



Laurel Letters

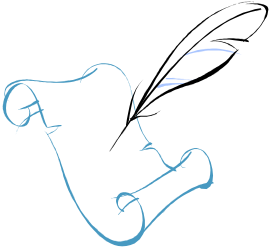
March 2006 "Creating a Legacy of Laurels"

Virginia Palmer, Laurel District Director

Veronica W. Carden, Editor

Laurel District Director's Press

...From Virginia Palmer's Desk



Dear Laurel Ladies,

Spring brings a new awakening in our spirit and heart—which we welcome in our gardens and garden club work. I am excited and humbled as I open all the presidents' reports and marvel at the work and creativity of Laurel Clubs.

Laurel District is hosting the 2006 Convention and **RED** is Laurels color so make sure you pack and bring anything **red** to wear.

Garden Therapy—Our felt eggs and Fig Leaf goes to Tish Redwine and our money goes to Margaret Ballard.

Hiwassee Garden Club is pleased they will be placing a Blue Star Marker later this year—other clubs are working for one also. Hiwassee Garden Club received a \$500 grant from "Let Freedom Ring".

Life membership in Dogwood is great so let's catch up and get a life membership for someone you want to honor. Chairman for Laurel is Frances Kilgore 770-428-1445.

4-STAR PROGRAM—Only Laurel Clubs can be 4-Star—Have 4 experiences; programs, nature hikes, litter pickup, visit a stream or garden. Partner these and other events with 4-H, Sunday School classes, grandchildren and youth garden clubs. Document the event and date. Send to Jean Carter 3068 Opossum Road, Blairsville, GA. 30512-7125. A certificate will be presented at the Fall District meeting in Gainesville, GA. with cash for the outstanding ones.

\$\$\$ Laurel will have a sales booth at the convention because we are hosting—so each club plan to send to Chris Cooney 706-896-2169 and Vy Shinn 770-919-9345 items to sell.

Certificates will be awarded for donations to: Make ALL checks payable to: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

\$10.00 to "Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens" send to: State Chm. Ginny Denson, 295 Saint George Drive, Athens, Georgia 30606.

\$20.00 to "Friends of State Botanical Garden" send to: Friends of State Botanical Garden, 2450 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA. 30602-5817.

\$20.00 for "Garden Therapy" send to: Garden Therapy Treasurer, Margaret Ballard, P.O. Box 338, Cornelia, GA. 30521-0338. (write "Garden Therapy" on the "for" line.

\$25.00 for "Marshall Forest/Land Trust" Deed of Gratitude send to: Jayne Payne, 105 Whispering Oaks Lane, N.W., Rome, GA. 30165.

\$25.00 for "Natural Disaster Support" send to: Betty Fisher, 517 E. Magnolia Street, Jesup, GA. 31546-3836.

\$25.00 for "Preservation Partner" send to: Mabel Milner, 123 Westmore Road, Rome, GA. 30165-4235.

\$25.00 for "Roadside Beautification" send to: Kathryn Litton, 5467 Collins Road, Blairsville, GA. 30512-3083

Awards Chairman, Kathy Haynes reminds us NOW is the time to plan the awards you will apply for 2007.

See you in **RED** at the 2006 State Convention!

With Gratitude for all you do!
Virginia Palmer

GCG Annual Convention

Kaleidoscope II

is the theme for The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.'s

78th Annual Convention Laurel District—Think Red

We hope by this time you have registered for the 78th Annual Convention of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., April 19-21 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta Perimeter. (Registration and hotel information located in *Garden Gateways Fall edition, page 16-17.*) The theme, Kaleidoscope II, promises a surprise at every turn. Besides a rainbow of colors, speakers for the Convention are outstanding. Each district has been assigned a color. The convention committee is asking that members display these colors at convention activities. It may be a dress, scarf, shoes, customized T-shirt, bag, hat, anything that you choose! Laurel's color is **RED**.

