

# Laurel Letters

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

January 2005

Jayne Payne, Laurel District Director

Dear Laurel Ladies,

Today I'm busy getting out a schedule for our district to work at the Southeast Flower Show and thinking to myself that it seems only yesterday we did this! The time has really passed quickly for me and I'm sure you've had the same feeling. Already it's time for the "Under the Gold Dome Flower Show" and our last GCG Board Meeting for this administration.

When I became your District Director in 2003 it seemed like 2005 was a long way off. Oh, well. We've accomplished so much and I'm sure your award applications will make us all realize just how much has been done. Jaydee led us through many growth experiences and we're all stronger garden clubbers for having been a part of a busy, busy two years. I am very proud to be a small part of a group of people who have reached out to others through Habitat for Humanity, Plant for Hope and Plant for Cure.

There have been opportunities to expand our horizons through various studies such as Flower Show Judges School, FLOW Workshops, At Home with Flowers, various tours such as the Historic Garden and Home Tour and the list just goes on and on. This is what I had in mind when I chose my theme of "treasuring the past, celebrating the present, protecting the future". The most important part of this, to me is the "protecting the future". It's our challenge to be able to pass on to future generations a future worthy of being inherited.

Well, with all of that sermon delivered, I say to you "please read this newsletter and follow-up on what applies to you". Try to sign up to work at the Southeast Flower Show. Laurel is one of only three districts asked to work and you'll enjoy it!

See you under the Gold Dome dressed in green and don't forget Laurel's District Board Meeting in Gainesville on February 16, 2005. Details and registration form are contained in this Laurel Letters.

Cheers!  
Jayne



## Southeast Flower Show

The Southeast Flower Show is right around the corner and we've got to get the Laurel Ladies signed up to work. The schedule is split this year. Last year Dogwood worked 4 of the 5 nights the show was open. This year efforts have been made to spread that more evenly. All three districts have metro-Atlanta people in them who could work an evening just as easily as the Dogwood people.

None of the members in any of the outlying areas are expected to drive at night but it is felt that ladies in the Dekalb, Fulton and Cobb area could easily handle a late shift.

With that in mind, the following shift times are offered for all:

Wednesday, March 2, Garden Club Day

9 - 12 - Laurel  
12 - 3 - Redbud  
3 - 6 - Dogwood  
6 - 9 - Laurel

Thursday, March 3

9 - 12 - Dogwood  
12 - 3 - Laurel  
3 - 6 - Redbud  
6 - 9 - Dogwood

Friday, March 4

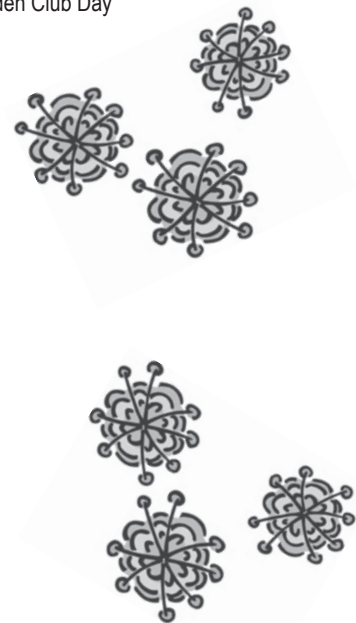
9 - 12 - Redbud  
12 - 3 - Dogwood  
3 - 6 - Laurel  
6 - 9 - Redbud

Saturday, March 5

9 - 12 - Dogwood  
12 - 3 - Laurel  
3 - 6 - Redbud  
6 - 9 - Dogwood

Sunday, March 6

12 - 3 - Redbud  
3 - 6 - Dogwood



This year Laurel works 5 shifts, Redbud works 6 shifts and Dogwood works 7 shifts. Dogwood works 2 night shifts and Redbud and Laurel each take one night and Dogwood takes the closing shift on Sunday. Hopefully this will seem fair to all concerned.

Remember, each shift needs 3 people and their names need to be sent to Laurel District Director Jayne Payne as soon as possible. [bobpayne@mindspring.com](mailto:bobpayne@mindspring.com) or call (706) 234-8771.

