



# Laurel Letters

*"Treasuring the Past... Celebrating the Present... Protecting the Future"*

Fall 2004

Jayne Payne, Laurel District Director

Dear Laurel Ladies,

I hope your summer was restful and that you are now ready for the second year of having "Georgia on our Minds".

Let me encourage you to attend the Parks and Public Lands Luncheon at Redtop Mountain State Park in Cartersville on September 16. Margaret Ballard along with Cartersville's Magnolia Garden Club is organizing this... you know it'll be a real event. See the registration form on page 9 in this Laurel Letters edition.

While you're registering for events be sure to include our own Laurel District meeting on October 13 in Blairsville. The Ladies in the Blairsville club have a really good program lined up along with good food and fellowship. Remember to bring your new underwear for men and women to this meeting to support operation Fig Leaf at NWRH in Rome.

While working up budgets for the coming year don't forget the NGC fund for Natural Disaster Relief. Our next door neighbors in Florida need our support. Ann Mobley chairs this for Georgia and she lives at 1080 Smith Road, Fortson, Georgia 31808.

I look forward to seeing you in Blairsville as Laurel continues to "treasure the past, celebrate the present and protect the future"...

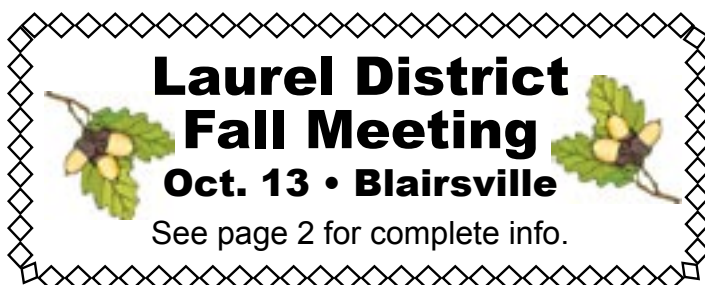
Jayne



## LANDSCAPE DESIGN COURSES

Mary Green 770-436-8248

Landscape Design Study School course II began August 9 through 10, 2004 in Columbus, GA. Course III will begin March 14 - 15th, 2005 and one can begin with any numbered course. Put it on your calendar and call Arlette Cone at 706-569-1932 for more information on what will be covered and directions.



**Laurel District  
Fall Meeting  
Oct. 13 • Blairsville**  
See page 2 for complete info.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Lou Ann Bleakley 706-745-7033, [dablab@alltel.net](mailto:dablab@alltel.net)  
P.O. Box 965, Blairsville, GA 30514

### Time For Laurel Youth To Shine!!!

School is back in session so it's time to encourage participation in all the exciting contests and rewards in store for all age groups from Pre-school through High School. Get the word out to public and private schools, home school leaders, Scout troops, 4-H Clubs, Church groups, relatives and neighbors. The future of our garden clubs is our youth so let's get their attention now.

Check The GCG Guide for details on all youth contests and activities. Contact this Chairman for any assistance you need and plan to visit the exhibits at the District meeting in Blairsville. Information and forms will be displayed and help with all your requests will be available.

### Deadline December 1, 2004 to District Chairman

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest  
Grades 1 - 5 - Winner for each grade for Smokey and Woodsy.  
Smokey: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" - Woodsy: "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land"

Poetry Contest - "How Does Your Garden Grow?"  
Kindergarten through 9th Grade

Poster Contest - "Let the Bees and Birds Help Your Future Gardens" Preschool (3-5) and Kindergarten through 6th Grade

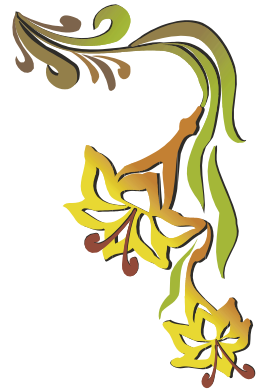
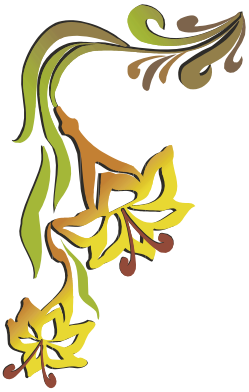
High School Essay Contest - "Forging the Future"  
High School Speech Contest - "Forging the Future"  
Open to High School students attending 9 through 12th grades