For the workshops starting at 3:30 on Wednesday, Julie McClanahan from Spalding Garden Club will present the National Award winning program on Habitat for Humanity, immediately followed by Kathy Haynes from Crabapple Garden Club speaking on Flower Show issues, and for the last workshop, Past President Jaydee Ager will elaborate on Governmental Affairs for GCG members.

Speaker for the opening dinner Wednesday is Ronda Rich, Southern humorist and author. We will get to meet Chris O'Connell, winner of the GCG High School Speech contest at the Youth Luncheon on Thursday. Anne Shenk, Director of Education at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia will also speak at Thursday's luncheon.

We are fortunate to have the beautiful and engaging National Garden Club President Kitty Larkin and our own GCG President Dollie Harper to hand out awards at the Awards Banquet Thursday evening.

Friday's seated breakfast speaker is Mildred Fockele, Horticulture Director at Atlanta Botanical Garden. She will bring us up to date on Georgia's newest public garden at Smithgall Arboretum. Special designs will be by Alvin Moore.

The Life Members Luncheon on Friday features the personable Joe Lamp'l, also known as The Joe Gardener Radio Show host.

For further information, contact:

Convention 2006 Chairman Jean Sawyer

E-mail: jogs2929@aol.com,

Or Co-Chair Margaret Ballard at

E-mail: mpballard@hotmail.com



Laurel District Awards

Now is the time to plan for AWARD APPLICATIONS for 2006. Visit the Exhibit Room during the 2006 State Convention in Atlanta on April 19-21. This is your best opportunity to see and get ideas from award winning exhibits. Reading comments written by judges can be helpful. Consider applying for an award for which no club applied. For this information, obtain an awards booklet from the Awards Banquet or refer to the listing of award winners in the post-convention Garden Gateways. Study the Awards Section in the GUIDE, starting on page 205. The purpose of Awards is to recognize the achievement of an individual, a club or a group of clubs. Awards also represent an awareness of the objectives of GCG, DSR and NGC.

Laurel District Awards Chairman

Kathy Haynes

770 532-4212



The Consultants' National Garden Clubs Accredited Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in Gatlinburg

March 24th is the deadline for registering for the Consultants' National Garden Clubs Accredited Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in Gatlinburg, sponsored by the University of Tennessee. April 24-25. The fee includes group registration and the opening luncheon. Send a \$55 check to Dorothy Lee, PO Box 944, Hiawassee, GA. 30546.

Please make reservations at the Gillette Motel, across the street from the Pilgrimage headquarters, at 800-437-0815 or 865-436-5601. Room rate is \$69 plus tax.

We realize this trip is right after the Convention, but the Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage date is firm, set by UT. At the last joint meeting of Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants' meeting, it was their request to go on this very popular tour.

The message is, *Sign up Today!*

TRI-REFRESHER SPRING TOUR:

Environmental, Gardening, and Landscape Design Consultants will be having a refreshing tour in Gatlinburg, In April 23-25, 2006. This is in conjunction of the Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage and will be lots of fun...lots of horticulture and wildflowers...get out your tennis shoes and lets GO!!! \$55 for registration fee with Dorothy Lee (706-896-1506 or email dslee@alltel.net).

Environmental Studies School:

Environmental Studies School, Course II, May 2-3, 2006 at State headquarters in Athens. \$55....Beth Wielage (bwielage@bellsouth.net).

BE A FLOWER SHOW JUDGE:

Flower Show School, Course II, March 7-9 at Bellmere in Duluth. Chairman Bettye Trankina (770-410-5819 or bhtran140@yahoo.com).

Landscape Design Study Course

Course II March 20-21, 2006
Hastings Garden Center

SEVEN outstanding instructors will be presenting the material for Course II. After completing all four courses successfully, you will receive your certificate as a Landscape Design Consultant. You need not take the courses in chronological order, so if you miss one, you may take that particular course at a later time.

