



Laurel Letters

Victoria Chandler, Laurel District Director

Fall, 2010

"Laughter in the Garden"

"Flourish Our Future"

Betty Grimes,
State President

"Together as One - Our Hands and Hearts are POWER."

Mary Sue Colvin,
DS Regional Director

"The World Around Us

- Love It
- Beautify It
- Protect It"

Renee Blaschke,
NGC President

Hello Laurels,

A hint of fall is in the air here in Ellijay and we are so ready for the cooler weather. Plan to join us Thursday, October 21 for Laurel District's 52nd Annual Meeting at the Marietta Country Club. Don't forget to bring items to donate to the "Market Place" or \$25.00 from each club if you don't have sale items. We greatly appreciate all the wonderful donations that help to offset District expenses. In addition, you never know what treasures you will find. Bring your clubs tab tops to benefit Ronald McDonald Houses and new socks and underwear for Northwest Regional Hospital. The beautiful 2011 calendars will be ready for pick up.

This year the Laurel District Board members are hosting our annual meeting and have a fun and informative day planned. Our honored guest is Betty Grimes, President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the guest speaker will be Master Gardener and Head Gardener at Smith-Gilbert Gardens Jack Driskell. You will find a registration form in this newsletter and on our web site: www.laureldistrict.org.

President Betty Grimes has chosen "Flourish Our Future" as her theme so let us help flourish the future of garden clubs by inviting new members to join us, including getting youth involved in gardening through youth programs and youth garden clubs. Laurel District garden clubs do so many wonderful projects to benefit their communities and each deserves recognition for their hard work. Consider applying for an award by preparing a Book of Evidence for your project(s). Check the GUIDE for details on applying for each award and award deadlines.



I look forward to seeing you in Marietta!

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"Half the interest of a garden is the constant exercise of the imagination".

*~Mrs. C.W. Earle,
Pot-Pourri from a Surrey Garden,
1897."*





*10th World Flower
Show
This Glorious Earth
And
Newport Estates and
Gardens
June 16-22, 2011*

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as we visit the 10th World Flower Show in Boston. This incredible show, hosted for the first time in the United States, will feature designs, lectures, and demonstrations by floral designers from across the World. After our visit to the flower show, we will enjoy an exciting tour of one of New England's most interesting historical areas, Newport, RI.

Itinerary includes:

- 3 nights lodging at the Renaissance Waterfront Boston Hotel
- 3 nights lodging at the Newport Hyatt Regency Hotel, including breakfast daily
- Entrance to the 10th World Flower Show on Friday and Saturday
- A private tour of the flower show before opening with breakfast
- A tour of the Blithewold Mansion, Garden and Arboretum
- Tour of the Doris Duke Estate, "Rough Point" and its Gardens
- Tour of the Elms Mansion with boxed lunch
- Tour of Marble House
- Tour of The Breakers
- Green Animals Topiary Gardens
- Sunset cruise on a Tall Ship Schooner
- Two lunches and one dinner in Newport
- Roundtrip bus transportation between Boston and Newport

Price per person based on two sharing a room \$1,650
Registration by December 1, 2010.

For more information call: Mary Ann Bryant Boutique
Tours, Inc. 770-893-1570 maryannbryant1@gmail.com

For a complete details and show timetable,
go to www.wafausa.org

Air & Water Quality

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A federal judge ruled against Georgia in July 2009 after two decades of deadlock among Georgia, Florida, and Alabama over water allocation issues rejecting metro Atlanta's claim to Lake Lanier for water supply. The judge gave Georgia until July 2012 to reach a water sharing agreement with the other states. One year has passed since the judge's ruling and negotiations in the tri-state water war are failing. Unless we change course soon, we will be left high and dry in 2012. This issue is one of the most pressing challenges facing our next governor and voters must know where our candidates stand. Our current leaders pitted the needs of metro Atlanta against the needs of everyone else and are wasting time and money focusing on expensive and highly-engineered storage and piping projects that we cannot afford and cannot guarantee water supply in time to help us meet the 2012 deadline.

