



Redbud Reporter

Spring 2021

From the District Director

Dear Redbud Friends,

Happy Spring 2021! I know that all of you are excited to play in the dirt again and enjoy these mild breezes and sunny days!

As you plant your gardens, please try to incorporate pollinators. There are two articles in the Spring 2021 issue of Garden Gateways (pages 8-9 and 20-21) about plants that attract a wide range of pollinators to your corner of heaven! Please try to add some of these plants to your community and home gardens.

This issue of the Redbud Reporter will be my last as your Director. Thank you for all your support and encouragement during my two years of service. Though this past year was an unimaginable challenge for everyone, it was surprising how creative and productive so many of our clubs and organizations were in managing to help so many in their communities. I salute you for your spirit and dedication to all the many ways you reach out to others. Garden club can make life a little sweeter, a little greener and add some smiles to everyday life.

On April 21st, the GCG will hold a special installation ceremony in Athens for the new incoming officers and directors for the GCG board. Following that ceremony, the balance of the Redbud Executive Board will be installed via Zoom. There will be GCG board meetings in mid-April via Zoom and following those meetings, the 2020 Awards will be announced

via email to all the District Directors. We will share that good news via email to all of you and list the winners in the next issue of the Redbud Reporter. Award certificates and checks, if appropriate, will be sent to the Director and then forwarded onto to your club presidents. Good luck to all of you who submitted award applications for the 2020 year.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Redbud Executive Board. Thank you to: Glenda Stevens, Co-Director; Carol Weaver, Recording Secretary; Hazel Newman, Corresponding Secretary; Rigby Duncan, Treasurer; Emily Wilbert, Parliamentarian; and, Advisors Janet McGinnis, Renie Faulkenberry and Joy Zaidan! I would like to especially thank Sandy Reed, the editor of the Redbud Reporter. Truly, it is a wonderful award-winning publication.

Thank you to all of you who served on the District Board! We had quite a ride! And this will be long remembered as a very unique and challenging two years!

Best wishes to you all and Happy Gardening!

Fondly,
Quill Duncan
Redbud District Director

Happy Spring!

**Here comes Peter Cottontail offering you tickets down the Bunny Trail for the
Redbud District FUN-D-RAISING EVENT!**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE REMARKABLE REDBUD DISTRICT

**Fill
for**



**your basket with chances to win a beautiful multi-strand necklace, donated
our fundraising event. This necklace consists of Amethyst, Garnet and Lapis
Lazuli semi-precious gemstones, along with freshwater pearls and gold-filled
beads interspersed in a 22" three-strand torsade.
Necklace is valued at \$400.**

Purchase chances for \$10.00 per ticket.

The "Traveling Raffle" is NOW OPEN via U.S. Mail!

Ticket are available via email. Sales close at our Redbud District Meeting October 2021.

One ticket will be drawn at the meeting to announce the fortunate winner!

Winner need not be present to win.

For tickets or information contact:

Susan Turner, Redbud District
3380 Glencree, NW Conyers, GA 30012
770-922-4411 cell: 404-502-8147
Email: glencree@bellsouth.net

Mail completed ticket(s) and check to:

Rigby Duncan, Redbud District Treasurer
2800 Hunting Hill Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-1504
404-321-1733 cell: 678-644-9502
Email: whatarig@aol.com



Share this fun opportunity with friends, family, other groups and colleagues.

All tickets are available via email or US Mail if you are unable to print.

Write your name, address, email and phone number on your tickets; mail with check, payable to Redbud
District to Rigby Duncan, Treasurer (address above).

\$10.00 each – Purchase as many as you like!

**Place orders from club members or send a check from your club in support.
If your club wins, you have your own built in FUN-D-RAISING EVENT**

Thank you for your support of Redbud District!

Redbud District Necklace Raffle 10.5.21

3 Strand Torsade Necklace - \$10.00 per ticket/chance

NAME _____

CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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GCG Wildflower Photo Contest Deadline Extended

The deadline for the digital wildflower photo contest sponsored by The Garden Club of Georgia has been extended to April 6.

Spring wildflowers are everywhere! Capture their beauty now!

Guidelines and rules can be found at: <https://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/wildflowercontestrules.pdf>.

