



SEPTEMBER 2024

Hello Federation Friends,



“Happy Fall, Y’all!”

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

Our next General Meeting will be on **Thursday, September 26, 2024**, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. **Club Presidents, please share this information with your members.**

Our program is **“Natural Born Tillers,”** presented by Cory Mosser whose company is dedicated to helping you establish and grow something special. The company has over 25 years of experience managing sustainable agriculture and connecting people to food and place. They are passionate about inspiring people to connect and interact with their surroundings and helping them to unlock the true potential of their site.

Cory founded Natural Born Tillers in 2014 after managing small organic farms around Georgia for almost 10 years. Cory wanted to share the connection to food that he experienced as a farmer, and soon found success growing food in unique places to break up the monotony of urban landscapes.

(Nancy Martin, Programs Vice President)

And, don’t forget our monthly raffle. Avondale Estates 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:

Avondale Estates 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!** The next Mini-Flower Show will be held at our October meeting.



(**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; 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 September 26. 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). 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 with questions.



Scenes From 2023 Leading Lights

*The Annual Leading Lights Luncheon, Fashion Show
And 20th 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 to Follow Later This Month

(Rigby Duncan, Fundraising Chairman)



It was a beautiful, albeit solemn Patriot Day, as members of The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. gathered to take part in the ***Remember 9/11*** Ceremony held annually at the DeKalb County Public Safety Complex in Tucker. The Federation again provided a lovely wreath for placement during the ceremony. The First Responders unit continues in their appreciation for our kind participation and support, as we acknowledge the 23rd year of this heartbreaking National tragedy.

Many members and friends were in attendance and that made it all the more special. Victoria Crosby and Denise Finley, both of Smoke Rise Garden Club, were escorted by Senior Firefighter D'ante Pickett of the DeKalb Co. Fire Department, who carried the wreath. Major Nicole Rutland, DeKalb County Police Department sang our National Anthem beautifully. Captain Douglas Harms played Amazing Grace and other songs on the bagpipe.

It was again requested that a special reading by Victoria R. Crosby, President of Smoke Rise Garden Club, be a part of this ceremony. Victoria read an original poem, entitled ***A Tribute to Heroes***. This reading was so moving, memorable and certainly appreciated by all in attendance. Our sincere gratitude is extended to Victoria for sharing her poem with us all.

After the ceremony, Victoria was interviewed by the community television channel DeKalb 23, as well as Decaturish News, for her part in the ceremony. Victoria gave a wonderful presentation on behalf of Smoke Rise Garden Club, The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

The wreath from Conyers Flower shop was lovely and with instructions provided for its care, we trust it was enjoyed for several days, if not longer. Plans were discussed to later move it inside to protect and enjoy its longevity.

We appreciate all who were able to attend this ceremony. I know you all came away with a deep sense of honor and humility for this occasion. It was heartwarming to see many new Recruits of the FD & PD in attendance. We are grateful to the men and women in uniform that serve and protect us each day.

(**Susan Turner**, Remember 9/11 Chairman)



L-R Joy Abrams, Bonnie Pennington, Quill Duncan, Glenndolyn Hallman, Victoria Crosby, Denise Finley, Collette Riefkohl, Jean Weathers Rigby Duncan, Kimberly Fair, Susan Turner & Ann Purr.

(Back Row Rt.) Members of the Color Guard included (L-R) Battalion Chief Alex Lane, Captain Kevin James and Driver Operator Danny Menard.



The wreath presented by DeKalb Federation



Victoria Crosby and Denise Finley with DeKalb County CEO, Michael Thurmond, and other dignitaries



BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS

The Landscape Advisory team is **Watering.. Watering.. Watering!**

Somehow Francine passed us by and our Garden Center garden has been parched for half of August and most of September! Fortunately, the begonias are surprisingly resilient plants and have managed to still look lovely in their containers in the Callanwolde patio area. The smaller containers really had a tough time and luckily it is really time to begin to consider our fall and winter planting scheme. The pollinator garden has done very well and is mostly drought tolerant.

Gardeners from five clubs will be working September 19th to water again and do some deadheading and pruning of our existing plantings. In early October we will put out pre-emergent for the winter weeds in the grounds to counteract Miss Henbit and her Weedy friends. We must wait for Mother Nature to cooperate as that needs to be watered in to be effective.

Thanks to Renie Faulkenberry, Frank Mullins, Peg Wise, Glenndolyn Hallman, Joy Abrams, Dolly Moy, Bonnie Pennington, Kim Fair and thanks especially to Ann Purr for the bottled water supply!

We will also strategize as a group with ideas and suggestions for the winter interest garden plantings. In addition, we have determined that we want to support the GCG Flower Power fundraiser and purchase bulbs for our grounds. The GCG Spring bulb fundraiser raised \$1500 to GCG, and we want to be a team player and purchase bulbs for our lovely grounds in support of this project. We will have several planting days to add the new winter hardy annuals as well as a bulb planting event. Watch for photos of our planting days! If you want to join the fun, contact Quill (quillduncan@msn.com) or Sandy (sandyreed17@gmail.com). We would love to have you dig alongside us!

