



# Redbud Reporter

Fall 2021

## From the District Director

### Welcome to a Spectacular Fall!

Remarkable Redbuds, as you begin your new club year, I hope that you and your clubs will be able to enjoy the sights and sounds of fall. With all of the rain, the changing of the leaves should result in spectacular colors. *Spectacular*. That is the word for this fall quarter.

Fall is a time of preparing our gardens for the winter. Whether it is planting spring bulbs, dividing perennials, pruning shrubbery, or putting down fresh ground cover, the work that is done in the fall facilitates a beautiful and spectacular spring garden. The planning that you have done for this club year is very similar to fall garden work. In spite of the current COVID-19 pandemic, you have laid the foundation for a spectacular garden club year of programs, community service and other activities. Like you, I look forward to the days when "social distance" is a geographic reference and not a linear one of "6 feet apart". And although we continue to be challenged by the COVID epidemic, I am appreciative of your activities planned in a manner that follows the CDC pandemic safety guidelines.

Fall means that it is time for our annual meeting. This year Redbud celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Due to the pandemic, this year's meeting will be on the Zoom platform. We have planned an informative district meeting, complete with honored guest, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. President Peggy Tucker. Also on the agenda are guest speaker Katie McCollum, Curator and Program

Coordinator for the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia; a memorial service; committee reports; an awards program; and, fundraising. Please plan to join us for this spectacular 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary district meeting on October 6, 2021 at 10:30AM.

Spectacular is also what we are anticipating for our club activities. As the revised Redbud District website is entering its final stages, we are looking forward to sharing the accomplishments of Redbud clubs. Pictures and summaries of your projects, meetings, and other activities will be prominently displayed. So please, grab that camera or phone and snap away! Send all pictures (with captions) to either Sandy Reed or to me. We want to celebrate you and the spectacular work that you and your clubs are doing!

We want you to send your articles directly to the Garden Gateways editor Victoria Chandler at [risingstar@ellijay.com](mailto:risingstar@ellijay.com). Congratulations to Avondale Estates, Conyers, Designers Club and Senoia Garden Clubs, as well as, the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs. They were featured in the most recent Garden Gateways.

Here is the Garden Gateway schedule for submission of articles: Winter Issue deadline - October 15 (covers December, January and February activities); Spring Issue deadline - January 15 (covers March, April and May); Summer Issue deadline - April 15 (covers June, July and August);

Fall Issue deadline - July 15 (covers September, October and November). Note: Although not all of the articles we submit get published in the Garden Gateways, we want to make sure that your work gets recognized on the website or in the Reporter. Please make sure that you send those same articles to Sandy Reed, Redbud Reporter Editor ([sandyreed17@gmail.com](mailto:sandyreed17@gmail.com)). For any pictures submitted, please make sure to include captions with names of those pictured. Deadlines for other GCG publications are listed below.

And don't forget that your activities from January 1, 2021 – December 1, 2021 are eligible for GCG Awards. Make sure to check out the Awards guidelines in the handbook provided during the July 14, 2021 Awards Workshop. This same information is provided on the GCG website: <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/about.html>. Please

make sure to check out which awards have a December 1 application deadline.

Last, but definitely not least . . . The Redbud District and The Elms and Roses Garden Club Council are the co-hosts of the October 30<sup>th</sup> Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser at Hills and Dales in LaGrange. Redbud has already made a \$1000 donation to this important fundraiser. More information about this spectacular fundraiser garden tour is included in this newsletter, but I wanted to make sure that I included my request for you to join me in supporting this important event.

In closing, Remarkable Redbud Friends, have a wonderful and spectacular fall . . .

Gale D. Thomas  
Redbud District Director

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## Publication Deadlines

**The National Gardener:** Oct 1, 2021; Jan 1, 2022; April 1, 2022; June 1, 2022 (Submit on NGC web site)

**Garden Gateways:** Oct 15, 2021; Jan 15, 2022; April 15, 2022; July 15, 2022

**GCG UPDATE:** The 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month – ([dmalone4086@hotmail.com](mailto:dmalone4086@hotmail.com))

**Azalea Trumpet:** Feb 18, 2022; May 31, 2022; August 31, 2022; Nov 30, 2022 ([ncrd537@hotmail.com](mailto:ncrd537@hotmail.com))

