Dear Members of the State Board of Directors,

As we begin the transition from the warm summer to the cold winter we enter the beautiful and colorful autumn season. The season of harvest, symbolized with fruits, vegetables and grains as seen in Thanksgiving. Speaking of Thanksgiving… I wish to especially give my thanks to you for your time and dedication to the mission of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and your appointed work areas. You have been very responsive to my many requests this past year and I just want to express my appreciation to each of you for your leadership to our members.

Our 2010 Fall State Board Meeting was held at the beautiful Callaway Gardens. They were so gracious to upgrade our visit from the Inn where we have stayed many times to the luxurious Lodge and Spa. This is a beautiful facility and is an extension of the Lodge Conference Center where our meetings were held. The Lodge Conference Center earned the prestigious LEED certification for the environmental impact of its design and conservation of energy sources. This was an important time for sharing information, fellowship and to address business at hand. The Gardens are always beautiful at Callaway and this was a perfect get a way to add closure to the hot summer we have experienced.

The District Directors and Committees have been busy planning the activities for the coming year as well as the Fall District Meetings which will be held in October. Please make an effort to attend and bring someone that has never attended these important meetings before. If you know of a club that does not usually attend make a phone call to the president and personally invite them or a member of the club. Promise them a day of fun and entertainment. Certificates will be presented during this time and shopping the country stores is always such a treat.

What a thrill it was to receive so many awards for Georgia this past year. Thank you for applying and spending the time on those Books of Evidence. Let’s keep the bar up for Georgia. Consider all of the projects your clubs, councils and districts are working on and apply for an award to get the recognition that you all so much deserve.

Board Briefs will be filled with opportunities for the upcoming months. Let’s make this a record year as we all continue to Flourish Our Future.
The 2010-2011 Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Scholarship Awards of $61,000.00 were issued in July to eighteen students at University of Georgia, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Georgia Southern University and North Georgia College and State University. The GCG Scholarship funds are a result of the generosity of our members, in buying calendars, making donations to the Scholarship Funds, establishing and renewing Named Scholarships, and purchasing Bangles for Bucks’. In addition to these awards, one of our students, Melissa Moeller, was also awarded a $3,500 NGC Scholarship!

This is the largest amount of money the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has awarded for a term, ever! In these trying economic times, our membership really came through for these committed, deserving students. Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to this program. The students that receive these scholarships not only have worked hard to achieve high GPA’s, and are committed to preserving natural beauty and environmental health and education of others in fields of landscape, horticulture and historic preservation, but they also, in many cases, would not otherwise be able to accomplish their goals due to family hardships. We can all be so proud of what we share and how we fulfill our missions through these students.

Please encourage your friends, family and club members to look at the big picture when considering a Calendar purchase or a Life Membership and give freely to any of our Scholarship funds. The most rewarding facet of donating to the GCG Scholarship, of course, is the knowledge that you have made a difference in the life and future of a deserving student and have assisted the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. in promoting its mission of beautification, conservation and education for the future. Remember these students are the stewards for the future of Georgia’s environmental health.

Donations can be made in any denomination, no amount is too small. Donations are tax deductible and can be made in honor or memory of someone. More significant donation options include the Patron of Scholarships and Named Scholarships.

The Patron donation ($200.00 and above) results in a Certificate, awarded at the Fall District meeting, and the giver’s name on an archived list at Headquarters.

The Named Scholarship ($1,000.00 and above) is a rewarding option for recognizing someone special. The Scholarship name and its recipient are listed in Garden Gateways, the GCG Calendar and an archived list at Headquarters. The Named Scholarship is awarded in its entirety with consideration of pairing the benefactor and the scholarship.

Donations should be mailed to GCG Assistant Treasurer:

Brenda Griner, 244 Satilla Dr., Brunswick, GA. 31523 (Please note which Scholarship fund donation is for: General/Calendar, Cherokee Rose or Brown Thrasher, and attach PATRON form if appropriate. Also note if donation is in honor or memory of someone and to whom a letter of acknowledgement should be sent).

Named Scholarships should be mailed to GCG Scholarship Chairman:

Lisa Robinson, 315 Tulip Lane, Moneta, VA 24121 (Please enclose letter including the name which should appear on the scholarship, any notes describing the significance of donation and to whom a note of acknowledgement should be sent).

For more information and PATRON form, visit the GCG website – www.uga.edu/gardenclub or contact Lisa Robinson – gardenlisa@R22SML.com.
To all garden clubs interested in sponsoring a youth group to participate in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest and the Poetry Contest:

Each district has a Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl chairman. They can be the source of information for you with the contest. On your own you can gain information by going to the NGC Website for the 2011 contest: www.gardenclub.org and click on “Youth”, “contest” then posters. All the information can be downloaded from the website. Also displayed are the 2010 top winners, one of them from Georgia. Now is the time to choose your group and get them started on the posters. Please follow directions thoroughly. All posters should be judged by a panel of members of the participating garden club or by the faculty of the school where the contest is held. Choose 1st and 2nd places from each grade, 1st through 5th. SEND ONLY THESE POSTERS. The posters are due to your district chairman by December 1st. In turn, the district chairman will choose a panel of judges and select a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th from grades 1st through 5th, and they will be sent to the state chairman by January 20, 2011.