Required reading: *Stewards of the Land: A Survey of Landscape Architecture and Design in America* (\$ 40.00 plus shipping and handling)
The National Gardener (3 year subscription - \$18.00) Read the Landscape Design article in the Winter 2006 issue.

The book is published by National Garden Clubs, Inc. and is the textbook for the entire series of courses (I-IV). This is a one-time expense. To subscribe to *The National Gardener* and/or order the textbook, call or write:

National Garden Clubs, Inc,
4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110-3492
(800-550-6007) www.gardenclub.org

Allow 6 weeks for shipping and handling.

Dates for future Landscape classes are as follows:

Course 3: September 25 – 26, 2006

Course 4: March 26 –27, 2007

Contact Brencie Werner (brencie@juno.com) 770-955-1616 for registration information.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERIES XXIV COURSE II – Registration Form

MARCH 20-21, 2006

Registration deadline March 10, 2006

No refunds after March 15, 2005

PLEASE PRINT

(Use the same name as in previous records)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip (9 digit)_____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Garden Club _____

May we include your phone # and email address in the list of attendees
YES / NO

Make checks payable to: Dogwood District

Mail to: Brencie Werner

4640 Riverview Road, NW

Atlanta, GA 30327-4230

All fees include lunch and two breaks per day

Vegetarian lunch option YES / NO

Please check one of the following choices:

Full Course (with exam) \$65 _____

Refreshing (LD Consultant) \$65 _____

Non-credit student \$60 _____

One day (Monday/Tuesday) \$45 _____

(circle one)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Attach National Gardener label here or enclose a copy of your subscription check



Community on My Mind Grant Program

The Community on My Mind Grant Program is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to beautify your community and receive a bonus. To achieve this, just apply for the \$200 matching grant fund that is available through the GCG. The four page packet is self explanatory and can be obtained from the GCG website <http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub/grants/html> and clicking on the "Community on My Mind" title. The deadline for the 2005-2006 applications is April 30, 2006. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Muggridge at 229 336-8295 or e-mail, nanmugg@aol.com

Mary Kate Minge
Laurel District Chairman

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The Gift For A Lifetime

Becoming a *Life Member* in the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the Deep South Region, or National Garden Club indicates an interest in devotion to the ideals of these organizations.

All State Board Members, Garden Club Presidents, Flower Show Judges and Landscape Design Critics SHOULD be Life Members. Consider honoring a special individual with the "Gift that lasts a Lifetime" is PRICELESS! It is wonderful way to show appreciation to a special garden club member for valuable contributions to their club, council or community.

Already a State Life Member? Become a Deep South or National Life Member.

One-half of State and National Life Membership goes to the scholarship funds for Georgia college students and Deep South Life Membership goes to the scholarship funds for a Georgia senior, with all of these students majoring in any gardening-related subjects.

Complete the application below and mail with a check to:

Frances Kilgore
Laurel District Life Chairman
4348 Stilesboro Road
Kennesaw, GA. 30152-3112
770 428-1445

-✂-----Clip and Mail-----✂-----

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Garden Club: _____

District: _____

Honored By: _____

____ GCG cost is \$100.00 - Make check payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

____ Deep South Life is \$50.00 - Make check payable to Deep South Region

____ National Life \$200.00 - Make check payable to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

COMMUNITY WILDLIFE PROJECT (CWP)

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources reports that a total of 153 backyards in the seven GCG districts received CWP Backyard Certification during the period May through December 2005 – **14 of the certifications were awarded in Laurel District!**

As the GCG board chairman of this project, I think it is wonderful that so many garden club members across the state are participating in this worthy project.

We all know that wildlife are losing their natural habitats due to development. However, we can do something about the situation by participating in the CWP. By providing a few key elements (food, water, and shelter) in our backyards we can help to ensure that there will be wildlife around for future generations. An added bonus is the many, many hours of enjoyment you and your family will receive. And, for those of you with young children or grandchildren, this is a perfect way to help the kids of today connect to the natural environment thus putting "Kids Count" into practice.