**Camellia Connection:** Jan 15, 2022; July 1, 2022 ([Leboren@gmail.com](mailto:Leboren@gmail.com))

**Dogwood Dialogue:** Aug 15, 2021; Nov 1, 2021; Jan 15, 2022 ([dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com](mailto:dogwooddialoguearticles@gmail.com))

**Laurel Letters:** Aug 25, 2021; Nov 19, 2021; Feb 25, 2022; May 15, 2022 ( [sapriest2@aol.com](mailto:sapriest2@aol.com) )

**Magnolia Messenger:** Aug 15, 2021; Nov 15, 2021; Feb 15, 2022; May 15, 2022 ([haglerkays@hotmail.com](mailto:haglerkays@hotmail.com) )

**Oleander Leaflets:** Oct 15, 2021; Feb 15, 2022; May 15, 2022; July 15, 2022 ([dmalone4086@hotmail.com](mailto:dmalone4086@hotmail.com))

**Redbud Reporter:** Dec 15, 2021; Mar 15, 2022; June 15, 2022; Sept 15, 2022 ([sandyreed17@gmail.com](mailto:sandyreed17@gmail.com) )

## Board Briefs Schedule

Susan Stephens, editor; ([sstep4751@aol.com](mailto:sstep4751@aol.com))

**Fall Issue:** Deadline for info – August 10; Emailed – August 30

**Holiday Issue:** Deadline for info – November 5; Emailed – November 20

**Winter Issue:** Deadline for info – January 30; Emailed – February 15

**Spring Issue:** Deadline for info – May 1; Emailed – May 15

Redbud District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Cordially Invites you to Attend Our

***Virtual Redbud District Annual Meeting***

***Celebrating Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Meeting begins at 10:30AM

Agenda includes Redbud District Business Meeting, Memorial Service, and Awards Program

**Honored Guest, Peggy Tucker, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.**

**Program: Katie McCollum, Curator and Program Coordinator,  
Alice H. Richards Children's Garden at the State Botanical Garden, Athens.**

The Alice H. Richards Children's Garden is one of the newest and most interactive spaces at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. The garden contains multiple galleries and features that encourage children of all ages to learn more about the plants and animals that call Georgia home. Join children's garden curator Katie McCollum to learn how this space has continued to be a beautiful and functioning garden, how the vegetable garden gallery has been utilized to provide food for those in need in the Athens local community, and about opportunities to volunteer in the space!

**Support Redbud and play Gift Card Canasta!**

Gift Card Door Prizes to be drawn and mailed to the winners. Your virtual attendance will be noted and you will automatically be entered for a chance to win!

Diane Hunter has generously donated a one-week stay at her Florida beach home, ***Sole e Luna***

(<https://www.coastaljoevacationrentals.com/cape-san-blas-vacation-rentals/sole-e-luna>)

which we will auction during the meeting.

Redbud District is gratefully accepting monetary donations from clubs and individuals in lieu of your attendance and associated expenses, such as registration fee, donating to a club raffle basket and purchasing tickets for raffle baskets chances.

**All contributions will be truly appreciated!**

Contributions will supplement our annual budget. Gift cards will be purchased with a portion of these donations from places that members will find useful and easily accessible.



Mail your contribution payable to Redbud District to Rigby Duncan, Treasurer  
2800 Hunting Hill Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-1504

A **Zoom** link to this ***Virtual Redbud Annual Meeting*** will be sent via the GCG and Redbud District Listservs closer to meeting date.

## 2021 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser



Each year the Garden Club of Georgia's Historic Landscape Preservation Committee hosts a special event to raise funds for the Garden Club's Historic Landscape Grant Program, which funds projects for historic public, non-profit landscapes and gardens throughout the state. Since its founding in 1998, the committee, comprised of preservation, landscape architecture, and tourism professionals, has awarded over \$225,000 in matching grants to nearly 100 projects in 44 Georgia counties and ALL Garden Club of Georgia Districts. It is the only grant program in the state to specifically fund the restoration of historic gardens and landscapes.

You are most cordially invited to visit Hills and Dales in LaGrange on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 10 am – 3 pm when the Redbud District/Garden Club of Georgia hosts the 2021 fundraiser. The 13,000 square foot home, designed by Neel Reid and Hal Hentz, was completed in 1916. It flows gracefully into the historic Ferrell gardens originally designed and initiated by Sarah Ferrell in the mid-1800s. Her gardening legacy has been continued until today by four generations of the Callaway Family. Plants

dating back to the 1840s, 2½ acres of formal dwarf boxwood parterres, and twenty-six different varieties of deciduous magnolias are just a few of the many delights.

