



Laurel Letters

Nurture the Beauty of our Gardens

Laurel District, District 1

Directors Message



Edna McClellan, District Director

Sharon Payne, Co-Director

Ann Bridges, Recording Secretary

Marie Purser, Corresponding Secretary

Caroline Alford, Treasurer

Jackie Fulmer, Parliamentarian

Our Laurel District has been very busy this summer. We held two workshops. The first one was the Officer's Workshop held at the Marietta Educational Center and hosted by the Sope Creek Garden Club. Sara Lanier led this workshop and we had 70 club members in attendance. The second workshop was the Awards Workshop led by Jackie Fulmer. This was hosted by the Ellijay Garden Club and was held at Gilmer Arts Association in Ellijay. This workshop was also very well attended with 55 in attendance. Martha Price was our honored guest at each workshop.

Rome held Course I of Garden Study School, which this director personally attended. The next class will be in November. If you missed the first course, you can still take the other courses; they do not have to be taken in order. In September, the Suzanne Wheeler Flower Show Course will be held in Duluth. Further information on both courses found further in the newsletter. It's been a busy summer for flower shows as well; Cumming Garden Club, Garden Club of Ellijay and Hiawassee Garden Club all had flower shows.

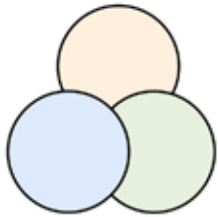
There was a great turnout for our first board meeting which was hosted by the Cumming Garden Club. It was held at the Polo Golf and Country Club in Cumming. We introduced new projects and discussed our existing projects. We have many new board members and it was a fun time to get to know each other better.

Our annual meeting is being hosted by the Hiawassee Garden Club. With Dorothy Lee as chairman, they are working very hard to ensure we will have a great meeting. I hope to see you there.

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Edna



“Mind, Body and Spirit”

THE LAUREL DISTRICT

of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Invites you to
the 57th Annual District Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Towns County Recreation and Conference Center
150 Foster Park Road, Young Harris, GA 30582

9:00 AM Registration, Coffee, Hospitality, Shopping and Silent Auction
10:00 AM Meeting Begins

Honored Guest: Martha Price, President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Featured Speaker: Cathy Cox, President of Young Harris College
speaking on Mind, Body and Spirit

Lodging: Holiday Inn Express, 706-896-8884 - Lake Chatuge Lodge 706-896-5253 - The Ridges Resort, 706-896-2262 and Brasstown Valley Resort 706-379-9900

Please book early as Fall is peak season and there is a Fall festival in Hiawassee on same date.

Laurel District Meeting Registration Form

Deadline date for registration and cancellation is October 3, 2015

Registrar: Caroline Alford, 7 Pine Valley Rd, SW Rome, GA 30165-4337
706-291-0684 -- caroboone@aol.com

Registration and luncheon \$33.00 -- Make check payable to Laurel District
Late Registration fee is \$10.00

Name _____

Address _____

City, ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Garden Club Name _____

District _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

Please Check All That Apply:

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| <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District Director -other District | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laurel District Club Member | <input type="checkbox"/> District | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member | |

*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

Name _____

Chairmanship _____

Stonehedge Garden Club

by Vicky Wilson



We had a wonderful time at our End of The Year Luncheon at The 1818 Club in June. After lunch our Past President Betty Sue Taylor conducted the installation of our Officers for 2015-2017. They are above from left to right: Corresponding Secretary, Mac Little; Recording Secretary, Diana Minnick; 2nd Vice President, Mac Miller (not pictured Jean Bowen standing in for Mac Miller); Treasurer, Sheila Blan; Parliamentarian, Betty Sue Taylor (not pictured); 1st Vice President, Brenda Pruitt; President, Vicky Wilson

We look forward to good times, good fellowship with good friends, memorable service projects and more fabulous programs!



Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication Currahee Military Museum

Toccoa, Georgia

May 27, 2015

Jan Thiese, GCG Blue Star
Memorial Marker Chairman
janicemariemacong@cox.net

The Horti-Floral Garden Club of Toccoa, Georgia dedicated this Memorial Marker to remember our past heroes and to honor our current and future heroes. The site for this marker is especially significant because it is at the Currahee Military Museum. The Currahee Mountain near Toccoa is where thousands of US Army Paratroopers received their initial training for the D Day Landings in Europe during World War II.



Hoe'n in Euharlee Brunch

The annual Hoe'n in Euharlee Membership Brunch was held on Saturday, August 8th at the Euharlee Commissary. There were seven guests present and all have expressed an interest in joining our club. Two invited guests who could not attend will also be signing up as members. Brunch items were brought by members and a great time was enjoyed by all.



Magnolia Garden Club Observed National Garden Club Week



The Magnolia Garden Club of Cartersville, Laurel District observed National Garden Club Week, June 8 at the Bartow County Court House with the signing of a proclamation by Bartow County Commissioner, Steve Taylor. Bonnie Floyd, Chairman of the National Garden Club Week Committee with Committee Members, Becky Morris, Johnette Moss and Norma Tidwell and club members Vicki Jones, Jane McElreath and Sue Tucker were in attendance as well as many county dignitaries. Showcased at the signing were

the 4H Club representatives as well.

The 4-H is the nation's largest positive youth development and youth entering organization, empowering six million people in the U.S.

In partnership with 110 universities, 4-H life changing programs are research-backed and available through 4-H Clubs, camps, after school and school enrichment programs in every county and parish in the U.S. The 4-H is the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System and the USDA.

