



## OCTOBER 2024

Hello Federation Friends,



We are so sorry that we had to cancel our meeting last month, and hope that all of you stayed safe during Helene, with minimal property damage.

Our next General Meeting will be on **Thursday, October 24, 2024**, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. **Club Presidents, please share this information with your members.**

**Our program “Fletcher Pearson Crown & Crown Camellia Gardens in Decatur”**

Treadwell Rice Crown III, grew up in his Grandmother Fletcher’s home and gardens, achieving a BS in Plant and Soil Science, and coming to Madison, GA to manage the wholesale nursery of Jane Symme’s Cedar Lane Farm. The garden he and his husband have created over the last 40 years has both served as a base for their gardening business and as inspiration for 13 years of Rick’s newspaper columns, garden talks, magazine articles, and an HGTV episode. It is also the domain of the State Champion Leyland Cypress, making Rick the only living record holder that planted a champion tree.

**(Nancy Martin, Programs Vice President)**

**And**, don’t forget our monthly raffle. Dunwoody Garden Club is donating our raffle prize this month! 1 ticket for \$2.00; 3 tickets for \$5.00.



### Hospitality Volunteers

The following garden club is responsible for refreshments before our meeting this month:

#### Dunwoody Garden Club

Hospitality Chairman, **Christi Granger**, will contact the club(s) prior to the meeting. We will follow the refreshment guidelines outlined in the Federation yearbook.

**Mini-Flower Shows** are held three times each year: **October, January, and March**, and each exhibitor will follow the same theme - **Celebrate!** This month's show will be presented by the **Avondale Estates Garden Club**.



(**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.



(**Michèle Spears**, Horticulture Chairman)

### GARDEN CENTER NEWS

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](mailto:a.purr@comcast.net); 770-921-9070.

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



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

The book sale is back! There will be a book sale at our meeting on **January 23**. Bring your donations to add to the table or contact Ann ahead of time and she will pick them up. (770-921-9070; [a.purr@comcast.net](mailto:a.purr@comcast.net)). The proceeds will be donated to NCG's Natural Disaster Fund.

(Treasurer, **Ann Purr**)



## **Holidays For Heroes**

We hope you have been saving your Holiday Cards! We are, once again, collecting cards for our military heroes around the world. We will need to receive your cards at the **October 24** Federation meeting. This year the cards are going to the airport at Fort Eisenhower for distribution to returning soldiers as they get off the plane, to VA Hospitals, and to a military base overseas.

**They** take Christmas and Hanukkah cards in English and Spanish and have even taken cards for military dogs!

**Please** remember the following guidelines:

- Keep envelopes **unsealed**
- A positive message
- Nothing political
- No personal information
- No food
- No postage
- **NO GLITTER**

**Glitter** can get into a wound. Several cards wind up in the hands of wounded soldiers. Glitter can also get everywhere and show an enemy where they have been.

You can sign them with the name of your garden club, or simply a message that says, "Thank You for Your Service," or "A Grateful American."

**Glenndolyn Hallman** is the Chairman of this project, so please contact her at [gkh44@aol.com](mailto:gkh44@aol.com) with questions.

## More Scenes From Leading Lights 2023



**Buying the Raffle Tickets**



**On To The Baskets**



**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition From Lisa**



**Tanya Our Long Time Purse Vendor**



**Dunwoody Just Chillin'**



**Katie Sanio and Mom Laura Byrd**



**Morning Glories Having Fun**

**The Annual Leading Lights Luncheon, Fashion Show  
And 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**When** – Thursday, November 14, 10:30 a.m.

**Where** – Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

**What** – Catered Luncheon, Vendors, Raffle Baskets and  
Fashion Show Presented by **Carolee's Historic Norcross Boutique**

**Invitation and Reservation Form Are Attached**

**Featuring Our Federation Lovely Models**

Iwalani Barbizon - Leafmore Hills Garden Club

Teisha Fuller - Stonecrest Garden

Rita Maloof - Mountain Mums Garden Club

Ann Purr - Mountain Mums Garden Club

Meg Walton - Lullwater Garden Club

Ann Marie White - Lullwater Garden Club

**And Our Awesome Vendors**

Carolee's Gifts, Apparel & Décor

Georgia Gifts & More

Ironwood Tools

Linda Fraser

Handmaiden Store

NJS Fashion Handbags

Ornaments by Dawn

Laura Sanio

Janice Taylor

Gale Thomas

Reservation Due Date is **November 2!!**

(**Rigby Duncan**, Fundraising Chairman)





## **BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS**

**October's** bright blue weather was the perfect time to plant our seasonal winter annuals at the Garden Center. The summer's drought, deluge, drought and deluge cycle was tough on many of our container plants but those begonias took it all in stride. We used the cocktail begonias this time and they were surprisingly still lovely into October.

