



## MARCH 2023

**Hello Federation Friends,**



**“Oh, What a Beautiful Day... for Daylilies!”**

Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, **March 23** at 10:30 a.m. in the Courtyard of Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Speakers will be Bill and Diana Waldrop, Growers and Hybridizers, Owners of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens in Marietta. This dynamic duo will regale you with everything daylilies, showing spectacular slides of their garden in Marietta and Bill’s 96 registered daylilies.

**(Susan Turner and Joy Zaidan, Programs Co-Chairmen)**

**And** don’t forget our monthly raffle. Mountain Mums Garden Club is donating our raffle prize this month!

1 ticket for \$2.00; 3 tickets for \$5.00.

**(Rigby Duncan, Fundraising Chairman)**

**Following** our program, we will install the Federation 2023-2025 Officers. We are honored that **Barbara Bourque**, Immediate Past President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., will be the installing officer. Those officers elected at our last meeting are:

President -	<b>Quill Duncan</b> , Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club
First Vice President -	<b>Nan Loftis</b> , Lullwater Garden Club
Second Vice President -	<b>Bonnie Pennington</b> , Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club
Third Vice President -	<b>Nancy Martin</b> , Avondale Estates Garden Club
Recording Secretary -	<b>Gale Thomas</b> , Conyers Garden Club
Corresponding Secretary -	<b>Allison Metheny</b> , Dunwoody Garden Club
Treasurer -	<b>Ann Purr</b> , Mountain Mums Garden Club

In addition, **Sandy Reed**, Shenandoah Rose Garden Club, has been appointed to serve as 2023-2025 Parliamentarian.

## Hospitality Volunteers

The following garden clubs are responsible for refreshments before our meeting this month:

### Hunting Hill and Mountain Mums Garden Clubs

Hospitality Chairman, **Christi Granger**, will contact the club(s) prior to the meeting. We will follow Covid safe protocols.

(**Christi Granger**, Chairman)

**Mini-Flower Shows** are held three times each year: **October**, **January**, and **March**, and each exhibitor will follow the same theme. This month's exhibitor is:

**Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club** – Theme *Anything Goes*



(**Vicki Cooper**, Mini-Flower Show Chairman)

**PLEASE** remember to bring **horticulture** “stuff” to swap – seed, plants, or rooted. Be sure to include the name of each plant, and care instructions. Bring some – take some! Also, please bring some plastic grocery bags to carry home your plants.



(Acting Horticulture Chairman **Bonnie Pennington**)



## Life Member Ceremony

At our annual **Federation Life Member Recognition Luncheon** held last month, we honored the following five new Life Members, bringing our total to **386!** DeKalb Federation donates the life membership funds to the Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund which benefits Georgia college students majoring in garden-related areas. This year the following were recognized by their garden clubs:

Avon Garden Club

**Frank Mullins**

Avondale Estates Garden Club

**Donna Tanner**

Mountain Mums Garden Club

**Rita Maloof**

Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

**Joy Abrams and Melody Janin**

In addition, **Peg Wyse**, Avondale Estates Garden Club, will be honored at our April meeting.

The Life Membership Program highlight was the presentation of the DeKalb Federation 2023 Life Member of the Year to **Susan Turner** of the Conyers Garden Club.

Susan is originally from Arlington, Virginia; however, her family moved to Marietta, Georgia in 1970. A 1979 graduate of Oglethorpe University, Susan has previously worked at Saks Fifth Avenue and with a European automotive service center. After a time in commercial real estate, she worked for a Midtown CPA firm for 12 years. It was there she met her husband, and they married in 1994. In 1997 she began working for his company, and last October they celebrated 28 years of marriage.

Susan joined her home garden club, Conyers Garden Club (CGC), in 1999. She has served CGC as President, Parliamentarian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Yearbook Chairman, Communications Chairman, Youth Garden Club (Bluebells) Chairman and on various committees. She is also an active member of The Designers Club, serving as treasurer from 2021-2025.

