



Laurel Letters

Fall, 2018
Laurel District Newsletter

Plant Gardens with New Horizons: Working Together Works



District Director

*Dr. John
Barnette*

Co-Director

Marie Purser

Recording

Secretary

Susan Roof

Corresponding

Secretary

Susan Stephens

Treasurer

Edna McClellan

Chaplain

Diane Harbin

Parliamentarian

Ann Bridges

Advisor

Jackie Fulmer

Dear Laurels of Light,

With temperatures still in the 80's and 90's, it is amazing to be writing for the **Fall** Laurel Letters. Autumn is just around the corner and so is our annual meeting in Dalton on October 9th. The registration form is included in this newsletter along with other articles and information for us to peruse.

Over the past few months, your Director attended the Deep South Garden Clubs' Convention in Memphis, TN in March; National Garden Clubs Convention in May; and The Garden Club of Georgia's Convention in April. Marie, Edna, and I have also been in contact with each other for the planning of the Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting in October; your help will be greatly appreciated. We are requesting that all Board Members bring a door prize or basket for the meeting's raffle.

Toward the end of March this Director was contacted by Lawrence Plantation on Horseleg Creek Road, and he had the opportunity to tour The Plantation. There are 15 ten-foot raised beds around the pool area that is used by many people each day. In the name of Laurel District and with help from some junior garden club members and prospective members, this Director spent many days cleaning and planting the 15 beds. This Director had the opportunity to work with interested ladies, boys, and girls to explain the ladder from local garden clubs to National Garden Club. If you have time in your travels, please visit the completed gardens.

The 90th Birthday of The Garden Club of Georgia was held in June at GCG Headquarters. A huge number of people attended this festivity, and, following the tour of the headquarters, we enjoyed a delightful program. This Director was also privileged to serve as a Docent in the Archive Room.

The Laurel District Executive Meeting was held in July in Adairsville, and the Board meeting followed in Clayton on August 9. Looking forward, articles for Laurel Letters need to be sent to Sheelah Schreiber for text editing; she will forward them to Susan Stephens, Laurel Letters Editor. Even pictures with captions and fliers are to be sent to Sheelah first. I have received many accolades from across Georgia about our Laurel Letters. Our next issue is winter so please send committee reports and articles for Laurel Letters to Sheelah (mingjoysch@gmail.com) by November 19 (before Thanksgiving week).

This Director, along with other Directors, will be attending a program and tour of Cherokee Garden Library on August 22nd. It is always exciting to visit The Library.

Then The Garden Club of Georgia Fall Board Meeting will be held at Brasstown Valley Resort and Spa beginning on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Following this meeting is the F & E Meeting and Board Meetings to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 12th and 13th.

The seven District meetings will begin with our own Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting in Dalton on October 9th, followed by Dogwood in Atlanta and Redbud in Newnan on the 10th and 11th. The following week we will be traveling to Americus for Magnolia District, Camelia District in Dublin, and Oleander District in Savannah. The dates will be October 16th, 17th and 18th. Then just one more meeting for Azalea District in Harwell on October 24th.

Laurel District has so much to do, and we are pulling together. Always remember that Working Together Works; Laurel District proves that in everything we do. Thank you for your support and willingness to Work Together as we Plant Gardens with New Horizons in Laurel District.

John



“CELEBRATE AUTUMN IN DALTON”

The Laurel District
of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

cordially invites you to the

59TH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday, October 9th, 2018

Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center

2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd Dalton, GA 30720 Phone (800) 824-7469

9:00 a.m. - Registration and Hospitality 10:00 a.m. - Meeting Begins

Registration Deadline October 1, 2018

Honored Guest

Jane Hersey
President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Speaker Sam Brown

Landscape Designer and owner of Fiddleheads Garden Center, Dalton GA
“Creating Fall and Winter Container Gardens”

Lodging Suggestions

Hilton Garden Inn	879 College Dr, Dalton, GA 30720-1300	855-618-4697
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	865 Holiday Inn Dr, Dalton, GA 30720-3709	877-859-5095
Country Inn & Suites by Raddison	903 W. Bridge Rd, Dalton, GA 30720-3887	866-522-8891
Hampton Inn	1000 Market St, Dalton, GA 30720-5049	855-605-0317
La Quinta Inn & Suites	715 College Dr, Dalton, GA 30720-3783	915-888-3674

Directions

Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center is located in Dalton, Whitfield County. Follow I-75 North and take the GA-52/Walnut Avenue Exit 333. Turn left onto Walnut Avenue/GA 52. Stay straight to go onto Dug Gap Battle Rd. Keep left at the fork. The convention center is on the left.

We need your help with Raffle Baskets for our district meeting, the information is on page 4 of this newsletter. Laurel District is also selling beautiful Aprons and the order form is on page 5.

The Laurel District 59th Annual Meeting Registration Form

Deadline for Registration or Cancellation is October 1, 2018

Registration & Luncheon \$36

Make Check payable to Laurel District

(Late registration Fee is \$10)

Mail checks to registrar: Edna McClellan

180 Pacer Ct, Unit 9044, Ellijay, GA 30540 706-889-1230 ednae@ellijay.com

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

*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 _____

PLEASE SEND A COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING

We need your help with Raffle Baskets for our district meeting, the information is on page 4 of this newsletter. Laurel District is also selling beautiful Aprons and the order form is on page 5.

