



Laurel Letters

March 2007 "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,

Springtime Greetings!

Many Legacies have been created in Laurel District in the past two years. A special thank you to the Laurel District Board, club presidents and club members.

Club presidents, your annual reports are outstanding. I am amazed to tears at all the projects completed with such creativity and enthusiasm. We have met the "challenges" and much has been accomplished.

Jayne Payne and the Rome Federated Garden Clubs council welcomed the final board meeting of this administration at the Coosa Country Club with creative designs and great hospitality – Thank you!

Congratulations to Margaret Ballard and Jean Sawyer for chairing "Wet and Wild" and the wonderful deep south meeting in Atlanta. Other Laurel Ladies were very busy. Caroline Silcox – page, Betty Grimes – 2nd Vice President, Pam Kuchler – flower designs, Kathy Haynes – display room, Maggi Burns – tickets, Ruthellen Anderson – raffles and Margaret Carter Jones – designs, were just a few that were doing assignments. Scholarships have been important in ensuring the legacy. Be

proud that Laurel District was the first district to have a named scholarship and Blairsville Garden Club was the first club to have a named scholarship.

"Garden Jazz" is the theme of our state convention to be held in Macon at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, April 18th – 20th. Make your plans to attend!

We will welcome *Sara Lanier* of St. Simons Island as the new *Georgia State President* and *Lou Ann Bleakley* of Blairsville as the new *Laurel District Director*.

Georgia Burns – Co-Director
Veronica Carden – Corresponding Secretary
Melanie Caldwell – Recording Secretary
Treasurer – Mary Ellen Roos
Pledge your support to this team.

Ruthellen Anderson has graciously accepted the honor of executing the Laurel District lobby design!

Jaydee Ager, former past President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. at the installation of the Gainesville Garden Club and Council remarked of the admiration of Georgia by other states who are often in awe of our projects and our success in many areas. We can be proud of being a part of the National Garden Club, the Deep South Region, the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the Laurel District. As members and clubs, we are the building blocks. However, perhaps the best part is the friendships we cultivate and places and people we touch.

My pleasure it has been to serve with you.

Fondly,
Virginia

MORE NOTES FROM VIRGINIA.....

Jean Carter, Youth Garden Club Chairman reported that the Rome Federated Garden Clubs are starting 5 new Youth Clubs. We have an increased activity with our youth. Involve them in your projects. Give programs to their different organizations.

Virginia appointed Kathy Haynes and Pam Kuchler to the reading committee for the Laurel Board minutes. Laurel is pleased to have our history underway. The Laurel Board elected to allocate \$1,500.00 to be earmarked for the printing of the 50th year history that Elizabeth Neal and Martha Lou Riddle are writing.

Creative Study Club Flower Show *Budding Artists*

On Thursday, March 22nd and Friday, March 23rd, The Creative Study Club, a flower show judges' club out based in Marietta, will have a standard flower. "Budding Artists" will be at The Quinlan Visual Arts Center on Green Street in Gainesville and will be a part of the Quinlan's celebration of Youth Art Month. Secondary school students from all over Hall County will have art displayed and judged. On the 22nd & 23rd, Creative Study Club will stage its show in the galleries of the Quinlan. The show's theme is the art world and one design class will use the students' art as inspiration. Youth exhibits are included in the show, including entries of a junior garden club, The Crabapple Seedlings, from Gainesville's Enota Elementary School first grade. The show is free and open to the public from 3-5:00 pm on Thursday and 9:00 am -2:00 pm on Friday. Please come.

School days:
Garden Study Series XVIII
Course 3, March 19-20
Plains, GA

Thanks,
Connie Burnes,
1-706-232-5579 for more information.

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 Meeting in October 2006 or the Laurel District Board Meeting in February 2007. This state projects ends March 2007. Please give the tabs to:

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

Laurel District Calendars

Our Laurel Ladies are ready to go!! I have already received inquiries regarding the 2008 calendars, so I know we will have another great year.

