

Laurel Letters

Fall 2021

Laurel District Newsletter



Hello Laurel District,

Wow, we had a wonderful Laurel District Board meeting on August 19th. Many exciting fundraising ideas were shared by those present. There is a wide range of fundraising events held in Laurel District. Several suggestions included pond and garden tours, plant sales, Bridge parties, festivals, and raffle sales to name a few.

The Laurels are very busy preparing for the Fall season opening of our clubs. A big “**thank you**” to the Laurel District Committee Chairs and the Executive Board. We have a wonderful group of very talented people and I look forward to the next two years.

The **Laurel District Fall Meeting** is scheduled on **October 12th** at the Coosa Country Club in Rome, Georgia. The registration form is attached. Gift Basket Raffle tickets will be available for purchase. Canvas aprons and large insulated bags with the GCG logo can be purchased at the meeting.

A free tour of Marshall Forest led by **Caroline Alford** will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11th, for those interested. We look forward to seeing everyone in Rome.

Laurel District is very proud of **Dee Anne Wyse**, GCG Awards Chair, and **Marie Purser**, GCG Awards Co-Chair, who are members of the Magnolia Garden Club in Laurel District. They presented award workshops across the state to all seven districts. The presentation was filmed at the Laurel District workshop and will be available for garden clubs on the GCG website in September.

The **Garden Club of Georgia** website is a wonderful resource for information on our district and the Garden Club of Georgia. Take advantage of this wonderful tool. User ID is *guide* and the password is *grow1315*

Looking forward to cooler days with fall garden club meetings. Stay cool and keep safe!

Susan

“Plant America with Health, Happiness and Fun!”



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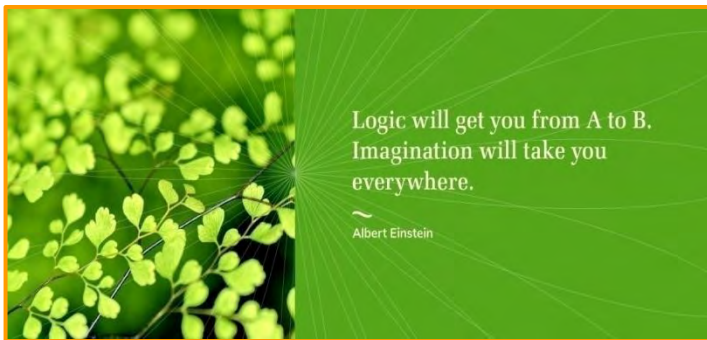
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"Plant America with Health, Happiness and Fun"



The slogan above affirms our beliefs as gardeners and garden club members.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) was an American essayist, preacher, poet, and philosopher. This quote, which was included rather unceremoniously in one of Emerson's journal entries from April 1835, offers insight into his values. He cautioned against taking societal rules so seriously that you sacrifice silliness and fun. In this he was ahead of his time. *Science has shown that, in fact, playfulness is a learned trait, one that benefits us physically, socially, and emotionally at any age.* It is, as Emerson said, an excellent ability to cultivate for a happy life.



He who plants a garden plants happiness.

- Chinese proverb

Lawrenceville Garden Club

Lawrenceville Garden Club

Members recently presented a fun and informative program on ***Building and Care of a Terrarium*** to 35 Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation Day Campers. Each “Happy Camper” took home their own terrarium!

By Cheryl Shaw



Attention Project Chairs: It's a great idea for a Community Project, and imitation is the highest form of flattery.

Seven Hills Garden Club

On 8 September Seven Hills Garden Club met at the home of **Nelly Luthi** for an in-person meeting and lunch (with masks). Members viewed the new flower pot purchased by our club for the **Community Foundation of Greater Rome's beautification of Broad Street**.

Potted plants adorn every corner in the main downtown area giving the town a very welcoming appearance.

Our meeting, led by **Co-Presidents Kathy Cooper and Susie Garrett**, followed with our Officer Installation, information about the Coosa Valley Fair and flower entries, the upcoming Laurel District Meeting in October in Rome, membership, and individual yearly club responsibilities detailed in our new yearbooks .

Members were then treated to a guided tour of the rooftop garden located at the LOFTS at Broad and Third. Our luncheon hostess is the caretaker of this lovely, relaxing area with its beautiful display of flowers, greenery, and herbs. It's a perfect place to sit back and watch the sunset.

Being able to meet after our long break was great - greeting new and old members, having time together, and enjoying lunch. We look forward to an exciting and productive year working and learning new things.



Installation Photo: Anita Bridges, Susi Manning, Virginia Hunter, Hollye Smith, Emily Johnson, Kathy Coper, and Susie Garrett



Food Committee
Marla Janes
Sheelah Schreiber
Nancy Ware

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Dedication Ceremony of the Daylily Statue



On May 4, 2021, members of the Stonehedge Garden Club held a dedication ceremony of the Daylily Statue, emblem of the club, in the historic downtown park of Buford, Georgia.

The club welcomed, recognized, and extended gratitude to the honored guests from The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the Laurel District, former club past presidents, town representatives and major contributors.