Club presidents, please encourage your members to get their backyards certified by the DNR. Some members may already be certified by the NWF – let them know it is okay to be certified by both. The CWP Backyard Certification is a state project and the application/certification is FREE. Participation is open to anyone in GA – members should also encourage their friends and neighbors to participate.

If you need an application form, please contact your Laurel District CWP Chairman, Linda Ragland at lindaragland@alltel.net or me at sjhersey@plantationcable.net.

Jane Hersey
CWP Chairman GCG

Pull and Save a Tab for Ronald McDonald

Thank you so much for your participation to date in the Pull a Tab and Save for Ronald McDonald. Please continue to save your tabs. You may bring tabs to the Laurel District Board Meeting and the GCG Convention. Please give the tabs to:

Helga Palframan,
Laurel District Chairman, Pull a Tab and Save
For Ronald McDonald House





BE A 4 STAR

Y-WAEC

Youth – Water, Air, Energy Conservation

Clubs of Laurel District

Create Legacy of Laurels

A STAR FOR EACH YOUTH ACTIVITY

YOUR YOUTH – Jr. Garden Clubs,
Scouts, 4H, Grandchildren, etc.

STAR AWARDS for LAUREL

1ST place - \$75

2nd place - \$50

3rd place - \$25

Honorable Mention - \$10

WINNERS ANNOUNCED DURING THE NEXT TWO
DISTRICT MEETINGS. FORMS ON LAUREL WEBSITE
([HTTP://LAURELDISTRICT.ORG](http://LAURELDISTRICT.ORG))

Garden Therapy



We ask clubs to support the Garden Therapy Program at the State Hospitals by sending (\$1.00 per egg or stocking) check made payable to The Garden Club of Georgia.



Send check to:

Margaret Ballard
Garden Therapy
Treasurer

P.O. Box 338
Cornelia, GA 30521-0338

Send the felt eggs or stockings to:

Garden Therapy c/o John Paul Breault
Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital
1305 Redmond Circle, Bldg. 401
Rome, GA 30165-1345 (706) 295-6709

Why not plan a Trip to the State Headquarters in Athens?



For information or to schedule a tour, contact our Administrative Associate, at 706-227-5369 or email: gcca@uga.edu.

Docents are being trained to give you a wonderful overview of the many priceless antiques that are on display at our headquarters home. And what a beautiful setting on the grounds of the State Botanical Gardens. This would be a delightful club outing.

Laurel District Chaplain

Laurel District members are concerned about each other. Peggy White our chaplain will send messages to those who need to know Laurel cares. Her address is 7 Woodland Drive, Cartersville 30120-3714, 770 382-7943, 770 382-1555 Fax

Please plan to apply for Deep South Awards for Youth and also Garden Clubs.

Class 1. Youth Club Competition, Certificates and Cash awards of \$25 (1st), \$15 (2nd), and \$10 (3rd) may be awarded to the best youth clubs for the most comprehensive participation in "Kids Count" (program and activities.)

Class II. Individual Youth A certificate and \$50, to a youth sponsored by a garden club for an outstanding project or activity exemplifying patriotism and promoting the goals of GCG, DSR and NGC, in the following sub classes.

A. Junior 3 yrs - 6th grade

B. Intermediate/High School Grades 7 -12

Class I. Club Competition

A. Individual club

B. Group of clubs, Council or District

For the most comprehensive entry, based and judged on the degree of participation in the 2005-06 "kids Count" project.

All of these awards require Book of Evidence and are due to Ruthellen Anderson no latter than October 15, 2006.