### Youth Clubs

Laurel Clubs and Councils are encouraged to sponsor a youth club. Age groups are:

- Ecotots: Ages 3 through Kindergarten
- Junior: Grades 1 - 6
- Intermediates: Grades 7 - 8
- High School: Grades 9 - 12

Clubs must be registered each year by December 1st with the State Youth Garden Club Chairman. Forms are published in The GCG *Guide* and will be available at the District Meeting in Blairsville.



# Laurel District Fall Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

Mountain Presbyterian Church  
2945 Young Harris Hwy (I-515)  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
(706) 745-8036

## "Mountain Glory"

Honored Guest: - Jaydee Ager  
President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

**Registration and coffee 9:00 a.m.**

Committee displays use the center back only (24"x36") of a tri-fold display board. Sides will extend backward for support only. Label with committee name and chairperson. To reserve, or for further information, contact: Diane Gazzillo, 5160 Highland Trace, Blairsville, 30512, (706) 745-1647, e-mail bobgazz@alltel.net

Registration and Luncheon \$25.00. Send checks payable to Blairsville Garden Club, Laurel District along with completed form to Lou Ann Bleakley, P.O. Box 965, Blairsville, Georgia, 30514, (706) 745-7033, e-mail: dablab@alltel.net

**Deadline October 1, 2004**

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

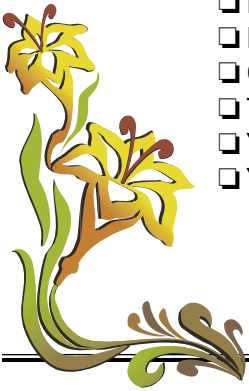
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member   | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President  | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Director   | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member  | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President  | <input type="checkbox"/> Club's Voting Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is the first Laurel District Meeting you have attended |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You are a new Garden Club Member for 2004                   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You plan to stay overnight, Tuesday, October 12, 2004       |   |  |

Accommodations may be reserved at  
Holiday Express, 333 Fisher Street, Blairsville, 30512 (706) 745-6844  
**Please make reservations on or before SEPTEMBER 12, 2004**



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## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COURSES

*Dorothy Lee 706-896-1506, dslee@alltel.net*

The Environmental Studies School's Course IV, will be held March 6-8, 2005 at Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris. The three-day course of Series III will be on Water. The National Garden Club's accredited program does not require one to complete the preceding courses in order to attend this most important seminar. Some of Georgia's most qualified speakers will update us on our precious water resources. Registration is \$45. Make check payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and mail to Dorothy Lee, P.O. Box 944, Hiawassee, GA 30546.



## NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

*Jean Carter 706-745-5506, jeancar@alltel.net*

National Garden Week was held June 6-12, 2004. A number of Laurel Garden Clubs submitted reports to this chairman, which will be transmitted to the Garden Club of Georgia National Garden Week Chairman. The reports indicated the creativity and hard work that these clubs exhibited. Publicity was great--including newspaper articles, proclamations, bank statement enclosures, radio spots, city marquis poster, etc. A museum window display was exhibited. Flower arrangements were placed in churches, nursing homes, governmental offices and libraries. The garden clubs at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital were involved in a "Making Dirt Cakes" party. Trees and perennials were planted. One club sponsored a "Mad Hatter Tea Party". Eighty-two participants enjoyed this charming event and were urged to celebrate the National Garden Week theme--"Come Grow with Us." Many pictures and other materials were enclosed with the reports. This chairman appreciates Laurel Clubs' support for National Garden Week.

## ENVIRONMENTAL - RECYCLING

*Sharon Payne 706-896-2337, donniep@alltel.net*

### Greeting Card Recycling

Thanks to the members of Laurel District we have collected over 120 pounds of greeting cards for St. Jude's Card Recycling Program. Thank You & Good Job!!