We thanked Jim Bradford, our local artist, who created and brought the project to fruition. The club hopes to enrich the lives of all who pass by the statue and inspire the love of gardening.



(L-R) Marie Purser, Peggy Tucker, Susan Stevens, Barbara Bourque

Marie Purser, Immediate Past Laurel District Director; Peggy Tucker, GCG President; Susan Stephens, Laurel District Director; and Barbara Bourque, Immediate Past GCG President.

Stonehedge Garden Club

Daylily Statue Dedication day



Stonehedge Garden Club Members

**Stonehedge
Garden Club:
Members and
more photos from
the day in historic
downtown Buford**



Members Touring Members' Gardens By Beth Moore Williams (Mrs. BMW)

On a bright and sunny morning in June, Jonquil Garden Club members toured the gardens of two members who had volunteered to share their special gardens. Each garden displayed a uniqueness of its own. As we drove up to the first garden home of Heidi Hunt, we saw red roses defining the front of the lawn. On the shady side, we gazed at the many varieties of ferns, hostas, and other well-chosen evergreen and flowering plants along the left side of the driveway. The home and attractive landscape were anchored by large boulders with smaller rocks directing pathways throughout the garden. Black-eyed Susans, azaleas, and many other colorful blooming plants were growing happily against the backdrop of tall trees. The back deck had a very, very tall tomato plant in a container with promise of summer harvest. Winding pathways were lined with mazus and ajuga groundcovers on the side of the home. After touring, we were offered fruit, cookies, and refreshing water.



Heidi Hunt
Home Garden Tour
2021
Jonquil Garden Club



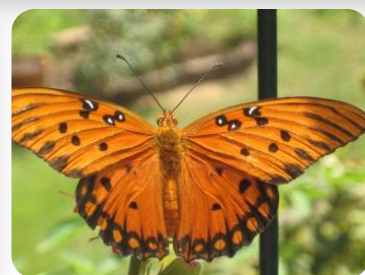
**Jonquil
Garden Club**

Jonquil Garden Club-2



Next, we traveled to the home of Debbie Deluca. After refreshments, we stepped out into the lush, beautiful back garden and were delighted by profuse plantings of colorful perennials, annuals, and shrubs. Shade and sun gardens were situated everywhere within the large, partially wooded area. The back terrace of the home had a stunning checkerboard design created with pavers and mondo grass. Past the greenhouse, among the cooling greens of nature, were beautiful flowers and plants as far as the eye could see. The garden was enhanced with creative container gardens, interesting garden art, and an array of birdhouses. Touring gardens ignites ideas and creates a desire for new plants. I fell in love with the spreading plum yews growing within the garden and immediately purchased one for myself. What a treat for a gardener to tour other gardeners' gardens. Hopefully, we can do it again next year.

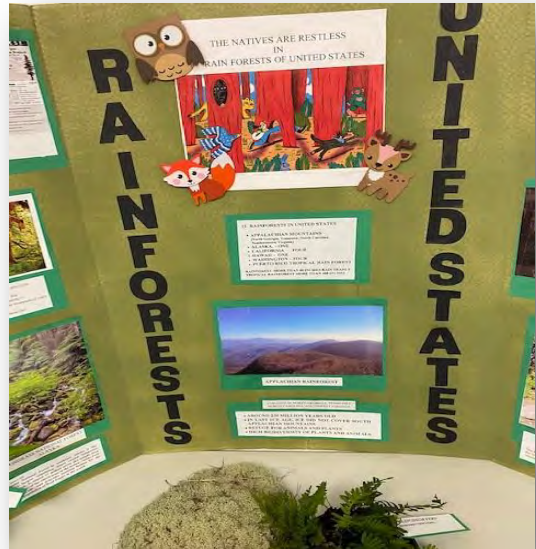
Debbie Deluca
Home Garden Tour
2021
Jonquil Garden Club



Blairsville Garden Club

Kathryn Litton Creates Informative Rain Forests Display for Hiawassee Garden Club Flower Show

Kathryn Litton, Hiawassee Garden Club honorary member, and Blairsville Garden Club member, created an educational exhibit for the recent Hiawassee Garden Club Flower Show. The exhibit depicted the temperate rain forests of the United States. Few people know that we have rain forests in our country, but we have a total of 12 located in different states. Then there is the tropical rain forest in Puerto Rico.



To be considered temperate rain forest there must be at least 80 inches of rain average per year. A tropical rain forest receives 200 or more inches of rain per year. The rain forests in the United States encompass the Appalachian Mountains located in southwest Virginia, parts of North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia! Our state has a rain forest! The other states have one rain forest in Alaska, four in Washington, four in Oregon, two in California.

This is important information for people to know about our state and nation, as everyone usually associates rain forests with the tropics. The Appalachian Mountains rain forest contains the most diverse amount of plants of any of the ones listed. *By Kathryn Litton*

Editor's note: In addition to many other titles, gardening pursuits, and community involvements, Kathryn writes an excellent informative horticultural article that appears in each issue of **GARDEN GATEWAYS**, our state magazine, under the title "Inside Your Garden Gate."



