



Laurel Letters

Lou Ann Bleakley, Laurel District Director

Spring 2009

Laurel District Director's Press ...From Lou Ann Bleakley's Desk



As this administration comes to an end, it is amazing that so much has been accomplished in just two years. Your commitment to the goals of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has been evident. Clubs and Councils have been "Touching Tomorrow" in so many positive ways and your President's and Council's Reports reflect your continuing support.

Kathy Hawthorne welcomed our final Board meeting at the Gainesville First United Methodist Church. It was a great meeting and we thank you for your hospitality. Outstanding reports were received and a Laurel District named scholarship was approved.

The GCG's State Flower Show at Pebble Hill Plantation in Thomasville was fabulous! Congratulations to Barbara Jones, Chairman, and her committee for a terrific job and a big thank you to Camellia District for hosting the show. Our Laurel District was in the capable hands of Margaret Ballard, Designs; Margaret Carter

Jones, Horticulture; Virginia Palmer, Horticulture Placement and Betty Grimes, Educational Exhibit.

Our state convention, "Nature's Palette," will be in Atlanta at the JW Marriott Hotel, April 14th – 16th. You will want to be present as our own Betty Grimes is installed as the new President of The GCG and Victoria Chandler of Ellijay as Laurel District Director. Veronica Carden, Co-Director; Melanie Caldwell, Recording Secretary; Jackie Fulmer, Corresponding Secretary and Caroline Alford, Treasurer. This is a awesome team and we pledge our support to them.

Thank you for allowing me to represent Laurel District and you, the members. It has been a privilege and pleasure and the friendships made will be lasting treasures.

See you in Atlanta, April 14th!

Lou Ann

Please Note:

Laurel District will have a Breakfast at the GCG Convention in Atlanta "Nature's Palette"

Wednesday, April 15th at 8:00 a.m. The Package Plan does not include the breakfast. Be sure to check the box on the registration form for the breakfast and include the extra \$33.00 in your check.

We Are So Proud!!!

Join us on awards night at the GCG Convention reception honoring **Betty Grimes**
Incoming GCG President
Wednesday – April 15th, 5:30 to 6:45
Presidential A Suite
Hosted by Laurel District

2009 Garden Club of Georgia Calendar Report

Pam Kuchler, Laurel Dist. Calendar Chairman

This year Laurel District sold 1,012 2009 calendars. This included both the standard and pocket sizes. I was pleased to see that very few clubs paid for mailing and saved their own club important dollars.

I still have a few standard size and a couple of pocket size available. The state board decided to sell the standard at a discount of 3 for \$22.00 with no tax. Contact me if you are interested in buying any at this cost and if you don't have a need for 3 I will sell one for \$7.50.

I encourage all clubs who have not done so yet, to add the calendar cost to their dues and make all the Laurel clubs 100% in calendar sales. I am proud to say that Laurel sales were over \$7,500 this year thanks to all of you.

**Don't Miss
"Natures Palette"
GCG's Convention
Atlanta**

April 14-16, 2009

(Registration form on page 3)

Southern Charm... Among the Pines

Eighth Georgia State Standard Flower Show

Kathy Haynes, Awards Chairman

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and Camellia District, with Barbara Jones as chairman, hosted the eighth Georgia State Standard Flower Show on February 20-21, 2009. The show, at the beautiful Pebble Hill Plantation, Thomasville, was staged in separate tents for horticulture and design. Each of the seven districts of Georgia was expected to enter 150 horticulture exhibits and around 12 design exhibits. Entries for all districts totaled more than twelve hundred. Show personnel and exhibitors battled winds left from the tornado that had hit the area during the early morning hours of February 19. The winds did subside and the show proceeded. During the show, personnel from the city of Thomasville joined garden club members at Pebble Hill to celebrate Arbor Day. Thomasville was again designated as a Tree City USA and was presented with a Tree City banner. A sapling grown from an acorn from the famous Big Oak in downtown Thomasville will