## STATE FLOWER SHOW

January 24-25, 2005

### Georgia on My Mind... Under the Gold Dome

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. will celebrate seventy-seven years of history with the Seventh Advanced Standard Flower Show, January 24-25, 2005 at Georgia's State Capitol in Atlanta. Through the efforts of GCG President Jaydee Ager 2003-2005, the show is going to happen. Honorary Flower Show Chairman First Lady Mary Perdue and Flower Show Chairmen Janet McGinnis and Bet-

ty Grimes need your participation in this free display of exceptional creativity in design, horticulture and educational displays.

Presenting sponsor for our prestigious State Flower Show is Sea Island Company, with additional funding from The Georgia Power Foundation and Pennington Seed. There are individual sponsors as well. Fifty National Garden Club judges from around the country will be honored at a dinner Saturday night followed by a Sunday brunch. Dorothy Olson, Capitol Museum Curator, will enlighten the judges with the history of Georgia and the State Capitol enroute to and from the brunch. Judging begins at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 23. Garden club members who wish to clerk should contact Jane Johnson, 770-483-2642; those who would like to hostess, please contact Connie Ewing, 229-382-7635.

An exciting bit of news is that Frabel Studio & Galleries will donate one of their extraordinary glass creations for each winner of a National Garden Club Top Award.

The exhibitor can look forward to a smooth system for entering design and horticulture. All horticulture must be entered on Saturday, January 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Special arrangements for drop-off are on Mitchell Street, with free parking in the Capitol Parking Lot on Capitol Avenue. Designs can be placed on Saturday at the times above, or Sunday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government have an Invitational Section to enter horticulture. Winner of the finest horticulture specimen in this section wins a very special Frabel piece. Now is the time to talk flower show with the powers that be; offer to bring and enter your representative's cut specimen in the show. Rumor has it that there are green thumbs back home.

Club presidents can get the working schedule, or law of the show, at District Meeting. It will also be available on line shortly. Each of the seven districts is responsible for 150 horticulture specimens, one display and one collection. District youth will also be asked to participate in the horticulture and design Special Exhibits Division. Of special note: there will be a class of forced bulbs; talk to your local nursery for instructions since some specimens need at least 12 weeks refrigeration and then 3-5 weeks for growing and blooming.

District flower show chairs have the drawn-by-lottery design categories available for assignment at district meetings. Exhibitors, remember to get your pass in the form of a special horticulture tag at District Meeting. Committee chairs will also be required to show a similar tag to enter the building.

Laurel District Entries Chairman is Caroline Silcox, 770-534-4506 and Horticulture Chairman is Pam Kuchler 770-983-3168.



**WATERWISE Solutions**  
**An Incentive Grant Program Sponsored by**  
**National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**For Regions, States, Districts, Councils and Clubs Nationally**

This vital WATERWISE Solutions Program focuses on sustainable Water Quality and Water Conservation. It is being initiated to help and assist state presidents (and member clubs) in addressing environmental water problems in their respective states (or areas) according to the states, individual needs.

Emphasis will be on extensive, worthwhile environmental projects dealing exclusively with WATERWISE Solutions directed toward sustainable development. Incentive grants will be awarded up to \$1000 each. Matching funds are required.

A grant application (see below) may be submitted at any time during the 2003-2005 administration. Funds will be limited and the grant-determining process will depend on the environmental impact each project will have.



**Application for 'WATERWISE Solutions' Grant**

Name of State Federation: \_\_\_\_\_ GEORGIA \_\_\_\_\_

State Water Quality/Conservation Chairman: Patricia Payne White  
P.O. Box 1980, Decatur, GA 30331-1980

Club/District/State Sponsoring Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach no more than three (3) pages to describe your projects or event. Include a financial breakdown of estimated expenses and plans for potential publicity. A copy of your application must be sent to your state chairman listed above and both NGC-Chairmen listed below.