The Four Awesomes:

**Marigold, Zinnia,
Butterfly and Lizard
By**

**Helen Turner, Ball
Ground
Garden Club**



Cumming Garden Club

Cumming Laurels Get Creative for December Meeting

The December meeting was held outdoors at Fowler Park. Members brought a gift for exchange that was homemade, baked or grown.

Participants moved to Christmas music in a 'musical cars' game and received the gift hidden in the car where they ended when music stopped.

Wreaths or door garlands submitted in a contest for a cash prize were displayed on member cars in the parking lot.

Nominees for 2021-2022 officers were announced. All safety precautions were taken with masks worn by participants.

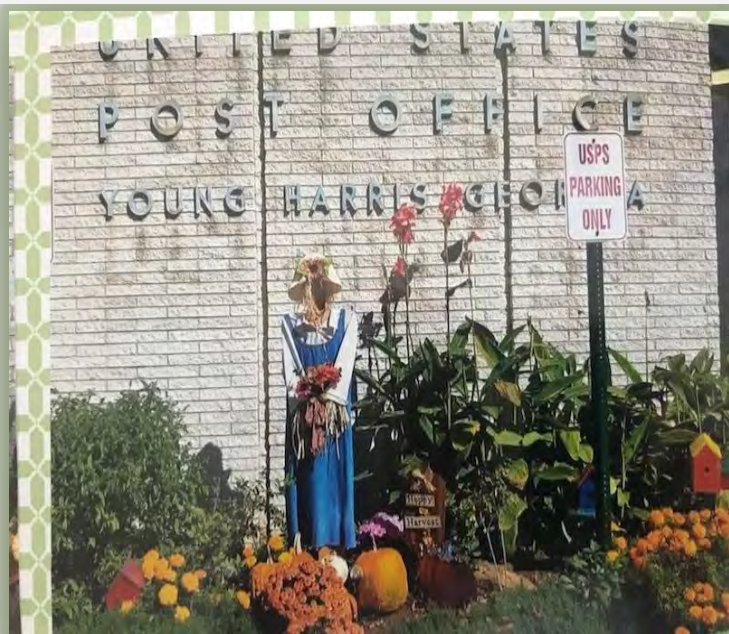
Wreath winners appear here. - By Judith Lynnree



 <p>Memory Tree A Christmas tree door hanger made from mini trinkets, charms and jewelry of the Club's remaining charter member</p>	 <p>Godzilla Cypress, camellia leaves and ornaments cover a BBQ grate which made the design very heavy</p>	 <p>Snowman Two forms covered in white, a black hat and Christmas lights make up this door hanger</p>	 <p>Forest Floor Wreath made from acorns, lichen, pine cones and greenery</p>
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Enotah Laurels Create Public Honorary Garden

The Enotah Garden Club of Young Harris and the Young Harris Post Office work together to install plants, maintain the garden, and decorate for the holidays. The Post Office Garden was started beginning in September 2019, at that time a member of the EGC, in memory of her friend that recently passed away with cancer.



She loved gardening. The EGC members continue to take turns maintaining the garden with either donated plants or using the donated funds.

-- By Helen Harvey



From Our Gardens

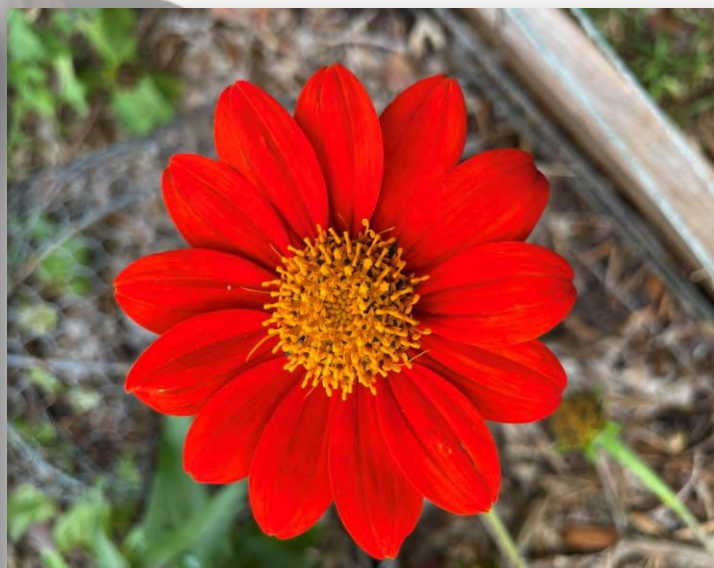
Special Laurel Letters Section: Thanks to all for participating by sending photos from your gardens. Keep growing on, and sending photos.



Laurel Leaders:

Dee Anne Wyse, Treasurer; Susan Stephens, Director; and Mickey Carton, Chaplain, pause briefly for photo at Laurel District Board meeting in Cartersville.