For DeKalb Federation, she served as Youth Activities Chairman from 2009-2021. From 2017 to present she has served as the Chairman of the Federation's *Never Forget 9/11* project, a patriotic memorial tribute to first responders. She has also been responsible for securing the fresh wreath that the Federation places at the memorial each year. From 2021-2023 she has served as Third Co-Vice President in charge of programs for the Federation.

For Redbud District, she has served as District Calendar Chairman, Recording Secretary, Scholarships Co-Chairman, Various Youth Chairmanships, District Flower Show Youth Entries Chairman and Consultant, District Flower Show Chairman, and Annual District Meeting Chairman.

For the Garden Club of Georgia (GCG) she has served on the State Board, starting in 2007 through present, serving as Youth Garden Clubs Chairman, Youth Liaison, Youth Team Coordinator, Youth Awards Chairman, Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp Co-Founder, Scholarship Chairman and Co-Chairman. She is also a member of the GCG Headquarters House Board of Trustees. She has previously served as the GCG Third Vice President, Second Vice President and Assistant Treasurer.

Susan is a National Garden Clubs Accredited Flower Show Judge, and a member of North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges. Most recently, she served on the planning committee and was Co-Chairman of the Youth Division of the very successful American Daffodil Society Standard Flower Show held March 10-11, 2023.

For fun, Susan enjoys cooking, decorating, gardening, reading and traveling with her husband. She loves spending time with friends and family, including her furry family:

Elsa and Allie, their indoor kitties; Jackson, their outdoor cat; and Missy, a rescue black Lab Retriever mix.

Congratulations, **Susan Turner**, for a well-deserved recognition!



Susan Turner (left) receiving her award from Life Member Presenter Bonnie Pennington  
Previous Life Members of the Year in attendance were also recognized:



**From Left to Right:**

**Rigby Duncan (2006), Diane Hunter (2014), Joy Zaidan (2011), Sandy Suggs (2017), Renie Faulkenberry (2013), Susan Turner (2023), Deanna McFarlan (2009), Ann Purr (2019), Sandy Reed (2022), Quill Duncan (2021), Glendolyn Hallman (2020)**

### **GARDEN CENTER NEWS**

The Garden Center continues to be closed; however, if you need to visit it, please contact me and I will arrange to meet you; [a.purr@comcast.net](mailto:a.purr@comcast.net); 770-921-9070.  
(Garden Center Director, **Ann Purr**)

### **FEDERATION PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND ANNUAL DUES**

**Thanks** to all of the clubs who have submitted their President's Club Activity Report and paid their annual dues. If you have not done so, please send them in as soon as possible.  
(Federation President, **Glennolyn Hallman**)



### **FEDERATION AWARDS**

**Thanks** to everyone who submitted awards applications! We are really looking forward to our Awards Luncheon next month when you. . .

# Go For The Gold!!



*Applause Applause!* It is time for your club to sparkle and shine at our Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 27 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Invitations have been distributed and the due date for reservations is **April 19**. We will be recognizing lots of winners, enjoying a delicious catered lunch, and *go for the gold décor*, so we should have an exciting time! Invitations have been sent electronically, and we have also attached one for your convenience.

(Awards Committee, **Glennolyn Joy, Quill and Rigby**)



### **ROLLING BOOK SALE ROLLS ON!!**

The book sale is on! We will bring a selection to most of our meetings to sell at minimal prices, most of which are priced at \$2.00. The proceeds will be donated to NCG's Natural Disaster Fund.

(Treasurer, **Ann Purr**)

## The League of Legends



### **OUR LEGENDS RETURN!**

**Celebrate our Legends!** This May join us in celebration of accomplishments. Meet our new club presidents and celebrate our longtime members. On May 25 we'll add another crop of amazing ladies to our Legends Club. We created the club in 2017 to honor those wonderful, long-term, dedicated members who've reach the age of 90 during the past year, June 2022 through May 2023. We're asking club members to scan your old and new rosters and identify the amazing women who've given so much inspiration to your clubs and the Federation. Don't worry if you've found that you've missed someone; just send their names along, too. Each honoree will get special recognition and a special PowerPoint presentation with their accomplishments. We're asking nominators to gather a little bit of information about each honoree – comments, a couple of photos. Each honoree will have roughly four slides.