Suggested Themes for Raffle Baskets

Dear Garden Club Members,

We are looking for 15 themed baskets. Tickets are \$1 each or 15 tickets for \$10. Minimum value of basket is \$50. If you are a large club or council we hope you could donate a larger basket. Please let me know your chosen theme so we can have a nice variety. It is not suggested that clubs go out and purchase items for baskets, but club members or local businesses could be a good source of donations for them. Clubs may choose to go in together and do a large basket. **Raffle Baskets** will be on display at the October Laurel District meeting. Please let me know as as possible the theme your club has chosen. *(If your club is unable to donate a basket, a \$25 donation is requested.)*

Susan Stephens, Laurel District Ways and Means Merchandising
sstep47151@aol.com Call or Text:: 770-547-4026

Pamper Mom

Suggested items: Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, a CD of meditative music, gift card to a local salon and/or 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 Golfers

Suggested items: Tees, golf balls, visor, gloves, book about golf, a gift card to a golf store or to a local course. Creative twist: Present the items in a sports bag.

Grillers' Delight

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

For a Book Club

Suggested items: A few bestselling books, wine glasses, wine, 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 cards to an Italian deli and local Italian restaurant. Creative twist: Present the items in a large pasta bowl.

For Gardeners

Suggested items: Garden store gift card, planters, watering cans, gloves, seeds, sunscreen, hand lotion, bags of soil, garden rack. Creative twist: Pack the contents into a small garden cart (available at gardening stores or large stores like Walmart).

For the Dogs (or Cats)

Suggested items: Gift card to a pet store, dog (or cat) toys, dog (or cat) food bowls, pet jersey or sweater, shampoo, other grooming supplies, and a leash. Creative twist: Assemble the contents into a dog or cat bed.

Other Basket Ideas

Coffee Basket

Christmas

Halloween

Cooking Basket

Chocolate Lovers

Movie Lovers Night

College Fans

Wine

Date Night

Laurel District Fundraiser

APRON ORDER FORM

\$15.00 Each

NAME _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

CLUB NAME _____

Number of Apron Ordered _____ X \$15.00 each _____

AMOUNT PAID _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: **Laurel District**

Aprons Received By _____



ORDERS CAN BE MAILED TO:

**MARIE PURSER
1074 ERWIN HILL ROAD SE,
ADAIRSVILLE, GA 30103**

Orders can be picked up at
the **DISTRICT MEETING** in
Dalton on October 9th.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS
LAUREL DISTRICT FUND
RAISER.**

The aprons are a canvas
weight and washable. They
would make a great Christmas
gift for the avid gardener,
friends and family.

SEVEN HILLS SUMMMER REPORT

The Clock Tower Garden at Bailey Park continues to grow into a wonderful site for the City of Rome. With rain from Mother Nature and the addition of an irrigation system by the City of Rome, our plants are flourishing. Existing irises, canna lilies, and other plants have been fertilized, and new additions of phlox, black-eyed Susan, candy tuff, and lambs ear have taken hold. Seedlings like agastache, chamomile, and coreopsis have added new blooms to the garden, and with guaranteed water being provided Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, the landscape is thriving. Pine straw, provided by the city, has also aided in keeping the soil moist during our 90 degree days.

Water is good, but along with it come healthy weeds. We continue to pull Bermuda grass, sprouting acorns, and hardy weeds that persist in returning. Our special new addition, a native fringe tree, is doing well and will provide a welcome point for motorists and pedestrians at the entry of the Bailey parking lot on 2nd Street.

Work days were curtailed during the hot summer months, but we will be back to work in September. If you are in Rome, be sure to stop by the Clock Tower next to the parking area to view our emerging garden.

Views of the Clock Tower Garden below.



**Below front to back: Paige Swiger
Jennifer Kearns, and Nelly Luthi.**



GOVERNOR DEAL PROCLAIMS SEPTEMBER AS GEORGIA GROWS NATIVE FOR BIRDS MONTH



(Atlanta, Ga.) July 17, 2018 – Governor Nathan Deal recently signed a proclamation designating the month of September as the inaugural **Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month**. A collaborative effort between Atlanta Audubon Society, other Georgia Audubon chapters, and the Georgia Native Plant Society, Georgia Grows Native for Birds month celebrates Georgia’s native plants and raises awareness about the key role they play for birds and other wildlife.

In partnership with Augusta-Aiken Audubon Society, Coastal Georgia Audubon Society, Columbus Audubon Society, Ocmulgee Audubon Society, Oconee Rivers Audubon Society, Ogeechee Audubon Society, and the Georgia Native Plant Society, Atlanta Audubon Society is working to create a network of habitats filled with native plants across Georgia.

“The biggest threat to birds in Georgia is habitat loss,” says Nikki Belmonte, Atlanta Audubon Executive Director. “As urbanization increases and natural habitats disappear, native plants can go a long way to restoring the habitat birds need. Fortunately, we can provide birds with high quality resources simply through thoughtful landscaping utilizing native plants. It’s something that everyone can contribute to conservation.”

