



Laurel Letters



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

Spring 2005

Jayne Payne, Laurel District Director

GCG Convention 2005 "Beauty Beckons"

The 77th Annual GCG Convention will be at Callaway Gardens April 19-21, 2005. Every Garden Club Member in the State is enthusiastically invited to attend! A registration form and hotel registration can be found in your Winter **Garden Gateways**. Don't miss award winning garden writer Felder Rushing, one of the guest speakers. Felder is a great speaker, providing delightful garden humor to illustrate his point. Dollie Harper will be installed as the GCG's 42nd State President. ☪

2006 Engagement Calendar

The Garden Club of Georgia's PATHWAYS, "Georgia's Pride" 2006 engagement calendar will be available at the State Convention at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain this April. You will be able to pick up your club's calendars at Convention again this year. Just send your club's calendar order to Pam Kuchler, Laurel District Calendar Chairman by **March 29th**, so your order can be processed and ready for your pick up in the Convention exhibit room at the Callaway Gardens Resort. Or, if you prefer, you can pick up your calendars at your District meeting in October. Below you will find the calendar order form. Please check the preferred method of delivery for your club's 2006 calendars.

The 2006 calendar, featuring floral designs and horticultural tips by Garden Club of Georgia members, is a bargain at only \$7.00. When you purchase a Garden Club of Georgia calendar, you provide direct financial support for GCG's college scholarship program. All proceeds derived from calendar sales fund scholarships for deserving Georgia students majoring in a gardening-related field. Encourage your club to have 100% club participation in calendar sales. Ask each club member to purchase at least one calendar and consider it a donation to the scholarship fund and they also make excellent gifts. All clubs with 100% participation (a calendar purchased by or for each club member) will receive a certificate at the 2006 State Convention District Breakfast and the District selling the most calendars will be awarded a plaque of recognition, also at the 2006 State Convention. ☪

2006 Calendar Order Form

Check a method of delivery below

PICK UP CALENDARS AT STATE CONVENTION IN APRIL, 2005 (Callaway Gardens). To pick up the 2006 calendars at the 2005 State Convention at Callaway Gardens in April, return this form with your payment to Pam Kuchler, Laurel District Calendar Chairman by **March 29th**, 2005.

PICK UP CALENDARS AFTER CONVENTION in the Gainesville/Gwinnett area.

PICK UP CALENDARS AT THE LAUREL DISTRICT MEETING IN OCTOBER (Unicoi State Park). To pick up calendars at the District meeting, return this form with your payment to Pam Kuchler, Laurel District Calendar Chairman prior to the October District meeting (deadline will be mid Sept.).

Club: _____

District: Laurel

President's Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of Calendars _____ @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

Enclose check made payable to **Garden Club of Georgia** and send to:

Pamela Kuchler

6659 Ben Parker Road, Murrayville, GA 30564-1315

Phone: 770-983-3168

e-mail: Lkuchler@starband.net (*Please note "Calendars" on the memo line of your e-mails*)

**Basic Design Course
"At Home with Flowers"**

The Gainesville Council is starting the Basic Design Course, "At Home with Flowers", beginning in April. Five (5) courses will be offered. The course will begin on Thursday, April 14th with Course II on Thursday, May 12th. These courses will be taught by Jeannine Row at the Hall County Extension Center just off Hwy. 985 in Gainesville. The following courses will be in September, October and November, continuing on a Tuesday or Thursday. The cost for all 5 workshops is \$75. If you wish to purchase individual courses, they are \$25 each, with first preference to those who have paid for the entire five courses. They will begin around 8:30 a.m. and usually finish around 3:30 p.m. For further info, contact Pam Kuchler at 770-983-3168 or you can e-mail: Lkuchler@starband.net. Please note "At Home with Flowers" on the memo line. ☺



**To all Officers, Chairman, Club Presidents,
and other important people who are making
history for the Laurel District:**

Do not throw out any material that you have seen fit to read or write! Do not hide your lights under a barrel of shredded paper! For the past four years as your Historian, I have been accumulating Laurel History. I shall continue to do so as your Archivist these coming years. I have a warehouse with shelves ready for Garden Club information. See you at the District breakfast with your arms full. Don't neglect, do collect!