The NGC WATER QUALITY/CONSERVATION Committee encourages your participation and will assist in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to e-mail or call.

Joan Craig, NGC Chairman  
642 Talus Way  
Reno, NV 89503  
Tel/Fax: (775)323-3622  
jpetals@juno.com

Marilyn Oberti, NGC Vice-Chairman  
30 Warm Canyon Way  
Hillsborough, CA 94010  
(650) 344-3600 Fax:(650) 344-1203  
mopetals@aol.com

**THINK WATER!**  
**This WATERWISE Solutions Program has been made possible**  
**by a special grant from Shell Oil Company.**

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## BASIC DESIGN COURSE

### At Home With Flowers

*Pamela Kuchler 770-983-3168, Lkuchler@starband.net*

At Home With Flowers is a great design course for anyone who's interested in creating designs, learning about different plant material, mechanics and the principles of design. As garden club members we are frequently asked to put a design out for church, school or a special event. This is how you learn to enjoy and create these arrangements with your plant material without pressure of a flower show.

The Basic Design Course is set up for the participants to learn the most basic to the most creative of designs, taking one step at a time with a combination of instruction, demonstration, workshop and critique.

Information is available to set up these classes by any garden club(s) or council. Participants do not have to be garden club members, so it is a wonderful way to introduce and recruit new members. I will be happy to guide you through the process of establishing At Home With Flowers for your club or council.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

*Lou Ann Bleakley (706) 745-7033, dablabb@alltel.net*

Forty (40) Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters were received. One winner for each grade level was forwarded to the State Chairman.

Laurel had one 3rd place and one Honorable Mention in the Smokey Bear Contest and one 2nd Place in the Woodsy Owl Contest.

Forty two (42) poetry entries were forwarded to the State Chairman. Laurel had six 1st Place winners, four also received DSR first place. Six 2nd place winners, two 3rd place winners and two Honorable Mentions.

...Laurel had four (4) Essay entries and One (1) Speech entry. Jerry Therrel, Hiwassee, received HM for his essay. Audrey Collins, Ellijay, received 1st Georgia and 1st National.

...Laurel currently has Seven (7) Youth Clubs registered with the State Youth Club Chairman. This Chairman mailed ten (10) complete information packets to individuals who expressed interest in starting a Youth Club.

Please contact this Chairman for any information and/or assistance needed to encourage participation in all the outstanding contests for youth and establishing new youth Clubs.

## YEARBOOKS

*Kathy Haynes 770-532-4212, kathyhaynes@bellsouth.net*

### Award # 16 Garden Club and Council Yearbooks

Yearbooks must be in the hands of the State Yearbook Chairman by October 15 (Include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard for verification of receipt of yearbook by state chairman).

**Please Note: Jean Sawyer is the current State Yearbook Chairman, Please update your GUIDE.**

To enter a Yearbook for Award #16:

SEND:

2 completed State Awards Applications

2 completed NCSGC Awards Applications

2 copies of Yearbook

To: State Yearbook Chairman

Jean Sawyer, P.O. BOX O, Gainesville, GA 30503-1915

AND

1 completed State Awards Application, ONLY

To: State Awards Chairman

Deanna McFarlan, 3722 Allsborough Dr., Tucker, GA 30084-2403

Copies of the NCSGC and State Awards application forms may be obtained from the State Awards Chairman or the District Awards Chairman. Paper clip one copy each of the NCSGC and State Awards Application forms (with print showing) to the inside front cover of each yearbook being sent to the state yearbook chairman.

**\*\*NOTE:** Be sure to study new scale of points requirements. Pay particular attention to the way projects are to be listed. Please enter your club and council yearbooks for Award #16. Let's represent Laurel well in state competition.