Atlanta Audubon Society will be offering events throughout the month of September to highlight the harmonious relationship between native plants and birds, including:

Bird and Plant Walk, Sunday, September 9, 8:00 to 11:00 AM

Land O Lakes section of Blue Heron Nature Preserve

3931 Land O Lakes Drive, Atlanta, GA 30342

Join Atlanta Audubon and the Georgia Native Plant Society for a Bird and Plant Walk at the Land O Lakes section of the Blue Heron Nature Preserve, where Atlanta Audubon has been restoring bird-friendly habitat to this formerly overgrown property. Guests will view the birds that inhabit this patch of land and learn more about the native plants that have been added to this landscape to benefit birds and other wildlife. This walk is free to attend, but registration is required on our website at www.atlantaaudubon.org/georgia-grows-native-for-birds-month.

2018 Wildlife Sanctuary Tour, Saturday, September 15, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

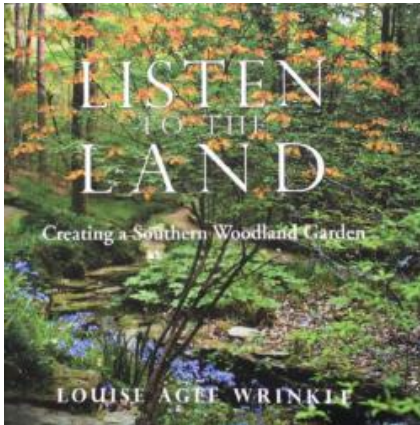
Decatur/DeKalb County

This year’s Wildlife Sanctuary Tour will feature six properties, including two public properties and four private homes, in Decatur/DeKalb County. Each property has been certified by Atlanta Audubon as a Wildlife Sanctuary because it provides four essential elements for attracting wildlife and birds: food sources (including at least 50% native plants), nesting sites, shelter, and water sources. Visitors will see a wide variety of native plants in a diversity of settings that attract birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Guests must provide their own transportation and travel between sites at their leisure. Private property addresses will be provided to those who purchase tickets in advance of the event. Tickets are \$20 for Atlanta Audubon Members and \$25 for non-members and are available at www.atlantaaudubon.org/wildlife-sanctuary-tour.

Cherokee Garden Library

FOUNDED BY THE
CHEROKEE GARDEN CLUB

IN 1975 A LIBRARY OF THE
KENAN RESEARCH CENTER AT THE
ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER



CHEROKEE GARDEN LIBRARY LECTURE

Louise Wrinkle,
Listen to the Land

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH
4:00PM

Louise Wrinkle discusses her new book, *Listen to the Land: Creating a Southern Woodland Garden*, in a conversation with her friend Jim Landon. Her story is an engaging, informative, and poignant memoir of a life spent tending a woodland oasis in Alabama. Wrinkle grew up on this land, returned to it in midlife, and has, for the last 30 years, tended it with care and creativity, according to her philosophy of allowing the land to speak for itself.

Book signing and light refreshments will follow the conversation.

Tickets are \$10 general public, \$5 members, and free to AHC Insiders. Reservations are required.

This event is presented in partnership with The Garden Conservancy.

CHEROKEE GARDEN LIBRARY LECTURE

Amy Stewart,
Wicked Plants

THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 18TH
7:00PM

Just in time for Halloween, author Amy Stewart shares her diabolical tales of the dark and mysterious side of the plant kingdom.

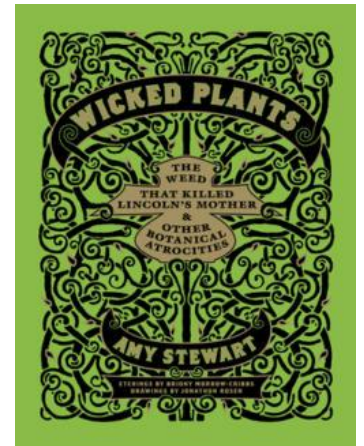
Categorizing each plant as dangerous, deadly, destructive, illegal, intoxicating, offensive, or painful in *Wicked Plants*, Stewart explains their wickedness and provides anecdotes about their use or misuse.

Stewart showcases more than 200 of Mother Nature's most ill-mannered plants. Botanical illustrations by artist Briony Morrow-Cribbs create a spellbinding portrait of the offenders that may be lurking in your own garden.

Book signing and reception will follow the lecture.

Tickets are \$25. Reservations are required.