Laurel sold over 1200 of the 2007 calendars, a definite increase from the 2006 sales. Currently there are still a lot of 2007 calendars available at \$7 + tax. Don't forget new members should receive calendars and consider giving them as speaker gifts. There are also 2006 calendars, which make a great reference guide, available for a flat \$2.

There are big changes for the 2008 calendar. We will have the option of two sizes: the one we have now will be \$8 + tax, and a pocket size for \$6 + tax. Pass this along to all club members, and others who have enjoyed Pathways in previous years. This will allow them to decide how many and which sizes they will purchase. "Expressions," the Garden Club of Georgia Engagement Calendar, is now its name.

There is to be an order form in the Spring Garden Gateways for ordering calendars to pick up at Convention. Club Presidents are going to receive order forms for pick up at District Meeting, etc.

Keep the calendar sales going. And remember to pick up rather than spent for postage, if possible.

For questions:

ptkuchler@bellsouth.net or at 1-770-983-3168.

Thanks for your enthusiasm,

Pam Kuchler, Laurel District Calendars

For the 2007-2009 Award # 16 Yearbooks

For those of you that are involved in producing your clubs 2007-2009 yearbook, here are the themes for the upcoming administrations. Deadline October 15th

NATIONAL:

Theme: "Nurture the Earth – Plant Natives"

Barbara D. May, National President
22 Cutting Cross Way
Wayland, Massachusetts 01778-3844
1-508-358-4180
barbmay1939@yahoo.com

DEEP SOUTH:

Theme: "Today's Youth – Tomorrow's Future"

Mary Summerville, Deep South Region Director
P.O. Box 680636
Fort Payne, Alabama 35968-1607
1-256-845-4440

GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA :

Theme : "Pick Up and Grow"

Sara Lanier, Garden Club of Georgia
11 Tanglewood Road
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522-1426
1-912-638-2621
saralanier@bellsouth.net

LAUREL DISTRICT:

Theme: "Touching Tomorrow"

Lou Ann Bleakley, Laurel District Director
P.O. Box 965
Blairsville, Georgia 30514-0965
1-706-745-7033
dahlab@alltel.net

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.

Awards

All garden clubs are encouraged to apply for an award for recognition of work that has been completed in Laurel District. Requirements for each award can be found in the Awards Section in the GUIDE, starting on page 205. Some important things to know: Source for awards application forms: www.uga.edu/gardenclub At the bottom of the GCG Home Page, click on Awards Program. The Awards Program Page offers award applications for GCG, DSR and NGC. The Awards Committee prefers the applications to be typed. When the GCG and DSR applications are pulled up on the GCG web site, members are encouraged to type in required information while on line. In printing the completed form, remember to print the correct number of forms needed, because completed applications can not be saved. Visit the NGC web site: www.gardenclub.org for further help. Click on Awards/Scholarship; for: NGC award application, NGC awards information, Book of Evidence guide, flower show achievement awards checklist, yearbook ideas, etc. Read the Sept./Oct. issue of The National Gardener for NGC Award rules. It is important that the bottom section of the awards application is not overlooked. Study this for information on: yearbooks, award rules, flower show awards, the number of application forms required and where entries are to be sent. Be sure to send the entry and application to the correct person/s. When applying for a state award that corresponds to a DSR or NGC Award, study the DSR and NGC requirements for the same award. Compile the Book of Evidence to fulfill requirements for State, District and National, when applicable. By including requirements other than GCG's requirements, it insures that a state winning Book of Evidence will score higher when judged by the DSR or NGC scales of points. If a garden club or garden club member feels that an application is worthy of a state award, and possibly a district or a national award, make a copy of the book of evidence and send along with the original. The copy can be in either color or black and white. The appropriate awards application forms should also accompany the second book. (In past years, the GA Awards Committee has personally paid to make copies of entries going on to further competition). Always make and keep a copy of each Book of Evidence.

