



FEBRUARY 2025

Hello Federation Friends,



Life Members are the  of DeKalb Federation!!

Our annual **Life Member Recognition Ceremony** will be held on **Thursday, February 27, at 10:30 a.m.**, in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. We will recognize our new Life Members, and especially those being recognized by their clubs. The 2025 **Life Member of the Year** will be announced at the conclusion of the program.

Your Federation Board will serve a complimentary buffet lunch following our meeting.

(Gale Thomas, Life Membership Chairman)



IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE

Please mark your calendars for a change of date for our Federation Awards Ceremony in April. The original date of April 24 has been changed due to a scheduling conflict with Callanwolde.

The new date for our meeting will be on **Thursday, April 17** at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde.



FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND DUES FORM

Just a reminder that Presidents' Reports and Club dues of **\$25** are due by **March 1**. Fillable forms can be found on the DeKalb Federation website, www.dekalbfederation.com under **Resources/Forms**.
(**Quill Duncan**, Federation President)



FEDERATION AWARDS

Federation awards applications are due by **March 1**. Complete details and forms were sent in a separate e-mail, and the fillable form can be found on our web site. I will be at the Garden Center from 10:00 am to Noon on Saturday, March 1 if you wish to drop them off then. Our Annual Awards Recognition Ceremony will be held in the Courtyard at Callanwolde on **Thursday, April 17**.
(Awards Chairman, **Glenn dolyn Hallman**)



PULL A TAB FOR RONALD MCDONALD

I want to remind all the clubs to get their aluminum tabs to me by **March 1** so they can be counted for the Tabs Award at the Awards Ceremony. Or you can bring them to the General Meeting on February 27 at Callanwolde. If you can weigh them and remove any metal tabs, it will be appreciated, but if not, I will do it. Call me if we need to arrange for your tabs to be picked up.
(**Glenn dolyn Hallman**, Awards Chairman; 770-491-7398.)



PROJECT FIG LEAF

We are so very appreciative of the support that we received from our clubs this past year for this very important project. I am continuing to deliver items to Georgia Regional Hospital, and will make another delivery before Easter, so please bring your donations to any upcoming Federation meeting. They have requested full-size bottles of shampoo, body wash, etc., but no bar soap. Of course, men's and women's clothing is always needed, preferably with an elastic waist.
(**Glenn dolyn Hallman**, Community Service Chairman)



BOOK SALE WILL SOON BE OVER!!

The book sale is still on – until our March meeting. I will bring a selection to our Federation meeting 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**)



BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS

Sometimes winter in Georgia can bring some real surprises! This year is no exception, with two snow events in January! Our Callanwolde garden center plants took it on the chin and though the pansies have perked up, the violas did not. We had a workday on February 4th on a day that was sunny and mild and very welcome. Six volunteers from three garden clubs removed the dead viola plants and replanted new pansies, cut back the lantana across the garden, cleaned out fern and Lenten rose beds, and in general worked wonders on our garden. Thanks to **Joy Abrams, Faye Brown, Glendolyn Hallman, Sandy Reed** and **Frank Mullins** for their team effort.

We enjoyed seeing the quince begin to bloom and crocus in the rock garden, and the very fragrant winter honeysuckle added a sweet scent to the grounds. If you want to join us, please contact Quill Duncan at 770-414-4766 or Sandy Reed at 404-772-2854. We work a few hours and enjoy the fellowship and labor of creating a lovely accent to the grounds of Callanwolde.

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



Perky Pansies that Survived the Cold and Snow

The Garden Center is available by appointment, so if you need to visit it, please contact me and I will arrange to meet you; a.purr@comcast.net; 770-921-9070.

(**Ann Purr**, Garden Center Director)



GARDEN THERAPY - NURTURING WITH NATURE

Wonderful Garden Therapy News!

Georgia Regional Hospital Activity Therapy Coordinator and Smoke Rise Morning Glories member, Mary Cochran, announced that a special certificate of appreciation was created to thank Glendolyn Hallman and The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs for the “Drop Your Drawers” Fig Leaf Project for Georgia Regional Hospital. In addition, the hospital CEO sent a special thank you note via Mary to present to Glendolyn. This is in recognition of all the donated clothing, underwear and toiletries that have brightened the lives of the residents and patients at the hospital for the last many years. The staff at the hospital always looks forward to Glendolyn's call! And thanks to previous Garden Therapy Chairmen, Denise Finley and Joanne Bennett, who also served in this role representing DeKalb Federation at the hospital.