This special day will feature tours of the home and gardens, a lecture by Horticulturist Jo Phillips on "Heirloom Plants for Garden Fragrance", a box lunch, and the Welcome Center with its film on Hills and Dales and gift shop. The lecture begins at 10:30 and seating is limited to 90 attendees so plan to come early to hear this topic, or you can tour the house or gardens at your leisure upon arrival. To explore more about the property, go to [www.hillsanddales.org](http://www.hillsanddales.org).

To register and purchase tickets which are \$40.00/person, please complete the attached form which offers your choices for a box lunch. The registration form can also be found at <https://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/hdreg.pdf>.

Redbud District is looking forward to welcoming you on October 30, 2021.

# “Hills and Dales – A Living Legacy” Registration Form

## October 30, 2021 – 10 am to 3 pm

Come join us for a day of exploration of historic gardens and an elegant home!

Please complete this registration form and mail it with your **\$40 check**  
**Made payable to GCG, Inc.**

Mail to: **Leslie Sebaugh**  
**LaGrange College Alumni Office**  
**601 Broad Street, LaGrange, GA 30240**

Your registration fee includes a catered box lunch offered by Creme Fraiche. It will be available from Noon to 1:30 PM. Tables with chairs will be available or you may choose to enjoy lunch seated on the grounds on a bench or a picnic table.

**Please check your choice for lunch and return this form no later than October 10, 2021.**

\_\_\_ Option 1: Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Potato Chip Bag, Pickle Spear, lemon bar and lace cookie

\_\_\_ Option 2: Chunky Chicken Salad, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Pasta Salad, Potato Chip Bag, lemon bar and lace cookie

\_\_\_ Option 3: (VEGAN OPTION) Veggie Sandwich-tomatoes, peppers, mushrooms, and squash on French Baguette, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Pickle, Broccoli Salad w/ vegan Mayo, Vegan chocolate chip cookie and Vegan lace cookie

All options include Callaway Blue Bottled Water.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

See you on October 30, 2021 at Hills and Dales 1916 Hills and Dales Drive, LaGrange, GA!  
See [www.hillsanddales.org](http://www.hillsanddales.org) for directions.

Questions? Contact: Quill Duncan 770 414-4766, [quillduncan@msn.com](mailto:quillduncan@msn.com) or  
Bonnie Dudley 706 884- 3787 [bondudley@yahoo.com](mailto:bondudley@yahoo.com).

## GCG New Club Mentoring Grant

To encourage current/veteran clubs to start new garden clubs with a 3-year mentoring commitment, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. established a new club mentoring program. This mentoring program offers a \$100 per fiscal year grant for 3 years. Designed to defray the costs associated with club mentorship, this grant encourages veteran clubs to

welcome new clubs by providing expertise, networking, and programmatic ideas.

Full details and applications can be found on the GCG website:

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/grants.html#mentor>.

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## NGC AMES Tools Grant

National Garden Club (NGC) local member clubs are eligible to apply for an in-kind grant from Ames Tools. Clubs that are members of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. are also members of NGC. The

application deadline for this in-kind grant is March 1 of each year. Applications are for tools with a \$250 or less retail value. More information can be found at <https://www.gardenclub.org/ames-tools-grant>.

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## Keeping Club Activities Going During the Pandemic

Mary Denney, Chairman of the Arboreta, Botanical and Memorial Gardens Committee offers the following advice for clubs struggling to meet during the COVID-19 outbreak:

“Should your garden club meetings need to be changed during the next few months since the Delta variant of COVID-19 has raised its ugly head, may I suggest your clubs consider visits to private or public gardens in your area, in order to keep your meetings going. There will be blooms available for a few more months. Then there will be fall festivals, holiday

events, and later camellia displays followed by daffodils. Take advantage of these outdoor events.

The State Botanical Garden in Athens is having its first WINTER WONDER LIGHTS beginning December 1 thru January 9, 2022. Things are going on at the Atlanta Botanical Garden also. I'm sure that there are gardens in your area that also have a WINTER display to be enjoyed. Not only will there be beautiful holiday light displays, but you will be able to see more of the bones of the gardens at these events. We may only garden in Spring, Summer and Fall, but we can enjoy gardens in Winter!!!”

