perfect way for the Pine Needle Garden Club to celebrate Armed Forces Day.

New Blue Star Memorial Dedicated in Augusta's Pendleton King Park

Augusta's Pine Needle Garden Club proudly celebrated Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 16, with the dedication of a Blue Star Memorial Marker in Pendleton King Park.

The Blue Star Memorial Program, established in 1945 by National Garden Clubs, Inc., honors all men and women—past, present, and future—who served in the United States Armed Services.

The ceremony was truly wonderful, blessed with perfect weather and a heartfelt spirit of gratitude. Among the highlights were the presence of Diane Hunter, president of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and Jan Thiese, Blue/Gold Star Marker Chairman for GCG, who joined Pine Needle Garden Club members in marking this meaningful occasion.



Augusta Council of Garden Clubs

Augusta Council Honors Vets with Wreath at State's First Blue Star Marker

The first Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker in Georgia was unveiled at Fort Gordon in 1948 along Highway 1. Through decades of change and expansion at the Fort, this historic marker continues to stand proudly at Gate 1 today, a lasting tribute to the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

The marker was originally placed by The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs in partnership with the Azalea District.

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States, the Augusta Council has placed a commemorative wreath on the marker to pay tribute to our servicemen and to reaffirm our enduring gratitude for their sacrifice and dedication.



Augusta Council of Garden Clubs

Thirteen Complete Basic Design Course II

The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. proudly sponsored The Garden Club of Georgia's Basic Design Course I and II at the Warren Road Community Center.

Basic Design Course II concluded in May after meeting every third Thursday for five weeks from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At each session, the Council generously provided lunch for all 13 participants.

Designed to prepare students for flower show participation, Course II introduced a range of creative and practical design skills, including:

- ♦ Creative and Traditional Line Design
- ♦ Traditional and Creative Line Mass Design
- ♦ Use of Staging Panels
- ♦ Functional Table Setting for One
- ♦ Exhibition Table Setting Using a Staging Panel

The course concluded with two designs evaluated using the Scale of Points in the NGC Flower Show Handbook (Revised 2017):

- ♦ "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" – staged in front of a panel
- ♦ "Yankee Doodle Dandy" – staged in front of a panel

The Council was pleased to welcome Lynn Fronk, NGC Master Flower Show Judge, as the instructor for the series. Her expertise and dedication made the experience especially meaningful for participants.



Fine design: Beth Blalock Smith shows off her design.