## GEORGIA! KEEP IT GREEN & CLEAN VIDEO

*Joy Zaidan 770-493-8475, jzaidan@bellsouth.net*

*Harriotte McDannald 478-988-4878, hdmcd@hotmail.com*

If you've purchased, rented or borrowed the Green & Clean video, please let the State Chairmen listed above know how many people were reached with this video--family, friends, youth groups, etc. It is incumbent upon GCG to provide our financial supporters with such information. Future grants are contingent upon it and are more likely to be awarded with a show of appreciation and ongoing communication. Postcards are available for you to note this information, or you may e-mail or call the Green & Clean Chairmen. In the future, a postcard will accompany each video sold. Please be sure to return it with the requested information. If you haven't yet purchased GCG's newest anti-litter video, we want each of you to do so at the District meeting (\$6.00 cost). The GCG State HQ also has the video available for rental. Take the video and show it to your garden club as a program. Show the video to a youth group, and then participate in a litter pickup with the children. Community groups and police departments will be inspired by seeing children in the video making a difference, caring for the environment, being litter activists, setting a good example. Plan to spread our anti-litter message.

## ENVIRONMENTAL - AIR & WATER QUALITY

*Virginia Palmer 706-869-3943*

EVERY CLUB, please have at least one environmental program this year. Water quality is recommended. Speakers suggestions:

- \* E.P.D.
- \* County Environmental Officers
- \* Water System Operators
- \* Soil & Water Supervisors



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Do & Report

*Virginia Palmer 706-869-3943*

Simple necessities (often shared from members) such as help with planting and including maintenance instructions. Report sheets are on the website at: <http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub> or call this chairman.

## FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

*Caroline Silcox 770-534-4506, [desibeautiful@aol.com](mailto:desibeautiful@aol.com)*

Flower Show School Course IV will be held in Rome, Ga on October 26, 27,28. This course is open to all GCG members. Roses and ferns will be studied. Carolyn Hawkins will teach flower show procedure and horticulture and Peggy Nuse will teach design. Additional information and brochures are available from this Chairman.

## NEW LAUREL DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

*Patricia Bradley*

*1460 Longwood Dr., Marietta, Ga 30008-3782*

*Phone (770) 422-7143 • Fax (770) 424-5806*

*e-mail: [tricia60@mindspring.com](mailto:tricia60@mindspring.com)*

Patricia has served on the Laurel Board before as Membership Chairperson. She is very capable and we are extremely fortunate to have her step into a leadership position.

## ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION

*Phyllis Fegreus 706 7459467*

Roadside Beautification in addition to planting Wildflowers is to Adopt-A-Highway. Contact your churches - This chairman has found success in distributing Adopt-A-Highway applications to a source in Cleveland through a Youth Minister. He intends to apply and have the children over the age of 12 to start a pick up program.

This chairman has already applied for a pick up program for her local church on Hwy #180 East. Our members have picked up 3 times with DOT picking up the bags at a designated corner. The future plans are to have wildflowers planted to discourage the litter.

Anyone interested in planting daylilies as you have seen in North Carolina can obtain bulbs through DOT for 38 cents each. Our local club purchased 750 bulbs and they are planted by the DOT on a problem bank on Hwy #515.

At our Laurel District Fall Meet you will find "Burmarigold" seed at my display. Do stop by and receive your free packet.

## HISTORICAL TRAIL MARKERS

*Phyllis Fegreus 706-745-9467*

All Districts have been asked to locate Bartram Trail Markers that the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has sponsored with Districts and their Clubs. Many pictures have been given to this chairman. However, we need more located and pictures taken.

Research time has been done to place the markers. We do not want to lose the reason for placing them in the first place. We need to perpetuate and preserve our history of William Bartram's

travels thru the state of Georgia. Azalea District placed a Bartram Trail Marker at the Strom Thurmond Dam last May. They have purchased another Bartram Trail Marker to be dedicated at Clark Hill Reservoir.