Thank You,
Elizabeth Neal, Laurel District Historian

COW Workshop
(Club Officers Workshop)

May 25, 2005
Bellmere Garden House in Duluth
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Cost \$10.00



Laurel and Redbud Districts are co-sponsoring a Club Officers Workshop on May 25th to be held at Bellmere Garden House in Duluth. All club presidents, officers and awards chairmen are encouraged to attend this Garden Clubbing 101 workshop where you will learn all about agendas, awards, parliamentary procedure, duties of officers and many other things that will make your job easier. Registration and coffee will be at 10:00 a.m., with the workshop beginning promptly at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is included in the cost of the workshop. The workshop will conclude at 2:00 p.m. Space is limited, so please register early. Please bring your GCG **GUIDE** to the workshop. ☺

COW Workshop Registration Form
Deadline to register is May 18th

Please send this registration form along with your check to:
Carol Weaver
2427 Highway 36 West,
Jackson, GA 30233-5821

Make check payable to: Redbud District, COW Workshop.

Other participants names and information can be attached on a separate page.

Club: _____

District: _____

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

The person listed above is:

Club President, Awards Chair., Other Club Officer

State Flower Show

Caroline R. Silcox, Chairman

Thanks to all Laurel Ladies who participated in the 7th State Flower Show, "Georgia on My Mind, Under the Gold Dome". Design Exhibits were entered by 12 Laurel Ladies - Sharon Payne, Mary Stansell, Helga Palframan, May Trucano, Jamie Whitfield, Jan Smith, Caroline Silcox, Ruthellen Anderson, Kathy Haynes, Virginia Palmer, Margaret Ballard, Victoria Chandler; and the Camellia Garden Club of Rome entered a Club Competition vignette design. 953 Horticulture specimens were enter from all parts of the District.

Congratulations to Laurel District for receiving both the Design Sweepstakes Award and the Horticulture Sweepstakes Award.

Top Awards won were:

- Helga Palframan – Petite Award for a Minature Design
 - Jan Smith – Petite Award for a Small Design
 - Caroline Silcox – Tricolor for a Mass Design
 - Margaret Ballard – Designer's Choice Award for a Duo Design
- Frabel glass flower sculptures were presented to each winner and 2 Frabel sculptures to Laurel District by Governor and Mrs. Sonny Perdue and June Wood, NGC President. 🌸

Rome Flower Show School

Caroline R. Silcox, Chairman

The Rome Flower Show School presented by Laurel District and Creative Study Club held the final Course IV on October 26-28, 2004 at the Rome/Floyd County Public Library. 38 people attended with 29 students taking the exams. Laurel Ladies are proud to congratulate and welcome 16 new student judges to Laurel District. They are:

- Jenijoy Arrendale – Canton
- Maggi Burns – Young Harris
- Melanie Caldwell – Rome
- Victoria Chandler – Ellijay
- Jane Davis – Rome
- Rebecca Groce – Summerville
- Mary Louise Dixon – Rome
- Brenda Heard – Cumming
- Linda Killingsworth – Ellijay
- Dorothy Lee – Hiawassee
- Diann Nichols – Hiawassee
- Linda Ragland – Chatsworth
- Charle Statler – Clarkesville
- Vivian Toles – Rome
- Jamie Whitfield – Young Harris
- Judith Williams – Talking Rock



Yearbooks

Kathy Haynes, Chairman

When compiling your clubs yearbook, study Award #16, pages 225-227 in the 2003-2005 GUIDE. NOTE the changes in requirements for the Projects area of your yearbook: You must LIST DONATIONS (amounts, in-kind donations, to whom, sale of state products). You may list them in your budget, but must also list them in the project area. Remember continuing and new projects must be designated as "Continuing" and "New".

National President

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Theme: "Embrace Gardening's Tapestry"

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Theme: "Ensuring The Legacy"

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Theme: "Challenges & Changes"

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Flower Show School

Flower Show School Course I, sponsored by The Designers Club, will be held at Bellmere in Duluth on September 20-22, 2005. Subsequent classes are scheduled for March 7-9, 2006: August 22-24, 2006 & April 24-26, 2007. For more information contact Bettye Trankina at 770-410-5819. ☎



“Must See” Gardens in Georgia

(Compiled by the Georgia Department of Economic Development)

- State Botanical Garden of Georgia
- Atlanta Botanical Garden
- Gardens at Callaway
- Massee Lane Gardens
- Fred Hamilton Rhododendron Gardens
- Atlanta History Center Gardens
- Hills and Dales
- Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens
- Guide Gardens
- Barnsley Gardens
- Georgia Golf Hall of Fame
- Dunaway Gardens

Club Presidents, as you hand over the reigns to the new President, please be sure to also hand over the GUIDE. This reference book belongs to the club and is invaluable to the new president. Also it is most important that ALL new Presidents e-mail addresses be sent to me so they can be added to the Laurel District ListServer. Presidents (or e-buddy) will be added to the Listserver in order to receive GCG and Laurel District information in a timely manner. I will also need the new presidents mailing addresses and phone numbers. E-mail your info to Victoria Chandler, Laurel Dist. Corresponding Secretary at risingstar@ellijay.com.

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