



**MAY 2024**

**Hello Federation Friends,**



*“Tiny Hands in the Soil: Inspiring Young Gardeners for a Greener Tomorrow”*

**Our** next General Meeting will be on **Thursday, May 30, 2024**, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. (Jewelry shopping begins at 10:00 a.m.)

Join the Nature Time team, Elise Potts, Alan Melling, and Dr. Michael Martin, as they adventure into the enchanting world of gardening to teach our little ones about the cycle of life and interconnectedness in nature. They'll discuss how the joy of watching a seed sprout or a butterfly emerge fosters an appreciation for the delicate balance within nature, and how each action — no matter how small — can make a significant impact.

By showing kids the wonders hidden in a patch of soil, we're planting the seeds of understanding, responsibility, and respect for our planet, ultimately raising a generation of mindful caretakers for our Earth. Join us as we unearth the magic of gardening and instill a love for nature in our little ones. Hopefully, they will be our future garden club members.

**Following** the program, current Club Presidents, former Federation Presidents, and the ladies of the Legends Club will be recognized for their service.

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



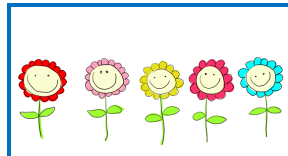
## It's Here! – Our Annual Federation Sale of



### Donated Jewelry and Gently Used Purses

**at our May 30 General Meeting**  
**Sale Begins at 10:00 a.m. and will Continue Following Our Meeting**  
(Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan**)

## The League of Legends



### **LEGENDS GO LIVE!**

**May** is the month of celebration for the Federation. We're celebrating our club presidents and our legendary 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. This year we will honor these three Legends:

Betty Jeanne Byrd – Valley Garden Club  
Ruth Olson – Avon Garden Club  
Joy Streater – Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden

**Each** member will get a lovely certificate, a framed copy of Michele Spears' invitation, and listing in the yearbook and garden center.  
(Legends Chairman **Diane Hunter**)



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

(The following article was written by Mary Cochran, GA Regional Activity Therapy Coordinator)

Attached are some photos of a visit from Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities, Kevin Tanner, in support of our gardening projects at Georgia Regional Hospital. The commissioner gave us three citrus trees (yuzu lemons) from Georgia Grown Citrus.

Pictured left to right are:

Commissioner Kevin Tanner; Lindy Savelle (Georgia Grown Citrus who delivered and helped plant the trees); Dr. Charles Li, M.D. Regional Hospital Administrator; Mary Cochran, Activity Therapy Coordinator; Deputy Commissioner Allen Morgan.



Also pictured below is the spring garden before we have planted (except sweet potato plants and spinach seeds). You can see our small winter crop of lettuce, chard, kale, radishes. We let some of the radishes go to seed so we can harvest and replant. Heavily featured is the mint which is happy to take over! Strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries are ripening. Yesterday, we planted a row of sweet

potato plants in a back corner. We traded some of the sweet potato plants we cultivated for okra and spinach seeds from a staff member who has a garden. On Tuesday during Group, we planted a short row of spinach seeds, and we are starting other spinach seeds indoors.

### **BUSY TIME AT THE GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL GARDENS**



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

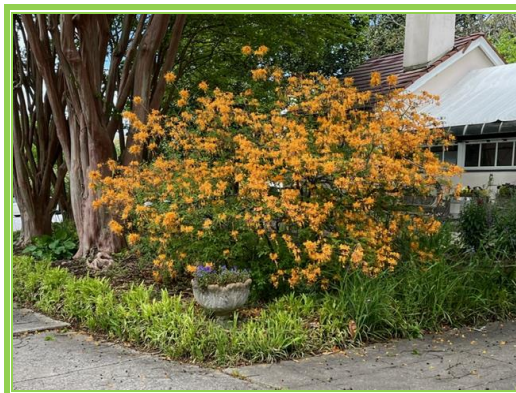
### **BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS**



### *April Showers Bring May Flowers*

We have a planting day set for May 22 to add annuals to our containers and perennials to our pollinator garden. We will be heading to Growers Outlet to purchase colorful annuals and perennials and we will be adding new mulch to the pollinator garden to keep the weeds down!