William Bartram traveled throughout the state of Georgia and there are many trails that need identification. Log on your website ([www.bartramtrail.org](http://www.bartramtrail.org)) All the documentation can be found for you to encourage your clubs to consider placing a marker. Contact this chairman for applications and further information.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS GCG & NGC

*Frances Kilgore 770-428-1445*

**A Garden Club of Georgia Life Membership  
is a perfect gift anytime of the year...  
Especially at Christmas!**



Garden club members love to receive this honor. Husbands, family members and friends enjoy giving the perfect gift - a gift that lasts a lifetime. For them it takes the guesswork out of trying to find that special gift for that special someone. A State Life Membership also indicates your interest and devotion to the ideals and high standards of GCG and your Tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$100 supports the Garden Club of Georgia's outstanding Scholarship Program.

**So -Ho! Ho! Ho!**

**a State Life Membership is the way to go!**

Contact your District Life Membership Chair for an application form or use the one below. A notice of this Christmas gift will be sent in time to put under their holiday tree. A Happy Holiday Season is my wish for all of you! Christmas delivery deadline is December 15th.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Honored by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ State Life \$100.00 \_\_\_ National Life \$200.00

Make State Life Check Payable to:

Garden Club of Georgia (and or) National Life Check  
Payable to National Garden Clubs and mail  
with the above application form to:

Helen Szymd, State Life Member Chairman  
4 Prestbury Lane, Savannah, GA 31411

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## HAMILTON GARDENS VIDEO

A video of the Hamilton Gardens is the latest project of Hiawassee Garden Club. Hamilton Gardens are located on the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Highway 76, Hiawassee, Georgia. Through public interest, the video was produced in April and May of 2004.

The Gardens were developed in 1982 when Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamilton donated their collection of native and hybrid azaleas and rhododendrons to the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. The video is a historical retrospect of the Hamilton Gardens with a guided tour. Speakers talk of the garden horticulture, the Hamiltons, the partnership with Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds and the Towns County Lions Club; as well as, a step-by-step tutorial for planting rhododendrons. Kathryn Litton, Laurel District Horticulture-Native Plants & Wildflowers Chairman, is the horticulture speaker.

The prime blooming time for Hamilton Gardens is April and May. Georgia Mountain Fair sponsors a Bluegrass and Rhododendron Festival the first two weeks of May. At that time, Hiawassee Garden Club greets visitors to the gardens and provides information about the gardens and horticulture. The Gardens are open to the public all year at no charge.

Hiawassee Garden Club is selling the video/DVD copies for \$25.00 each. Contact Maggi Burns, Hiawassee Garden Club President at (706) 896-8326 or write to Hiawassee Garden Club, P.O. Box 531, Hiawassee GA 30546 for further information.



## HISTORIC TREE PROJECT

*Chris Cooney 706-896-2169*

Have you thought about planting history in your community? Did you know you can buy seedlings from some of the nation's most historic trees. This project began in 1992 and has sold about 500,000 seedlings from trees that have witnessed centuries of American history.

Park Rangers and volunteers gather the seeds and cuttings from specimens on National Registry of Historic Trees such as tulip poplar from George Washington's Mt. Vernon. This was planted in 1785.

How about the honey locust that shaded Abraham Lincoln as he delivered the Gettysburg Address. There is sweet gum and pin oak from Elvis Presley's Graceland mansion.

Historic trees are every bit as important as historic buildings, they are the oldest living witnesses to history.

You can learn more about the Historic Tree Project, by checking [www.historictrees.org](http://www.historictrees.org) or call toll free 1-800-320-8733.

## LAND TRUST - MARSHALL FOREST

*Veronica Carden (770) 386-9348, [vvcarden@netscape.net](mailto:vvcarden@netscape.net)*

In 1966 the Marshall Forest was selected by the Department of the Interior to be Georgia's first "Natural National Landmark". Since 1976 the Marshall Forest has been designated The Land

Trust project for GCG.

For many years this relic forest of 293 acres within the city limits of Rome has been a natural laboratory for scientists and students. Garden clubs are encouraged to visit the forest, especially the unique Braille Trail. Guided tours are available contact this chairman for more information.

"Deed of Gratitude" certificates will be given annually to all garden clubs donating \$25.00 or more to the Marshall Forest by March 1. Include the name of your club and write "For the Marshall Forest" in the check legend. Send contributions to Veronica Carden, Land Trust Chairman, 1302 Euharlee Rd., SW, Euharlee, GA 30145-2861.

