



**OCTOBER 2023**

**Hello Federation Friends,**



### **“Wet Your Beak”**

Welcome back to another month of garden club activities and **celebrations!**

**Our next General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Club Presidents, please share this information with your members.**

**Our program is “Wet Your Beak – How to Garden to Attract Birds (and other wildlife).”** During the last 50 years, we have lost almost 3 billion birds in the world due to a series of factors. In this entertaining and interactive presentation, Trecia Neal will discuss some of the issues that have contributed to this decline. Homeowners are in a unique position to help arrest and reverse this decline. She will also discuss the amazing anatomy of birds, how we classify birds, easy tips to identify common birds in your yard, and most importantly, ways to improve your habitat to attract birds. Trecia was a biologist at Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta for over 30 years. Her areas of expertise are ornithology, environmental education, establishing outdoor classrooms and gardens and educating the public about the wonders of monarchs.

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

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



## Hospitality Volunteers

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

### Smoke Rise and Shenandoah Rose Garden Clubs

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. This month's exhibitor is:

### Smoke Rise Garden Club – Theme *Celebrations!*



(**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**)



## BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS

**Volunteers** have been working hard to make sure our landscape looked nice for the Redbud District meeting. Quill has organized crews to weed the pollinator garden and other areas. Rain has almost deserted us this past month, so someone has been watering the concrete planters, at least weekly. Sandy refers to the sunpatiens as “Lazarus Plants.” They have been so wilted that she has declared them dead a couple of times. After a thorough watering, they have perked up and resumed blooming as if nothing happened! The begonias have bounced back after a heavy pruning in late summer and are covered with flowers again. Later this month, we will remove the summer annuals and add violas, pansies and/or other winter annuals to the containers.

**If** you want to come help us weed or plant or prune, let us know. Contact Sandy Reed [sandyreed17@gmail.com](mailto:sandyreed17@gmail.com) or Quill Duncan [quillduncan@msn.com](mailto:quillduncan@msn.com) to join the fun. We usually work every other week but with fall’s moderate weather, we will try to up that to once a week. Thanks, all!



## Holidays For Heroes

I 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 our **October 26** Federation meeting. This year the cards are going to Fort Gordon, and possibly a marine base in South Georgia, for distribution to a military base overseas.

**A reminder of the rules:**

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

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- Please 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.”

**(Glenn dolyn Hallman Chairman) [gkh44@aol.com](mailto:gkh44@aol.com).**



**PROJECT FIG LEAF**

We continue to collect donations of men’s and women’s new underwear and socks, new or gently worn clothing (especially men’s pants, no belts, elastic waist preferred), and toiletries of any size for the patients at Georgia Regional Hospital. Please bring your donations to our **October 26<sup>th</sup>** meeting, or you can deliver them to the home of Glenn dolyn Hallman, 2244 Spencers Way, Smoke Rise; 770-491-7398. She will be making a delivery of donated items before the holidays.

**(Glenn dolyn Hallman, Community Service Chairman)**



**The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show  
And 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**When** – Thursday, November 16, 10:30 a.m.

**Where** – Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

**What** – Catered Luncheon, Vendors, Raffle Baskets and Fashion Show Presented by Dillard’s Atlantic Station

**Reservations Due by November 8, 2023**

**Invitation and Reservation Form are Attached.**

**This year we have added another exciting component, a 50/50 Cash Raffle, to be conducted at the event!**

**(Rigby Duncan, Fundraising Chairman)**

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## REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS



### **62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL REDBUD DISTRICT MEETING!**

*“Wild about Wildflowers”*

**Hosted** by DeKalb Federation, the meeting was held on Tuesday, October 17, at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. The program on wildflowers was presented by Felicity N. Davis, Landscape Architect, Georgia Department of Transportation Roadside Wildflower Program. Our special guests were Lisa Hall, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Andrew Keenan, Callanwolde Executive Director, and Dorian Owens and Chris LaGrace, Georgia Department of Transportation.