Laurel District Chaplin

Carolyn Walker • cnw8670@att.net

I will send...

- Cards of Memory - Immediate family
- Cards of Concern - Immediate family
- Members of Laurel District send info to above email address.



Garden Week in Georgia, April 20-26 was celebrated by Trayletaah Garden Club of Canton members cleaning up and planting several raised beds with the Youth Garden Club of Knox Elementary School.

Liz Gardner, Glenda Thompson, Katie VanHiel, (youth club sponsor) Beverly Galanek, Tina Smith and Sue Allen (Trayletaah president) were members who donated time to the project as well as teacher sponsor, Patricia Weathers.

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See registration form on pg. 2.



Cumming Garden Club Donates Exhibit To Nature Center

An educational exhibit on Wildflowers Across America, which won an NGC Educational Award ribbon at Cumming Garden Club's Patriotic Splendor flower show in June 2015, was donated to Sawnee Mountain Preserve and is displayed in the lobby of its Visitor Center. Exhibit designer Sherry Brownlee (far right) poses with exhibit and nature center docents.





The Lawrenceville Garden Club celebrated their oldest member, Margaret Tanner, by planting a dogwood tree at the First United Methodist Campground on August 14 in her honor. At the reception, President Carol Brody, presiding over the festivity stated "...I hope that the dedication stone and this tree will be a reminder of the significance of Margaret's faithful commitment to the garden club mission statement of stimulating interest in, and a knowledge of, the different forms of gardening. Her positive attitude, constant smile and humble personality are characteristics I strive to emulate." At 104, Ms. Tanner still attends club meetings and outings regularly.

Dollars Support Scholars

Dot Williams,
GCG Scholarship Chairman
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I wanted to let you know of a new fundraiser idea that the Scholarship Committee has just approved. I hope that you will share this with your clubs at your meetings.

As you know, during the last administration we had the "Bagging for Scholarships" tote bags to sell to help the Scholarship Program meet their goals. Since the bags have almost sold out, we need to replace this fundraiser. We are introducing the "Dollars Support Scholars" fundraiser. January has been designated as "Scholarship Month". We are asking all club members

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Cumming Garden Club Hosts Board Meeting

The Laurel District Board of Directors fall meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at Polo Golf and Country Club. Cumming Garden Club arranged the meeting place, designed table centerpieces and baked sweet treats to go with coffee.



Pictured left: Cumming Garden Club president, Linda Hardie (far left) welcomed the 32 members attending, and told them a little about the area and about Cumming Garden Club. Edna McClellan from Ellijay (right), Director of Laurel District, presided at the meeting.



Pictured above: Susan Roof (right) of Cumming Garden Club's evening group is a member of the Laurel District Board. Edna McClellan (left), Director of Laurel District.

Hat and Apron Contest at the Garden Club of Ellijay

Each year the Garden Club of Ellijay celebrates Spring with a picnic on the banks of the Co-sawattee River in early June. Members bring a dish to share and enjoy an afternoon of good food and comradery.

A popular feature of the annual event is the hat contest. Members decorate hats based on a number of themes and categories. This year's theme was Mardi Gras, so beads and feathers were prevalent, but members stretched their crafting skills, using everything from sedums and moss to miniature lights and netting. One member used bubble wrap to create her "Daisy" hat.

Expanding the friendly competition to include an apron contest, club members modeled aprons they created that ranged from the glitzy and bedazzled to utilitarian. After ballots were counted, winners were awarded flower arrangements and plans were started for next year's competition.



Check out the
Laurel District web site at:
www.laureldistrict.org

The Children's Garden

Marianne McConnel, GCG Children's Garden Chairman

For children young and old everywhere, the State Botanical Garden in Athens is building a 21st century Children's Garden. Operating under the realization that today's children are better connected to a virtual world of technology than to the natural world, this garden reaches out to hundreds of children and teachers with the message of environmental stewardship.

One enters the garden through the Georgia Discovery Plaza, an arc-like amphitheater which features a giant colorful map of Georgia introducing families and school groups to the geography, culture, ecology, and natural history of our state.

There will be a wonderful underground den of roots and soils, a multi-level tree house village, forest adventure, bogs and a wetland water ferry, outdoor galleries, work spaces and theaters, and a two-part Garden of Wonder with programmed zones for the really young. The Busy Bees zone is for 1 and 2-year-olds to explore nature in a safe, age-appropriate way. Sweet Peas zone for 3 and 4-year-olds features a bee-dance pavement design, a green maze, and a flowery meadow which provides the opportunity for children to learn about our pollinators' behavior as they trace the flight of a bumble bee. The Dig and Grow zone will introduce children to the lifelong love of

planting and gardening. A canopy walk high up in the trees will give a bird's eye view of the garden's ecosystem.

It is only in our helping children acquire a love of nature and a deep intuitive understanding of our natural world that we can assure that the future of our earth will follow a course of sustainable development.



The Community Wildlife Project

(CWP) is a joint effort of GCG and the Department of Natural Resources Non-game Division. Its purpose is to better manage non-game wildlife and plant habitats in rural, urban, and suburban communities

A certificate will be awarded to the district with the highest certification of the year in both the Backyard and Hummingbird Haven categories based on percentage of membership. Please encourage club members and **all** Georgia residents to participate in this easy and important program. Make sure non-garden club registrants put "Laurel District" on the application. Better yet, fill in club and district information on the form before giving it to your neighbors and friends. Certificates will be distributed at the district annual meeting.