The Riverkeeper organizations have identified 5 water conservation measures that would cost \$134 million and have the same result as a \$600 million reservoir. They believe that we can reach a mutually beneficial water-sharing agreement for the 3 states if our next leaders, most notably the new governor, practice these three **R's**: **RESPECT** for all downstream communities, including their right to enough clean water, a sustainable environment, and future prosperity, **REVEAL** openly and fully the negotiation process, **REDUCE** metro Atlanta's water demand through aggressive conservation and efficiency measures, *beyond* the modest steps taken by the 2010 legislature.

CleanAirCampaign.org has information on incentives for TELEWORK to encourage work from home, mass transit and carpooling. Those not employed can help our air by combining activities to cut down on miles driven. When we all make an effort to conserve the cumulative effect can be huge.

Remember to continue the effort to prevent inter-basin transfers of water from one river basin to another. We all live downstream from someone so it is important to protect our water.



LAND TRUST MARSHAL FOREST

Caroline Alford, Chairman

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The Marshall Forest monument will be rededicated on Thursday, September 16th, 2010, at 4 PM at the Head of the Big Pine Braille Trail. A plaque in Memory of

Margaret Harbin, Third Chairman of the Marshall Forest Stewards, has been ordered and will be placed on MacLean Marshall's restored sculpture. Leigh Barba, curator at the Rome Area History Museum, has graciously offered the museum for the reception and lecture, which will follow. In addition, the museum will feature the Marshall Forest and MacLean Marshall's art during the month of September. Malcolm Hodges, steward for the Nature Conservancy; Dana Edgens, former Marshall Forest Steward; and Robert Weed, nephew of MacLean Marshall, have agreed to speak. Rome Federated Garden Clubs have volunteered to provide the refreshments for the occasion. Invitations have been sent to the Rome Lions Club, Rome Floyd Master Gardeners, Garden Consultants, Rome Federation Members, and other large contributors to the forest's trail, sign, and sculpture restoration projects. Invitations have been published in Board Briefs, Laurel Letters, and Federated Facts. Betty Grimes, President of the Garden Club of Georgia, has put us on her very busy calendar and plans to attend the rededication.

The Big Pine Braille Trail is now open for tours. In June Malcolm Hodges worked with Evan Barnard and his father David to complete the work on the Braille Trail by reinstalling the Braille signs and removing the fallen trees from the trail.

In October I will be speaking at The Rome Lion's Club on the 5th of October and leading a tour of the forest for Canton's Laurel and Rome's Thistle Garden Clubs. I have contacted the special education offices of both the city and county schools to make them aware of the Braille trail for their sight impaired students.

Thanks to all of you for your support of the Marshall Forest. Without the continued support of the garden clubs around Georgia, we would be unable to keep the forest available for all to enjoy. Please put us on your club's list of future programs to come for a visit. . Please contact Caroline Alford by phone (706 291-0684), Cell (706 346-5886) or e-mail caroboone@aol.com in order to schedule the date for your tour or program. I will be happy to make suggestions for lunch either before or after the tour. The Braille Trail is designed for easy access and has a fairly level path.

Reminder: Please continue to include Land Trust: Marshall Forest on your garden club's donation list to support it with your \$25 contribution. In order to receive a "Deed of Gratitude" at State Convention, please send checks made out to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., with Land Trust: Marshall Forest on the for line, to Caroline Alford, 7 Pine Valley Road, SW, Rome, GA 30165. These checks need to be received by March 1, 2011, to receive credit for this year. There is a new awareness about the Marshall Forest. Your continued generous support is important to help preserve this unique urban old growth forest and make the trails more accessible to all.



Pull Tabs for McDonald House

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Pull & Save A Tab

For the Ronald McDonald House

Laurel District has done a wonderful job saving pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in the past. We're hoping this year will be just as good!!

Remember to bring your pull tabs to the Laurel District Meeting October 21st. Please help support this "special project" and make Laurel District #1 this year! Please put your CLUB NAME, TOWN & DISTRICT on your Ziploc bag or container. Thank you for your support.



In 1962, Ermal Cleon Frazee of Dayton, Ohio, invented the integral rivet and pull-tab (also known as rimple or ring pull). The stay-on-tab was designed by Daniel F. Cudzick in 1975. Now that you know how they started, let's continue to help how they end. Saving them for the Ronald McDonald House Foundation. Every tab counts.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

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National Garden Week - June 5-11, 2011

Plan an exciting event to celebrate National Garden Week in your community!