Reminder: All vertical photos will be considered for the cover of Garden Gateways. .

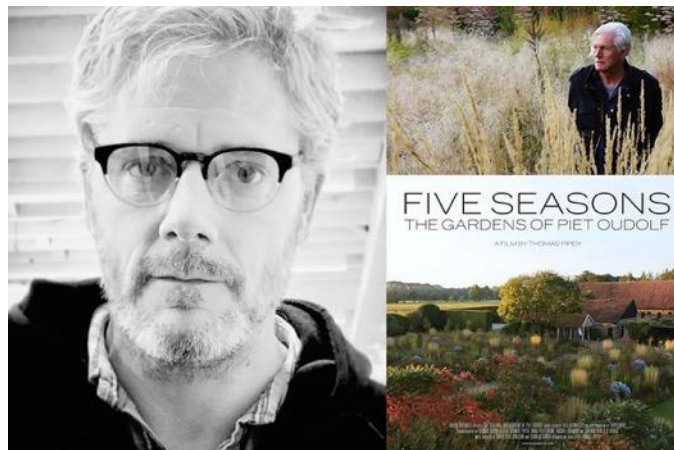
Georgia Perennial Plant Association and Cherokee Garden Library Talk

The Georgia Perennial Plant Association and Cherokee Garden Library are sponsoring a talk with Thomas Piper on Monday, April 19, 7:00 pm.

After completing a feature documentary on New York's High Line, award-winning filmmaker Thomas Piper met the inspirational designer and plantsman, Piet Oudolf, and the idea for a new project was born. The documentary, *Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf*, immerses viewers in Oudolf's work and takes us inside his creative process, from his beautifully abstract sketches to theories on beauty, to the ecological implications of his ideas.

When you register for the virtual talk, you will receive an email with 1) a link on how to watch the film before the virtual talk; and 2) a separate Zoom webinar link in the same email for the virtual talk on Monday, April 19th, at 7:00pm.

Register [here](#)





*Our sincere appreciation to the
Remarkable Redbuds
for your support of Scholarships!*

Susan Turner, Scholarships Chairman

The Scholarships Committee wishes to thank **YOU!** The Garden Club of Georgia has awarded \$60,000.00 to 25 students for their 2021-2022 academic years. In addition, there may be additional grants to our students as we continue receiving donations for this year. All Districts will receive credit for *Dollars Educate Scholars* contributions.

Redbud clubs, councils and friends have contributed seven Named Scholarships with a total of \$7450.00. This is fantastic! The total amount of Named Scholarships was \$36,450.00. In addition, \$23,550.00 was awarded through the Patrons of Scholarships, General Fund contributions and interest income from Brown Thrasher and Cherokee Rose accounts.

In speaking with students about their grants, each one is so thankful for the support offered by GCG. Once again, you made this possible! We truly are helping these young people to further their education and help make their dreams and goals in life a reality.

**Thank you again for the many ways you have contributed to our
GCG Scholarships Program**

- Named Scholarships and Patrons of Scholarships.
- Contributions for General Scholarships, Brown Thrasher & Cherokee Rose Funds.
- All the above may be given as an Honor or Memorial Contribution.
- Participation in the *Dollars Educate Scholars* Fundraiser
- Life Memberships
- Subscribing Memberships – Comes along with a great gift of Garden Gateways!
- Shop with AMAZONSMILE and choose GCG as your Charity of Choice.

GCG provides scholarships to eligible students majoring in garden and environmental related fields of study enrolled in accredited Georgia Colleges & Universities. Our grant recipients are dedicated to our mission of *Beautification, Conservation & Education*.

Most appreciatively,
The GCG Scholarship Committee
Susan Turner, Chairman
glencree@bellsouth.net

Barbara Bourque, Janet Carn, Mary Denney, Brenda Griner, Rita Hightower,
Rosemary Maulden, Edna McClellan, Peggy Tucker, Dot Williams.

Forms and Information available on the GCG website and from your chairman.
<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/scholarships.html>

Free Camellias . . . With a Little Work

As part of its mission to Promote, Preserve and Perpetuate Camellias, the North Georgia Camellia Society (NGCS) will host its first “Air Layering Swap” event on April 10, 2021 (rain date: April 17). As a companion event, an “Air Layering Harvest” event will be hosted in September.