Please see the *GUIDE* pages 250-51 for complete information, call or e-mail for additional questions:

Ruthellen Anderson, Chairman

537 Chestatee View Drive

Dawsonville, GA. 30534,

706 216-5034

asptsman@alltel.net

Important Roadside Beautification Wildflower program for The Garden Club of Georgia members



GCG *Guide* states that in 1974 GCG in partnership with Georgia DOT began a program to protect the roads' wildflowers and to promote the seeding of annuals and perennials as possible enhancement. This unique program of a volunteer organization rewarding government employees is recognized nationally as a model for other states.

The Garden Club of Georgia likewise partners with Department of Natural Resources in a beautification program for State Parks in Georgia. Awards are given annually to employees for their work in beautification of their respective areas of concern.

Donations:

Local Garden Clubs have been encouraged to make donations to supplement the money allotted to GDOT Districts by state budget. Certificates are presented at the GCG State Convention District Breakfasts each year to a club that has given \$25.00 or more.

GDOT participation:

GDOT allocates \$10,000 each year from the District budgets that can be used for the planting of wildflower seeds. It is noted, however, that in the seven state districts some of them have more than 20 counties in the district, which vie for the money.

Specialty Wildflower Tags:

This is a very successful program that every member is encouraged to participate in. The special wildflower tag can be purchased when your tag comes up for renewal on your birthday. The cost is \$25 for the specialty tag, plus other applicable fees. Of this \$25, only \$1.00 goes to the county, and less than \$2 for the cost of the tag. More than \$22 goes directly to GDOT for the purchase of wildflower seeds.

Tag sales revenue is used for large scale wildflower plantings that are given out on bid basis to contractors. This program is completely separate from the budget allocations, and is not included in the wildflower awards program.

This year it is reported that wildflower tags have generated enough income that 25 to 30 acres will be planted in each district. Very exciting news!

Keep your \$25 donations coming from local clubs,-- and continue to purchase the wildflower tag at the county tax office with the black-eyed Susan on it. Continue to help beautify the roadsides of Georgia.

Submitted: Kathryn Litton & Z Ganaway
Roadside Beautification Chairmen



Now is a great time for your club to include Habitat 4 Humanity in plans for 2006. There are many ways in which your club can participate, a few suggestions are:

Support the **Second Annual Walk-a-thon** on May 27, 2006 at NGC Convention in Orlando. The money raised will be equally divided between our district Habitat 4 Humanity Projects and "Greening of the Gulf Coast". Your generous donation will **benefit** three worthy causes, **Habitat For Humanity, Coastal Areas Ravaged by the Hurricanes of 2005 and Laurel District clubs.** You don't even have to sweat, just **make out a check to The Garden Club of Georgia (at the bottom of the check put "NGC Walkathon Laurel District".** and mail to Lisa Robinson. Donations will need to be received by mid-May.

In support of our GCG president, Dollie Harper's, **KIDS COUNT** project, include **youth activities** in your **H4H plans for 2006.** The objective is to educate our youth and encourage gardening, especially sustainable landscapes, so that our next generation continues to preserve our natural resources and enjoys the therapeutic and aesthetic values of gardening. **Some ideas are:**

- Donate pass-a-long plant divisions, rooted cuttings or plants grown from seed to a new H4H Homeowner.
- Put together a plant guide for the H4H Homeowner, identifying each plant in their landscape, giving care tips for each.
- Make birdfeeders and other projects to encourage protecting our plants and animals.
- Help do yard clean-up and use debris to start a compost pile.