**On** October 10<sup>th</sup> we had a fun group of able and willing planting friends to remove the summer annuals, ready the container soil for new planting and prepping the new plants for their planting. Sandy Reed used a special technique to soak the pansies in water prior to planting into the soil so they had a good start. As you know, nursery starts are often bone dry when you purchase them and this ten-minute soak is a great tip for gardeners.

This year Sandy selected pansies at Pike's Nursery for the large containers and also brassicas and violas for the smaller containers. The selection at Pike was very good and the pansies were larger so we needed less plants to fill the six main containers.

**In** addition to that planting, we also watered the pollinator garden, removed suckers from the standard loretalums and did a general cleanup. Joy Abrams removed the last of the struggling gumbo azaleas under the magnolias. The deep shade and the frequent droughts were too difficult for the shrubs to survive. We have also ordered bulbs from Flower Power which is the GCG fundraiser for this year. The bulbs are now shipping and we will have a planting day to add them to our lovely grounds this fall.

**Thanks** to the hard-working team who devoted three hours to the project that day. Thanks again to Joy Abrams, Glendolyn Hallman, Frank Mullins, Sandy Reed and Peg Wyse for their efforts. Anyone is welcome to come work with us. Just call or email Quill Duncan for our next workday dates and hours. [quillduncan@msn.com](mailto:quillduncan@msn.com) or 770 414-4766. Happy Gardening this fall!

**(Quill Duncan & Sandy Reed, Landscape Advisory Chairmen)**



*Sandy's Pansies!*

## PROJECT FIG LEAF



We continue to collect donations of men's and women's **new** underwear and socks, and toiletries of any size for the patients at Georgia Regional Hospital. (**Please, no bars of soap of any size.**) The Hospital has explained that we are the only organization delivering new underwear, and our donation is **greatly** appreciated by staff and residents. Please bring your donations to our **October 24** meeting, or you can deliver them to the home of Glendolyn Hallman, 2244 Spencers Way, Smoke Rise; 770-630-5539. She will be making a delivery of donated items before the holidays. (**Glendolyn Hallman**, Community Service Chairman)



Life Members are the  of DeKalb Federation!!

**Please** consider purchasing a new DeKalb Federation life membership. Life memberships are \$50 and are ways to (1) recognize club members; (2) honor non-club members who have supported your club's work; (3) memorialize a club member or loved one; and (4) give a gift to yourself! Not limited to individuals, clubs may also apply for or receive Life Membership status. New life memberships will be presented at the DeKalb Federation's February 2025 meeting. The annual February program and luncheon is a heartwarming presentation of new life members, as well as recognition of all current life members. We also name the Life Member of the Year at this celebration.

**DeKalb** Federation donates all new life membership money to the Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund. Knowing that the money received through this membership drive will benefit Georgia college/university students majoring in garden-related areas in our state, is a powerful reason to purchase a life membership for someone special or in memory of someone special in your life. Your contribution, through the DeKalb Federation collective scholarship donation, will make a significant difference in the academic lives of students and is an investment in the future.

**The** life membership \$50 is tax deductible and is a wonderful way to recognize others while donating to the GCG Scholarship Fund. The application for Life Membership can be found on the DeKalb Federation's website under the membership tab. Please consider purchasing a life membership for a club member, for a community partner, for a friend, as a memorial, or for yourself.

**In** 2019, I honored my mother with a life membership as a memorial to her life-long belief in the power of healthy and clean eating and her love of gardening. Knowing that I was able to honor my mom, while giving to the DeKalb Federation, was a heartwarming experience. Please consider honoring someone in your life who has made a significant difference in your life.