Presenting Sponsor
Cherokee Garden Club Community Fund

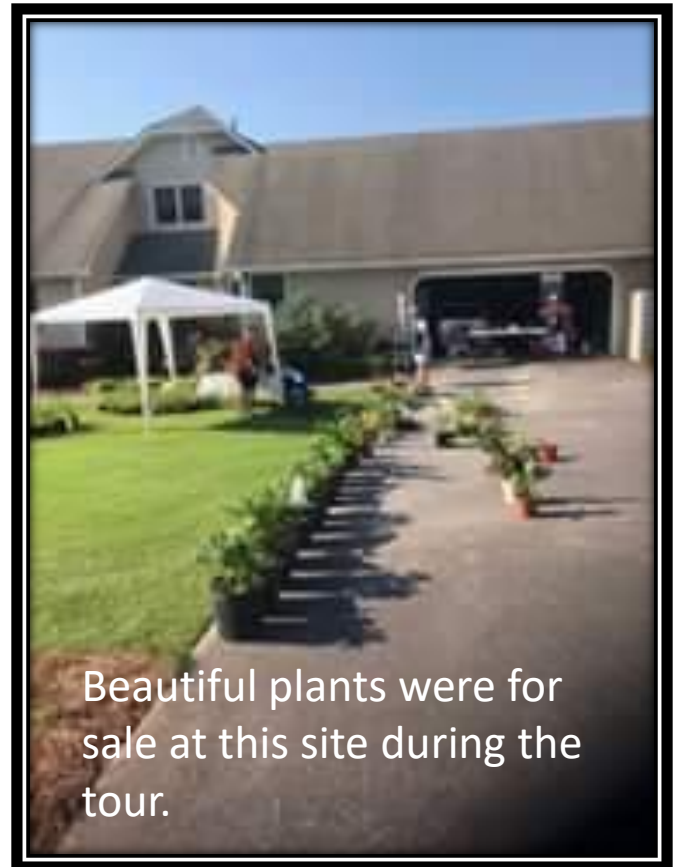


The Magnolia Garden Club

2018 Pond and Garden Tour



We had a wonderful turn out for our annual Pond and Garden Tour this year. The tour and plant sale were a huge success. The Magnolia Garden Club members worked very hard on this project.



Beautiful plants were for sale at this site during the tour.



One of the coy ponds on tour.



Exploring the Soil

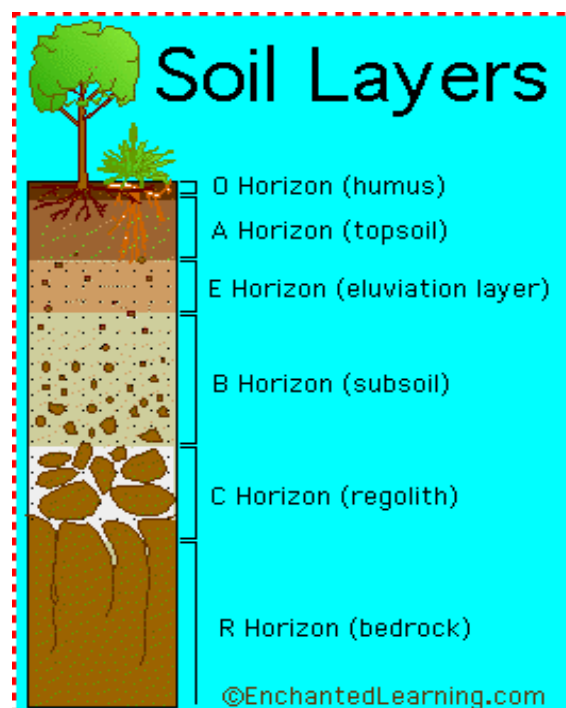
by D.J. Chakraborty

As we *plant gardens with new horizons*, our soil requires deeper exploration. Soil is made up of six (6) distinct horizontal layers (types of soil) which are called **Soil Horizons**. Each horizon has its own distinguishing characteristics which make it different from all the other horizons/layers. The two upper levels are the richest layers made up of humus or organic matter in **O Horizon** and topsoil found in **A Horizon**. In **E Horizon** we find eluviated (leached) soil. Next is **B Horizon** where the rich minerals have leached downward due to water movement from above. This level is sometimes referred to as the “zone of accumulation”. Level 5 or **C Horizon** is the regolith level (“blanket” of loose material) covering the solid bedrock in **R Horizon**. The characteristics in each level determine the soil’s use and importance.

First the **O Horizon** is the topmost organic layer of soil which is called humus because it is made up of living and decomposed organic matter like leaves, plants, and bugs. This layer is usually thin and dark. The **A Horizon** called *topsoil* lies below the O horizon. This layer consists of humus mixed with mineral particles. Seeds germinate and plant roots grow in this horizon - hence it is thicker and darker in color.

The third layer, called the **E Horizon**, is the eluviation or *leaching* layer. This means most of the minerals are lost as water drips through this level (the process of eluviation). Horizon E consists primarily of sand and silt and is lighter in color. Earth’s fourth layer is called **B Horizon** and consists of clay and mineral deposits including iron, aluminum oxides, and calcium carbonate. The subsoil in B Horizon is lighter colored than upper layers because there is less organic material.

The next layer is the **E Horizon**, also known as the *regolith* meaning “blanket rocks”. Its composition contains fractured bedrock, dust, and very small amounts of soil material. This layer is not capable of supporting plant-life hence roots do not penetrate the regolith. Finally we reach the bottom layer, **R Horizon**. This horizon is the bedrock layer supporting the layers above; beneath it lies the Earth’s crust, mantle, and core. You know the twenty-six letters of your alphabet, now learn your *soilphabet* O, A, E, B, C, R; thank God there are only six letters.