It's a win-win situation! By caring for and protecting our wildlife through Backyard Habitats, we also create wonderful viewing environments. As an added bonus, your club receives points on the annual Club President's report if you have members with certified backyards. Participation categories include:

- Individual Backyard Certification ([download application here](#))
- Communal Living Backyard Certification—*For apartment, condo, townhouse, or assisted living dwellers* ([download application here](#))
- Hummingbird Haven - Individual Yard Certification ([download application here](#))
- Neighborhood Box Certification—*Register your neighborhood's roosting/nesting boxes* ([download application here](#))

Some of the criteria for CWP are:

- attracting birds by planting wildflowers
- utilizing native trees and shrubs in landscape
- attracting non-game animals to private and public lands by creating nesting islands in brush, rock piles and tree cavities

Complete the forms available above and see if your yard qualifies to be a "Certified Wildlife Habitat." Certificates will be delivered at the annual district meetings. **Once certified, you are eligible to purchase the beautiful metal sign pictured for \$8.00.**

For further information, contact Terry Waith, GCG Community Wildlife Chairman, at 404-252-4473 or by email at twaith@bellsouth.net, or Linda Ragland, Laurel District CWP Chairman, lindaragland@windstream.net



Butterfly Gardens At The Library

Members of the Laurel Garden Club in Canton recently conducted a craft project at the R.T. Jones Library where each child made his/her own butterfly garden. The gardens were all decked out with host and nectar plants, a flat rock for basking and a small cup for puddling. The resulting gardens were original and beautiful!



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Summer issue e-mailed June 1
(Summer deadline May 15)

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(Fall deadline August 30)

Winter issue e-mailed December 1
(Winter deadline November 15)

Spring issue e-mailed March 15
(Spring deadline February 29)

*Submit your reports and articles to:
risingstar@ellijay.com Be sure to let
me know it's for Laurel Letters.*

2016 EXPRESSIONS Calendar

June Harrison, Laurel District Calendar Chairman
june.harrison2@bellsouth.net

As Chairman of Laurel District 2016 Calendar Sales, I want to thank all the clubs who have ordered their calendars.

As you know, the proceeds go to state scholarships. This is our big annual fundraiser, so please ask each club member to order one calendar for \$8 plus tax, at your September Garden Club Meeting. We can easily reach our goal if we do this. Also your club will receive a state Award for 100% club participation. Complete the attached order form and send a check made out to "Garden Clubs of Georgia". This year EXPRESSIONS is a beautiful publication of floral arrangements, recipes, gardening tips, 2016 calendar, and more.

On October 13th the Laurel District Annual Meeting will be in Young Harris, GA. If you ordered your calendars to be picked up at this meeting, please look for me at the Expressions Calendar table. You may also purchase more calendars if you wish.

Currently Laurel has purchased 352 calendars and the Total Sales for Laurel District is \$3073.72. With 77 clubs in Laurel we can do better!!

Sail with Laurel and celebrate EXPRESSIONS success before 9/30/15. Don't be left ashore!!

Expressions order form on next page.

GCG 2016 CALENDAR ORDER FORM - Check One Method of Delivery

- Pick up Calendars at the District Meeting in October 2015** - To pick up calendars at your District meeting, return this form with your payment to **YOUR District Calendar Chairman** prior to the District meeting. List the **county of your district meeting** below for sales tax purposes.
- Mail Calendar Order** If you want your calendars shipped, return this form with your payment to **Kay King, 950 Pate Road, Juliette GA 31046 478-394-0883**
e-mail: expressions2016@gmail.com List the county to which the calendars are being shipped.

Club:	District:	
President's Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
No. of Calendars	Desk Size (5-1/2"x 8-1/2"):	@ \$8 each= \$
Club #:	Shipping and Handling if mailed (see rates below): \$	
		Subtotal: \$
County:	GA. Residents Add 7% Sales Tax (tax on shipping too) \$	
(List the county to which the mdse is being shipped, or the county of the meeting/location where you will pick up calendars)		Total Amount Due: \$

**** (Enclose Check Made Payable to THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.)**

CALENDAR CHAIRMEN

State Chairman: Kay King, 950 Pate Road, Juliette GA 31046 478-394-0883
e-mail: expressions2016@gmail.com

LAUREL DISTRICT
2015 Fall meeting in **Towns County**
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june.harrison2@bellsouth.net

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Evans GA 30809
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julmann@yahoo.com

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2015 Fall meeting in **Effingham County**
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Odom GA 31555
912-294-2418

CAMELLIA DISTRICT
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Thomasville GA 31792
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MAGNOLIA DISTRICT
2015 Fall meeting in **Peach County**
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2015 Fall meeting in **Fulton County**
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Roswell GA 30075
770-993-8266
deborahhamby6853@att.net

REDBUD DISTRICT
2015 Fall meeting in **Coweta County**
Mary Denney
PO Box 77
Moreland GA 30259
770-251-1670
srdenney@mindspring.com

SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES WITHIN THE U.S.