Sara Lanier, GCG Awards Chairman, 912-638-2621,
saralanier@bellsouth.net
Sibyl McGlaun, GA DSR Awards Chairman, 229-887-2574,
sparkleb@sowega.net
Kathy Haynes, Laurel District Awards Chairman,
770-532-4212 (H), 770-532-4701 (W),
kathyhaynes@bellsouth.net

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The Gift For A Lifetime

Frances Kilgore
Laurel District Life Chairman
770 428-1445

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:

Send Check to: Bess Hartley
GCG Life Membership Chairman
250 Cotton Hill Road
Ft. Gaines, GA. 39851
229 768-3577
bhartley@alltel.net

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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.

Patriotic Trees NGC Project

This special project encourages every club to plant trees to honor those who serve the public, civilian and military. Honor those special people in your local community while improving our environment at the same time. Any tree of your choice is appropriate and can be planted at any site you choose in your community. Historic Trees, reflecting the history of our country, are offered by some nurseries.

Last year Laurel District dedicated 114 Patriotic Trees. Fire fighters, law enforcement, forest rangers, military personnel, educators and dedicated volunteers in local communities were some that were honored.

The perfect time for planting is rapidly arriving, so please plant a Patriotic Tree for some special group or individual that will be a living reminder of their service and contribution.

Complete the Patriotic Tree Report Form so an accurate count can be reported.

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PATRIOTIC TREE Report Form

Name of Club _____
City _____ District _____
Number planted _____ Date(s) of planting(s) _____
Species _____
Special day _____

(Arbor Day, 4th Jul, Earth Day etc)

Honoring _____
Contact Person: Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

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Please include any special comments, photos and news releases.
Send to:

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

----DOOR PRIZES----

Each garden club member from the Laurel District attending the Laurel District Breakfast, at the 2007 State Convention in Macon, should bring one door prize gift wrapped. That way if everyone bring a door prize everyone will get one.

Thank You,
Virginia Palmer

Mary Green Announces.....

Landscape Design Class IV will be held Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27 at the Hastings Garden Center in Atlanta. The cost is \$65.00.

For more information please call:
Brencie Werner
770-955-1616

National Garden Clubs, Inc

Address: 4401 Magnolia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

E-mail: headquarters@gardenclub.org
www.gardenclub.org

NGC has 7,183 Clubs and 221,943 members

-----Needs-----

Tish Redwine, Laurel District Garden Therapy Chairman, wants to Thank everyone who contributed to the Garden Therapy program at N.W.G.R.H. Tish reports that John Paul Breault expressed an urgent need for sock for the Fig Leaf program. The need for used clothes, new underwear and socks are a year round necessity.

Tish Redwine
Laurel District
Garden Therapy Chairman
706 291-3902

Youth Environment Education

Stephanie Gray, Youth Environment Education Chairman has received the poster from the contest and they will be displayed at the State Convention in Macon. Don't miss this display they are very interesting and most of them have Smokey and birds. Look for the new hand book. If you don't have a youth group get with a child and help them enter the contest.

Stephanie Gray
Laurel District
Youth Environment Education Chairman
706 745-3714

Please send information for the *next Laurel newsletter* by, **Monday, August 20th, 2007** to:



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

Club Programs

Encourage your garden club members to give programs. Look for The "Programs by Preference" it is being re-published.

Club/Council Officers Seminar

June 14, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.

Laurel District will have this seminar at the Marietta Garden Center in order to invite ALL OFFICERS from all clubs in our district.

Victoria Chandler is going to conduct the seminar and we can look forward to a grand day.

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Name of Club: _____ Club # _____
Office you Hold: _____
Your Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

The cost is \$10.00 for lunch. Please send your check and form to:

Frances Kilgore
4348 Stilesboro Road
Kennesaw, Georgia 30152-3112

Thanks,
Lou Ann Bleakley
Laurel District Co-Director

GCG Merchandising - Mary Denney



While attending State Convention this year, please visit the GCG Merchandising table. Several new items, such as scissors, submersible Floralytes, new tote with GCG Logo, bird, animals and flower games, & 2007 Flower Show Handbook. You also will find gardening, cooking and design books as well as other garden related items. Shop for yourself or shop for gifts for friends and family.