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## Redbud District Hosts the GCG Board

Redbud District was proud to serve as the host district of The Garden Club Georgia, Inc.'s Fall Board meeting. The meeting was held September 14-15, 2021 at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta SW in Peachtree City. As host district, Redbud was responsible for the floral designs for Tuesday evening's dinner and the evening's guest speaker. Lovely sunflower themed floral designs for the Tuesday evening board dinner were provided by designers extraordinaire, Diane Hunter, Janet McGinnis and Susan Turner. Recommended by Emily Wilbert, the guest speaker for the evening was humorist Kathy Deaton Bohannon. The Board meeting was well attended and informative.

GCG Board members from the Redbud District in attendance included: Diane Hunter, GCG 2nd VP and Native Plant Symposium North, Co-Chairman; Gale Thomas, Redbud Director; Bonnie Pennington, Redbud Co-Director and Membership Development; Mary Denney, GCG Arboreta, Botanical Memorial Gardens and Horticulture: Trees and Shrubs Chairman; Deanna McFarlan, GCG

Convention and Board Meeting Advisor; Janet McGinnis, GCG Flower Show Judges Credentials Chairman; and, Susan Turner, GCG Scholarship Chairman and Youth Camp Chairman.



Designs were created by members of the Designers Club, Redbud District, Diane Hunter, Janet McGinnis and Susan Turner. All 13 Designs were sold to support the Board Meeting expenses.

Designs were created using a grapevine ball form, sunflowers, nandina and Harry Lauder walking stick. Plant material was set in water tubes. An inverted clay saucer was used as a base to stabilize the design.



Front: Gale Thomas. Back, left to right: Susan Turner, Deanna McFarlan, Mary Denney, Bonnie Pennington, Diane Hunter, Janet McGinnis.



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The illustration shows a red wheelbarrow with purple handles and a single large wheel. It is overflowing with various flowers, including yellow sunflowers, purple flowers, and green foliage. A small bee is flying near the top left of the wheelbarrow, and a small yellow bird is perched on the handle on the right. A small brown rabbit is visible in the bottom left corner, and a small orange flower is in the bottom right corner.



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## National Garden Clubs Grants Available

Through Plant America Grants, up to \$1,000.00 is made available to be used for direct expenses of projects. Projects submitted for receiving a grant may be a joint venture with another organization(s).

The scope of these projects in communities may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- School gardens/classrooms
- Landscaping for Habitat for Humanity Homes
- Landscaping of Blue Star Memorial Markers
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

Visit [Plant America Community Project Grants](#) for application and instructions and dates.

***Deadline for 2-page application: October 15, 2021***

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## GCG Garden Therapy Matching Grant Program

The purpose of the GCG Garden Therapy Grant Program is to fund horticultural projects that are therapeutic in nature. These projects can be either sponsored or conducted by GCG members clubs, groups of clubs, councils, or districts which provide hands-on gardening activities to either residents or members of Veteran and regional psychiatric hospitals, residential facilities, senior centers, Boys/Girls Clubs, or other noteworthy organizations. To qualify as a garden therapy project, the residents or members must be actively involved in an actual non-professional gardening or floral arranging project. Purchase of outdoor materials for raised or elevated garden beds, mini-greenhouses, and/or gardening supplies may be

considered. Garden club members are required to provide oversight, monitor use of funds, and ensure that project completion occurs as planned.

Grant applications for matching funds up to \$250 must be applied for two months prior to the start of the project and may be applied for annually (May 1 to April 30). As this is a matching grant, matching funds must be documented. The funds can come from the club treasury or donations from other supporting agencies. Funds are granted throughout the year, with the April 1 application deadline. More information regarding this grant can be found at <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/gtgrantapp.pdf>



### ***The Remarkable Redbuds Rock Scholarships!***

*Susan Turner, GCG Scholarships Chairman*

[glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)

The GCG Scholarships Committee wishes to share heartfelt appreciation to all who have contributed to our Scholarships program this past year. GCG awarded grants totaling \$74,000.00 to 24 students.

We have received many notes of thanks and each student is so appreciative of our support. In addition, these young people feel not only gratitude, but encouragement in our commitment to their education and profession. Their notes express true appreciation, a sense of relief with financial aid and optimism for their futures.