You will receive free tickets for the day you work but I have to register your name with the volunteer coordinator for you to receive your ticket at the door. \*

## Laurel District Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

Gainesville

Gainesville Federated Garden Club Council invites you to the Laurel District Winter Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at the Community Foundation building in Gainesville, Georgia. Coffee and snacks will be available starting at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

The North Georgia Community Foundation building is located at 615 Oak Street about 3 blocks off the Gainesville square. The Foundation offices are in the larger building in the lower parking lot.

Please use the form below or e-mail Pam Kuchler at: Lkuchler@starband.net (noting District Board Meeting in memo) to reserve a lunch. The cut off for ordering a meal is February 11th.

For directions to the North Georgia Community Foundation building at 615 Oak Street, Gainesville, go to [www.ngcf.org](http://www.ngcf.org), go to the second page and click on maps/directions at the left side of the page or call Pam Kuchler at 770-983-3168. \*

*\* Board Members consist of all Laurel District Offices (Dist. Director, Co-Director Secretary, Treasurer, etc...) and all current Laurel District Committee Chairman.*

Yes, I am coming to the board meeting.

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Pam Kuchler  
6659 Ben Parks Rd, Murrayville, GA 30564

### -- Dates to Remember --

Jan. 23-25 - State Flower Show, Atlanta  
Jan. 23 - GCG Executive Board Meeting, Atlanta  
Jan. 24-25 - GCG Board Meeting, Atlanta  
Jan. 26 - Native Plant Symposium, Athens  
Feb. 1 - Final deadline for GCG Awards  
Feb. 1 - North Georgia Judges Council Meeting  
Feb. 3 - Creative Study Club  
Feb. 10 - Designers Club  
Feb. 16 - Laurel District Board Meeting, Gainesville  
Feb. 18 - Georgia Arbor Day  
Mar. 2-6 - Southeastern Flower, Atlanta  
Mar. 3 - Creative Study Club  
Mar. 20-23 - Deep South Convention, Mississippi  
Mar. 10 - Designers Club

## The Southeastern Flower Show

March 2- 6, 2005

Georgia World Congress Center, Hall C,  
Northside Drive in Atlanta.

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. • Sunday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

This event is the largest juried flower show in the southeastern United States, and it is considered to be one of the top three premier shows in the country. The theme for 2005 is "English Gardens for Southern lifestyles." Share with our exhibitors a passion for plants and a style of gardening that can be as grand as Hampton Court or as small as the size of your back yard.

The Garden Club of Georgia will again have a booth at the Southeastern Flower Show. This allows its to reach a large audience with our message of beautification, conservation and education.

This show features something for all ages. For entry forms, tickets and more information, go to [www.flowershow.org](http://www.flowershow.org) and follow the links. \*

## Garden Club of Georgia Convention 2005

Callaway Gardens • April 19-21

Magnolia District will welcome the members of Garden Club of Georgia to Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA, as 'Beauty Beckons' at the 2005 GCG Convention. April 19-21, 2005. Opening day promises wonderful afternoon workshops. One speaker will be Ted Mikalsen of GA EPD, presenting 'All About Rain Gardening'. Felder Rushing, renowned author of 'Tough Plants for Southern Gardens' (and many other favorite books) will be the featured speaker at the sealed dinner Tuesday evening. Drifts of Wildflowers will be the theme at the District Breakfasts on Wednesday morning. The luncheon, Nature's Palate, will be followed by a guided 'behind the scenes' tour of Callaway Gardens (limited to the first 108 registrants - so hurry with your reservations! An additional fee of \$5.00 will be required for that bus tour of the gardens.) Music by the Columbus State University string ensemble will be performed during the social hour Wednesday evening. We are honored to have Deep South Regional Director, Bonnie Borne, speak to us at the Awards Banquet recognizing our Superior Selections.

At Thursday's breakfast, Garden Extravaganza, a program on the Georgia Historic Gardens Initiative will be presented by the Georgia Historic Gardens Committee. Dr. Larry Davenport, a botanist with Stamford University will be the featured speaker and Jim Cothran will be available for a book signing. Installation of officers will be conducted by Bonnie Borne at the final luncheon, Perennial Paradise, on Thursday.

Complete details and the registration form for the convention are in the winter issue of "Garden Gateways". Plan to welcome spring in beautiful Callaway Gardens as Magnolia District BECKONS BEAUTY in April, 2005. \*