Flower Shows at the Fair



Your help is needed! The ***North Georgia State Fair*** is just around the corner! As many of you may know the **Marietta Council** sponsors two Flower and Horticultural Specialty Shows at the fair. Come join the fun; enter a design in the all new event space (same location at the fair grounds/Jim Miller Park, Marietta, but a brand new building!).

Design Entries - we have six different design classes in **each** show, each class requires four entrants. Any amateur designer is eligible to enter. A “nutshell” version of the design entries is below. For a complete version including general show and flower show rules visit **<https://northgeorgiastatefair.com/flower-show-non-commercial.html>**, then click on standard flower show schedule.

“Handbook” refers to *Handbook for Flower Shows revised 2017 NGC, Inc.*, a copy of which is available at the Marietta Educational Garden Center.

For Design entry sign-up or more information please contact: **Pril Buege, Design Entry Chair**

pbuege2@comcast.net **770 514 1660**

FIRST SHOW: Entries Sept 19 6-8 p.m. or Sept 20 8:30-11:30 a.m.

(pick up Tues. 9/25 1-5 p.m.)

Designs to be staged in white niches 32” wide, 18” deep, and 40” high on tables 30” from the floor in **Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4**. Niches to be provided by show committee. Underlays and background panels, provided by exhibitor, are permitted, but no side panels are allowed. Tables are covered in white fabric and skirted in either red or blue. Class 5 staged in 10” x 10” white niches provided by show committee.

CLASS 1: "MYSTERY" Transparency Designs (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 77).

There is always something hidden – a motive, a clue, a surprise ending

CLASS 2: "COMEDY" Reflective Designs (Handbook, Chapter 7, page 75).

It's often the reflection of ourselves that makes us laugh.

CLASS 3: "DRAMA" Cascade Design (Handbook Chapter 7, page 71)

Sophistication and deep colors set the stage for dramatic endeavors.

CLASS 4: "DANCE" Parallel Designs (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 75)

The coordination of the dancers amazes the audience.

CLASS 5: "IMPROV" Petite Designs, staged in 10” x 10” white niches provided by show committee. (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 73)

Spontaneity within constraints is the challenge of this art form

CLASS 6: "MUSICAL" Exhibition Table Designs (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 76)

Dinner before the show is themed to match the musical you have chosen.

Designer's choice on number of components. Table is provided by show committee. Staged on a table 35” square, 28” high (off floor). Use of expensive dish ware and flatware on flower show tables is discouraged. Design space is approximately 34” wide, 34” deep and 40” high. Table will be placed against a backdrop of white fabric provided by the committee.



Flower Shows at the Fair

continued

Second Show 2: Entries Sept 25 6-8 p.m. or Sept 26 8:30-11:30 a.m. (pick-up Sun. 9/30 6-8 p.m.)

Classes 1, 4 and 5: designs to be staged in white niches 32" wide, 18" deep, and 40" high on tables 30" from the floor. Niches to be provided by show committee. Underlays and background panels, provided by exhibitor, are permitted, but no side panels are allowed. Tables are covered in white fabric and skirted in either red or blue.

CLASS 1: "JAZZ" Abstract Designs (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 77).
Originality and the unexpected separate this musical form.

Classes 2 and 3 must be the same designer.

Classes 2 and 3 will be staged on a platform, 44" high, 15.5" deep, and 24" wide. To be judged from the 24" side. The platform is black and sits on silver-colored posts. The platform will support up to 33 lbs. Designer may drape platform, but this is not required. A photo of the platform will be provided upon request. One designer must enter both class 2 and 3.

CLASS 2: "DUET OF VOICES" Duo Designs (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 78)
Just the voice of two singers.

CLASS 3: "DUET OF INSTRUMENTS" Duo Designs (Handbook, Chapter 7, page 78). *Two instruments harmonize.*

CLASS 4: "COUNTRY AND WESTERN" Creative Line Designs (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 74). *The sound of the South plays nationwide*

CLASS 5: "STRING QUARTET" Multi-Rhythmic Designs. (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 75) *Musicians display sensitivity to each other's timing and volume.*

CLASS 6: "MABLEHOUSE" Functional tables. (Handbook, Chapter 7, Page 76)
Amphitheater provides setting for informal al fresco dining. Designer's choice on number of components.

Class 6 staged on a table 35" square, 28" high (off floor). Table is provided by show committee. Use of expensive dish ware and flatware on flower show tables is discouraged. Design space is approximately 34" wide, 34" deep and 40" high. Table will be placed against a backdrop of white fabric provided by the committee.

Laurel Letters

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Fall Issue

Deadline - August 25

Emailed - September 15

Winter Issue

Deadline - November 19

Emailed - December 15

2019

Spring Issue

Deadline - February 25

Emailed - March 15



Laurel Letters Procedure for Article Submission

Please send your club articles for edit to:

Sheelah Schreiber
Laurel Letters Text
Editor

mingjoysch@gmail.com

Cell 703-599-4512

After the Text Editor has reviewed your submissions, they will be forwarded for publication to:

Susan Stephens
Laurel Letters Editor
sstep47151@aol.com

770-547-4026

Please share your events and activities with your Laurel District club members.