In other welcome news, Bonnie Pennington announced that the Avondale Estates Garden Club donated \$600 to the Garden Therapy project to be used for new plantings and seeds and fertilizer in the gardens across the campus.

Thank you all for your generous spirit!



Mary Cochran (left) Presenting Glendolyn her Certificate of Appreciation

The League of Legends



OUR LEGENDS RETURN!

Let Us Meet Your Legends!

We will be celebrating some truly remarkable women on May 22, 2025. And we don't just mean the pioneering women in landscape architecture! We're adding another beautiful crop of outstanding women to our **Legends Club**. We created the club in 2017 to honor those wonderful, long-term, dedicated members who've reached the age of 90 during the past year, June 2024 through May 2025. 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 in past years; 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, 404-992-7381) no later than **May 2, 2025**.

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

Four Photos of the Member From Any Time Period- suggestions – one current, one showing them gardening, one with club members, one early on.

Thanks for making this an amazing event!

(Legends Chairman, **Diane Hunter**)

~ CLUB CORNER ~



Dunwoody Garden Club – Swing into Spring Annual Fundraiser

CARD PARTY, CHICO'S FASHION SHOW, LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025, 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Rd, Dunwoody

Tickets now on sale, only \$35!! Please come – it is a fun, relaxing event! We provide a continental breakfast, serve a delicious lunch and have a great fashion show by [Chico's of Northpoint](#). In between games, you can peruse the fabulous merchandise and gift cards donated to our silent auction by generous businesses and friends who support the work we do, speak with our sponsors, or maybe even win a door prize.

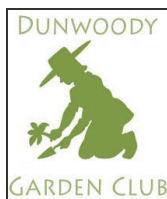
Your generous support allows the Dunwoody Garden Club to continue its many projects to help and beautify our community as well as supporting many other groups/organizations/activities -i.e. master gardeners, the Dunwoody Nature Center, the Garden Club of Georgia scholarships and many others.

Please mark your calendars, invite your friends and buy your tickets today! The deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, April 1, but don't dally because this party sells out every year. **Tickets can be purchased with the form that is attached.** It is also posted on our [website](#) – [dunwoodygardenclub.com](#)). Please be sure to include your name, phone number, number of tickets, and your address if you want tickets mailed to you (or let us know you want tickets held at Will Call).

Let's Swing into Spring!

Dunwoody Garden Club

We Dig Dunwoody!



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Conyers Garden Club Garden Therapy Workday

On Tuesday, February 18, the Conyers Garden Club treated 22 members of the Olivia Haydel Senior Center to a garden therapy workshop on making hand-held floral bouquets/posies. The seniors pre-registered for the session and all material and supplies were provided by the CGC. Each senior was able to select their flowers for the posies. **With** some direction from Garden Therapy Chairman, Gale D. Thomas, and a little support and encouragement from the other CGC members, each senior created his or her bouquet using a collection of flowers and greenery. Club members also provided jars for the seniors to store their bouquets in water, thus allowing them to enjoy their day's activities without worrying about keeping their bouquets fresh until they were ready to go home.



Seniors Display Their Handiwork!



CGC Members Assisting With the Workshop



REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

The **Redbud District** Winter Board Meeting was held in the Library at Callanwolde on **February 10**. Club and Council Presidents were invited to attend, and following the Board meeting a covered dish lunch was enjoyed by all. There were also members who attended via **Zoom**. The decision was voted to hold the 52nd Annual Redbud District Flower Show this coming fall, the date and location of the show and other details will be forthcoming.

In a change from previous years, the 2025-2027 Redbud District Officers were installed at this meeting rather than at the State Convention in April, with the exception of the District Director who will be installed with the other GCG officers at that time.