Each member will get a lovely certificate, a framed copy of Michele Spears' invitation and listing in the yearbook and garden center.

Send your information and/or questions to Diane Hunter ([drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com), 404-992-7381) no later than **April 28, 2023**.

#### **Information Requested:**

Local Club and Person Nominating

Legend's Name

Legend's Mailing Address

Legend's Phone

Legend's email, if any

Two or Three Member Comments About the Legend

Two or Three Photos of the Member From Any Time Period

**Thanks for making this an amazing event!**  
(Legends Chairman, **Diane Hunter**)

*Mark Your Calendars – for our Annual Federation Sale of*



*Donated Jewelry and Gently Used Purses*

**at our May 25 General Meeting**  
**“Bring your Bling” to the March and April Meetings,**  
(Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan**)



### **GARDEN THERAPY - NURTURING WITH NATURE**

The Georgia Regional Hospital Garden Therapy Project is gearing up for start of the vegetable garden. The Gwinnett County Master Gardener Green House donated several flats of veggies including lettuce, Swiss chard, spinach, chives and cabbages for the Therapy Garden. Several patients participate in planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting the plants. Once harvested, staff members help patients and other staff to prepare and cook the vegetables for the enjoyment of all.



**Cooked Vegetables From Their Garden**

**There** were enough seedlings to share with the garden at Smoke Rise Elementary project headed up by the Smoke Rise Morning Glories. The seedlings will be used in the raised beds and in a hydroponic tower.

**(Bonnie Pennington and Quill Duncan, Co-Chairmen)**



**RESTORING THE BEAUTY (Garden Center Grounds)**

The Garden Center Grounds Group will begin work on the new raised bed gardens along the walkways the end of this month or the first of April, depending on the weather. Stay tuned to follow our progress. Want to help plant? Please contact Sandy or Quill .

**(Quill Duncan & Sandy Reed, Co-Chairmen)**



**Ten** years ago, Barbara Maaskant set up a Shutterfly site that she used for making photos taken at group events available to our members. There are currently 66 albums, containing 30 to 200 photos each, posted there. These are mainly from Federation events such as Leading Lights and the Awards Luncheon, but a few albums from Redbud and GCG events are also posted. These are soon to be lost as Shutterfly has announced they will discontinue the shared sties on **March 27, 2023**.



Transferring all of these photos to another photo sharing site or to the hard drive of a computer would be an impossibly time-consuming task. Therefore, we are asking individuals who may be interested in saving some of these photos to do so on their own.

The site is: <https://dekalbfederation.shutterstock.com>. While you can view photos without having a personal Shutterstock account, you must have one and be logged on to download photos. An account is free and can be signed up for by going to: <https://accounts.shutterstock.com/signup?redirectUri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.shutterstock.com%2FforwardingSignup%2Fstart.sfly&brand=SFLY&theme=SFLY&ssoAction=true&cid=>

Instructions for transferring photos can be found here: <https://support.shutterstock.com/s/article/share-site-closure>. Basically, you have two options — you can save photos to your personal Shutterstock account, or you can download them to your computer. Entire albums can be transferred to a personal Shutterstock account, while photos must be downloaded one-by-one if you want to store them on your computer.

Please note that, if transferring to a personal Shutterstock account, you must make a purchase every 18 months for that account to remain active. To those of you who are like me and have never ordered prints, etc. from Shutterstock, transferring to a personal account is not a viable long-term solution.

Moving forward, we are looking for another method for storing photos and making them available to members. We will keep you informed when we find a solution. Any advice would be appreciated.

**(Sandy Reed, Website Chairman)**

## ~ RECYCLE AND REIMAGINE! ~

We will continue to collect our recyclables until the end of May, so please bring them to our April and May meetings:



**Corks**



**Utensils**



**Tabs**



**Wands**

## ~ CLUB CORNER ~

We would like to feature the activities and accomplishments of our member clubs, so please send your articles and photos to [rigbyduncan113@gmail.com](mailto:rigbyduncan113@gmail.com)!