1-2 Calendars \$ 5.00 11-25 Calendars \$ 14.00
3-10 Calendars \$ 8.00 26-49 Calendars \$ 17.00
For postage rates for 50 or more calendars, call Kay

Ball Ground (Anetsa Ga-Da) Garden Club Holds First Annual Plant Sale

Evelyn Foster, Publicity Chair



The Ball Ground (Anetsa Ga-Da) Garden Club held our first annual plant sale on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Having been planned in only two weeks, this was a successful sale. For our small town and very little advertisement, we made approximately \$800.00. Several members got together and potted approximately 200 plants from various gardens within the club. Another day seven of our members met and painted glass vases to be sold. There were large glass terrariums hand-made by our president, Diane Smith. There were wildflower seedlings donated by Tammy Brinkley, in lovely hand-made pocket folders, in addition to Tammy's creativity in knives, forks, & spoons bent to just the

right angle to stand in your garden with miscellaneous garden-themed sayings carved into them. We had flower pots, hanging baskets and wind chimes, in addition to all the plants sold. A very generous gentleman saw our fundraiser announcement in a local newspaper and drove to Ball Ground to donate several trees that he had started and grown to a very impressive size on his own. Our award-winning 60th Anniversary cookbooks were sold in addition to paver bricks for our upcoming honorary & botanical garden. (For information on this, please refer to the Laurel Letters, Spring Edition, where this project is detailed.) Profits from this sale will go to this project. Above all, we had fun, we learned a lot, and have already begun to make plans on how to improve our sale next year. (Pictured in one picture or another: Portia Moseka, Becky Huff, Jean



Deese, Lucille Rich, Paula Dorris, Jennie Byers, Marie Nordeste, Beverly Poag, Evelyn Foster, and Tammy Brinkley.)



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The Suzanne Wheeler Flower Show School

Sponsored by:
North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges

In memory of former GCG President Suzanne Wheeler, North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges is sponsoring a Flower Show School to be held at Bellmere Garden House in Johns Creek. Come and join us September 28-30, 2015, for Course I. Learn the “ins and outs” of flower shows and how to create and judge award-winning designs. Georgia’s own, Fay Brassie, NGC Flower Show School Instructor, will exhibit and discuss traditional mass, line, line/mass and still life designs. If your focus is on horticulture, then you’ll want to come and hear Darlene Newell, NGC Flower Show School Instructor from West Virginia, talk about chrysanthemums, succulents and cacti, and how to grow, show and judge them.

Flower Show School is not only for prospective flower show exhibitors and judges, but also for all garden club members and all persons interested in flower design and horticulture. While the primary purpose of these courses is to train those aspiring to become flower show judges, many people attend

for information only. Each of the four courses, offered approximately every six months, includes Horticulture curriculum, Design instruction and Flower Show Procedure.

The cost for each course is \$125.00. For further information, contact Joy Zaidan, GCG Flower Show Schools Chairman at jzaidan@bellsouth.net or 770-493-8475.☼

The Suzanne Wheeler
Flower Show School

Course I

Registration Deadline: September 14, 2015
NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Course I: September 28-30, 2015
(The 2007 Handbook is required for credit)

Name _____
Address _____
E-mail _____
Phone # _____
Garden Club _____

Make Checks Payable To:
NGCFSJ Flower Show School

Mail to: Cookie Roland, Registrar & Co-Chairman
2771 Anscot Court, Snellville, GA 30078-3005
r_cookie@att.net

(Check one)

Full Course (with exam) \$125_____
Full Course (no exam) \$115_____
Full Course, Judge’s Special \$80_____
One Day, Monday, Horticulture \$50_____
One Day, Tue., Design \$50_____
Total Enclosed \$_____

Fees include lunch and 2 breaks with snacks on
Tuesday and Wednesday

Four Basic Courses

- Course I: September 28-30, 2015
- Course II: March 15-17, 2016
- Course III: September 27-29, 2016
- Course IV: March 28-30, 2017
- Fee: Each Course: \$125.00

Venue: Bellmere Garden House
10777 Bell Road
Johns Creek, GA 30097

(Registration limited to 30 students)

Scholarships in a Nutshell

Jackie Fulmer Laurel District Scholarship Chairman

jackie.fulmer@gmail.com

Scholarships are GCG's commitment to the future through our education mission. We are constantly working to raise the bar in scholarship funding for much needed assistance for deserving Georgia college students majoring in the many educational pursuits that we support. Our goal is to experience continued growth and progress for the Scholarship Program. In the 2015-2016 administration, 30 scholarships were awarded totaling \$62,600.00 in scholarships. Two students were awarded a National Garden club scholarship of \$4,000.00 each. Scholarships are funded by the sale of the "Expressions" calendar publication, fundraisers such as "Dollars Educate Scholars", interest from the Brown Thrasher and Cherokee Rose Scholarship Funds, State Life memberships and donations.

Types of Scholarships:

Hubert Bond Owens Scholarship - minimum of \$5,000

Founder's Memorial - \$3,500

General - \$2,500

Work - \$2,000

Named - \$1,000

Brown Thrasher - Annual interest

Cherokee Rose - Annual interest

Patron - \$200

Details of Scholarships

The Hubert Bond Owens Scholarship is a minimum of \$5,000 and

The Founders Memorial Scholarship \$3,500. At least one GCG Scholarship is offered annually with the funds coming from the General Scholarship Fund. The Brown Thrasher Scholarship and the Cherokee Rose Scholarship funds are endowed. Only the interest from these funds can be used for awarding scholarships. If a donation is specified to be credited to the Brown Thrasher or The Cherokee Rose Scholarship fund, that donation goes directly to the principal of those scholarship funds. The calendar money and unspecified donations are deposited to the General Scholarship Fund. The General Scholarship fund is used to fund the other scholarships mentioned above.