Shown below are the officers, along with the Installing Officer, Quill Duncan. (**Kim Fair**, Redbud District Director)



Redbud Officers (Left to Right)

***Installing Officer, Quill Duncan; Parliamentarian, Janet McGinnis;
Treasurer, Rigby Duncan; Corresponding Secretary, Sandy Reed;
Recording Secretary, Sue Ellen Andrews; Co-Director, Glenndolyn Hallman;
District Director, Bonnie Dudley***



Attendees at District Board Meeting (left to right)

(front row) Bonnie Pennington, Janet McGinnis, Sandy Reed, Rigby Duncan, Diane Hunter, Jessica Warren, Hazel Newman, Joy Abrams, Joy Zaidan

(back row) Gale Thomas, Carol Weaver, Quill Duncan, Renie Faulkenberry, Sue Ellen Andrews, Bonnie Dudley, Kim Fair, Sally Young, Ann Purr, Glenndolyn Hallman



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS

Government



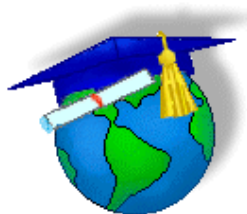
CAPITOL CONSERVATION DAY 2025

Every member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is invited to attend **Capitol Conservation Day** on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**. Plans call for a Breakfast Legislation Briefing at 8:00 a.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, located across the street from the State Capitol. If members cannot "get to the church on time," then they may join the group at the Capitol for the opportunity to meet with local legislators to share concerns with them. Registration information may be found at the Georgia Water Coalition website, or info@gawater.org - **and remember to wear something GREEN!** (**Bonnie Pennington**, Legislative Chairman)

97th Annual Garden Club of Georgia Convention!

Remarkable Redbuds, it is time to register now to attend the April 29-30th convention in Augusta at the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center. “*Gather on the River*” is the theme. **Registration deadline is April 18, 2025**, and complete information can be found in the winter issue of *Garden Gateways*, and on the GCG website; www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org.

And the best news is that our own **Diane Hunter** will be installed as State President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Way to go, Diane!!



IT'S SCHOLARSHIP SEASON! ~

The GCG Scholarship Committee met on Tuesday, February 18th to award grants to our deserving applicants. We are very appreciative of the support from our Redbud District clubs and members. Many contributions have been made to the Named Scholarship and the Patron of Scholarship levels from Redbud District. This chairman continues to share appreciation for the generosity extended from Redbud District clubs and individuals, at all levels of giving.

Donations to the annual *Dollars Educate Scholars* fundraiser have been received. We will find out at the GCG Annual Convention if Redbud can steal back the crown in 2025!

Again, thank you for your commitment to Scholarships. You may be assured that our applicants are truly deserving of the grants we provide for them. Please continue to keep scholarships in mind for honorariums, speaker gifts and in your budgets for the coming term. We cannot do this without you!

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



National Garden Clubs Annual Convention 2025

May 18-22, 2025, North Charleston, SC

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Center

Register by 4/20/25 to Avoid Late Fees

<https://gardenclub.org/2025-ngc-convention-details>

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

Callanwolde Spring Concert Series

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

PERFORMING THIS SEASON!

Callanwolde
FINE ARTS CENTER
Callanwolde.org/events
PRESENTED BY
Audi Atlanta

PERFORMER	DATE
Ruby Velle & the Soulphonics	MAR 28
Rose Hotel	APR 11
Luke Winslow King	APR 25
Ever More Nest	MAY 9

Callanwolde is proud to host the 2025 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 for General Admission.

Member pre-sale for season passes has begun! **Not** a member?
Visit Callanwolde.org/Members to join

Complete details and ticket information may be found at www.callanwolde.org.

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

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 Dates:

February 27	Federation Life Member Meeting, Callanwolde
March 1	Due Date For Awards Applications
March 1	Due Date For Club Presidents Reports
March 1	Due Date For Dues and Yearbook Info
March 6	Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center/ Zoom
March 27	Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde (Installation of 2025-2027 Officers)
April 3	Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center/ Zoom
April 11	Dunwoody GC Fundraiser, Dunwoody UMC
April 17	Annual Awards Celebration
May 1	Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center/ Zoom
May 2	Due Date For Legends Honoree Submissions

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

March 4	Capitol Conservation Day, State Capitol
March 11-13	Deep South Garden Clubs Convention, Valdosta
April 18	Registration Deadline for GCG Convention
April 20-26	Garden Week in Georgia
April 29-30	GCG 97th Annual Convention, Augusta
May 18-22	National Garden Clubs Convention, Charleston, SC

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