The Remarkable Redbuds came through in support of our *Dollars Educate Scholars Fundraiser!* Our Immediate Former Director, Quill Duncan, received her crown as the *Queen of Scholarships* in April. We are all thrilled and grateful for your support. Let us see if we can find the perfect crown for Gale Thomas, Redbud Director, 2021-2023!

Contributions may be sent anytime now through January for this fundraiser.

Now in the new giving period, our 2022-2023 students will be applying by February 1, 2022.

Please consider a contribution from your club, council, district or individually.

I remind you that *all* contributions really do add up!

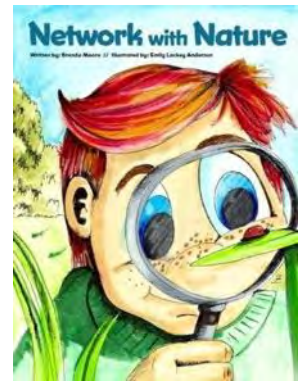
- Named Scholarships and Patrons of Scholarships
- Contributions for the General Scholarship Fund
- Contributions for the Brown Thrasher & Cherokee Rose Funds
- The above include Honors & Memorial Contributions
- Participation in the *Dollars Educate Scholars* Fundraiser
- Life Memberships
- AMAZONSMILE Fundraiser – Designate The Garden Club of Georgia as your charity of choice and start shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0706724>
- Subscribing Memberships to GCG for family, friends, speaker gifts, prospective members and others. Memberships assist in our NGC awards applications.

Your contributions are of tremendous importance as you play a role in the success of a young person dedicated to the same mission as The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. – *Beautification, Conservation & Education.*



**REDBUD DISTRICT  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE FUN WITH OUR  
REMARKABLE REDBUD YOUTH!**

Susan Turner  
Redbud District Youth Chairman  
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- YOU AND YOUR CLUB REALLY CAN FORM A YOUTH GARDEN CLUB!
- SHARE LESSONS WITH KIDS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, SCHOOL, CHURCH GROUP, SCOUTS, DAYCARE CENTERS, MASTER GARDENERS, AND FFA GROUPS ~ANY GROUP CREATES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE YOUTH GARDENING!
- WORK WITH A SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
- CHECK OUT YOUTH BOOKS FROM NGC ~ The Frightened Frog, The Saved Seed - A Journey Through a Seed's Life & Network with Nature. <https://gardenclub.org/>
- SPUR ON A BUDDING DESIGNER OR GARDENER TO CREATE A DESIGN AND ENTER THEIR HORTICULTURE IN A LOCAL FLOWER SHOW.
- DO YOU ALREADY SPONSOR A YOUTH CLUB? THANK YOU! REGISTER ANNUALLY & APPLY FOR A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATE WITH STATE CHAIRMAN TRUDY RUDERT.
- DO NOT FORGET TO SPONSOR CONTESTS AND ENTER GCG JUNIOR & HS AWARDS.
- **DUE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> YOUTH CONTESTS: Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST - DUE TO REDBUD DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SUSAN TURNER. 2021-2022 Poetry Theme: "Sing with the Songbirds- Exploring the Glory of Nature"**
- **DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> YOUTH AWARDS DUE TO STATE CHAIRMAN MOLLY KIMLER.**
- **DUE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS AWARDS & HS ESSAY CONTEST ENTRIES TO STATE CHAIRMAN MARY OGDEN BY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. Theme: 2021-2022 "The Importance in Planting for Our Pollinators"**
- **DUE JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST ENTRIES TO STATE CHAIRMAN, JONI THOMPSON.**



**OBSERVE YOUR STATE DEADLINES!**

For all youth information visit <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/youth.html>

## YOUTH CONTESTS

### **Susan Turner, Redbud Youth Chairman**

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### **The Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest**

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the National Garden Clubs Poster Contest.

Enjoy a fun and creative project while teaching these important messages.

**Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only you Can Prevent Wildfires!**

**Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!**

Visit <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/poster.html> for all Poster Rules and Tips. **Entries due to Susan Turner December 1**

### **NGC/GCG Youth Poetry Contest**

#### **2021-2022 Theme: Sing with the Songbirds- Exploring the Glory of Nature**

Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry.