Participants will have an opportunity to air layer rare and historically important *Camellia* cultivars from private gardens in the Atlanta Metro area. Hosts will allow NGCS or other interested individuals to take two air layers from one or more of the camellias they have identified that they are willing to share.

Since the air layers take 4 to 6 months to develop root systems, there will be a companion event in early September to harvest the air layers.

The NGCS will provide a kit to those who register that includes: enough sphagnum moss for two air layers; aluminum foil; garden ties; and, orange identification tape. Each participant will need to provide their own sharp knife and growth hormone (optional). The kits will be free to NGCS members, but non-members will be asked for a \$10 donation.

If you are interested in hosting or doing an air layer, please contact John Scarpucci at president@northgeorgiacamelliasociety.org.

For more information or to join the NGCS, go to: <https://northgeorgiacamelliasociety.org>.

Here’s a brief video on air layering:

[**Air Layering**](#)



GSU Plant Sale

Georgia State University Perimeter College Native Plant Botanical Garden has received approval to hold in person plant sales this spring, but you must **pre-register for an appointment** through the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094FA4A92EA1FA7-native>

Sale appointments are for 30 minutes each. If you would like to shop longer than 30 minutes, please select two back-to-back appointment slots. Plant sales will take place from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on the following dates:

Fridays: April 9, 16 & 23

Saturdays: April 10, 17 & 24

Please remember to select enough slots for everyone in your party. You will be asked to provide the names of all people in your party when registering.

All adults in your party will need to check in by showing an ID and signing a waiver at the check in

table next to the parking lot before entering the sale area.

Please be aware masks are required on Georgia State University property and must be worn by everyone in your party during your sales appointment. Please also adhere to social distancing guidelines of 6 ft in between different parties.

A partial inventory will be posted on the following website sometime next week.

[Plant Sales – GSU Perimeter College Native Plant Botanical Garden](#)

Please check the inventory if you are interested in specific plants. It is likely, given my current schedule, my ability to respond to inquiries about our stock will be limited.

Only cash or check payments will be accepted. Thank you for supporting the Georgia State University Perimeter College Native Plant Botanical Garden!

Online Hydrangea Presentation

On Tuesday, April 13, 7 pm, the Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers will present “Hydrangea: There’s One for Every Landscape”. Guest speaker Lisa Bartlett, garden manager at the Smith-Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw, will discuss how and why to grow those wonderful plants, hydrangeas via Zoom.

The link to the presentation is <https://bit.ly/BYA2021LisaBartlett>.

Zoom Meeting ID: 969 8274 7832 Passcode: 750933.

If questions, contact: 770-254-2620 or email coweta.extension2077@uga.edu, For more Information, go to: www.ugaextension.org/coweta.

News from the Councils and Clubs

Avondale Estates Garden Club Busy as Ever for Spring Beautification

The guys and gals in the Avondale Estates Garden Club are working 'round the clock to make their neighborhood a welcoming locale. The brand-new Avondale Estates Arboretum is off to a great start with 30 trees of interest designated for viewers. Granite markers were ordered to denote trees like the overcup oak, swamp chestnut, and red Hickory. Club members and residents teamed up on Saturday, March 13 to place the sturdy new markers.

Unable to aid holiday shoppers last fall with their annual upscale yard sale known as the Holiday Bazaar (the club's largest fundraiser), the Ways and Means committee collaborated with the Horticulture committee to organize a plant sale open to the public outdoors!

Do you need perennials for sun? Ferns for shade? Groundcovers? Herbs? Houseplants? The AEGC Plant Sale will have it all on Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the lawn in front of the Avondale Community Club at 59 Lakeshore Drive, Avondale Estates, Georgia.

There will be cinnamon fern, autumn fern, boston fern and marianna fern. There will be interesting shrubs like *Edgeworthia*, *Fatsia* with its huge leaves,

and the native *Itea*, which is gorgeous in spring. Cheerful daisies, black eyed susans, 'Black and Blue' *Salvia*, and iris in lots of colors will be available. There'll be native plants as well as pollinators, both short things and tall things. A few neat garden accents will be for sale, as well as the wildly popular beautiful Avondale notecards.