***By Vicki Jones-
Magnolia Garden Club.***



***“Butterfly on Zinnia” and
“Perfect Tithonia Bloom”***

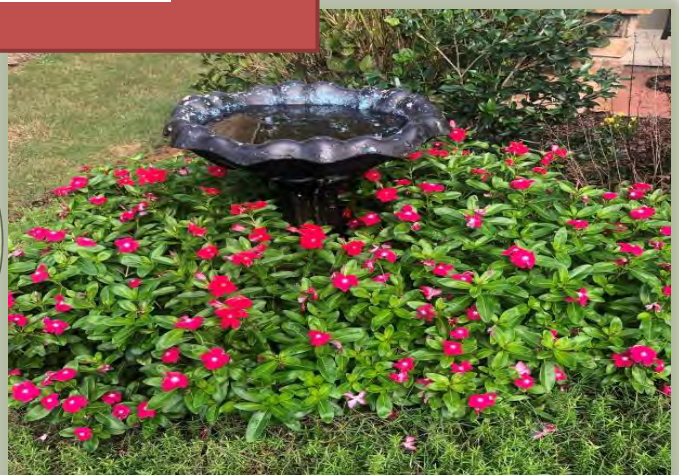
***Maryanne Lovejoy- Laurel
Garden Club, LaGrange***

Ball Ground Garden Club

Anetsa-Ga-Da – From Our Gardens



Pollinator Count -
Elaine Ness
Swallowtail -Elaine
Ness
Bountiful Begonias -
Patti McNorton
Peaceful Angel -Patti
McNorton
Cranberry Vinca -
Patti McNorton



*Pink Drift
Roses
and
Peach
Bearded Iris*

by
Sally
Eubanks



From Our Gardens



No Fish Tale Here: Meg Perry, Jonquil Garden Club member, grew two North Georgia Candy Roaster squash 18 inches long and several pounds each.

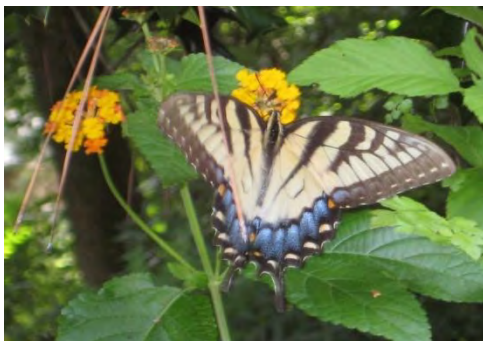
Below: Picture perfect celosia and ripe muscadine grapes in Meg's fully organic garden.

Pollinators Prevail In Well-planted Gardens:

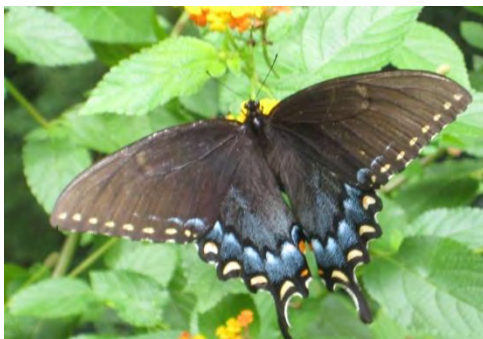
Bee on
Coneflower in
the Sensory
Garden, Smyrna,
by *Shirley Priest*,
Jonquil Garden
Club



Eastern Tiger
Swallowtail by
Shirley Priest,
Jonquil Garden
Club



Spicebush
Swallowtail by
Shirley Priest,
Jonquil Garden
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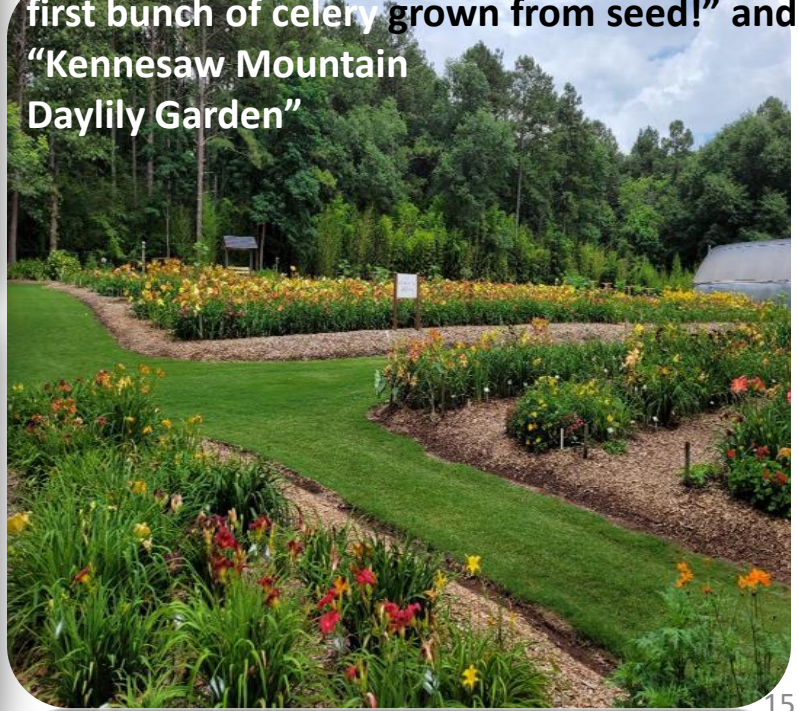