Support NGC President, Kitty Larkin's, **PATRIOTIC TREES PROJECT**, by donating and/or **planting a tree in an H4H Landscape.** This is a great way to honor our Armed Forces, Veterans, Police, Firefighters and our Country. You can really make it special by planning a ceremony to dedicate the tree/trees on (or close to) a National Holiday, Arbor Day, or Earth Day and invite public officials and the press. For more information consult, www.patriotictrees.org. And, as always, don't forget to document your projects, take pictures and send a completed report to your H4H Chairman, Carol Coates, 611 Rome Beauty, Clarkesville, GA. 30523, 706 754-3879, r5c@linkamerica.net

Important Dates to Remember

March 2006

- 7-9 Flower Show School, Course 2, Bellmere, Duluth
- 12-14 Deep South Region Convention, Chattanooga, TN
- 20-21 Landscape Design School, Course II Hastings GC, Atlanta
- 22 South Georgia Wildflower Symposium, Tifton
- 31 Scholarship Committee Meeting Athens, Headquarters

April 2006

- 17 GCG Executive and Finance Meeting, Atlanta
- 18 GCG Board of Directors Spring Meeting, Atlanta
- 19-21 GCG State Convention (Laurel) Atlanta
- 22 2006 Historic House and Garden Tour, Dalton
- 24-25 Tri-Consultants Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
- 28-29 Thomasville's 85th Rose Show, Thomasville

May 2006

- 2-3 Environmental School Course II, GCG Headquarters, Athens
- 11 Awards Committee, Perry
- 22-27 NGC Convention "Paths to Sunshine", Orlando, Fla.

June 2006

- 4-10 National Garden Week
- 25-27 Georgia Judges symposium UGA, Athens

August 2006

- 7 Trustees Meeting Athens, Headquarters
- 14 Redbud District Board Meeting, Concord
- 16 Laurel District Board Meeting, Hiwassee
- 22-24 Flower Show School, Course 3 Bellmere, Duluth
- 30 Azalea District Board Meeting, Athens

September 2006

- 8-10 Yellow Daisy Flower Show, Stone Mountain
- 11-12 Landscape Design/Garden/Environmental Consultants, Beaufort, S.C.
- 14 Parks and Public Lands Luncheon, Azalea District, TBA
- 18 GCG Executive and Finance Meeting, Helen
- 19-20 GCG Board of Directors Fall Meeting, Helen
- 26-27 Landscape Design School, Course III, Hastings GC, Atlanta

October 2006

- 4-8 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Williamsburg, Va.
- 6-9 Magnolia District Flower Show, Perry
- 10 Laurel District Annual Meeting, Gainesville
- 11 Dogwood District Annual Meeting, TBA
- 15 Deep South Regional Project "Kids Count Entries Due
- 17 Oleander District Annual Meeting, Glynn County
- 18 Magnolia District Annual Meeting, TBA
- 19 Camellia District Annual Meeting, Fitzgerald
- 24 Redbud District Annual Meeting, Stone Mountain
- 25 Azalea District Annual Meeting, TBA

November 2006

- 14-15 Environmental School Course III, State Headquarters, Athens

December 2006

- 1 Deadline for NGC and DSR Awards and some GCG Awards
- 1 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters Due
- 7-8 GCG Awards Committee Meeting, Perry

"Meal Table Hostess" for the 2006 State Convention Needed

Anyone from Laurel District going to the 2006 State Convention can be a "Meal Table Hostess". All you need to be is be very cordial, collect meal tickets at your table, let everyone introduce themselves to the group and start a group conversation. This is a good tool to meet new people and practice being a leader. We want both new and seasoned garden club members for this job. It is easy and fun and a good way to start getting involved! For more information or to volunteer please e-mail me (Veronica Carden) at vjwcarden@netscape.net or call 770 386-9348.

I will need:

Your Name
Garden Club Name
Address
City
Phone number
e-mail address
days and meals you will be attending at the convention

I will put you on the fast track to fun at the 2006 State Convention.

Thanks You,
Veronica W. Carden
2006 State Convention
Hostess Chairman

Hostesses Needed for the Dalton, Georgia Historic House & Garden Pilgrimage Tour

Saturday, April 22, 2006 9:30
a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you are
interested in being a hostesses
please contact Cathy Parrott at
706 694-3161.