## DISTRICT WAYS & MEANS

*Chris Cooney 706-896-2169*

We will have a lovely gift basket worth more than \$100, a weekend trip for two to Salale Lodge overlooking beautiful Lake Chatuge, and a National Council afghan throw to raffle off at the Fall Laurel District Meeting in Blairsville. Don't miss out!! If you have any ideas or items for the opportunity drawings please give this chairman a call.

Don't forget each club is to bring \$25. worth of items for the Country Store. All proceeds go to Laurel District to cover expenses. Many thanks for your help.

## CHILDREN'S GARDENS

*Jeannine Row 770-953-3027*

Children's Gardens are designed and established by adults for children to stimulate their curiosity and imagination through play, exploration, discovery and interaction with nature. Youngsters have an opportunity to cultivate a love for plants through hands on gardening experiences and to realize the role these plants play in our daily lives. Planting the seeds of lifelong learning can establish within children a personal connection to the natural world and make, them environmentally conscious stewards of the land. An appreciation for the environment and commitment to conservation measures can influence their future attitudes and actions throughout their life.

Children can experience the plant and people connection on a small scale in butterfly, vegetable, herb or, flower gardens. Likewise, they can be developed on a grand scale in partnership with a botanical garden, nature center, school, historic site, children's hospital, civic group, etc.

A current list of Children's Gardens is in the process of being compiled and updated for the NGC website ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)) and will be revised periodically. Log on and then focus on Youth Programs and Children's Gardens.



# HISTORIC LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE WORKSHOP

Milledgeville, Georgia

September 15, 2004

Over 40 historic gardens have been surveyed thanks to the Garden Club of Georgia's Historic Landscape Initiative, but there is still much to be done. Come join us to hear what's been discovered about the state's historic gardens. Learn more about Georgia's landscape heritage and discover ways to research a historic garden. Whether you're currently involved with the Historic Landscape Initiative, would like to be, or are just interested in finding out more about this exciting project, join us in Milledgeville on September 15.

The workshop will involve presentations, discussion, and a tour of one of Milledgeville's historic gardens.

Your support of this important project is appreciated as we work together to identify and promote Georgia's rich garden heritage.

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2004

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Milegeville Country Club



This workshop is co-sponsored by the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.; the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and the Cherokee Garden Library at the Atlanta History Center.

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## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA'S HISTORIC LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Session Fee: \$19 (includes lunch, breaks; non-refundable)

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mark here for vegetarian lunch \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: 9/7/04**

Mail registration form & check to: Mary Ann Eaddy  
DNR/HPD  
47 Trinity Avenue, SW, Suite 414-H  
Atlanta, GA 30334-9006  
(Make check out to: Mary Ann Eaddy)



Questions: Call (404) 651-5283 or

**Y'all Come!  
To a North Georgia Barbeque**

**Parks and Public Lands Enhancement  
Awards Luncheon**

Thursday, September 16, 2004  
10:00 am

**Red Top Mountain State Park**  
Cartersville, GA  
770-975-0055

Luncheon \$15.00 per person  
DEADLINE September 7  
Chicken and Pork  
Casual attire



Directions from Atlanta: (25 miles from I-285). Take I-75 North to exit #285 (Red Top Mountain Road). Turn right and go two miles east to Red Top Mountain State Park. After crossing the bridge take first left on to Red Top Beach Road. Follow signs for Group Shelter #1. LOOK FOR RED BALLOONS! Shelter is enclosed with heat and air.

Directions from north of Cartersville: Take I-75 South to exit #285 and turn left. Follow above directions.