**Following** the Redbud Awards Ceremony (a complete listing of the winners will be in the next Redbud Reporter), we drew the winning raffle tickets for the fifteen baskets, culminating with drawing the winners of the 50/50 Cash Raffle. The pot of \$2,710 was split, with Redbud retaining one-half (\$1,355), and the other half divided equally among three lucky winners. The following each received \$450:

Diane Hunter, Breckenridge Garden Arts I and The Designers Clubs  
Wanda Lowe, Pine Needle Garden Club  
Margaret Schultz, Dunwoody Garden Club

### **LOOK AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATE!!**

**The** Garden Club of Georgia 96th Annual Convention will be held on April 16-17, 2024, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Peachtree City. Redbud will be the host district with Quill Duncan serving as Convention Chairman and Bonnie Dudley as Convention Co-Chairman. The Convention Committee has been hard at work to ensure that this will be a successful event. If you are contacted to fill a role, please say **YES!**, as we are *“Bloomin’ in the Heart of Georgia!”*

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

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~ **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA** ~

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**The Garden Club of Georgia Fundraiser at Masee Lane Gardens**



**Please Note: The Due Date to Register is **October 25** (registration form attached)**

The GCG 2023 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser will be held at Masee Lane Gardens, home of the **American Camellia Society**. We'll travel to 100 Masee Lane in Fort Valley, GA 31030 where we will tour seven specialty gardens and view the world-famous **Boehm Porcelain Collection**. Luncheon and a speaker will be included. Sponsored this year by Magnolia District, the registration form with more details is available on the Garden Club of Georgia's new website under Projects and Programs.

Visit <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/>  
(**Beth Wielage**, Historic Preservation Chairman)

**GCG AWARDS ARE DUE**

**Most** awards submissions for GCG, Deep South, and NGC are due **December 1**, 2023. Please remember that the procedure for submitting awards has changed. The new guidelines can be found on the GCG website, [gardenclubofgeorgia.org](https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/)., and in the handbook that was distributed at the Awards and Leadership Workshop in July.

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



**YOUTH POETRY CONTEST** – Entries due to Redbud Youth Chair by December 1

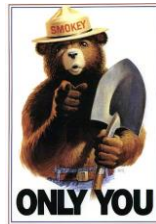
**Theme:** “I Spy With My Little Eye, Something **Green** Outside –  
Celebrating Our **Green** World.”

For details and updated guidelines visit <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests>

(**Melodie Janin**, Redbud Youth Chairman; [melodiejanin@yahoo.com](mailto:melodiejanin@yahoo.com))

(**Susan Turner**, Redbud Youth Co-Chairman; [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net))

**SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST** - Entries due to Redbud Youth Chair by December 1



**This** year we will celebrate Smokey’s **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** Since 1944, Smokey Bear has taught people how to help prevent wildfires and to be careful with campfires, matches and more.

For details and updated guidelines visit <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests>

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## **YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST 2024**

**Encourages fun & creative ways to *Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.***

**Due date January 1 - Info at** <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests>

Judy Johnson, 31 Dogwood Dr., Baxley, GA 31513. 912-367-7779 C: 912-278-1953

[judytjohnson1953@gmail.com](mailto:judytjohnson1953@gmail.com) Entries may be sent to

[awardschairmangcga@gmail.com](mailto:awardschairmangcga@gmail.com)





## GCG Scholarships

### Providing Pathways to Create Sustainable Futures

Scholarships are a wonderful way GCG fulfills our Mission of Education. GCG is now in the current giving period for Scholarships donations. We look forward to receiving contributions before the end of the year, no later than January. Donations must be received by January to be awarded in February!

Please consider a donation to scholarships as you plan your budgets. Your gift is truly appreciated.

### Ways to Contribute to Scholarships

**Named Scholarships** - Donations of \$1,000.00. or more.

Contact/mail Susan Turner, Scholarship Chairman. P.O. Box 810, Conyers, GA 30012.

[glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)

**Patron of Scholarships** - Denotes donations of \$200.00-\$999.99.

Contact/mail Anita Allen, Assistant Treasurer. 381 McSwain Lane, Wray, GA 31798

[wildverbena@gmail.com](mailto:wildverbena@gmail.com)

**General Scholarship Fund to include Honorariums and Memorials**

100% of these contributions are granted each year and are always welcomed. Mail to Anita Allen, Assistant Treasurer.