From Our Gardens



Above: *Judy Howerton*, Townview Garden Club- 'Tirzah' dahlia and "Shade Garden with Japanese Forest Grass and white foxglove" and

Diana Waldrop, Flower Garden Club: "My first bunch of celery grown from seed!" and "Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Garden"



"Fall Fun over the River and through the Hills"

LAUREL DISTRICT

of

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

At the

Coosa Country Club

110 Branham Avenue – Rome GA 30161



Coffee and Registration 9:00 am

Meeting starts 10:00 am

Honored Guest: **Peggy Tucker**, President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Featured Speaker: **Owen Kinney**, Science Department Chair
Darlington Upper School, Rome GA

Lodging: Courtyard Rome Riverwalk, (Marriott) 320 West Third Street, Rome, GA

Phone: 855-249-5811 Start Date: Monday, October 11 – End Date October 12

Last Day to Book: Monday September 27 for Group Rate @ \$129 USD per night

[Book your group rate for Garden Club](#)

A free tour of Marshall Forrest led by Caroline Alford will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11th, for those interested.

Please let us know if you would like to join us **Monday, October 11th for dinner** at **Lawrence Plantation at Horseleg Creek**, 127 Winding Road, SW, Rome.

Registration and Luncheon \$42.00 – Monday Evening Dinner \$20

Make check payable to **Laurel District**

Late registration fee is \$10.00

Deadline date for Registration and Cancellation is September 27, 2021

Mail Registration Form and check to:

Dee Anne Wyse, 37 Waterside Drive, Emerson GA 30121

dawyse@bellsouth.net

“Fall Fun over the River and through the Hills”

Registration & Luncheon \$42 - Monday Evening Dinner \$20

Make Check payable to Laurel District

Mail registration and check to: Dee Anne Wyse, Treasurer

37 Waterside Drive, Emerson GA 30121

dawyse@bellsouth.net

(Late registration Fee is \$10)

Deadline for Registration or Cancellation is September 27, 2021

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Garden Club Name _____

District _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

Please list any special dietary request _____

Please Check All That Apply:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Laurel District Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Voting Delegate* | <input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Laurel District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Council President | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director - other District | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member |
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*Voting delegate is one member from each club or council

State or District Chairmen wishing to reserve display space please indicate here.

YES 3 feet 6 feet Due to limited space, one space per Chairmanship.

Name _____

Chairmanship _____

Will you attend the free tour Marshall Forrest on Monday at 3 p.m.? Yes No

Will you attend the buffet dinner on Monday evening? Yes No

PLEASE SEND A COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING

Let's Get Creative ...

Every **Garden Club in Laurel District** is responsible for bringing a basket for a raffle to the **Laurel District Annual Meeting on October 12, 2021** **OR** sending a *check for \$25.00 made out to the Laurel District*. Raffle tickets for the Baskets will be sold at the meeting. Please let District Merchandising Chair, Marie Purser, mariepurser@comcast.net, 770-815-6356, know if you are bringing a basket and what your theme will be to insure enough room for displays.

SUGGESTED THEMES FOR RAFFLE BASKETS

Pamper Mom: Suggested items: Bubble Bath, bath salts, towels, candles, chocolate, gift card to a local salon for a massage. Creative twist: Make the container part of the pampering-use a foot bath or a pretty basket suitable for keeping personal items.

For the Golfer: Suggested items: Golf Tees, golf balls, visor, gloves, book about golf, and a gift card to a golf store. Creative twist: Present the items in a sports bag.

Grillers' Delight: Suggested items: Utensils marinades, spices, mitts, charcoal cookbooks about grilling. Creative twist: Use a small grill as the basket.

For a Book Fan: Suggested items: A few bestselling books, wine glasses, wine, pretty beverage napkins, gourmet snacks, gift card to local bookstore or Amazon.com. Creative twist: Assemble the items in a pretty book bag.

Italian Dinner Night: Suggested items: High-end Pastas, a variety of sauces, Italian bread/bread sticks, Parmesan cheese, a bottle of red wine, and gift card to an Italian Deli or Restaurant. Creative twist: Present the items in a large pasta bowl.

For Gardeners: Suggested items: Garden store gift card, planters, watering can, gloves, seeds, sunscreen, hand lotion, bags of soil, garden rack. Creative twist: Pack the contents in a small garden cart.

For the Pet: Suggested items: Gift card to Pet Store, pet toy, food bowls, leash, bandana, shampoo and other grooming supplies. Creative twist: Assemble the items in a dog or cat bed.

Movie Night: Suggested items: Popcorn, snacks, fun napkins, water or soft drinks, popcorn seasoning, individual popcorn bowls. Creative twist: Place all in a family size popcorn bowl.

Holiday Themed: Suggested items: Napkins, plates, cups, napkin holders, snacks, holiday decoration, ribbon, etc. depending on the holiday you choose.