be planted on the grounds of the Plantation. Betty Thompson, Redbud District, won the coveted Design Excellence Award with her Exhibition Table. Betty Davis, Azalea District won the Horticultural Excellence with a superb Mahonia specimen. Harriotte McDannald, Magnolia District won the Educational Award. Camellia District scored the highest for blues, reds and Top Awards. Laurel and Dogwood tied for first place with the highest ratio of blue ribbons to number of entries, and Camellia District was second. Nancy Muggridge, Magnolia District, was the highest scoring individual; Susan Grooms, Camellia placed second; and Pam Kuchler and Caroline Silcox from Laurel tied for third. Pebble Hill Plantation enjoyed a large number of visitors to see the flower show, as well as to tour the mansion. Congratulations are in order for Barbara Jones and Camellia District for presenting such a wonderful show in such a beautiful setting.

Huge Plant Sale sponsored by the Garden Club of Ellijay. May 9, 8:30 - 12:30 at the Lion's Club on Old Hwy 5 south of downtown Ellijay. Plants from some of the best gardens in the County! There will be a large selection including perennials, shrubs, roses, tropicals, herbs, hanging baskets for Mother's Day, and garden related raffle items.



Camellia Garden Club members celebrated Arbor Day in Rome on Friday, February 20, by meeting at the Garden Spot to dedicate their new marker. Several members and guests gathered on a beautiful, sunny day. Dr. John Barnett of Three Rivers Garden Club gave the prayer of dedication. A special thanks goes to Sammy and Veronica Carden for the donation of the boulder which holds the plaque.

Gardening For The Senses

Preparations are underway by the Blairsville Garden club for another annual seminar and plant sale success. You are invited to attend on April 29 at the Blairsville Civic Center. The day includes morning coffee, boxed lunch, exhibitors, door prizes, an old-fashioned "Wheelbarrow of Plants" raffle (much sought after each year); and a huge exhibition of perennials and annuals for sale.

The three speakers include Linda Cobb, Master Gardener, garden writer and lecturer who will speak on "Growing English Roses in a Cottage Garden in America" (Linda has more than 300 David Austen roses in her garden); David Cree, a Certified Landscape Professional and avid conifer collector and grower, will share his knowledge of "Conifers and Dwarf Conifers" and Denise Smith, Director of Plant Products at Park Seed Company, author and professional speaker, will present "Edibles in the Landscape." In today's economy perhaps everyone will benefit from planting vegetables amongst their flowers.

Blairsville Garden Club began its first Appalachian Mountain Gardening Seminar in 1981 and its success has led to bigger and better each year. In addition to talented speakers, the day includes an "Ask the Experts Panel" to answer gardening questions. The native azaleas and rhododendrons should be blooming on the roadsides and in the forests to further brighten your trip to the mountains. The cost for the seminar is \$30. To receive a registration form, please telephone Irene Little at 706-745-1617 or ask any Blairsville Garden Club member.

The Winder Garden Club will be offering Basic Design Course I, on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, in Winder, Georgia. Call Kathy Stansell, 770-867-9074 for more information and details, or Jo Bentley 770-867-9893. Instructor will be Betty McGaughey.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. • 81st Annual Convention

"Nature's Palette" • April 14-16, 2009

JW Marriott • 3300 Lenox Rd., NE. • Atlanta, GA 30326 • 404-262-3344 • 800-613-2051

Registration Deadline March 30, 2009 • Hotel Reservation Deadline March 10, 2009

Official Registration Form • Please Print

FOR REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN USE ONLY

Registration # _____ Amount Sent \$ _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Phone (w/area code) _____ E-mail _____

Club Name _____ District _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

***All State Board Members are Voting Delegates; please check Voting Delegate box if applicable.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> My First GCG Convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member or <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voting Delegate * | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member |

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER (please check one):

PACKAGE PLAN includes Registration Fee, Opening Dinner, Luncheon, Awards Banquet, Luncheon and Installation of Officers (Does not include District Breakfast).

PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL **\$225.00** \$ _____

PART-TIME PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Opening Dinner | \$70.00 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Luncheon | \$43.00 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Awards Banquet | \$73.00 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Luncheon & Installation of Officers | \$40.00 | \$ _____ |

REGISTRATION FEE..... (Per Day) \$10.00 \$ _____

PART-TIME PLAN TOTAL..... \$ _____

Wednesday: District Breakfast (If applicable) \$33.00 \$ _____

Total Registration Costs \$ _____

Late Registration Fee (see below) \$ _____

Total Enclosed..... \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

Registration Deadline: March 30, 2009

After March 30, include \$15.00 late fee. This applies to Package and Part-Time Plans.