You are invited to the Dunwoody Garden Club's 45th annual card party, luncheon, "Swing Into Spring," location as in recent years, the spacious Fellowship Hall at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, [1548 Mount Vernon Rd](http://www.dunwoodygardenclub.com), on **April 25 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Tickets are \$30 each for light breakfast and coffee, delicious lunch, Chico's spring fashion show, silent auction, along with your games, fellowship, and fun. This is our only fundraiser every year and it allows the Dunwoody Garden Club to continue its many projects to help beautify Dunwoody and environs. Tickets can be purchased on our website, [www.dunwoodygardenclub.com](http://www.dunwoodygardenclub.com). (Click Control on your keyboard and then the website link.) Ticket purchase deadline is Sunday, April 16, but don't dally because they fill that big room every year! The Dunwoody Garden Club appreciates your support and look forward to seeing you on April 25. Any questions, call Bonnie at 770-639-3510. *"We Dig Dunwoody!"*

**Avondale** Estates Garden Club recently donated two of their oldest yearbooks to the Cherokee Garden Library at the Atlanta History Center. Shown below (L-R) **Patricia Calcagno**, AEGC President; **Stacy Catron**, Cherokee Garden Library Director; and **Peggy Burgess**, AEGC Immediate Past President.



**The yearbooks that they donated are from 1938-1939 and 1939-1940!**

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## REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS



### **American Daffodil Society Flower Show**

On **March 10-11**, Redbud District Co-Hosted. The American Daffodil Society, Inc. Standard Flower Show, *The Southeastern Daffodil Trail*, at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia Hotel, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30346.

Complete details, including the winners, will be in next month's newsletter.

Pictured below are **Janet McGinnis** (Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC/The Designers) and **Susan Turner** (Conyers GC/The Designers) flower show committee members.



### **Looking Ahead:**

**July 18**, Redbud and Dogwood Districts will co-host The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Leadership and Awards Workshop (details to follow).

**October 17**, DeKalb Federation will host the Redbud District Annual Meeting (details to follow).

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~ **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA** ~



**GCG Raffle Fundraiser — Buy Your Ticket Today!** Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Cash prizes are \$500 first prize, \$250 second prize, and \$125 third prize. Winners will be drawn at the State Convention in April, and you don't have to be present to win. Tickets were mailed to Redbud Club Presidents, or contact Redbud District Director, Gale Thomas for additional tickets: [galedthomas@gmail.com](mailto:galedthomas@gmail.com).

**IT'S CONVENTION SEASON – One Last Reminder!!**



**The Garden Club of Georgia's 95th Annual Convention  
Hosted by Dogwood District  
April 18-20, 2023  
Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Conference Center  
Stone Mountain**

Beautiful setting. Great room rates.  
Afternoon workshops, Fantastic Speakers,  
Wonderful Vendors for your shopping pleasure.

Complete Convention registration information may be found in the  
Winter/Spring 2022/23 *Garden Gateways*

Register online (Click **Control** on your keyboard, then this link):

<https://forMagnolia.m.jotform.com/211994690426161>

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

#### Evergreen Lakeside Conference Resort

[4021 Lakeview Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083](#) [\(770\) 879-9900](tel:(770)879-9900)

#### Deadline for hotel registration:

**on or before March 26, 2023 – to receive group rate.**

\$143.00 ++ per night for King or Double – included in price is \$4 reduced  
entrance fee to

Stone Mountain Park for staying at hotel – normally \$20 fee.

It is best to register for hotel online.

(Click **Control** on your keyboard, then this link):

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50303356>

Follow the prompts, enter your dates, and select room type.

*Most will register for 2 nights, (Tues-Opening Dinner & Wed-Awards Banquet) April 18 & 19.*

*Those driving a long distance may wish to come early and stay in hotel on Monday night.*

If you need **handicapped** rooms, **AFTER** you make your reservation,

**THEN** contact Geri Shaw, our GCG Convention Coordinator.

Give her your confirmation # and dates of stay,  
and she will contact the hotel on your behalf.

**Geri Shaw at:** [geri.shaw01@gmail.com](mailto:geri.shaw01@gmail.com)

For any of our members who have mobility issues and wish to rent a scooter- the hotel  
gave us the name of a preferred vendor for the park- Atlanta Scooter Rentals. Attendees  
can book directly thru them for the convention.