GCG Recognition Pins

Newly designed GCG Recognition Pins will be available for sale at all in- person District Meetings this October and then again at our Convention in April, 2022. Each pin costs \$12 plus tax. Look for them at your *Ways and Means* table!



Land Trust/Marshall Forest

Caroline Alford

Marshall Forest has had more visitors this summer. Many more people are walking the trails and enjoying the ongoing trail improvements, on a daily basis. The parking lot has more cars as I pass by the forest each day. With social distancing still required for the unvaccinated, people are looking for places to be outside and safely enjoy the out of doors. Big Pine Braille Trail tours were conducted for area clubs upon request.

The following maintenance needs have been met.

- Andrew Saville, the son of a Garden Club Member, has kept the Pecan Field mowed and debris removed to make the area more accessible.
- The Fire Crew from The Nature conservancy did some trail maintenance and removal of invasive species.

Marshall Forest still has many things that need to be done to keep the trail well maintained and accessible to the physically impaired.

- Finish replacing the remaining guide rope posts.
- Reinstalling the guide ropes with climbing rope donated by a climbing gym in Marietta.
- Replacement of the bridge over the wet weather stream.
- Installation of crusher run gravel along the Braille Trail to provide more accessibility to the physically impaired.
- Creation of QR codes to provide trail maps, Forest information, and plant identification photos.
- Working with students at Berry College, we hope to create a video of a narrated walk through the forest.

The Nature Conservancy is working on a partnership with Berry College and Shorter University to create learning centers in the Pecan field and over to the Coosa River. The goal is to make the Marshall Forest a destination for student field trips.

The Nature Conservancy is investigating the possibility of a GOSA grant to do major upgrades to the Braille trail and create river access to the fields across from the Braille trail. The grant application would have to be in conjunction with the City of Rome and Floyd County.

Marshall Forest Deed of Gratitude certificates were given to the District Directors in April at the installation of officers in Athens.

Contributions for 2020-21 are as follows:

District	# Clubs	# of Councils	# of Individuals	District	Contributions
1. Laurel	19		9	1	\$ 4070.00
2. Azalea	7	2		1	\$ 340.00
3. Oleander	5				\$ 125.00
4. Camellia	7				\$ 175.00
5. Magnolia	6				\$ 135.00
6. Dogwood	10	1			\$ 260.00
7. Redbud	10				\$ 250.00
Total Contributions for 2020-21					\$ 5355.00

A tour of Marshall Forest is scheduled for 3:00 pm, Monday, October 11, 2021, the day before the Laurel District Annual Meeting in Rome for anyone coming a day early to the meeting.

Your contributions help us keep the Marshall Forest in good condition for visitors. Please don't forget to add Marshall Forest to your club's list of contributions. Deed of Gratitude certificates will be presented to contributors of \$25 or more to Marshall Forest by March 1 of each year. Contact Caroline Alford to schedule a tour of the forest via e-mail at caro Boone@aol.com or by cell phone 706 346-5886.

ARBORETA, BOTANICAL, MEMORIAL GARDENS

Please encourage your club members to support the Arboreta, Botanical and Memorial Gardens. Gifts in honor and memorials are encouraged. Please send name and address of person being honored or memorialized and name and address of family or person to receive acknowledgement card.

If you desire an individual or club membership to the State Botanical Garden, please go to GCG's web site <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/> look up state chairmanships in the new *GCG Guide* then Arboreta, Botanic and Memorial Gardens for the different memberships that you or your club might consider. This site also has instructions of where to send your check for membership.

For your club to receive a certificate for this donation of \$10.00 or more, GCG must receive by March 1.

Thank you for supporting our gardens.

_____ Club# _____ District _____

President: _____ Phone: _____

Treasurer: _____ Phone: _____ Check # _____

Donations to the following GCG programs may be sent to the State Treasurer

Make check payable to **Garden Club of Georgia** and mail to:

Mary Denney

P.O. Box 77

Moreland, Georgia 30259

Donation Amount \$ _____

\$ _____ .00 State Botanical Garden in Athens

\$ _____ .00 State Botanical Children's Garden in Athens

\$ _____ .00 for the Atlanta Botanical Gardens

\$ _____ .00 for Other Garden - list _____



Our Students Thank You for Your Scholarship Support

Susan Turner, Scholarships Chairman

glencree@bellsouth.net

As our students return to classes, we take heart in knowing that our collective contributions made to the GCG Scholarships program are helping them to reach their goals and dreams with less financial burdens.

This past year, your contributions totaling \$74,000.00 is currently assisting twenty-four students.

As noted before, we truly support the Best of the Best! This year is no different. Your chairman has received many letters of gratitude. Here is what three students wrote to share with us all~

"I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Garden Club of Georgia and the Cherokee Rose Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will help me succeed as I finish my degree in historic preservation. I'm also pleased to inform you that this summer I have been working in Redwood National Park as a Park Service Intern. I have been documenting natural and cultural features in the Lady Bird Johnson Grove, who has her own connection to garden clubs. Please pass along my thanks to the donors."