Mary Denney, GCG Merchandising

"Garden Jazz"

The Garden Club of Georgia 2007 State Convention will be held on April 18-20, 2007 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Macon, Ga.

Mark your calendar now and join in the fun as we jazz it up in Macon on April 18th - 20th. Perhaps a Historic Tour of Macon would interest you. If so there will be seats on the bus for 45 people on Wednesday April 18th, from 2pm to 5 pm.

Make plans to "Come Blow Your Horn" For Bridge for Scholarships. Be among the first 64 to sign up to play bridge for scholarships, which will be held from 2 to 5 pm on Thursday, April 19th, after the luncheon. Look for more information & the registration form in the Winter issue of Garden Gateways. Registration form is also attached here and it will also be posted on the **GCG Website:** www.UGA.edu/gardenclub/org Click on forms.

Naming of a New Rose.....



The family of *Carolyn Cutts Waters* is proud to announce the creation and naming of a new rose "*Carolyn's Passion*". This beautiful rose is a deep yellow, miniflora variety. Masses of clustered

blooms begin in classic hybrid tea form and finish with a unique display of quilled petals. Rich green foliage and mild, delicate fragrance provide a fitting tribute to an exceptional person. Carolyn's family is honored to present this rose as an everlasting memorial to a life focused on beauty, love and kindness. "*Carolyn's Passion*" is available at Hortico, Inc. ® for all to enjoy.

THE WILDFLOWER AUTO TAG

In an effort to extend the window of blooming flowers along the roadsides, Georgia DOT landscape architects chose daffodils, which require little maintenance and are easy to plant. They even called on the expertise of Jaydee Ager, Executive Director of the American Daffodil Society and former President of The Garden Club of Georgia, to choose the best varieties for Georgia roadsides: 'Ice Follies', N. campbellii and 'Carlton'. "The varieties selected will tolerate the harsh roadside environment and they will come back each spring," said Ager. "Georgia DOT officials have made an environmentally sound, economical decision to add popular daffodils to their ongoing roadside beautification effort." The Wildflower Auto Tag is the only guaranteed financial resource supporting the Wildflower Program. The Wildflower Tag, available at your local county tag office for a one-time \$25 fee, can be purchased anytime, not just at your birthday/ or auto registration time. Support the GDOT Wildflower Program by purchasing a specialty tag or donating directly to GCG! The Garden Club of Georgia supports the **Wildflower/Roadside Beautification** program by providing workshops and awards luncheons for the crews and foremen who plant the wildflowers alongside Georgia roads and highways. By donating \$25 to this program, clubs receive a certificate of participation at the state convention. Send your donation with check payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, to Z Ganaway, 615 Idlewood Drive, NW Atlanta, 30327-4727. Please include your club name and district on your check.



National Garden Week

Make plans now to celebrate June 3 – 9, with plantings, flowers for the elderly or youngsters, teas, programs or speakers to educate the public about the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Gardeners Be Glad!

Fernbank Science Center

September 15, 2007

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

156 Heaton Park Drive, NE
Atlanta, GA 30307



\$25.00

(Lunch is included.)

Space is limited. We suggest that you pre-register.

SAVE THE DATE!