REGISTRATION FEE NOT REFUNDABLE. NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1, 2009.

Make check payable to **Garden Club of Georgia 09 Convention** and mail both check and this form to:

Terry Waith • 6590 Long Acres Dr. • Sandy Springs, GA 30328 • Phone 404-252-4473 • e-mail: twaith@bellsouth.net



Nelle Allison Scholarship Award

The Laurel Garden Club of Canton recently awarded the Nelle Allison Scholarship Award to Dorothy W. Douglas. The award is named in honor of Nelle Allison who was active in Georgia Garden Clubs for more than 60 years. She was the organizer and founder of two garden clubs in Cherokee County, Laurel in Canton and Anesta Ga-Da of Ball Ground.

Mrs. Douglas has been a very close friend of Nelle's for over fifty years. In the above photo, Marie Woodall of Canton, chairwoman of the award, made the presentation, which honors a club member who best exemplifies the principles in gardening participation. The honoree not only exemplifies these principles, but she has been President and Vice President of Laurel Garden Club a number of times during the early years of the club. She served as project chairperson for about 20 years during the time the club was in charge of maintaining the planters on Main Street in downtown Canton. Mrs. Douglas was the driving force behind the establishment of the Garden Club Council of Cherokee County and has been its Treasurer since the Council's inception. She has been a continuous member of the Laurel District Board of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for the past twenty years.

Left : Blairsville Junior Garden Club

Sponsored by Blairsville Garden Club. The juniors conducted a litter pick-up at a local lake boat ramp, and they found lots of litter. They have also viewed the GCG video, "Georgia-Keep It Green and Clean" and are now studying "Share The Water," a workbook published by the National Association of Conservation Districts.





Garden Fairies Junior Garden Club (Gainesville)

Sponsored by Gainesville Gateway Garden Club. Creating Garden Oasis on school grounds; Planted & maintained one area of Garden Oasis; GCG Poetry Contest; Woodsy Owl Poster; Studied difference in "Good Dirt vs. Not So Good Dirt"; Entries in South Eastern Flower Show.

Container Gardens

The Cherokee County Garden Clubs are all a-buzz with excitement about container gardening this spring. The Garden Club Council of Cherokee County hosted Pam Crawford at Yawn's Bookstore on November 5, 2008. Pam has authored several books about container gardening and she used one of her books in her talk.

Dot Douglas, the Laurel District Chair for Container Gardening, gave a talk and demo to her garden club (Laurel) using Pam's techniques. She has also spoken with members of the other four clubs in the Council about Pam's techniques.

The Laurel Garden Club of Canton has taken on a project at Cameron Hall, the local assisted living center, to decorate the courtyard with containers, using Pam Crawford's stands and floral arrangements. The club members will plant annuals with each seasonal change.

Three of Pam Crawford's books we recommend are: Instant Container Gardens; Easy Container Gardens and Easy Gardens For the South (just printed).

Meet Laurel's Youth Garden Clubs



Blairsville Junior Garden Club

Sponsored by Blairsville Garden Club. Learned about Wildflowers and native plants; Planted a tree at the middle school for Arbor Day; Toured commercial green house & learned to transplant seedlings; Bird program presented by local expert; Designed, planted and maintained spring and fall garden at a church using seedlings from green house tour; Decorated garden with garden stones they painted; Created posters on litter and placed throughout community & schools; Saved Tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses; Decorated Christmas stockings & Easter eggs for Garden Therapy; Picked up for "Bag a Bushel"; Decorated table for sponsoring club's Membership Reception.



God's Gardeners (Ellijay)

Sponsored by The Garden Club of Ellijay. The Junior club studied the significance of composting; Compost bin on campus; Worm garden on campus (favorite of boys); Pressed flowers from native plant garden; Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Posters; Made & decorated natural wreaths; Extra wreaths for Gilmer Nursing Home; Arbor Day tree planting; Planted potatoes in Community Food Pantry Garden; Visit from "Dr. Dirt" and rain barrel installation; Designs in Ellijay Flower Show.