Thank you, Megan McPherson

"I want to send you a sincere letter of appreciation for your support of the Garden Club of Georgia, as it allowed me to receive a scholarship grant. As I move into a future career of Landscape Architecture, I hope to hold the same spirit of generosity. I hope you have a great day! "

Best, Henry Vencill

"...I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donations which makes these scholarships possible. In May of this year, I graduated Summa Cum Laude with highest honors from the UGA Honors Program with a B.S.A. in Horticulture and B.S.E.S. Entomology. ...The generous scholarship I received will allow me to work towards my goal of becoming an agricultural researcher."

I sincerely thank you, Zia V. Williamson

We are now in the new Scholarships giving period to support our 2022-2023 students.

Please consider a contribution from your club, council, district or personally.

Thank you again for the commitment you bring in the success of a young person dedicated to the same mission as The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., *Beautification, Conservation & Education*.

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

See the GCG website for information and appropriate forms to make your Scholarship donations:

<https://gardenclub.uga.edu/scholarships.html>

Special Notices

Laurel District Pull a Tab for Ronald McDonald



Dr. John Barnett, Pull a Tab for Ronald McDonald chair, announced we will once again collect tabs and cans for the Ronald McDonald House. He stated that cans bring more money but we will also collect tabs. **Jo Ann Dorsey**, Litter and Recycling chair for Laurel District and GCG, volunteered to help with collections. Rinsed cans and tabs may be brought to Laurel District meetings.

From Mickey Carlton, Chaplain

Special Note re: recently deceased members

Please send the names of your garden club members who passed since October 2019.

We will honor them during the Memorial Service at the October 12th Laurel District Fall Meeting.

Thank you.

Mickey Carlton, Chaplain

mickeycarlton@comcast.net





ZINNIAS

Splashes of color
Pollinators buzzing round
Nature's gift to us

Sheelah Schreiber
Seven Hills GC

PLEASE NOTE:

*This is **Sheelah Schreiber, the Corresponding Secretary for Laurel District,** and I need your help. All of our members are special to us. If a member in your club has passed away or a member has lost a spouse or child, please notify me at mingjoysch@gmail.com or 706-235-9932 so Laurel District may extend our sympathies.*

If one of your members is celebrating a major birthday - 80, 85, 90 - enjoying the beauty of this earth, please let me know so I may send a birthday card from Laurel District.

*Thank you,
Sheelah Schreiber*

2021 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser



You are cordially invited to LaGrange on October 30, 2021, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm when the Redbud District hosts The Garden Club of Georgia's annual fundraiser benefitting our statewide Historic Landscape Preservation Grant program, now in its twentieth year.

How good it will be to celebrate Fall at Hills and Dales! The magnificent 13,000 square foot home, designed by Neel Reid and Hal Hentz, was completed in 1916. Today the fourth generation of the Callaway family welcomes visitors to the home, beautifully located in the sunny hills and shady dales of West Central Georgia. Plants dating back to the 1840s, 2½ acres of formal dwarf boxwood parterres, and twenty-six different varieties of deciduous magnolias are just a few of the many delights.

LaGrange is easily accessed, and a trip could be combined with a stay at Callaway Gardens! The day will feature tours of the historic home and gardens, a lecture by Jo Phillips entitled, "Heirloom Plants for Garden Fragrance," a box lunch, a welcome center with a film on Hills and Dales and a gift shop. The lecture begins at 10:30 and seating is limited to 90 attendees so plan to come early to hear this topic, or you can tour the house or gardens at your leisure upon arrival. To explore more about the property, go to [Hills & Dales Estate \(hillsanddales.org\)](http://Hills & Dales Estate (hillsanddales.org))

To register, please complete the attached form which offers your choices for a box lunch and more details on the day. Redbud District is looking forward to welcoming you on October 30, 2021.

“Hills and Dales – A Living Legacy” Registration Form

October 30, 2021 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Come join us for a day of exploration of historic gardens and an elegant home!

Please complete this registration form and mail it with your **\$40 check**
made payable to GCG, Inc.

Mail to: **Leslie Sebaugh**
LaGrange College Alumni Office
601 Broad Street
LaGrange, GA 30240

Your registration fee includes a catered box lunch offered by Creme Fraiche. It will be available from Noon to 1:30 PM. Tables with chairs will be available or you may choose to enjoy lunch seated on the grounds on a bench or a picnic table.

Please check your choice for lunch and return this form no later than October 10, 2021.

___ Option 1: Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Potato Chip Bag, Pickle Spear, lemon bar and lace cookie

___ Option 2: Chunky Chicken Salad, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Pasta Salad, Potato Chip Bag, lemon bar and lace cookie

___ Option 3: (VEGAN OPTION) Veggie Sandwich-tomatoes, peppers, mushrooms, and squash on French Baguette, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Pickle, Broccoli Salad w/ vegan Mayo, Vegan chocolate chip cookie and Vegan lace cookie

All options include Callaway Blue Bottled Water.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Garden Club _____ Location _____

See you on October 30, 2021 at Hills and Dales 1916 Hills and Dales Drive, LaGrange, GA!
See <https://www.hillsanddales.org> for directions.