See website: <http://atlantascooterrentals.net/rate-schedule.html>

or email: [atlantascooters@aol.com](mailto:atlantascooters@aol.com)

## SCHOLARSHIPS



**Our** fourteen 2023 grant recipients are excited, grateful and humbled by the generosity of our GCG members, Plant Society Affiliates and friends for the financial support given on their behalf. These students are focused and driven to reach their objectives. Two students are moving on to NGC, thanks to our membership status, assisted by our Subscribing Memberships participation. One student has been sent to Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. for additional grant opportunities, as well.

**Your** Scholarship Committee awarded \$70,000. to these students. Thirty percent have a 4.0 GPA. No GPA was below 3.5. Your kindness in selecting a gift to Scholarships will be of benefit to us all for years to come.

**Our** DeKalb Federation clubs and members played a wonderful part in this process of awarding these grants. Thank you for your commitment to Scholarships!

**Continue** our mission by attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flower Fantasy at Pineola Farms, Fort Valley, April 22-23<sup>rd</sup>. The Magnificent Magnolia Garden Club promises a wonderful day for your enjoyment! Come for a day or the entire weekend! Tickets and more information are available <https://www.pineola.com/events> or call (478) 335-1700.

**Join** us at the GCG Convention, April 18-20<sup>th</sup> to Crown the Queen of Scholarships of 2023! Your *Dollars Educate Scholars* contributions are so appreciated.

Again, your donations enable our students to receive their degrees and continue to make our world a place of *Beautification, Conservation & Education*.

**(Susan Turner, GCG Scholarship Chairman)**

## ~ SAVE THE DATE ~



### The Flower Fantasy at Pineola Farms

Saturday, April 22, 2023, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fort Valley, Georgia

Magnolia Garden Club in Fort Valley is inviting you to a tour of the gardens and historic home at Pineola Farms, and hear featured garden experts and shop their many vendors. **All ticket sales will benefit The Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund.** For ticket information, and to learn more about this historic home dating back to 1865, visit <https://www.pineola.com/events>, or call 478-335-1700.

**(Susan Turner, GCG Scholarship Chairman)**

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## CALLANWOLDE CORNER

### *Callanwolde Spring Concert Series*

**The popular concert series showcasing R&B, folk, rock, and bluegrass talents returns to Callanwolde!**

Callanwolde is proud to host the 2023 Spring Concert Series in our beautiful outdoor amphitheater. The Callanwolde Amphitheater provides an intimate atmosphere to spend time with friends, unwind, and experience an evening of live music surrounded by the natural beauty of the Callanwolde Estate. Guests are invited to bring blankets, chairs, and a picnic dinner with drinks. The amphitheater features VIP tables and Lawn seating.

#### **Series Schedule**

**March 31st** – Certainly So

**April 14th** – Dwayne Shivers

**April 28th** – Ruby Velle and the Soulphonics

**May 12th** – Luke Winslow-King

Complete details may be found at [www.callanwolde.org](http://www.callanwolde.org).

**Be sure to check their website for a complete list of available classes: dance, pottery, gardening, and media craft.**

We look forward to seeing you all at our meetings, and to hearing from you if you have any questions or need additional information.



Please mark your calendars for upcoming **Federation** events:

- Federation General Meeting/Officer Installation **March 23**
- Federation Board Meeting **April 6**
- Reservation due date for Awards Luncheon **April 19**
- Dunwoody Garden Club Fundraiser **April 25**
- Annual Awards Celebration **April 27**
- Federation Board Meeting **May 4**
- Federation General Meeting **May 25**
- Legends Club Recognition Ceremony **May 25**
- Recognition of Club Presidents **May 25**
- Jewelry and Purse Sale **May 25**

**Also**, other upcoming garden club events:

- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 9-15**
- GCG Annual Convention **April 18-20**
- Pineola Farms Scholarship Fundraiser **April 22-23**
- NGC National Convention **May 2-5**
- GCG Leadership and Awards Workshop **July 18**

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