Georgia Historic House & Garden Pilgrimage



Featuring 14

*Homes and Gardens of
Dalton, Georgia*

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006

9:30 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

~RAIN OR SHINE~

Sponsored by:

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

and

The Historic Preservation Division of GA Department of Natural Resources

*Funds raised support the restoration and preservation of Georgia's public,
non-profit historic landscapes and gardens.*

Tour 11 historic private residences and gardens including Oneonta, the Judd House. Also tour the Hamilton House, with displays of how the bedspread industry began in Dalton, the Chief Vann House State Historic Site, and the West Hill Cemetery Chapel.

For more information: 1-800-331-3258 or www.georgiagardentour.com

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Ticket Order Form

Ticket orders, checks and self-addressed stamped #10 envelopes must be received by April 8, 2006.

Name: _____ Phone: (Day) _____

Address: _____ (Night) _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Advanced Tour Tickets

Lunch Tickets

of individual tickets at \$25/each: _____ # of lunches at \$10/each: _____

of group tickets (12 or more) at \$20/each: _____ Served at The Dalton Depot from 11 until 2

Total amount enclosed: _____

****Make checks payable to: Dalton Garden Club Council****

Mail to: Dalton Garden Club Council, P.O. Box 1787, Dalton, GA 30722-1787

Georgia Historic House and Garden Pilgrimage

Now is the time to plan your trip to Dalton for the 2006 Pilgrimage. There will be 14 historic houses and gardens for you to enjoy in our friendly city. The Pilgrimage will be Saturday, April 22nd, from 9:30 until 5:00 rain or shine. Advance sale tickets are available for \$25.00 --- \$30.00 at the door. The day begins at the First Methodist Church at 500 S. Thornton Avenue. We also have lunch tickets available for \$10.00. Area motels which have agreed to give a special rate for the event are: Comfort Inn and Suites, Courtyard by Marriott, Hampton Inn, Country Inn and Suites and Wingate Inn. For more information please visit our website: www.georgiagardentour.com or call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-331-3258. Y'all come !!

THE 2006 GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR PATHWAYS

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By Members of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

CALENDARS = SCHOLARSHIPS

2006 CALENDAR ORDER FORM

CHECK ONE METHOD OF DELIVERY

 **PICK UP CALENDARS AT THE STATE CONVENTION IN APRIL, 2006
(ATLANTA)**

To pick up the 2007 calendars at the 2006 State Convention in Atlanta this April, return this form with your payment to YOUR District Calendar Chairman by April 10, 2006.

 PICK UP CALENDARS AT THE DISTRICT MEETING IN OCTOBER

To pick up calendars at the District meeting, return this form with your payment to YOUR District Calendar Chairman prior to the District meeting. See attached list for your District.s Calendar Chairman & contact information.

 MAIL CALENDAR ORDER

If you want your calendars shipped, return this form with your payment to Pam Kuchler, 6659 Ben Parks Road, Murrayville, Georgia 30564-1315, 770 983-3168 & Fax, LKuchler@starband.net

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

PRESIDENT.S NAME & EMAIL

PHONE & STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

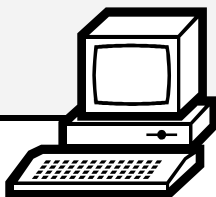
NUMBER OF CALENDARS _____ @ \$7.00 EACH = \$ _____

SHIPPING & HANDLING (See chart below)* (Only if Mailed) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE* \$ _____

(*Enclose check payable to Garden Club of Georgia)
FOR SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES WITHIN THE U.S.
Call Pam Kuchler 770 983-3168

Please send information for the *next Laurel newsletter*
by, Monday, August 21st, 2006 to:



Veronica W. Carden
1302 Euharlee Road, S.W.
Euharlee, Georgia 30145-2861
770 386-9348 or 770 386-9528 Fax

vjwcarden@netscape.net

Each garden club from the Laurel District attending the Laurel District Breakfast, at the 2006 State Convention, should bring one door prize gift wrapped.

Thank You,
Virginia Palmer

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