Questions? Contact Quill Duncan 770 414-4766 or quillduncan@msn.com or
Bonnie Dudley 706 884- 3787 bondudley@yahoo.com.

The Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest!

Poster Rules and Tips

1. All poster entrees must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and may not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message:

Only you Can Prevent Wildfires!

4. Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message:

Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!

5. Each poster **MUST** be **11 x 17** inches in size.
6. The posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
7. A good poster has a bold and simple design. Its message is easily read and understood and is delivered both in picture and in text.
8. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. The choice of paper is up to the child.
9. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. **No** 3-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
10. The artist's name, address, home phone, grade, school, teacher's name, city and state must be printed on the back of the poster in the lower right corner. Please print the label from GCG website, then cut, paste or tape to the back of each child's poster.
11. Each poster must also show the name and city of the sponsoring local garden club.
12. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists.
13. Students should check spelling. Posters with spelling errors will be disqualified.
14. Posters will be judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.
15. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are Official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing needs to be accurate. Check the colors on the Web site: www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation. A poster may include just the head of Smokey or Woodsy or their whole body. Woodsy Owl vintage images may also be used.
16. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.
17. Visit www.gardenclub.uga.edu and www.gardenclub.org for further contest details.
18. Only 5 first place posters in the State competition will be entered in Regional competition. Regional winners will be entered in National competition. National entries become the property of NGC.
19. Please complete the Chairman winning posters report and send with posters.
20. To receive free copies of poster certificates for all participants, send an email to symbols@fs.fed.us with your name, address and quantity needed.



All local first, second, and third place posters should be to your **District Chairman** by **December 1**.

District Chairman should have all district winning first, second and third place posters to **State Chairman** by **January 20**.



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. UPDATE

Promoting Beautification, Conservation, and Education

"A monthly news update for all GCG Members – including "FYI", 'Save the Dates', Deadlines, and other timely information."



Peggy Tucker was installed as GCG President for the 2021-2023 term.
Theme: "Plant America Growing with Challenges and Changes"

Special Projects:

Planting Natives, Protecting & Planting for Pollinators, and Mentoring New Clubs

UPCOMING DEADLINES!!

September 14, 2021 – Azalea Awards Applications Due
September 15, 2021 – Camellia Awards Applications Due
October 1, 2021 – Oleander Awards Applications Due
October 15, 2021 – NGC Plant America Grant Application Deadline
December 1 & 15, 2021 and February 1, 2022 – GCG Awards Applications Due
March 1, 2022 – NGC The Ames Companies, Inc Tool Grant Program Deadline
May, 2022 – The Espoma Co Grant Deadline

SAVE THE DATES

September 14-15, 2021 –The Garden Club of Georgia Board of Directors Meeting –Peachtree City
October 6, 2021 – Redbud District Annual Meeting – Conyers
October 7, 2021 – Azalea District Annual Meeting – Athens
October 12, 2021 – Laurel District Annual Meeting – Rome
October 13, 2021 – Dogwood District Annual Meeting – Atlanta
October 19, 2021 – Oleander District Annual Meeting – Statesboro
October 20, 2021 – Camellia District Annual Meeting – Valdosta
October 21, 2021 – Magnolia District Annual Meeting – Albany

FYI: Information from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

President Mary Warshauer 's Theme: *Plant America: Play Outdoors*

She invites us to "Play Outdoors" and suggests that "our gardens and outdoor spaces are our Playground of Possibilities!" (Read her exciting and inspiring message in the beautiful online publication - The National Gardener, which includes wonderful articles and information about National Garden Clubs, Inc. www.gardenclub.org – (Go to Get Involved – Publications – The National Gardener).

NEW NGC Initiative: GARDEN WITH NATURE – "Promotes planting native plants as a base of the food chain that supports all wildlife, including pollinators."

Suggested Reading:

NGC's new book for Kids: *Network with Nature* (purchase on NGC website)

For Adults: *New Mystery Novels by Neal Sanders* – some set in Garden Clubs.

*** If your District has an event that needs to be disseminated – please send to Diana Malone at dmalone4086@hotmail.com**

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WEBSITES: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. www.gardenclub.uga.edu
National Garden Clubs, Inc. www.gardenclub.org
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. www.dsagardenclubs.com

From the Editor

**Laurel Letters
Newsletter**

**Summer Issue
Deadline – May 15
Emailed - June 1**

**Fall Issue
Deadline - August 25
Emailed - September 15**

**Winter Issue
Deadline - November 19
Emailed - December 15**

**Spring Issue
Deadline - February 25
Emailed - March 15**

**Send information to
Laurel Letters Editor:**

**Shirley Priest
sapriest2@aol.com**

Hello, Laurels,

Thanks to Susan, our director, for publishing such a great newsletter while I was recovering from eye surgery, and thank you all for sending articles, photos, and flyers to make Laurel Letters informative and interesting.

I hope to see more about all clubs' activities included here in the future. Thanks to all especially for the contributions to the new "From Our Gardens" section of the newsletter...your photos are wonderful!

Have a beautiful, colorful fall and keep on planting and growing.

Shirley