Incoming Officers 2009-2011

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Projects: *Beautify Blight, Golden Days*

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Deep South Director:

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Theme: *Together as One - Our Hands and Hearts are P. O. W. E. R. (Protecting Our World's Environment and Resources)*

Project: *Protecting Our World Living Green - Living Clean*

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

President:

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Theme: *Flourish Our Future*

Projects: *Promoting Our Projects, Create A Club*

Laurel District

District Director:

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Theme: *Laughter In The Garden*



Trayletaah Junior Garden Club (Canton)

Sponsored by Trayletaah Garden Club. Creating Garden Oasis on school grounds; Planting and Maintaining one area of garden; Created Webpage – waiting for approval to publish; Writing newsletters & search for garden related tips; Starting plants from seeds.



Show Your Laurel Spirit! Remember to wear your Laurel District lapel pins at Convention. If you don't have yours yet contact the Treasurer. Send your check, \$10.00 per pin to: Mary Ellen Roos, Laurel Dist. Treasurer, 1371 Little Deer Run, Canton, GA 30114-4089. They can also be purchased at Convention.



Crabapple Seedlings Junior Garden Club (Gainesville)

Sponsored by Crabapple Garden Club. Recycling – using GCG Video & real garbage; Collected Tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses; Recycled plastic lunchroom milk cartons; Learned to recognize and studied about local birds; Colored and cut out bird pictures to place on tree in hall outside classroom; Made pinecone bird feeders.

Life Memberships

Francess Kilgore, Laurel District
Life Membership Chairman

New State Life Members

#1661 **Barbara Dunson**, Laurel District

#1676 **Dr. Joann T. Meadows**, Laurel Dist.
Honored by Hillhouse Garden Club

New Deep South Life Member

Helga M. Palframan, Laurel District

Save Our Environment

Hi, it's me Georgia, the great state outside your front door . . . Every time I hear that commercial on the radio I think I would like to ask you to do all you can to save our environment. We still need to watch our state and local governments to be sure they are making the best decisions to protect our future.

Budget cuts are everywhere and hard choices abound. Many recycling programs are being down sized and funds paid to the public cut back, but we need to be sure they will do all to ensure recycling continues and hazardous waste is handled correctly. Otherwise people will begin again to throw those items in the trash and before we know it we will need to build another landfill. The land and structure complying with the latest regulations will cost more than we can imagine. Please be sure your local officials are thinking of this. A postcard or email could plant an idea they might not have considered.

I am sorry we are in such a financial downturn, but I hope it can help to end this era of excess. It is said we throw away so we can buy more - with money we don't have - to impress people we don't like. Of course even though we say throw away I hope you have learned there is no away. Items in the compost become new soil, but so many items we consider garbage are still there thousands of years later. We must continue to reduce the amount we discard.

We can choose drought tolerant plants, add trees to the landscape, continue to save rain water and household waste water for irriga-

tion, do a soil test before adding fertilizer or lime and mulch all bare areas.

We still have the same land, air and water we had when the world was created, but there are so many people on the earth now it is crucial we make every effort to preserve what we have. We can do it if we are each willing to make those many small efforts that add up to great results in protecting the environment. Let me know if you need help. Georgia Burns, 706-295-1516, georgiaburns@gmail.com .

Nature's Palette

The Garden Club of Georgia Annual Convention

Schedule

April 14, Tuesday

12:00 GCG Board Members luncheon, Anthony's Fine Dining.

3:00- 4:00 Lecture - Staci Catron, "Cherokee Garden Library Treasures and the Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative"

4:00- 6:00 Social Hour, Harp and Flute Music by Joyce Mortison. "Meet the Designers" Flower Show Question and Answers

4:00- 10:00 "Flourish" the 25th Standard Flower Show "Flourish" the 25th Standard Flower Show sponsored by the Designer's Club to honor Betty Grimes incoming President of the Garden Club of Georgia.