Eligibility: General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Special Education and English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Info. at <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/poetry.html>. **Entries due to District Chairman Susan Turner by December 1.**

**GCG Youth Sculpture Contest encourages fun & creative ways to *Reduce, Reuse & Recycle*.**

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/sculpture.html>. **Entries mailed to State Chairman Joni Thompson by January 1.**

### **GCG Youth Garden Clubs**

Sponsoring a Youth Garden Club is easier than you think! Enjoy the rewards of mentoring young people in learning about nature and the environment. <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/youthclubreg.pdf>

**Form & dues mailed to State Chairman Trudy Rudert by December 1 (or when you form your club).**

### **GCG Awards for Youth Garden Clubs & High School Gardeners**

Review the accomplishments of your Youth Garden Club. Apply to state chairman by Dec.1<sup>st</sup>

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/youth.html>. **Entries are due to State Chairman Mary Ogden by December 1.**

### **GCG High School Essay Contest**

#### **Theme: 2021-2022 *The Importance in Planting for Our Pollinators***

This Contest is open to HS students attending 9th -12th grades. A State Certificate and a cash award of \$300. (1st place), \$150. (2nd place) and \$75 (3rd place) may be awarded. Refer to the website for complete rules and guidelines. **Entries are due to State Chairman Mary Ogden by December 1.** MARY OGDEN 51 HORTON RD ODUM GA, 31555 Home 912-586-6125 Cell 912-294-4144 [mjogden@hotmail.com](mailto:mjogden@hotmail.com)

**All Youth Information is available on <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/youth.html>**

## News from the Clubs and Councils

### *Avon Garden Club Has a Party*

Avon Garden Club members gathered for a festive Garden Party on Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The venue for the party was Jane Howe Darnell's serenely beautiful back garden. Refreshments and floral arrangements were provided by Board members. The event was purely a social event in advance of Avon Garden Club's anticipated return to in-person meetings in September although President Kathy Kingsbury did provide an official welcome to the group. As southern society pages throughout the decades have said, "A good time was had by all."




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### *Conyers Garden Club Provides Floral Arrangement for Local Library*

Conyers Garden Club ushered in Fall with a beautiful floral design created by Kathy Williams, longtime member and former president of the club. Kathy's design was made up of sunflowers, mums, eucalyptus leaves, and button mums. Each month a member shares a fresh floral arrangement with the Rockdale Conyers, Nancy Guinn Memorial Library. The designs are placed on the front counter for all to enjoy.

The Conyers Garden Club has partnered with the Nancy Guinn Library for many years to celebrate National Garden Week in addition to providing monthly fresh floral arrangements. Books are also donated in honor of or in memory of club members. Conyers looks forward to continuing these long-standing traditions for years to come.



## *DeKalb Federation Supports Garden Therapy Project*

This summer The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. donated \$200.00 for a Garden Therapy Grant to Georgia Regional Hospital and The Garden Club of Georgia matched this with an additional \$200.00 Grant

For several years The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. has been in partnership with the Georgia Regional Hospital in DeKalb County. Georgia Regional Hospital in Decatur, GA is a psychiatric facility located on Panthersville Road.

What started as a sensory garden for full-time residents of the hospital has expanded to include a year-round vegetable and fruit garden. Staff members select the seasonal plants and hospital residents plant, mulch, water, and harvest the vegetables, fruits and herbs. At harvest, the patients collect the fresh produce and assist the staff in preparing delicious salads, vegetable dishes and this year making pumpkin bread. The staff also works with residents in planning and planting many container gardens for the entire campus to enjoy.



The grants from Dekalb Federation and The Garden Club of Georgia will supply needed mulch, vegetable starts for the fall garden, and seasonal flowers for the multiple containers across the campus.

This project is unique as it allows the residents to participate in the work of planting, caring and learning about plants and pollinators and companion planting. It is a wonderful way to engage the staff and residents in positive activities and the sweet reward of fresh picked vegetables and fruits along with colorful blooms for all to enjoy.



## DeKalb Federation Members are “CHaRMed”

Members of DeKalb Federation enjoyed a CHaRMed presentation on September 23, 2021 from Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe, Executive Director of The Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM). CHaRM is a drop-off facility that collects items that cannot be disposed of via home curb pick-up. Ms. Ratcliff gave great information about the status of recycling in Georgia and the importance of recycling household items. She listed “five fab things” that will always be recycled: cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum, plastics 1 and 2 (number on triangle on bottom of plastic container) and metal.