(**Gale D. Thomas**, Life Member Chairman)

## ~ 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)!

### Conyers Garden Club Receives a \$1000 Gift from Rotary Club of Conyers!!



**The** Conyers Garden Club (CGC) and the Rotary Club of Conyers have been working collaboratively in the Light House Village Children’s Garden in Conyers since 2019. Light House Foundation is a faith-based non-profit organization that provides transitional housing for displaced mothers and their children (Phoenix Pass), temporary respite care housing for adults with special needs and/or developmentally disabilities (Haven House), and affordable housing for adults with disabilities and for public servants (Soaring Heights). Thanks to the past financial generosity of the Rotary Club and the collaborative work of garden club and Rotary club members, the Children’s Garden has been expanded over the years to become a beautiful pollinator and butterfly garden of mostly native plants.

**In** October, the Rotary Club requested a member of the CGC to attend one of their weekly meetings for a special presentation. On October 10, 2024, the CGC 1st V.P. Jessica Warren, attended a Rotary Club meeting where she was presented a check for \$1000 to CGC to support its work in the Children’s Garden. Jessica thanked the Rotarians for their generosity and for their collaborative work in the garden. She also recognized the contributions of a recently deceased Rotary Club member who had been very active in the garden project.

**The** CGC had regularly recognized the contributions of the Rotary Club in this collaborative project with submissions for the Garden Club of Georgia’s Award # 46, Public Relations Award. Each year it was won, the winning award certificate has been presented to the leadership of the Rotary Club.

**The** Conyers Garden Club is very appreciative of the support, financial and otherwise, received from their friends in the Rotary Club.

(**Gale D. Thomas**, President)



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**63<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL REDBUD DISTRICT MEETING!**

*Lilies of the Field*

**Hosted** by Green Thumb, Spade & Trowel, and Thomaston Garden Clubs, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 22**, at First Baptist Church of Thomaston. The program on daylilies will be presented by Matthew Stafford, Daylily Hybridizer, The Country Estate, Williamson. Our special guest will be Lisa Hall, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

**This** event is Redbud’s main fundraiser, and we will have the opportunity to participate in our Remarkable Redbud Basket Raffle and enjoy a catered lunch.

(**Kim Fair**, Redbud District Director)

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**GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA AWARDS**

Just a reminder – **GCG Awards previously due on December 1 are now due on November 15.** They must be received by State Awards Chairman, Diana Malone, by that date. Most applications can be emailed, but yearbooks need to be mailed and, based on postal delivery problems we are experiencing, any application that is mailed should probably be done so by November 1 to ensure timely delivery to Diana.

(**Glendolyn Hallman**, Awards Chairman)



## 2024 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser

Hosted by the Laurel District at Fair Oaks

Saturday, November 2, 2024 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Join** us at Fair Oaks at the [Marietta Educational Garden Center](#) on Saturday, November 2nd from 10am to 2pm for a day of education and activities hosted by the Laurel District and benefitting the Garden Club of Georgia's [Historic Landscape Preservation Grant](#).

Program speakers include Trevor Beemon, Executive Director of Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society, Inc. and the Chairman of the Acworth Historic Preservation Commission, along with Paul Pugliese, Bartow County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent.

**Before** and after the scheduled program, guests can enjoy Fair Oaks' gardens including the "Georgia's First Ladies Camellias," The Founders Garden, Pollinator Garden and the Gazebo.

**Plein** Air painters will be onsite. Don't miss the educational exhibits, garden shop and raffle baskets. Docents will provide tours of the antebellum home filled with period antiques. The home was used both by Union and Confederate armies.

Tickets are \$45 per person, including morning coffee, a boxed lunch (menu selections on form). **Order by October 25th.** Donations accepted and appreciated. Make checks payable to "GCG" and send to Edna McClellan, 180 Pacer Court, #9044, Ellijay, GA 30540-9305. Confirmation is via email. EdnaMae@ellijay.com. The form can be found here: [Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser Registration](#).