Remember Sheelah checks grammar, punctuation, and content. I design the layout and prepare for publication.

Thank you,
Susan

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL SERIES III

TO BE OFFERED IN ROME, GEORGIA

The Laurel District and The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. will be offering the Environmental School at the ECO Center in Rome, Georgia. School dates are October 2-3, 2018; January 9-10, 2019; March 20-21, 2019; and May 15-16, 2019. Each two-day session - from approximately 8a to 3p - is \$80.00 and includes lunch for each day.

The Living Earth, October 2-3, is the first course in the Environmental School offered by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Taught by local professionals, this two-day course will discuss the four major components of the Earth's life support system and the dynamic effects that ecosystems, environmental pressures, and historic actions produce.

In this course you will learn about environmental challenges and opportunities, and identify both beneficial and harmful impacts that humans have on the environment. You will discover methods to fashion habitats in local surroundings, both business settings and the private home landscape. Discover new ways to conserve wasted energy, develop better habits to motivate conservation practices, and encourage habitat rehabilitation.

To pursue and implement beneficial earth goals and form sustainable environments, you will explore how to connect with groups and organizations. You can achieve meaningful change while healing the environment and preserving biodiversity.

Professionally guided field trips involve the exploration and identification of the habitats surrounding the Rome/Floyd County ECO Center. These areas include the native garden, wetland demonstration area, and native animal exhibits. Lunch will be provided by members of the Rome Federated Garden Clubs.

Environmental Schools are open to all garden club members and non-members.

Upon receipt of your enrollment form and check, an acknowledgment and course outline will be sent to you.

Anyone wishing to become an Environmental Consultant, accredited by NGC, Inc., must complete all four courses and pass an open book exam on the last day of each course.

For more information, see www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com and click on the "News" tab. You will see a tri-fold with more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL
SERIES III TO BE OFFERED IN ROME, GEORGIA
REGISTRATION FORM

Mail before September 21, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Garden Club: _____

\$80 Course fee (includes all fees and lunch 2 days)

Total Registration Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Rome Federated Garden Clubs**

Mail registration form and check to:

RFGC
c/o Stanley Boulee, Treasurer
515 E. 9th Street
Rome, GA 30161

Limited seating available. No refund after September 21, 2018; a 25% handling fee will be retained on all cancellations. Full refund if class is canceled by RFGC; notification will be issued on or before September 21, 2018.

Contact: Stanley Boulee at stanleyboulee@gmail.com

Laurel District and Rome Federated Garden Clubs are sponsoring these schools.

	2018
Oct 2-3	Environmental School, Course I, Rome
Jan. 9-10	Environmental School, Course II, Rome
	2019
March 20-21	Environmental School, Course III, Rome
May 15-16	Environmental School, Course IV, Rome

Magnolia Garden Club - Cartersville



June 3-10 was designated as "National Garden Week", and the Magnolia Garden Club was busy acknowledging this event. Bonnie Floyd, National Garden Week chairman for Magnolia Garden Club, gathered a host of local Bartow and Cartersville Citizens to witness the signing of the Proclamation of National Garden Week by the Honorable Judge Robert Benham. Representatives from Keep Bartow Beautiful, Summer Hill Museum, members of the MGC, and other local dignitaries were present for the signing.

Calvin Cooley and Viola Henderson Foster, representing the Summer Hill Heritage Group, spoke to the Magnolia Garden club at their annual summer picnic. The history of the Bartow Carver Beach, The First Black Beach was presented by our two speakers. The event was held at the George Washington Carver Park in Acworth. Magnolia Garden Club also made a donation to the park restoration. Our club will be available October on "Planting Day" and provide stakes for plants and plant material natural to the area.



The Magnolia Garden Club recently judged 25 sites in the White Georgia area participating in the "Beautify Your Gardens" contest.

Pictured left to right: Sue Tucker, Mayor Kim Billeau and Sandra McMillan. Barbara Jones was unavailable for photo.

Piedmont Park "Exhibitat" Public Unveiling and Chalk Art Festival

Tuesday, September 25

Chalking Period, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Exhibitat Unveiling, 6:30 to 9:00 PM

The "Exhibitat" unveiling will celebrate the completion of Atlanta Audubon's native plant garden and Georgia's first Chimney Swift Tower in the Piedmont Commons area in the northeast quadrant of Piedmont Park. During the day, participants in our Chalk Art Festival will complete 5' x 5' chalk art paintings in front of the "Exhibitat" in celebration of Georgia's native plants and animals. In the evening, we will officially unveil the project while enjoying food and drink. For more information, to register for the Chalk Festival, or to purchase tickets to the unveiling, please visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/georgia-grows-native-for-birds-month.

Fall Plant Sale with Chattahoochee Nature Center

Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days

This fall, Atlanta Audubon is excited to partner with Chattahoochee Nature Center and Georgia Native Plant Society to host native plant sales to expand habitat for birds. Sales will highlight berry-producing plants that help birds like the Wood Thrush put on enough weight to migrate across the Gulf of Mexico to wintering grounds in Central America. A limited number of berry producing plants that benefit the Wood Thrush and other migrants will be available for pre-sale on the Atlanta Audubon website beginning in August.