Some possible thoughts . . .

- * Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers / Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery
- * Select a manageable blighted area with the cooperative efforts of another group and beautify it
- * Have some of your members conduct a garden tour that week—include a water garden, a vegetable garden, a rose garden—just to name a few
- * Have a "Getting to Know Us" event at the public library

Whatever you do, publicize the activity so you get maximum visibility of the garden club and the benefits of being a member.

Arboreta, Botanical & Memorial Gardens

Ruthellen Anderson, Chairman

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Would your club like to promote an active interest in Arboreta and Botanical Gardens, with special emphasis placed on The State Botanical Garden in Athens? Or would you like to honor a club member for a job well done, or perhaps send a "Memorial" for a deceased member? If so please send a check for \$10.00 or more, payable to GCG to the State Chairman by March 1, 2011 to receive a certificate. Include club name and number, district name, club president's name and complete address. Unless designated, all monies will be earmarked for the State Botanical Garden in Athens. See "What to Send Where" in the *GUIDE* for the state chairman's address.

CALENDAR MARKETING

Pam Kuchler, Chairman

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Laurel Ladies:

The new calendars for 2011 (can you believe!) are here and ready to be distributed. I hope every club in Laurel District buys these calendars to help our scholarship fund. The prices for the calendars are the same as last year:

\$6.42 for pocket (including tax)

\$8.56 for standard (including tax)

I will be taking orders as of now and will have these at the District Meeting in October in Marietta. I would love to get these calendars to as many clubs as possible before October. Let me know what your schedule is and we will try to connect. The sooner you notify me of your order the better the chance you have in getting exactly what your club wants. I have a finite number of each size and want everyone to have the desired size and numbers. Don't forget they make great speaker gifts, stocking stuffers and 'thank you's' to people around you.

Let me know as soon as your club make a decision. Thanks for your continued support.



Flower Show School, Credentials & Grant

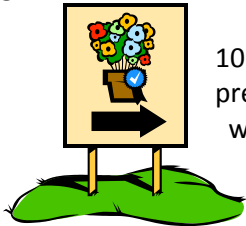
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FLOWER SHOW GRANT

Flower Shows are one of the many activities supported by garden clubs. We now have a grant fund available to make presenting a flower show more affordable for individual clubs. *Flower Shows Will Flourish Grant* is available to garden clubs who have either not had a standard or small standard flower show in the last ten years or have never had a flower show and is based on matching funds to enable a garden club to present their show. Pages 358 of the current Guide has complete details. For more information contact Bettye Trankina, 770 410 5819 Flower Show Grants Committee Chairman. Flower shows are first and foremost an educational opportunity furthering the goals of GCG, Inc.



experience.

A new book, Flower Show 101 gives excellent advice on how to present a flower show. Judges would like nothing better than to help you create a show, and now there is money available for the asking. It is a very rewarding



facebook



The National Garden Club is now on Facebook.

There is great information exchanging going on. Check it out.

Simply go to Facebook.com, login or

join then in the Search box type in National Garden Clubs

There are other garden club Facebook pages. You can use the search feature input 'garden club' and see. Here's one on **Blue Star Memorial Project of National Garden Clubs**

Garden Club Councils

Mary Kate Minge, Chairman

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REQUEST FOR FLYER / HANDOUTS

The President's Packets to be presented at the Fall meeting are a welcomed tool. We need "flyers" describing the program areas for reference throughout the year. Please make sure your info is included and e-mail Mkminge1@aol.com or fax(706-204-8485) your flyer before October 15.

Thank you,



Smith-Gilbert Gardens is a premier metro Atlanta botanical garden and learning center located in Kennesaw, Georgia. Smith-Gilbert is a collector's garden with a wide variety of plant material including different outdoor contemporary sculptures and the historic Hiram Butler House.