If you want to see our progress, go to the DeKalb Federation website, and select Resources and then the Photo Links. Select Garden Center Landscape to see some great shots of our garden like these. [www.dekalbfederation.com](http://www.dekalbfederation.com)



**Thanks** to our garden club members who are happy to weed, water, prune and maintain our beautiful Garden Center grounds. We will be working on the grounds during the summer and hopefully we will not have to water but let our friend Mother Nature handle that chore! We usually work every other week, and all are welcome. If you want to join us, please notify Quill Duncan via phone 770 414-4766 or email at [quillduncan@msn.com](mailto:quillduncan@msn.com).

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



### **AWARDS! AWARDS! AWARDS!**

**What** a great time we had at our Annual Awards Luncheon on April 25! Several clubs were **Celebrating**, and we had lots of winners! See all the photos on our website. The BIG winner was:

### **Club of the Year – Smoke Rise Garden Club**



(L-R) Denise Finley and Gina Dilley, Smoke Rise GC; Quill Duncan

## LOOK AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATE...



**On Wednesday, September 11**, which is Patriot Day, we will once again participate in the 9/11 Memorial Remembrance Ceremony of the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. Please plan to arrive at the DeKalb County Public Safety Complex, 1960 West Exchange Place, Tucker by 8:30 a.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 8:46 a.m. to commemorate the time the first plane struck the Twin Towers. DeKalb Federation will again provide, and place, a wreath on the memorial sculpture in front of the complex. Complete details will be sent later this summer.  
(**Susan Turner**, Remember 9/11 Chairman)



## *The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show*

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

**Where** – Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

**What** – Catered Luncheon, Vendors, Raffle Baskets and  
Fashion Show TBA

Complete Details Will be Announced this Fall

(**Rigby Duncan**, Fundraising Chairman)

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~ REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS ~



**Daisy** is going to the movies, and we want you to join her!! Redbud District's 51<sup>st</sup> Flower Show, **Daisy's Movie Mania**, will be held **August 26-29** at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Plans are being finalized, so please put these dates on your calendar so you can be part of the fun!



**And** what goes better with a movie than  Stay tuned for our upcoming “**funraiser**” to help fund Daisy's movie career!  
(**Gale D. Thomas** and **Joy Zaidan**, Flower Show Co-Chairmen)

The **Redbud District** Fall Board Meeting will be held on Monday, **August 12** in Covington; our Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 22** in Thomaston. Complete details will be sent this summer.  
(**Kim Fair**, Redbud District Director)



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~ **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA** ~

**DeKalb Federation** was well represented at The Garden Club of Georgia's 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on April 16-17 at the Crowne Plaza Conference Center in Peachtree City as the following clubs were in attendance:

Avon  
Avondale Estates  
Breckenridge Garden Arts I  
Conyers  
The Designers  
Dunwoody  
Hunting Hill  
Lullwater  
Mountain Mums  
Shenandoah Rose  
Smoke Rise Morning Glories  
Stonecrest

**Several** GCG and Deep South awards were won by the Federation, our member clubs, and individual members. They are all listed in the attached file.

**LOOK AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATE...**

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**The** Garden Club of Georgia 2024 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser will be held Fair Oaks in Marietta. Sponsored this year by Laurel District, more details will be available nearer the date.

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

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~ **CALLANWOLDE CORNER** ~

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Jazz on the Lawn**

**2024 Jazz on the Lawn Musicians:**

**August 23rd – Karla Harris**

**September 6th – The Grant Green Jr. Group**

**September 20th – Pete Ayres Quartet**

**October 4th – Eddie & Mayi Lopez**

**October 18th – Joe Gransden's Big Band**



**Season tickets now available. For complete information go to  
[www.callanwolde.org](http://www.callanwolde.org)**

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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 **May 30**
- Recognition of Club Presidents **May 30**
- Legends Club Recognition Ceremony **May 30**
- Jewelry and Purse Sale **May 30**
- Federation Board Meeting **June 5**
- Federation Board Meeting **September 5**
- Patriot Day Observance **September 11**
- Federation General Meeting **September 26**
- Leading Lights Fundraiser **November 14**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- National Garden Club Week **June 2-8**
- National Garden Club Convention, Denver **June 2-5**
- Redbud District Board Meeting, Covington **August 12**
- Redbud District Flower Show, Callanwolde **August 26-29**
- Redbud District Annual Meeting, Thomaston **October 22**
- GCG Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser Marietta **November 2**

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