To read the full Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month Proclamation or to learn more about Georgia Grows Native for Birds Month events, please visit our website at www.atlantaaudubon.org/georgia-grows-native-for-birds-month.

Atlanta Audubon wishes to thank the following partners and sponsors: Piedmont Park Conservancy and Rock Springs Restoration.

Atlanta Audubon Society is building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and advocacy.

Media Note: Photos to accompany this article and a MS Word version of this press release are available for download at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/y3l9s32oktcs94e/AADL4n1VHbxzzwGhN455VJ-fa?dl=0>.

Barbara

Barbara Bourque

GCG 1st VP, Listserv Mgr., Website Mgr.

6445 Holland Drive

Cumming, GA 30041-4641

770-889-2596 (h) 404-374-2828 (cell)

b.bourque@comcast.net



Christmas Tour of Homes

Madison, GA

Step into a winter wonderland as you celebrate the season with a holiday favorite, the *Historical Society's Christmas Tour of Homes*, in Madison. With both daytime and candlelight itineraries, this magical event is not to be missed. This is a walking tour of historic and private homes fully decorated for the holidays.

Madison boasts one of Georgia's oldest and largest National Historic Districts and was named one of "*The South's Best Small Towns*" by Southern Living Magazine in 2017. You'll also find unique shopping and renowned restaurants during your stay.

Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes

November 30 and December 1, 2018

Day Tour - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Tour - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ticket Information

Before November 27

Single Tour Ticket \$27 – Premium (2 Tour Tickets) \$45

Beginning November 28

Single Tour Ticket \$32 – Premium (2 Tour Tickets) \$55

Special rates for groups of 10 or more are \$21.50 each

The tour begins with ticket pick up at **Heritage Hall**, tour headquarters,
277 South Main Street, Madison, GA.

A map of all homes on tour is provided along with tickets.

Tickets may be purchased online at

www.friendsofheritagehall.org

or by calling **770-342-9627**

Additional information: Call 706-342-9627
or email madisonheritagehall@yahoo.com





Magnolia Holiday Market

“Winter Wonderland”



Save
the
Date

Sponsored by the

Magnolia Garden Club

Saturday, November 10 **9:00 am – 4 pm**

Olin Tatum Building – Stiles Auditorium

(Behind Cartersville Library)

320 West Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville, Georgia



Venues
Main Area
Santa's Shoppe
The Bakery
Tree Sale
Mail Box Sprays
Gardening Shed
Special Finds
Gifts to Go
Complementary Bistro



Contact: Dee Anne Wyse

770-262-0938 or dawyse@bellsouth.net



**The North Georgia
Council of Flower Show Judges**

presents

“Fa la la....”



An NGC Design Specialty Holiday Flower Show

December 4, 2018

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

Bellmere Garden House

10777 Bell Road

Johns Creek, Georgia 30097

770-497-1970

Hoe'n In Euharlee



Marie Purser and Marty Morris were hostesses at the recent Meet and Greet with 3 new ladies joining!



Hoe'n In Euharlee preparing Euharlee Library garden spot for Fall and future bulb sale! One new member Patty Ward, 2 husbands and 5 members working.



Marshall Forest has been a busy place this spring and summer. A record number of visitors came to the forest from inside Laurel District as well as from other states. A family of five from Wyoming made the trek through the forest and took time to hug the Big Pine. More and more Floyd county residents are taking walks through the forest and eating their lunch on the benches. The city of Rome has added a trash can which has helped keep the litter under control.

The annual Robert Weed Memorial Walk is scheduled for October 19, 2018, at 2 p.m. The Rome Floyd Keep America Beautiful, The Rome Tree Board, the Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc., and the Garden Club of Georgia Marshall Forest Committee are sponsoring the walk this year. Joan Maloof, President of the Old Growth Forest Network, will be leading the tour this year. Marshall Forest has become a part of this growing network of forest preserves.

Here are the highlights:

- The Flower Glen Trail is open for the first time since 1993, when it was closed due to a major storm in March 1993.
- A new loop trail has been constructed at the top of the Dorsey Trail which highlights the grove of Long Leaf Pines at the top of Mount Alto.
- Mark Weed began the process of restoring the entrance gates by removing the old cement foundations and pressure washing the Marshall Forest sign.
- The parking lot has been cleaned up, leveled, and the old cross ties removed.
- Some of the rotten posts have been replaced and the support posts for the entrance gate are in place.



Deed of Gratitude certificates will be presented to contributors of \$25 or more to Marshall Forest at the Fall District Meetings.

Please continue to support the Marshall Forest with your contributions of \$25 or more. The forest is still undergoing more renovations. Your help is invaluable. Tours of the forest can be scheduled by e-mailing Caroline Alford at caroboone@aol.com or by calling 706 346-5886.