GARDEN TOUR FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETING

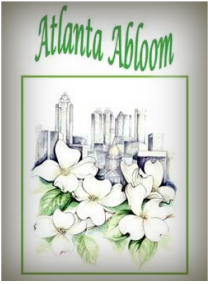
We have prepared a tour of the Smith-Gilbert Gardens directly after our Annual Meeting, Oct 21, 2010. Cost will be \$7.00 per person. We will go through the garden in groups of 10 to 12 and each group will have a docent (guide). Not only will the garden and sculptures be beautiful but the garden will be full of artists painting that day, what a treat! Visit the Smith-Gilbert web site for more info on the Gardens

<http://www.kennesaw-a.gov/index.aspx?NID=302>

Please let me know if you think you'll be joining us for the tour, as I need to give the staff at the garden an idea of how many to expect that day.

Thanks, Victoria Chandler, risingstar@ellijay.com

A Peak Into the Flower Room at the National Convention



On the Sunday afternoon of the National Convention in Atlanta, 8 to 10 GCG volunteers worked diligently assembling 60 + centerpieces, bringing Betty Grimes' vision to life in a glorious display of blue and white. Not only were they beautiful, but the lily blooms were aromatic and the whole piece was collapsible (ready to put into suitcases for transportation).



Betty Thompson makes the design come to life.



Caroline Silcox works with the design.



Dorothy Lee clips to perfection

Attractive, Aromatic
and Practical!



Some of the team - Peggy West, Dorothy Lee, Margaret Ballard, Pam Kuchter and Caroline Silcox put the final touches to table designs

Great job, Ladies!

“Art in the Garden”

Laurel District Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2010

Marietta Country Club, 1400 Marietta Country Club Drive, Kennesaw, Georgia 30152

Honored Guest: Betty Grimes, President of The Garden Club of Georgia

Registration/Coffee at 9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting at 10:00 a.m.



Luncheon Program

Speaker: Jack Driskell, “A Day in the Garden”

Head Gardener: Smith-Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw, GA

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express – Kennesaw - \$109.00 - \$115 per room
2485 George Busbee Parkway, Kennesaw, GA 30144, Phone 770-427-5210

REGISTRATION FORM Deadline is October 11, 2010

Registrar: [Caroline Alford](#) Phone 706 291-0684, email caroboone@aol.com
7 Pine Valley Road, SW, Rome, GA 30165

Registration and luncheon \$32.00 (Check made out to “Laurel District”) Late fee \$35

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Street: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ District _____ Club Name: _____

Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Council President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Voting Delegate* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board | <input type="checkbox"/> First Laurel Meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You are a new garden club member for 2010 | | |

* Club voting delegate is one member from each club or council.

Calendar of Events

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October, 2010

1-2	Landscape Design School, Course III	LaGrange
5	North Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Bellmere, Duluth
15	Yearbooks deadline	
21	Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting	Marietta

NOVEMBER 2010

11-12	Conservation Workshop	
13	Basic Horticulture Course VI	Augusta
16	Ga. Perennial Plant Association Meeting	Atlanta History Center
18	East Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Warner Robbins
18	Middle Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Warner Robbins
18	South Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Warner Robbins

DECEMBER 2010

1	Deadline for NGC, DSR & some GCG Awards	
7	North Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Bellmere, Duluth
14-15	Awards Committee Meeting	HQ, Athens

JANUARY 2011

15	Basic Horticulture Course VII	Augusta
19	Native Plant Symposium	Athens
21	Middle Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Macon

FEBRUARY 2011

1	North Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Bellmere, Duluth
4	GPPA Perennial Plant Symposium	Atlanta Botanical Garden
17	Awards Committee Meeting	HQ, Athens
18	Arbor Day in Georgia	
22	Laurel District Board Meeting	Rome

22-24	Flower Show School Course III	Millen
MARCH 2011		
11-12	Landscape Design School, Course IV	LaGrange
14-15	Deep South Convention	Lafayette, La.
17	Scholarship Meeting	HQ, Athens
18	Middle Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Macon
23	South Ga. Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium	Tifton
24	South Georgia Judges Council Meeting	Tallahassee
APRIL 2011		
25	GCG Finance & Executive Meeting	UGA Georgia Center, Athens
26	Trustees Meeting	UGA Georgia Center, Athens
26-28	GCG State Convention	UGA Georgia Center, Athens



If you're not currently on the Laurel e-mail list and would like to be added just let me know. victoria@laureldistrict.org

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