6:00 - 9:00 Dinner "Jewel Colored Nature" Speakers - Larry Hammack and Greg Brown, co-owners of Foxgloves & Ivy Floral Design Studio "Sometimes Less is More: A study in contemporary floral artistry".

April 15, Wednesday

8:00-9:30 Laurel District Breakfast

8:00- 10:00 "Flourish" the 25th Standard Flower Show

9:00-10:00 Lecture - Smith and Hawkins, Butch Rowell - "Terrariums & Cloches"

10:00-12:30 Opening Session- 81st Annual "Broad Spectrum of Colors" Color Guards: Sons of the American Revolution Welcome by Governor Sonny Perdue.

12:30 to 2:00 Luncheon - "Pallet of Leadership" Certificate of Merit. "District Designer's Challenge" 7 Designers will complete designs using material that will be given to them. Design will be explained and Districts will be challenged to be the best and most expensive design auctioned for Scholarship Money.

2:00-4:00 Lecture and Plant Sale- Erica Glasener "Color in the Garden"

5:30 to 6:45 Reception to honor incoming President Betty Grimes, Presidential Suite

5:45 to 6:45 Social Hour- Harp and Flute Music by Joyce Mortison

7:00 Awards Dinner "Colors Shine Brilliantly" Speaker-Mary Summerville, Deep South Director. Followed by an after Party Celebration Photo opportunity in the foyer.

April 16, Thursday

10:30 to 11:30 Final Business Meeting "Broad Spectrum of Colors"

12:00 to 2:30 Luncheon "Colorful Illuminating Stars" Honor Life Members. Installation of GCG Officers and District Directors by Mary Summerville will be followed by the installation of all Districts' Executive Board Members.

If you want to touch the past

Touch a rock

If you want to touch the present

Touch a rose

If you want to touch the future

Touch a child.

Arboreta Botanical And Memorial Gardens

Garden Clubs are urged to support our Botanical and Memorial Gardens. Please send donations to the state chairman, Ruthellen Anderson, 427 Gold Bullion Drive East, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534. For a Certificate of Appreciation, send \$10.00 or more by March 1, 2009. Individuals may also wish to donate to this project and take a tax deduction. GCG is registered with the IRS as a 501c(3) Non-Profit Organization.

Gifts in honor and memorials are also encouraged as a wonderful way of honoring someone special.

Please enclose with your check made out to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and mail to: Ruthellen Anderson, 427 Gold Bullion Drive East, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Club _____ Club # _____ District _____

President's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Whom your club is honoring (If applicable)

2009 Georgia Historic House and Garden Pilgrimage

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources are sponsoring the 2009 Georgia Historic House & Garden Pilgrimage on Saturday, May 2, 2009 in Waynesboro (Burke County). The Azalea District and Burkeland Garden Club are hosting the event. Seven historic sites including homes, gardens and St. Michael's Episcopal Church will be open on May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$25.00 per person and, for groups of 12 or more, the ticket price is \$20.00 per person. Funds raised with this tour support the restoration and preservation of Georgia's public, non-profit historic landscapes and gardens.

Waynesboro is in east Georgia, 25 miles south of Augusta on US Route 25. It is the county seat of Burke County. All the tour properties are within the Waynesboro Historic District, recently named to the Georgia Register of Historic Places.

Open homes include two on Jones Avenue (The Shadows, circa 1876 and The Jones House, built around 1900) both have gardens which were originally planned by Dr. Hubert B. Owens, founder of the University of Georgia's School of Environmental Design. Callaway House, also on Jones Avenue, was built sometime after 1896 by the Jones Family and in 1903 was sold to William R. Callaway who resided in the home until 1917. The extensive and varied plantings surrounding this home provide a garden oasis only blocks from downtown Waynesboro.

Other open homes include Waverly, built in 1885. The formal gardens in the back are a full city-block long enclosed by a brick wall. A formal garden directly across the street from the home also is meticulously maintained by Waverly's owners. On Liberty Street, Steadman House, circa 1917, was built in the Spanish Mission style of stucco and tile roof. The Weathers House, an American Arts and Crafts house, dates from 1919 and is an example of bungalow architecture.