When someone donates \$200 or honors someone with a donation of \$200, he/she receives a recognition certificate and becomes a Patron of Scholarship. This recognition certificate is usually presented at District Meetings or District Breakfast at convention if they are a garden club member. If not a member, then the certificate is mailed to the donor or business that made the \$200 patron donation. This donation can be designated to either of the endowed scholarship funds or the General Scholarship Fund. By giving to the General Scholarship Fund, it gives the scholarship Committee a little more flexibility. For

example, if we have a deserving applicant for the Cherokee Rose Scholarship (which is awarded only to graduate students in the fields of Historic Preservation, Decorative Arts or Historic Architecture) and, as was the case in the last few years, there was not enough interest to make up a scholarship award, we could supplement it from the general fund.

A Named Scholarship can be established with a minimum donation of \$1,000. This scholarship can be a one time donation or renewed annually with a donation of a minimum of \$1,000. It can be named to honor the donor, a person they wish to recognize for outstanding service, a tribute to the memory of a deceased loved one, or honor a club, district, or local organization, etc. This donation also goes in the General Scholarship Fund and follows the guidelines for all the scholarship applicants. The applicants must be residents of Georgia for the past four years and are majoring in any garden-related field as stated in the current GUIDE. Named Scholarship recipients are usually awarded during the two-year term the donation is made. The recipients are printed in GARDEN GATEWAYS and recorded in the Archives and Historical records of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. headquarter

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Scholarships in a Nutshell Continued

ters in Athens.

Several GCG Work Scholarships (depending on available funds in the General Scholarship Fund) are awarded each year. The recipients must work 150 hours in the State Botanical Gardens, Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College, etc. One-half of the scholarship is paid directly to the working student when they begin their work duty and the other half is paid to the student when they complete the required hours. The scholarship is overseen by a liaison at the college where the student attends and she/he notifies the Assistant Treasurer when they begin work and when it is completed.

Deep South and National Gar-

den Clubs offer scholarships annually. GCG Scholarship Committee may submit two NGC applications each year.

Application Process:

Early in December, packets with applications are sent to colleges and universities all over Georgia. Completed applications are returned to GCG Headquarters. As they arrive, copies are made of each application and sent to each member of the Scholarship Committee for study. The Scholarship Committee meets in March to compare notes, score sheets and information to make the scholarship selection. Scholarships are awarded based on academic record, applicant's letter of goals and commitment, extracurricular activities, financial need, and

letters of recommendation from faculty, employers, etc. Their career goals must demonstrate objectives that are garden related. In July, GCG's Assistant Treasurer sends the checks for all of the above scholarships directly to the school. The money is not sent directly to the scholarship recipient.

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Rosalyn Carter

Butterfly Trail: Connecting History & Nature

Carol Brody, Laurel District Chair Protecting Our Pollinators

The Plains Chautauqua weekend event will be held October 9-11, 2015 in Plains, GA. The theme is the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail. Dr. Chip Taylor, founder of the Monarch Watch is the keynote speaker. President and Mrs. Carter will be attending and speaking during the weekend event.

There will be special sessions by Monarchs Across Georgia, UGA Project Monarch Health, and the DeRoode Lab from Emory. In addition to the monarch and habitat workshops, they will have guided trolley rides and tours around Plains. They are taking reservations for the Weekend Passports now. Closer to the event, Saturday Day Passes will be sold for sessions/events that have openings.

More information about the weekend can be located at www.plainschautauqua.com



News from Spade and Trowel Garden Club

During the summer members of Spade and Trowel Garden Club (Rome) have attended schools and workshops. Donna Knighten and Jane Davis attended the first course of Gardening Study School held in Rome in early August. They studied the wonders of botany and propagation and went home with a container of plants to root. The purpose of the Gardening Study Course is to bring an understanding and a beginning knowledge of basic gardening and horticulture to each student. There are four courses offered in two-day sessions. Upon completion of all four courses, passing the exams, and complying with all requirements, National Garden Club members become Qualified National Garden Clubs Accredited Gardening Consultants. (Pictured below are Donna Knighten, Jane Davis, and



Jane Slickman, bonsai instructor).

Irene Harper, club Awards Chairman, attended the Laurel District Awards Workshop held in Ellijay on August 20. Clubs were instructed in applying for awards and urged to apply. Pictured above are Jackie Fulmer, GCC Awards Chairman; Edna McClellan, Laurel District Chairman; Martha Price, President GCG, and Irene Harper.

Spade and Trowel is gearing up for a new year with a program at the September meeting on entering horticulture in the Coosa Valley Fair including selecting and grooming specimens and completing the entry card. Members are encouraged to enter lots of plants since winning ribbons at the fair is a significant source of income for the club as well as providing beauty and education for the community.



Ball Ground (Anetsa Ga-Da) Garden Club Has Groundbreaking/Ribbon Cutting For Ball Ground Botanical Garden

In observance of National Garden Week, the community celebration of the long-awaited Ball Ground Botanical Garden took place on June 11, 2015. On the grounds of the Ball Ground City Hall where the garden will be located, approximately fifty people were on hand for the initial ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Lucille Rich, GC member, served as Master of Ceremonies. Among the honored guests were Ball Ground Mayor, Rick Roberts and City Manager, Eric Wilmarth. Also present were members of the Ball Ground City Council, Garden Club council, Ball Ground Business & Community Association, Ball Ground Lions Club, Trayletah Garden Club of Canton, Boy Scouts (walkway into the garden is already constructed for an Eagle Scout project by Bryan Holcomb, assisted by other boy scouts), Ball Ground Arts Guild, Ball Ground Historical Society, and Dr. Keith Ingram, Principal at Ball Ground Elementary & S.T.E.M. Academy. We were honored that there were also representatives from three newspapers, the *Cherokee Tribune*, *Cherokee Ledger*, and *Pickens Progress*.