(**Beth Wielage**, Historic Preservation Chairman)

## *It's All About The Youth!*



**NGC & GCG offers wonderful opportunities to become involved in educating youth as they participate in contests. Encourage entries and have fun with the kids! November 15<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines.**

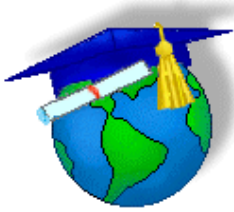
**Email or U.S. Mail entries, as indicated, to designated chairmen early. Be advised of the new due date for many contests & awards. If you sponsor a Youth G.C., additional awards are available. We are here to help!**

**Redbud Youth Chairman Susan Turner 404-502-8147  
[glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)**

**These educational opportunities through competitions are open to youth at the pre-school, elementary, middle, and high school level. Current contests include:**

- **[Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest](#)      [Poetry Contest](#)  
[Youth Sculpture Contest](#)**
- **[High School Distinguished Service Project Award](#)**
- **[Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant](#)**

**Please see the attached for complete details.**



**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
“Dollars Educate Scholars”**



**Mark your calendars for January as our  
Official GCG Scholarship Month!**

- Members donating \$1.00 or more now through January will make a BIG impact on Scholarships.
- *Dollars Educate Scholars* contributions from members are given via your garden club treasury.
- Your club treasurer writes one check to GCG to mail along with the completed form to:
- Assistant Treasurer, Anita Allen 381 McSwain Lane, Wray, GA 31798  
[wildverbena@gmail.com](mailto:wildverbena@gmail.com)

*Please support your District and your Director in the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dollars Educate Scholars fundraiser!***

*We will determine the winning District from contributions to Dollars Educate Scholars by funds and the percentage of district club participation.*

*Join the fun at the GCG Annual Convention Hosted by Azalea District, April 29-30, 2025.*

*Augusta Mariott at The Convention Center - 2 Tenth St., Augusta, GA. 30901*

*We will once again **Crown the Queen of Scholarships!***

**For additional information contact Susan Turner, Scholarships Chairman**  
770-922-4411 or 404-502-8147 [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)

**“Dollars Educate Scholars”**

**TRANSMITTAL FORM**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. OR GCG**

**Please complete the following information and mail with your clubs check for \$1.00 or more per member to Assistant Treasurer, Anita Allen 381 McSwain Lane, Wray, GA 31798**

**Please write legibly. Contributions received now through January 2025 will count in this giving period.**

Name of Garden Club:

Club Number:

District:

Garden Club President or Representative Data:

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone number:

Number of Members in your club:

100% Participation? Circle one.      Yes                      No

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## ***Federation Friends - Now Is the Time!***

**We are well into our giving period for GCG Scholarships! Contributions received now through the end of January will make all the difference in our giving in February 2025.**

This includes *Dollars Educate Scholars!* The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this friendly district competition will ultimately crown one District Director the Queen of Scholarships at our GCG Convention, April 29 & 30, 2025 in Augusta.  
*Our Redbud Director Kim Fair would love to receive this crown!*

We know many students will be appreciative for your support of their education and their future.

### **HOW TO CONTRIBUTE?**

***NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS, PATRON OF SCHOLARSHIPS,  
GENERAL DONATIONS, HONORS & MEMORIALS,  
DOLLARS EDUCATE SCHOLARS FUNDRAISER,  
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS***

**Visit the GCG website for information and appropriate forms to make your Scholarship donations: <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org>**

We are grateful to all who have contributed to Scholarships!  
On behalf of the GCG Scholarship Committee, we thank you for your continued generosity.

**Questions?** Contact Susan Turner, GCG Scholarship Chairman  
404-502-8147 [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)

Anita Allen, Assistant Treasurer 912-381-4516 [wildverbena@gmail.com](mailto:wildverbena@gmail.com)



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## CALLANWOLDE CORNER



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**Join us at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center for 9 days of  
Winter House 2024!**

**From November 30 to December 15, Callanwolde will be open to the  
public to celebrate a new winter tradition, one filled with art and  
holiday cheer.**

**Workshops, live music, holiday decor, Santa, and more!**

**November 30 - December 1**

**December 5 - December 7**

**December 12 - December 15**

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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 **October 24**
- Holidays For Heroes Cards Due By **October 24**
- Project Fig Leaf Donations Due By **October 24**
- Federation Board Meeting **November 7**
- Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show **November 14**
- Life Member Luncheon **February 27**

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

- Redbud District Annual Meeting **October 22**
- GCG Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser **November 2**
- Most GCG Awards Applications Due **November 15**
- GCG Scholarship Donations Due in **January**

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