(Quill Duncan & Sandy Reed, Landscape Advisory Chairmen)



Black-eyed Susan 'American Gold Rush' and 'Profusion' Zinnia



GARDEN THERAPY - NURTURING WITH NATURE

Garden Therapy at Georgia Regional Hospital Update

Wonderful news! DeKalb Federation applied for a new grant from The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for the GA Regional Hospital this summer and we received \$675! The funds will be spent to brighten a very neglected atrium in the Skilled Nursing Unit in Building 17 at the Panthersville Road campus in Decatur. The patients in this unit are profoundly challenged mentally and physically but they are able to have access to the outdoors with this open atrium. The atrium space needs new containers and colorful plantings to brighten the area and provide a respite for the patients and staff who care for them. The funds will be used for plantings and we hope to involve the physical plant operations there at the hospital to create new containers to hold the plantings. Mary Cochran and her cohorts in the Skilled Nursing Unit will work with Bonnie Pennington and Quill Duncan to develop a fresh plan for the space over the next few months. Many thanks to GCG's Garden Therapy Grant committee chaired by Glenndolyn Hallman. It really helps to have friends in high places!

In addition, this spring Deep South Garden Clubs awarded DeKalb Federation \$100 for a Special Achievement Award based on our award application for garden therapy. These funds were given to GA Regional Hospital for the purchase of garden boots to handle the red clay in the veggie garden. This was a fun way to spend the funds and the patients are grateful!

Georgia Regional Hospital's other gardens are going strong despite our hot and dry late summer and early fall. Resident patients water, weed and harvest veggies and then they cook the produce for some wonderful, shared meals. Mary enjoys leading this group activity and her photos show their delicious produce. Garden therapy has truly been a wonderful enriching experience there for the patients and staff and the positive and enthusiastic response from the patients is heartwarming.

(Bonnie Pennington, Quill Duncan, Co-Chairmen)



You can always depend on zucchini to grow in your garden!

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)

~ 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!

Lullwater Garden Club will be having WORKDAYS IN THE LULLWATER CONSERVATION GARDEN the first Friday of the months of October, November, and December from 9:00-11:00 a.m., 834 Lullwater Road Atlanta 30307. Please drop by for a stroll in the Garden to see what's going on. We are working very hard!





~ REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS ~



The 51st Redbud District Standard Flower Show

"Daisy's Movie Mania"

was held at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center on Wednesday and Thursday, August 28-29, and what a fun show this was! With interpretations of movie titles throughout the show, the designs were stunning, and despite the heat and lack of rain, we had almost 500 pieces of horticulture! An interesting addition to this year's show was Botanical Arts awards for Design and Artistic Crafts.

Federation members who were Top Exhibitor Award winners:

NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence

Joy Zaidan, Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

NGC Arboreal Award – Trees

Lucy White, Mountain Mums Garden Club

NGC Award of Merit – Aroids

Joy Zaidan, Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

NGC Award of Merit – Flowering Annuals

Beth Langhorst, Avondale Estates Garden Club

NGC Award of Merit – Flowering Perennials

Penny Abraham, Avon Garden Club

NGC Award of Merit – Foliage Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, Rhizomes

Christi Granger, Avondale Estates Garden Club

NGC Award of Merit – Fruits and Vegetables

Janet McGinnis, Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

NGC Collector's Showcase – Collections, Cut Specimens (non-arboreal)

Lynn Boyd, Avondale Estates Garden Club

(Redbud Flower Show Winners continued)

NGC Award of Design Excellence

Shirley Porterfield, The Designers Club

NGC Designer's Choice Award

Shirley Porterfield, The Designers Club

NGC Educational Award

Diane Hunter, The Designers Club

NGC Botanical Arts Design Award

Diane Hunter, The Designers Club

NGC Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award

Mary Ann Bryant, The Designers Club

NGC Sweepstakes Award

Michèle Spears, Avon Garden Club

Redbud District Elinore Wilson Trophy

Joy Zaidan, Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

Redbud District Hallie Brown Memorial Trophy

Michèle Spears, Avon Garden Club

Redbud District Mickie Holton Inspirational Award

Shirley Porterfield, The Designers Club

(Gale Thomas, Chairman; **Joy Zaidan**, Co-Chairman)



63rd 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 you will have the opportunity to participate in our Remarkable Redbud Basket Raffle and enjoy a catered lunch. The meeting invitation and reservation form are on the Redbud website. The due date to reserve your spot is **October 11**.

We hope to see you there!

(Kim Fair, Redbud District Director)



~ **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA** ~

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

**2024 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser
Hosted by the Laurel District at Fair Oaks**

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)



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)

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 15th & January 1st 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 Melodie Janin 678-633-0219

melodiejanin@yahoo.com

Redbud Youth Co-Chairman Susan Turner 404-502-8147

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.



A Remarkably Resplendent Year for GCG Scholarships!

Susan Turner, GCG Scholarship Chairman

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Ann Purr, Redbud District Scholarship Chairman

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We continue our excitement and our thankfulness for the generosity of garden club members and friends that enabled us to grant \$85,000. to our deserving Georgia students!

This January 2025, we will celebrate our 10th year with Dollars Educate Scholars. Thank you for supporting this on-going fundraiser.

Please continue to help our mission by financially supporting the future careers of our Georgia students. On behalf of the GCG Scholarship Committee, we thank you for being a part of their lives. These young people are dedicated to the same mission as The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., *Beautification, Conservation & Education.*

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

Jazz on the Lawn

2024 Jazz on the Lawn Musicians:

September 20th – Pete Ayres Quartet

October 4th – Eddie & Mayi Lopez Orquestra Macuba

October 18th – Joe Gransden's Big Band

Callanwolde is in the midst of their Capital Campaign to expand resources to the community. Go to www.callanwolde.org/campaign to learn of the plans for expansion on the property, and ways to provide financial assistance to our partner, Callanwolde.

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 **September 26**
- Federation Board Meeting **October 3**
- 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**

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**

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