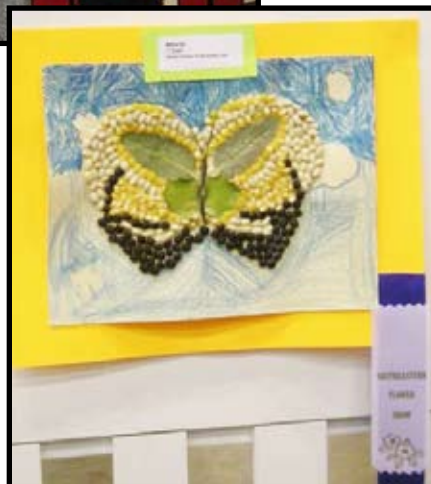
A special tour lunch (chicken salad on croissant, pasta salad, fruit skewer, dessert and beverage) will be available at a cost of \$10.00. For more info, call 706-437-8833 or visit the GCG's web site: www.uga.edu/gardenclub. Come enjoy a day in Historic Waynesboro.



(above) Crabapple Garden Club (Gainesville) working with First Graders on posters for Woody Owl and Smokey Bear contest.

(right) Blue ribbon winner in the Southeastern Flower Show by one of the Garden Fairies Youth Club (Gainesville).

Laurel District Junior Garden Clubs not pictured are: Hiawassee (Sunflowers Junior Garden Club); Clarkesville (Green Thumb Bunch) and Hoe'n in Euharlee Garden Club (The Sprouts Youth Garden Club).



Calendar of Events 2009

March

Mar. 23 & 24 • Garden Study Series 19 Course 3, Sponsored by Dogwood and Redbud Districts and held at Hastings Garden Center, Peachtree Rd., Atlanta. Contact Rosa Capps 404-292-4609 and Lorraine Loftis 404-373-1095.

Mar. 25 • South Georgia Native Plant Symposium, Tifton. Pre-registration is required. Deadline for registration is March 17. Phone 229-386-7274 or visit www.nespal.org/wildflower for more information.

Mar. 27-29 • Deep South Region Convention "Botanical Blast", See Garden Gateways Winter 2008/09 pg. 31 for more info.

April

April 14-16 • GCG's 81st Annual State Convention "Nature's Palette", Atlanta/Buckhead.

April 23 & 24 • The Cathedral of St. Philip Flower Festival, Atlanta. Floral demonstrations by Judith Blacklock, world-renown British floral designer. For more info 404-365-1007.

April 28 • Basic Design 1 Course, Winder, Georgia.

Sponsored by The Winder Garden Club, Laurel District. Instructor: Betty Mc Gaughey. For more info., call Jo Bentley 770-867-9893 or Kathy Stan-sell 770-867-9074.

May

May 2 • Garden Club of Georgia Historic House and Garden Pilgrimage, Waynesboro.

June

Jun. 5-7 • 2nd Annual Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival, Douglasville. www.pennymhydrangeafestival.com

Jun. 13 • The American Hydrangea Society's 15th Annual Hydrangea Garden Tour for Members in Atlanta. Individual membership with 1 tour ticket: \$20.00, Household membership with 2 tour tickets: \$30.00. To join, see www.americanhydrangeasociety.org or make checks payable to and mail to: The American Hydrangea Society, P.O.Box 986, Grayson, GA 30017.

Jun. 28-30 • Flower Show Judges Symposium, Athens.

New Accredited Judges from Laurel Dist.

Melanie E. Caldwell 706-235-0410
227 East Eleventh Street, Rome, GA 30161

Vivian M. Toles
210 Greenview Road, Rome, GA 30165

Karin Guzy 770-955-1303
4531 Paper Mill Road, Marietta, GA 30067

New Accredited Life Judge from Laurel Dist.

Sharon H. Payne 706-896-2337
1090 Hwy 76, Hiawassee, GA 30546

Roadside Beautification

Kathryn Litton, Roadside Chairman

Roadside Beautification Wildflower fund. Each club making a donation of \$25 or more will receive a certificate. Donations should be made payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and sent to the Roadside Chairman, South: Z Ganaway, 615 Idlewood Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327-4727.

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