Georgia's First Annual Butterfly Symposium

Visit www.monarchsacrossga.org in late
March 2007 for more details.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE IV

On April 24, 25 & 26, 2007, The Designers Club sponsors sessions on design and horticulture in flower shows. Julia Clevett, Powhatan, VA will instruct in Design: Tables, Functional and Exhibition; Small and Miniature Designs; Principles and Elements of Design. Carolyn Hawkins, Jonesboro, GA will instruct on Horticulture: Collections and Displays: Iris and Ivy. Accredited judges may receive Refresher Credit by attending all sessions of Course IV. Cost for students taking the exam is \$80. Deadline for registration is April 10. Brochures available from:

Chairman: Bettye Trankina

140 Providence Plantation Dr.

Alpharetta, GA 30004

770-410-5819 or Fax; 770-410-1281

Email: bhtran140@yahoo.com

Registrar: Ruthellen Anderson

537 Chestatee View Drive

Dawsonville, GA 30534-6405

706-216-5034 or Fax: 706-216-5034*5

Email: asptsman@alltel.net

Georgia Historic
House and Garden Pilgrimage
Liberty County, Georgia
Saturday, May 5, 2007

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Rain or Shine

Sponsored by

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

And

The Historic Preservations Division of the Georgia
Department
of Natural Resources.

Saturday, May 5, between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. the eleventh annual Georgia Historic Home and Garden Pilgrimage will be held in the Hinesville/Midville area of Liberty County. Historic sites will include the Midway Museum, Midway Church and Cemetery, Seabrook Village's costumed reenactment of slave days, the Bacon-Fraser Home and Garden, Dorchester Academy, and the LeConte-Woodmanston Rice Plantation and Botanical Garden. Author, Erskine Clark will sign copies of his book, "Dwelling Place, a Plantation Epic" at the Midway Museum. Funds raised with this tour support the restoration and preservation of Georgia's public, non-profit historic landscapes and gardens. Info, call: 1-478-237-7528. Ticket Order Form Ticket orders, checks and self addressed stamped #10 envelope MUST be received by April 25, 2007 in order to send you your advance tickets.

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Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

_____ # of Individual Tickets @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____

_____ # of group tickets (12 or more) @ \$20.00 each =
\$ _____

_____ # of Lunches @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

(specify shrimp salad or chicken salad)

of Shrimp Salad Sandwiches _____

of Chicken Salad Sandwiches _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

*******Make checks payable to Oleander District
Historic Tour 2007*******

Mail check and order form with SAS #10E to:

Willie Burch

1556 Stanfield Road

Screven, GA 31560-9531

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

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION!!

The next few weeks will be crucial for environmental issues before the Georgia Legislature; please, follow your emails from GCG State Legislative Chairmen as they explain bills and recommend action such as contacting your representative.

Registration Form Information for 2007 State Convention

To get a state convention registration form, go to the www.uga.edu/gardenclub/ website then click onto [Garden Club Forms](#), click on [Events](#) and then to [79th Annual State Convention, April 2007, Registration](#) and then print.

PERENNIAL PLANT ASSO MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Atlanta History Center, McElreath Hall, 130 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta landscape architect Brooks Garcia will present "Design Adventures at the Chelsea Flower Show." He'll report on his experiences at what has been described as the greatest flower show on the planet. Call GPPA at 404-876-0813 or visit www.georgiaperennial.org.

*Veronica W. Carden, Laurel Editor
1302 Euharlee Road, S.W.
Euharlee, Georgia 30145-2861*

APRIL 2007

17	GCG Executive and Finance Meeting	Crowne Plaza, Macon
18	GCG Board of Directors Spring Meeting	Crowne Plaza, Macon
18-20	GCG State Convention "Garden Jazz"	Crowne Plaza, Macon
24-26	Flower Show School, Course 4	Bellmere, Duluth
27-28	Thomasville's 86th Rose Show	Thomasville

MAY 2007

1-2	Landscape Design/Garden/Environmental Consultants	Augusta
5	Georgia Historic House and Garden Pilgrimage	Liberty County, GA.
15-16	Environmental Studies School, Course 4	State Headquarters, Athens
23-28	NGC Convention "Boston and Beyond"	Boston, Mass.

JUNE 2007

3-9	National Garden Week	
14	Laurel District Club/Council Officers Seminar	Marietta Garden Center