Mayor Roberts welcomed everyone and spoke briefly of support and encouragement for the development and construction of this garden, emphasizing what it will mean for the city of Ball Ground. He also mentioned that his own Grandmother was a charter member of the Ball Ground Garden Club, and his Mother had been



a member also. Invocation was given by our Projects Chairman Beverly Poag. Jennie Byers, Projects Co-Chairman and GC Life Member, explained our fund-raising project of commemorative brick sales and sponsorship donor opportunities. Diane Smith, Ball Ground GC President, spoke about how the garden evolved and about our vision and plans for it - plants, trees & shrubs, a water feature, benches, a walking bridge over the creek, a children's garden, and a butterfly garden. Diane also explained the historical aspect of the land, and a kiosk that will be in place to explain the history of Ball Ground and the garden. Trayletah Garden Club of Canton joined us in celebrating National Garden Week by purchasing and presenting a check for a commemorative brick in honor of their club.

Ribbon cutting was then observed with the help of Mayor Roberts, making the Ball Ground Botanical Garden officially ready to proceed. Following the ceremony, light refreshments were

prepared and served by four of our projects committee members. Attendees were encouraged to sign our guest book, enjoy walking the grounds, view the planned layout of the garden, and meet and greet each other.

You can become "Friends of the Garden" as follows: Platinum sponsor - \$1,000; Gold sponsor - \$500; Silver sponsor - \$250; or a Bronze sponsor - \$100. Your name will be engraved on a plaque placed on the kiosk at the entrance to the gardens. The City will place this money in a special account for construction of the gardens. All donations are fully tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to the City of Ball Ground, Botanical Garden Account.

If you are interested in purchasing bricks for your club, in memory or in honor of someone, a pet, or even for yourself see form with all necessary information on next page.

Join in Paving the Way to Ball Ground's Future

Announcing

The Ball Ground Garden Club is working with the City of Ball Ground to develop a beautiful and educational Botanical Garden on the grounds of City Hall. For a modest sum, we invite you to honor or remember a family member, someone who is or has been in the Military, a Ball Ground school educator, student, beloved pet, or even **YOURSELF!** by purchasing one or more commemorative bricks. Funds raised will enable the Ball Ground Garden Club to buy plants and help maintain the gardens.



The Garden will consist of a walking path along the creek, bordered on each side with a variety of shrubs, trees, perennials, annuals, native plants, wild flowers, herbs, and a butterfly garden. All the plants will be identified and there will be a kiosk telling the history of Ball Ground. The walking path will culminate in a 25' diameter circle of the commemorative bricks, with seating and a water feature. For more information, please call: Beverly Poag (H) 678/454-0597 (C) 706/299-0387
Jennie Byers (H) 770-735-2062 (C) 770/596-5237

Dedicating a 4" x 8" Brick costs \$25.

Our goal is to have a Dedication of Bricks at the Botanical Garden to coincide with our 65th Anniversary and National Garden Club Week, June 5th-11th, 2016



Engraved Brick Application for Ball Ground Botanical Gardens

Please complete a separate application for each \$25.00 brick ordered.