Co-hosted by the Magnolia Garden Club, Cartersville

*(Please clip and mail with your check)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/state/zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Club \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please make checks payable to:  
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.,  
Mail to: Veronica Carden  
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**COMPOST HAPPENS**

*Helga Palframan 770-889-6778, mpalfram@bellsouth.net*

The "Bag Lady Project" was a huge success the bags have sold out! We are now ready to use the proceeds from the bag sales and begin our new special project for 2004-2005 "Compost Happens". As many clubs do not meet during the summer months, it is imperative that we get the word out now about the compost bins, as they will be sold on a preorder basis. If you attended the 2004 "Garden Glitter" 76th Annual State Convention April 22-24, there was a sample in the display room of the compost bin. It is black in color and a large 11.4 cubic ft. capacity of sturdy UV stabilized plastic with natural insulating properties, dual slide up doors and large locking lid. The assembled size measures 28" deep, by 28" wide, by 32" in height. It is easy to assemble, requires no tools and comes with an instruction booklet. The bins will be at the Fall District Meeting on October 13th for pick up. The carton size is 23"X8"X31" and weighs 30 lbs. The \$ 38.00 price for the bin is unbelievable comparable bins retail for far more. An opportunity to purchase a compost bin for this price will not be available again anywhere! Make your own BLACK GOLD, the best there is and it is FREE, with your own compost bin!

Please announce this to all of your club members as soon as possible. I will need to have all orders returned to me no later than September 24, 2004 to assure delivery at the Fall District Meeting on October 13. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Let's make Laurel District #1 in sales of these bins!

Make check payable to: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
Send to: Helga Palframan, 1450 Turner Rd., Cumming, GA 30041

**"Compost Happens" Order Form**

District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Don't forget to order your 2005 Calendars now to save the shipping cost. They can be picked up at the Laurel District Meeting, Oct. 13th. Contact Kathy Hawthorne, Calendar Chairman 770-534-8864, khawth1974@aol.com**

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### What's Your Next Entry?

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Having just won more awards from National Council than any other state, the question is, "What's your next entry?" I hope you have studied the GCG *Guide* to see where each of your club projects and activities can be entered. READ YOUR GUIDE. If you haven't looked through the state awards on pages 221 - 240, please take a minute and do it today. Don't forget the Youth awards that follow. When you have decided you have a project that can be entered, look through the Deep South awards on pages 250 -255 and the National Council awards on pages 263 - 277. If there are similar awards, be sure to send application blanks for each award with your entry. Application blanks are available at [www.uga.edu/gardenclub](http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub). Pay particular attention to the NGC awards with opportunities to win **\$1000 prizes** for #72 Adopting a Roadside, #73 Civic Projects with Native Plants and #74 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails. We had no Wildflower entries in Georgia last year. Let's not let that happen in 2005! If your project doesn't have a suitable category in the state awards, send your entry for NGC to the State Awards Chairman. If it is judged a winner, it will be sent to National. For instance if your club had a great National Garden Week project, send your entry to the State Awards Chairman so it can be sent on to National. Most awards can find an entry place in the state and an additional NGC entry blank can be sent along for the National

entry. If you have questions about where your project might be entered, the Awards Committee is happy to help give you ideas. Another important note as you apply for your State awards, be sure you read the corresponding award for NGC if there is one available. You will see that #39 Marker Award has to include major landscaping in the Blue Star Marker placement in order to qualify for a NGC entry as # 29. #2 Garden Center Award needs to include the days and hours the Center is open to the public to meet the requirements for NGC Award #2. Note that award #10 Garden Therapy Award has 2 categories. A-The activity must have maximum participation by the patients or recipients B-The award is for the most outstanding gift and/or service for the work at the hospital or institution.

Please refer to #55 GCG Award of Distinguished Service. This award was established for your local clubs, councils or districts to present to businesses, schools, civic organizations (Groups who are not affiliated with garden clubs) for worthwhile projects or ongoing work that they accomplish in the community. It is a great way to recognize the work of others in our communities who help us further the aims and objectives of GCG. A one page statement explaining the reasons for honoring this organization with any documentation, news articles, etc. may be sent to the State Awards Chairman by December 1st. We want other organizations and the public to know we appreciate their efforts in our communities. For any questions about your entry contact