Lee Dunn, GCG Historic Preservation Chairman, and Mabel Milner, GCG Historic Preservation Chairman Emeritus, at the Cherokee Garden Library's Book Launch of "Seeking Eden"

**FROM: Nancy Hargroves,
2017-2019 NGC President**

DATE: July 30, 2018

SUBJECT: 'Plant America' Bulb Promotion



Dear NGC Members,

This email is to let you know that a new daffodil cultivar has been selected for National Garden Clubs by Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs. It has been registered with the Royal Horticultural Society as N. 'Plant America'. Brent and Becky's Bulbs will donate a percentage of the sales to the PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Fund.

This bulb will be available for purchase exclusively by NGC members for three years before it goes on sale to the public. **There is a LIMITED amount of stock available for purchase this fall, as is typical in the first year of a new cultivar. For the second and third years, the number of bulbs available will be much larger.**

N. 'Plant America' can be ordered starting today by phone or email from Brent and Becky's Bulbs using the order form that is attached to this email. The order form is on the NGC website <http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/brent-beckys-bulbs.aspx>.

Please pass this information along to the members in your state. Again, there is a LIMITED number of bulbs available this fall.

Nancy Hargroves
NGC President
inbleum@me.com
(804) 363-0771 (C)

**Sold Out
Order Next Year**

Note: It would be good to get a group order together of at least 10 bags of daffies, to cover the \$7.00 minimum shipping charge.



Brent and Becky's Bulbs
Introduces a
New Narcissus Cultivar
for
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
N. 'Plant America'



N. 'Plant America'
Item # 01-1135

- Named for and available **ONLY** to NGC Members for three years
- Please order EARLY – Only a limited number available in 2018 in the first year of production.

N. 'Plant America' – A split corona daffodil - Color Code: 11 W-Y The yellow perianth segments of this mid-season flower fold back smoothly over its white petals. It has a nice thick substance, which is why its flowers last so long. It has a strong stem and is up-facing. It grows best in full sun to a height of 12"-16", depending on the richness of the soil.

1. Sold only in quantities of 5 bulbs; \$7.50 per bag of 5 bulbs.
2. May be ordered individually, with friends or as a club; club orders are encouraged in order to save on shipping.
3. If they are being shipped to Virginia, add 5.3% sales tax (\$0.40/bag).
4. Purchase of this bulb is **NOT** eligible for *Bloomin' Bucks* Program orders.
5. Shipping Charges:

East of the Mississippi	10% of Total or \$7.00 minimum
West of the Mississippi	15% of Total or \$9.00 minimum
Alaska, Hawaii	Actual cost of UPS/FedEx 2nd Day Air or \$15.00 minimum

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Physical Ship-to address if different from above: _____

Phone # _____ Email for order confirmation: _____

**Sold Out
 Order Next Year**

Approximate Shipping Schedule	
Zones 3-4	Sept 15 - Oct 1
Zone 5	Oct 1 – Oct 15
Zone 6	Oct 15 – Oct 30
Zone 7	Oct 30 – Nov 15
Zones 8-9	Nov 15 – Nov 30

Item #	Number of bags	Price per bag	Total
01-1135		\$7.50	
+ Sales Tax (5.3% for Virginia shipments only)			
+ Shipping East of MS River: 10% of order total or \$7 minimum			
+Shipping West of MS River: 15% of order total or \$9 minimum			
+Shipping to Alaska, Hawaii: Actual cost of UPS/FedEx 2nd Day Air or \$15.00 minimum			
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			

Check payable to: Brent and Becky's Bulbs **Mail to:** 7900 Daffodil Lane - Gloucester, VA 23061

Credit card orders: Call 877/661-2852 (toll-free) – 804/693-3966 (local)

ANETSA-GA-DA HOSTS GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL OF CHEROKEE COUNTY

On April 20, 2018, to celebrate Garden Week in Georgia, the Ball Ground (Anetsa-Ga-Da) Garden Club hosted a tea in our beautiful Ball Ground Botanical Garden. Each of the five clubs in the Cherokee County Council was included, although only four clubs participated. We regret that the Etowah Garden Club could not join us.

Each club contributed, with food, drinks, tablecloths, centerpieces, and a basket from each club to be raffled off to four lucky winners. Proceeds from ticket sales went to the regular fund of the council to be used for maintenance of Blue Star Marker and other council expenses. Pictures are shown of Laurel GC, Canton; Trayletaah GC, Canton; Anetsa-Ga-Da, Ball Ground; and Sixes Community GC, Canton. Also a picture is included of the Cherokee County Council Members. On a picture-perfect sunny, spring day, a wonderful day of fellowship was enjoyed by all!

Submitted by
Evelyn Foster, Publicity Chairman



Anetsa-Ga-Da Garden Club

**ANETSA-GA-DA HOSTS
GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL OF CHEROKEE COUNTY**



ANETSA-GA-DA HOSTS GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL OF CHEROKEE COUNTY



**Winners of
Raffled Baskets**

**ANETSA-GA-DA HOSTS
GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL OF CHEROKEE COUNTY**





Honoring Those Who have Served Our Country

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way.

What we see today is a program that has expanded to include all men and women who had served, were serving, or would serve in the armed services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way markers were added to the Highway Markers, to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens.

The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, and in churches and businesses. This program has been active all through the years to the present, a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces and especially



Happy Fall Y'all!



The End