NAME: _____

PHONE: (H) ____/____-____ (C) ____/____-____

E-MAIL: _____

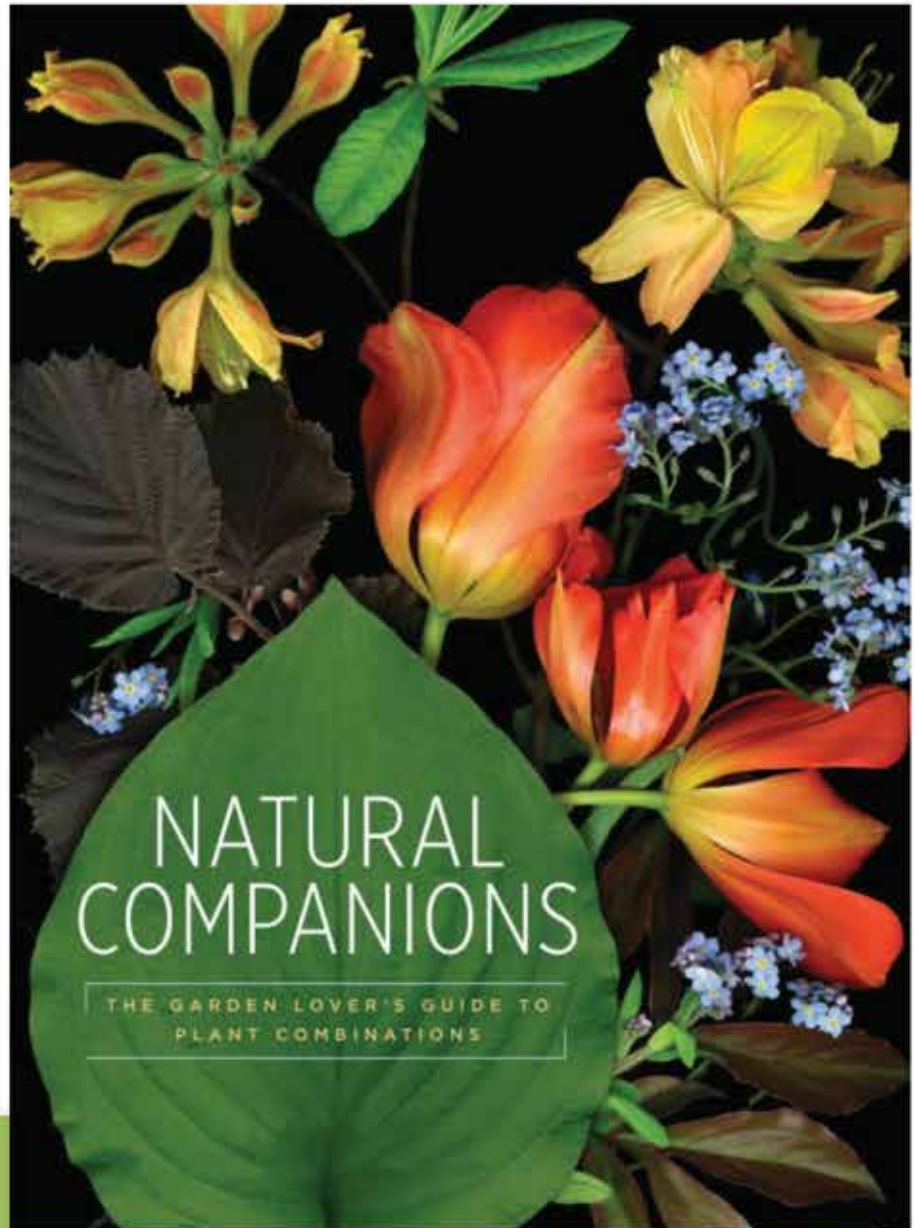
Please print your inscription in upper case/lower case letters, exactly as it should appear on your brick. All characters, spaces, and punctuation marks count as one space each, with a maximum of 18 characters per line. Text will be centered on brick. Please call Jennie or Beverly if you need help with inscription.

LINE 1																	
LINE 2																	

Complete this form and send it, with your check, made out to Ball Ground Garden Club, **no credit cards or cash**, to Sylvia Bowles, 120 Blackwell St, Ball Ground, GA 30107 Date _____ Check Amount _____ Check Number _____



*Save
the
Date*



Celebrate 40th Anniversary of **Cherokee Garden Library**

Award winning author and America's Favorite Gardener

Ken Druse

Wednesday, October 14, 7 pm

McElreath Hall, Atlanta History Center

AtlantaHistoryCenter.com/CherokeeGardenLibrary or call 404.814.4150

Atlanta History Center Lecture Oct 14 2015 - 7:00pm

“When gardeners garden, it is not just plants that grow but the gardeners themselves.” - Ken Druse

To celebrate the Cherokee Garden Library’s 40th anniversary, the Garden Library hosts gardening superstar, Ken Druse.

Called “the guru of natural gardening” by the *New York Times*, Ken Druse is a celebrated lecturer, photographer, and author. He has a dynamic weekly radio show and podcast called “Ken Druse—The Real Dirt” (www.kendruse.typepad.com), and he writes frequently for the *New York Times*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *House Beautiful*, and many others publications.

Ken Druse is best known for his eighteen engaging gardening books. With the tremendous success of his books, including *The Natural Garden*, *The Natural Shade Garden*, *The Natural Habitat Garden*, *The Collector’s Garden*, *Making More Plants: The Science, Art, and Joy of Propagation*, *The Passion for Gardening*, and *Planthropology*, Ken Druse is America’s best-loved gardener. *Making More Plants* is a best-seller and winner of The American Horticultural Society’s 2001 “Best Book of the Year” and the Garden Writers Association of America’s 2001 “Award of the Year,” its highest honor. The American Horticultural Society listed *The Natural Habitat Garden* among the best books of all times. His groundbreaking book, *The Natural Garden*, initiated a design movement that continues to grow in popularity today. An organic gardener, writer, photographer, designer, and naturalist, Ken Druse’s passion is to inspire and empower others to make gardening part of a balanced life, and to enhance their

community through taking care of their piece of the earth. In *The Passion for Gardening*, Druse writes: “Tending the soil with busy hands sets the mind free to dream and can soothe the spirit like no other pursuit.” His most recent work, *The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change*, is receiving rave reviews.

Due to the exceptional artistic quality of his photography, the Archives of American Gardens at the



Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, acquired the Ken Druse Garden Photography Collection in fall 2013. This extensive photographic collection of garden and plant images includes several thousand transparencies and slides documenting over 300 gardens across the United States. Druse captured these stunning images to illustrate his books, newspaper, and magazine

articles for publications, like the *New York Times* and *House & Garden*, and to post on his own blog.

Ken Druse’s 2012 hit is *Natural Companions: The Garden Lover’s Guide to Plant Combinations*. In *Natural Companions*, Druse presents recipes for perfect plant pairings using diverse species that look great together and bloom at the same time. *Natural Companions* features more than one hundred special botanical images of amazing depth and color. This is a book all garden lovers must have.

Communicating the pleasures and importance of the natural world is always Druse’s main emphasis. Through his books, lectures, and weekly radio show and podcasts, Druse calls attention to the world of plants that surround us, sustain us, and lift our spirits. In *The Roots of My Obsession: Thirty Great Gardeners Reveal Why They Garden*, he shares a sentiment of all true dirt gardeners: “The only way to avoid the pangs of withdrawal from an addiction like gardening is to garden more. This is one habit I have no intention of breaking.” www.atlanta-historycenter.com.