381 McSwain Lane, Wray, GA 31798 [wildverbena@gmail.com](mailto:wildverbena@gmail.com)

*This is a lovely way to honor or remember those who have served us well.*

**Brown Thrasher and Cherokee Rose Scholarship Endowment Funds**

Contributions, including those indicated for an honor or memorial gift, are placed in the designated endowment fund. Consideration of accessible funds is determined from interest, dividends, capital gains and fund appreciation in awarding these scholarships. Cherokee Rose is designated for Grad Students in the field of Landscape Design and related subjects.

Contributions are mailed to Anita Allen, Assistant Treasurer. 381 McSwain Lane, Wray, GA 31798

[wildverbena@gmail.com](mailto:wildverbena@gmail.com)

**Dollars Educate Scholars Fundraiser**

January is "Scholarship Month". All clubs are asked to donate \$1.00 or more per club member for scholarships from your club treasury. All monies collected from each club are sent to Anita Allen, Assistant Treasurer.

**GCG Life Memberships**

One half of all GCG Life Memberships goes to scholarships. The other 50% supports our GCG Headquarters Endowment Account. The Life Membership application is available on the website or from your chairman. Mail your check along with application form to Bess Hartley, 250 Cotton Hill Road, Fort Gaines GA 39851. A letter and a GCG Membership Card will be sent to you by Bess Hartley, GCG 2nd Vice President & Life Membership Chairman.



### **GCG Subscribing Memberships & Plant Society & Affiliates Memberships**

Gift a \$25.00 **Subscribing Membership** to your local representative, speaker, friend or relative. Please make checks payable to the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Mail to 2450 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens, Ga 30602-5817

Ask your plant society friends to join us with a GCG membership of \$15.00 for your group. Send to **GCG Plant Societies & Affiliates** Chairman, Ruthellen Anderson 427 Gold Bullion Dr. E., Dawsonville GA 30354 706-216-5034 (H) 706-344-2968 (C) aruthellen@gmail.com

Contributions to scholarships are also welcomed! *Visit our website for more details*  
<http://gardenclubofgeorgia.org>

*Thank you for throwing out a lifeline to students who need our help to graduate. Your support contributes to the future of those who will love, protect and care for our earth now and for the generations that follow.*

**NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS, PATRON OF SCHOLARSHIPS,  
GENERAL DONATIONS, HONORS & MEMORIALS,  
DOLLARS EDUCATE SCHOLARS, LIFE MEMBERSHIPS,  
GCG SUBSCRIBING AND PLANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

(Susan Turner, Scholarship Chairman)

## **~ CALLANWOLDE CORNER ~**

### *Callanwolde Winter House*



Winter House is a 10-day event, beginning November 25, where families can enjoy a welcoming, art-filled holiday experience that reflects our passion for arts education, featuring art-making workshops, an artist market, spectacular music performances, our Library Wine Bar and Beer Garden, history tours, holiday décor, dancers, Santa visits, and so much more!

**Volunteers Needed!** As soon as we get more information, we will send it on.

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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. There are no general meetings in November and December, but we hope to see you at **Leading Lights** on November 16! This will be our last newsletter until January.

**Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!**



**Please mark your calendars for these important dates:**

**Federation Dates:**

<b>October 26</b>	Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Holidays for Heroes</b> Cards Are Due
<b>October 26</b>	Project Fig Leaf Donations are Due
<b>November 2</b>	Federation Board Meeting Via <b>Zoom &amp; In Person</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Leading Lights Fundraiser</b>
<b>January 4</b>	Federation Board Meeting Via <b>Zoom &amp; In Person</b>
<b>January 25</b>	Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde

**GCG Dates:**

<b>November 4</b>	Massee Lane Gardens Fundraiser
<b>December 1</b>	Due Date For Most Awards Applications
<b>January 31</b>	Due Date For <b>Dollars Educate Scholars</b> Donations
<b>January 31</b>	Due Date For Donations to General Scholarship Fund
<b>February 12</b>	Redbud Winter Board Meeting, Callanwolde
<b>April 16-17</b>	GCG 96 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Stone Mountain

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