Cash, checks, and credit cards are welcome, and masks are required! Mark your calendar now because this AEGC event is one not to be missed. If you come to visit for the plant sale, keep an eye out for the new tree markers, have lunch in one of the terrific restaurants, and pop into some of the local shops. Everyday is a beautiful day in Avondale Estates!



Congratulation to Avon and Avondale Estate Garden Clubs!

Winners of \$1000 Plant America Grant

Dunwoody Garden Club: You Just Never Know What You Might Stumble Upon at a Garden Club Meeting

A funny thing happened during the Dunwoody Garden Club's March meeting! The meeting was held at an outdoor pavilion at Brook Run Park in Dunwoody on March 10, 2021. After our social half hour - which the ladies did not want to end (we hadn't gathered since November) - we had a club meeting and then a program on camellias.

John Scarpucci, the President of the North Georgia Camellia Society, gave a great presentation all about camellias – different varieties; hybrids; flower colors, forms and sizes; how to grow; forcing; pests and diseases; pruning; propagating; and, public and private gardens with wonderful camellias to see.

In addition, he discussed “lost treasures” – camellia varieties that were developed in Georgia but have been lost. There were five, and they have found three. They are still looking for ‘Wheeler’s Fragrant’ and ‘Virginia Rich’. He said the ‘Virginia Rich’ was named after Virginia Rich of Rich’s department store. He had a picture of what the flowers looked like. One of our members, Norma Barfield, raised her hand and said “I think I have the ‘Virginia Rich’”. It seemed to several of us that John was thinking “sure lady, that’s what everyone says”, but he gave her his card and told her to send him a picture. As he continued his presentation, she called her neighbor and asked her to take some pictures of the flowers and send them to her. She interrupted John again to show him the pictures. He seemed a lot more interested and asked her to email them to him so he could send them to his expert with the North Georgia Camellia society. The program ended with a lot of questions and answers. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Within a couple of hours after our meeting had finished, John called Norma, over the moon with excitement, saying they were pretty sure that in fact her bush *is* the long-lost ‘Virginia Rich’, and could

they please come see it!! Long story short, the next day he and the vice president of the North Georgia Camellia society went to see the camellia, verified it is in fact ‘Virginia Rich’, took cuttings and did some air layering!! Norma actually remembers purchasing the camellia at Rich’s at Perimeter! She had gone to Rich’s for a demonstration/class by Chef Paul Prudhomme and when she left the store from the lower level, they were selling the camellias outside!

Lesson learned – if you are looking for an old plant, look no further than a bunch of old lady garden clubbers!!



Driftwood Garden Club Creates Dried Beauties

Driftwood Garden Club in Newman used dried ginkgo leaves and other plant materials to create beautiful wreaths. Ginkgo leaves were gathered into bundles to create “roses”. Combined with dried hydrangeas, berries, pinecones and greenery – or with dried herbs -- they produced gorgeous autumn decorations for a front door!



Green Thumb Garden Club Teaches Cub Scouts about Gardening

Green Thumb Garden Club members, Angie Short and Tina Rogers, planted greenhouses with Cub Scout Pack 25. Vegetables and flowers were planted. They also made newspaper containers to transplant flowers from greenhouse to those containers to the ground. In addition, they discussed with the scouts the process of planting, what plants need to grow, etc.



The Garden Club of Senoia Holds Spring Tour of Gardens

Senoia's Spring Garden Tour
Senoia, Georgia
Date: May 8, 2021
1-5pm

The First Annual, Spring Garden Tour will be presented by The Garden Club of Senoia on May 8. We have an exciting tour planned of six unique gardens in the historic district of Senoia, GA.

The Gardens, each their own personality and style, are filled with a variety of entertainment, history, music, dance, art and other points of interest along the way. In the gardens a complimentary splash of

Champagne or Sparkling water will be offered, served by our adorable husbands, to enjoy while you stroll.

Our website is ready for you to visit and see the details of the day, and a bit more about our club. Tickets are ready and can be purchased online. They are limited so make your plans and come in a group for a fun afternoon in Senoia. We will email you two days prior to the tour with a map and other details for the tour day. An informative brochure will be available when you check-in.

We would love to see you all! Come early to enjoy lunch or spend the evening in our beautiful town.