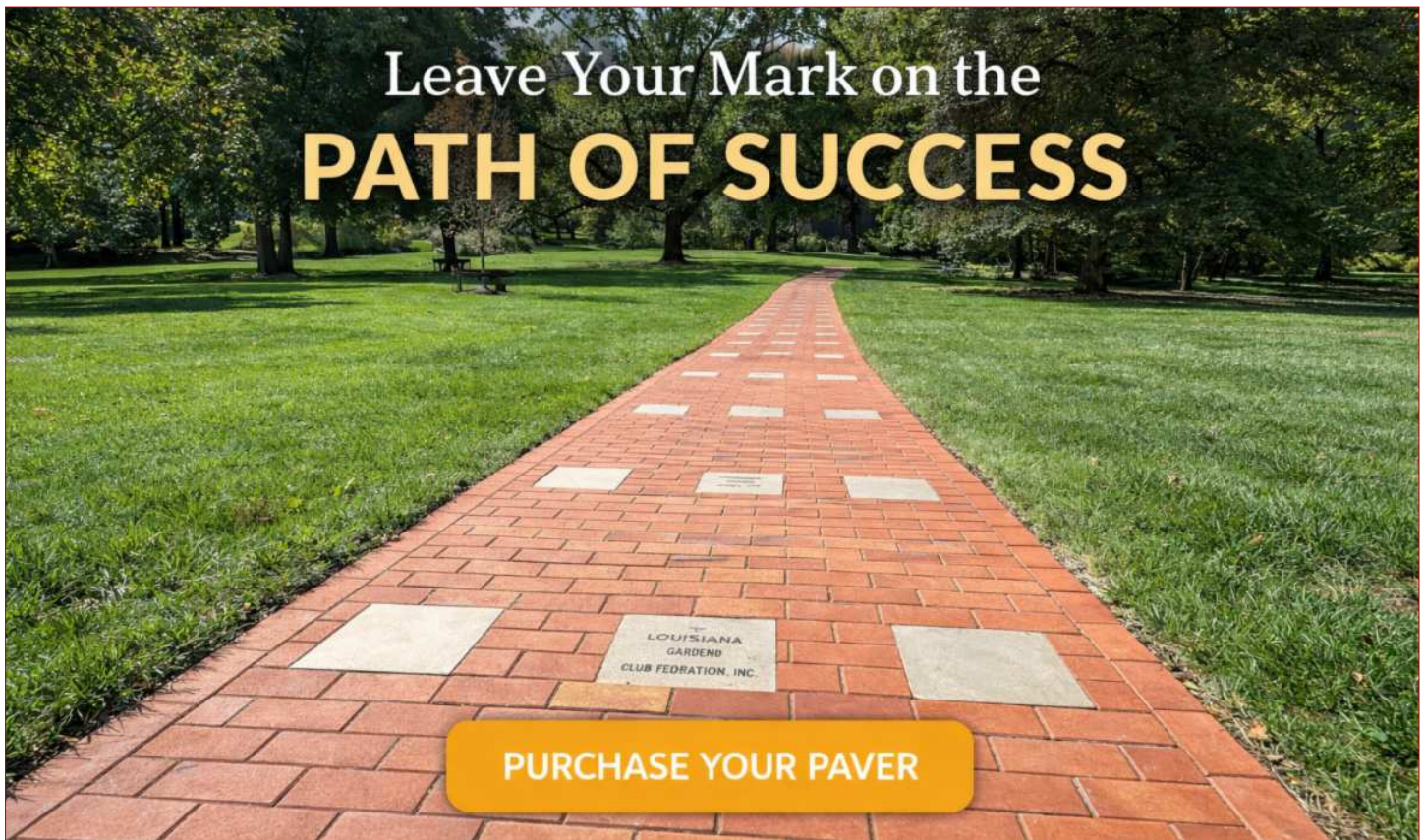


Go Braves: Jan Stewart picked a ballpark theme.



Red, white and blue: Lisa Meister's design was tried and true.

National Garden Club



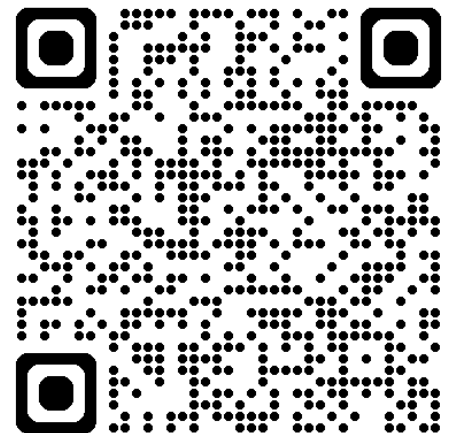
Support the National Garden Club

The Path of Success is a lasting tribute to the individuals, clubs, and supporters who grow the mission of the National Garden Club.

Purchase a personalized engraved paver to honor a loved one, recognize a donor, celebrate a milestone, or support National Garden Clubs.

Each paver becomes a permanent part of the pathway.

Follow the QR code to become a permanent part of the pathway.



Garden Club of Georgia Pointing to Centennial Celebration in 2028

The Garden Club of Georgia 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 be distributed at the Fall District Meetings. Wear it with pride! The fundraising will determine how big celebrations can be. Your support is appreciated.

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
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I want to become a Century Club Member



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Azalea District Calendar

TUESDAY, AUG. 18, 2026

Azalea District Summer Board Meeting,
Milledgeville

TUESDAY, OCT. 20, 2026

Azalea District Annual Fall Meeting,
Waynesboro.