Ms. Ratcliffe shared that the recycling industry in Georgia is second in the market for recycling manufacturing materials. She gave examples including how plastic can go to Dalton for carpet making. She also reported the aluminum cans can be recycled and back on the market within 10 days and one glass bottle can be recycled and back on the market within 96 hours. Unfortunately, the 120 recycling manufacturers in Georgia are having to get recycled materials from other states. She also elaborated about the work of Kenya’s Nzambi Matee, an African woman who has been making bricks from recycled plastics, and the work of American companies looking into recycling materials used for building use.

Ms. Ratcliffe stated that her facility takes many items, including strongly recommended electronics (TVs, etc.), chemicals (cleaners, acids pesticides, and paints), Styrofoam, plastics (#s1, 2, 4, 5, and 6; straws and film), mattresses, glass, musical instruments (for refurbished for kids), and bicycles (also refurbished). Donated household goods and textiles are sent to thrift store where 100% of proceeds go to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Items that cannot be sold are shredded for different use. More information about CHaRM and the items they collect can be found on the ChaRM tab of the [livethrive.org](http://livethrive.org) website.

Federation members were very attentive and asked many questions about recycling “dos and don’ts”, appropriate places for recycling and other pertinent recycling issues. Ms. Ratcliffe encouraged DeKalb Federation members and clubs to schedule tours of the CHaRM facility and other recycling facilities.

The CHaRM facility is located at 1110 Hill Street SE, Atlanta. It is open by appointment only on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm, and on Saturday, 8 am to 2 pm.



## *Driftwood Garden Club Brightens Newnan*

Driftwood Garden Club planted 60 hanging baskets in downtown Newnan this spring. In late summer, club members tackled the unwieldy task of trimming the beautiful, lush baskets.

The club also planted the area around the Blue Star Marker in downtown Newnan city park with colorful spring and summer annuals.




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## *Lake Ivanhoe Update*

Due to the pandemic, Lake Ivanhoe Garden Club has been dormant and struggling for the last 18 + months. The club has managed to stay active in the community by keeping up their “yard of the month” this summer and fall and will do “best Christmas decor” in December.

The club met outside the second Monday in September, which is the regular meeting day, and had 7 of 11 members present. Members enjoyed seeing each other and discussed plans for the coming year and took care of some business. Right

now, the club is it taking one month at a time and plans to meet again on the second Monday in October for a plant swap that was postponed from the September meeting.

Unfortunately, the club has lost several members due to moving, health, and sadly one member got her angel wings. On a happier note, three new members have joined the club!! Members are working hard to interest more ladies in the subdivision to join and take leadership positions. Like other clubs, Lake Ivanhoe is looking forward to more normal meetings and activities soon!



## *Old Town Garden Club of Sharpsburg Assists with Flower Show*

Old Town Garden Club of Sharpsburg coordinated the acceptance and judging of horticulture at the Coweta County Fair sponsored by the Kiwanis' on September 19 and 20, 2021.

Almost 200 pieces of horticulture from both children and adults, plus numerous container plants, were accepted. The highlight of the show was 17 dahlias, from several exhibitors, as dahlias did quite well in Coweta County this summer. They are shown in the foreground of the photo.

Pictured l to r are: Emily Wilbert, Susie King, Rita Wilson, and Gail Ericsson. Not pictured are Sara Findley and Peggie Roberts, who also did Master Gardener work that day.




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## *Shenandoah Rose Charter Member Moves to Ohio*

For the past few years, long-time Shenandoah Rose Garden Club member Frances Bowen has been splitting her time between her home in Atlanta's Shenandoah Valley subdivision and her son's home in northern Ohio. This summer she decided to make a permanent move to Ohio. Her other son hosted a good-bye party for her in July, which was attended by several members of Shenandoah Rose and other garden clubs, along with neighbors and other acquaintances.

Frances was a charter member of Shenandoah Rose Garden Club, which was formed in 1964. Throughout the years, she was very involved in club

activities and supported Federation, Redbud District and GCG projects. She served two terms as Shenandoah Rose President (1991-93 and 2003-05). For many years, Frances and her late husband George prepared the club scrapbook, which won many awards.

Club members will miss Frances and her calm demeanor – and also her wonderful pound cake! If any of her friends would like to send her a note, her new address is: 715 McKee Trail, Hinckley, OH 44233.