Bellmere Christmas Tour and Bazaar

The Designers Club

Thursday, December 10, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bellmere Tour

Home of Jim and Deen Day Sanders

10777 Bell Road

Johns Creek, GA

Ticket required for tour of home decorated for Christmas

Ticket price \$25

Morning refreshments – Afternoon tea

**Bazaar at the
Bellmere Garden House**

Free and open to the public.

Sale of Christmas door designs, table designs, wreaths
made by The Designers Club Members

Contact Nancy Jamison at
nanwhit@bellsouth.net

Myrtle Hill Serenity Garden Federated Project

Located near the Mausoleum at Myrtle Hill Cemetery
Community Project 2015-2017
Thistle Garden Club, Rome
Barbara Ivy & Nancy Davis, Project Chairmen

The project is the construction of a meditation/serenity garden located on the lower entrance to Myrtle Hill Cemetery and to the upper right of the Mausoleum.

The garden is a vision of John Schultz. The design envisions a thematic approach with ties to our beautiful and interesting city. Seven berms will represent the seven hills: Myrtle, Mount Aventine, Old Shorter Hill, Clock Tower, Lumpkin, Blossom and Jackson. Winding pebbled paths will represent the three rivers: Oostanaula, Etowah and the Coosa.

The city of Rome and John Schultz will provide the hardscapes, benches, plantings, and labor. Other plant materials will be donated by interested parties including Lenten Roses, Liriope and other fabulous plants. Thistle and the member clubs of the Rome Federated Garden Clubs will be responsible for providing the Seven Hills of Rome plaques or signage for each berm. Memorial pavers will be available for sale to the public.

A special thanks to John Schultz for initiating this wonderful project, the City of Rome for providing support and labor, and to Mike McDougal for donating antebellum gates and fencing.

Dollars Support Scholars continued from pg.8

to support scholarships with a dollar per member contribution during the month of January. Please note that we are not replacing District Named Scholarships; they are vital to our program. This is in addition to the Named Scholarships. However, for every \$1,000.00 raised, the district can add another Named Scholarship. The way it works is that the club treasurer will collect the dollars, deposit the cash and write a check to the GCG Assistant Treasurer, Susan Turner. She will electronically acknowledge the club's contribution, credit the district and send a thank you note. Each club will be sent an electronic reminder

of the fund raiser that contains information as to where to send the check, etc. closer to January.

Martha Price, GCG President, will add this to the President's report. 100% clubs get extra points for the "Club of Excellence" certificate. We are counting on you to help us get the word out. If you have any questions, etc., please email or call me. We need this fundraiser to help meet our scholarship goals. Thank you for making this a priority.

Garden Therapy

Tish Redwine,
Garden Therapy Chairman
fredwine210@att.net

Garden Therapy, which began in the early 1950's, promotes the therapeutic aspects of gardening. Laurel District is encouraging clubs in its area to pick a local group to work with and support. This may be any community group that you feel would benefit from this attention. Expenses for garden therapy are supported by contributions. Garden Clubs who donate \$25 or more before March 1st receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the Convention District Breakfast. Make checks payable to GCG Garden Therapy and send to Garden Therapy Treasurer, Ann Bridges, 38 Cowan Dr., Cartersville, GA 30120-5301. Please use the donation voucher (found on the GCG website) when sending your check. (GUIDE password is *grow1315*). For the Christmas Stocking and Easter Egg Project, clubs are asked to provide small handmade decorated Christmas stockings and Easter eggs for patients in hospitals, nursing homes or other local organizations. See detailed patterns and directions on the Garden Club web site. Many clubs also augment the Garden Therapy program with the Fig Leaf Project by delivering new socks and underwear in large sizes for patients, male and female.

Arboreta, Botanic and Memorial Gardens



Please encourage your club members to support the Arboreta, Botanical and Memorial Gardens. Donations of \$10.00 or more, if received by March 1st, 2016, will receive a certificate at the Garden Club of Georgia State Convention. Include club name and number, district name, club president's name and complete address.

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. Individual and club memberships to the State Botanical Garden are also available.

Thank you for supporting our gardens.

Ruthellen Anderson

Laurel District Arboreta & Botanical Gardens Chairman

aruthellen@ymail.com

Garden Club of Georgia

Garden Club _____ Club# _____ District _____

President: _____ Phone: _____

Treasurer: _____ Phone: _____

Check# _____ Email to confirm receipt of donation _____

Make check payable to **Garden Club of Georgia** and mail to:
Brenda Griner, GCG Treasurer, 244 Satilla Drive, Brunswick, GA 31523

Check if making donation:

- Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens** - For Certificate of Appreciation send \$10.00 or more by March 1.
- Individual membership **State Botanical Garden in Athens** \$35.00
- Club membership **State Botanical Garden in Athens** \$25.00
- \$ _____ .00 donation for the **Atlanta Botanical Gardens**
- \$ _____ .00 donation for other garden - list _____
- Cherokee Garden Library:** For Certificate of Appreciation, send \$25 or more prior to March 1.
- Founders Memorial Garden:** A certificate will be issued for clubs sending \$25 or more prior to March 1.

Total amount of check: _____

See list of Georgia botanical gardens and arboretums on next page.