The state chairman and co-chairman will select from all posters received from the districts, a 1st from the combined Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl, a poster from each grade, 1st through 5th. These five posters will be sent to the Deep South chairman. Please make sure that the students’ names, addresses, telephone numbers, grade level, teacher’s names, name of schools, city and district and sponsoring garden clubs are clearly written on the backs of the posters. Also a club contact person with telephone number and email address.

It is important that you get a count of the number of students participating in the contest. Last year it was estimated that about 3,500 students either made a poster or had information given to them about the contest.

The poetry contest information can be found at the same website. Click on “youth”, “contest” then “poetry”. The poetry theme this year is “Fields of Daffodils”. The poems are due to the state Chairman by December 1st. They do not go to the district chairmen. Please make sure that the names, addresses, telephone numbers of the students, school names, city, and sponsoring club with a contact person, telephone number and email addresses are placed on the back of the paper on which the poem is written.

More information. DO NOT SEND the posters in a mailing tube. Send them in a mailing envelope. Also send the posters separate from the entries for the poetry contest. Use the 2009-2011 Guide for more information, pages 246 and 247.

Thank you for your time and efforts in educating the children of Georgia in fire safety and awareness of the environment.

Mary Byrd – State Chairman – Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest and Poetry Contest. Maryb328@att.net  706-863-1131  328 Byrd Road, Evans, GA 30809
**LeConte-Woodmanston Plantation** is currently undergoing revitalization in the botanical garden area. Established in the early 1800’s as the first botanical garden in Georgia, volunteers have continuously worked to maintain this historic site. Recent trips to Waycross to Lois Groszman’s camellia garden have resulted in *air-layering* and *cuttings* from over 300 camellias. Volunteers rescued 38 large camellias in March from the grounds of a home that was being demolished due to the expansion of the Truman Parkway in Savannah. A CD is available for garden clubs for programs on LeConte-Woodmanston. Your continued support is needed and appreciated. Please send your contributions to: LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation, P.O. Box 179, Midway, GA 31320-0179. For more information, contact Winette Almon, GCG Chairman, 912-832-3358, almon@darientel.net

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**LAND TRUST/MARSHALL FOREST**

The Marshall Forest monument at the Head of the Big Pine Braille Trail was rededicated on September 16th. A plaque in Memory of Margaret Harbin, Third Chairman of the Marshall Forest Stewards, was placed on MacLean Marshall’s restored sculpture. A lecture was held at the Rome Area History Museum with Malcolm Hodges, Steward for the Nature Conservancy; Dana Edgens, former Marshall Forest Steward; and Robert Weed, nephew of MacLean Marshall, speaking. In addition, the museum featured the Marshall Forest and MacLean Marshall’s art during the month of Sept.

In June Malcolm Hodges worked with Evan Barnard and his father David to complete the work on the Big Pine Braille Trail by reinstalling the Braille signs and removing the fallen trees from the trail. The trail is now open for tours.

Thanks to all of you for your support of the Marshall Forest. Without the continued support of the garden clubs around Georgia, we would be unable to keep the forest available for all to enjoy. Please put us on your club’s list of future programs to come for a visit. Please contact Caroline Alford by phone (706 291-0684), Cell (706 346-5886) or e-mail (caroboone@aol.com) in order to schedule the date for your tour or program.

Reminder: Please continue to include Land Trust: Marshall Forest on your garden club’s donation list to support it with your $25 contribution. In order to receive a “Deed of Gratitude” at State Convention, please send checks made out to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., with Land Trust: Marshall Forest on the for line, to Caroline Alford, 7 Pine Valley Road, SW, Rome, GA 30165. These checks need to be received by March 1, 2011, to receive credit for this year. Your continued generous support is important to help preserve this unique urban old growth forest and make the trails more accessible to all.
If you want your calendars at your District Meeting in October, return this form with your payment to YOUR District Calendar Chairman prior to the District meeting.

If you want your calendars shipped, return this form with your payment to Naomi Gerson, 718 Allison Park, Macon, GA 31210 478-471-0622 e-mail gers4177@bellsouth.net

CLUB: ______________________________ DISTRICT: ______________________________
PRESIDENT’S NAME: ___________________________________________________________
ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________
CITY ____________________________ STATE _______ ZIP __________________________
PHONE: ______________________ EMAIL: _________________________________________

No. of Calendars Standard Size (5-1/2” x 8-1/2”) ___________________ @ $ 8.00 ea. = $_____
No. of Calendars Pocket Size (4” x 6”) ___________________________ @ $ 6.00 ea. = $_____

Shipping and Handling if mailed (see rates below). $_________

Subtotal: $ _________

NOTE TAX RATE
GA. Residents Add 7% Sales Tax..............................................$_______

Total Amount Due**.................................................................$_______

**(Enclose Check Made Payable to THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.)

SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES WITHIN THE U.S.
Standard or Pocket Size
1-2 Calendars $ 4.00 11-25 Calendars $ 13.00
3-10 Calendars $ 7.00 26-49 Calendars $ 16.00
For postage rates for 50 or more calendars, call Naomi Gerson

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Bangles for Bucks
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**All profits go directly to GCG Scholarship Funds to be Awarded to deserving Georgia Students**

Make checks out to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Mail form and payment to Bangles for Bucks Chairman at: Lisa Robinson, 315 Tulip Tree Lane, Moneta, VA 24121

Have questions? Contact Lisa at – gardenlisa@r22sml.com

GARDEN CLUB COUNCILS
From reading Annual Club Council Activity Reports, Garden Club Councils across our state are doing outstanding projects. Thank you for sending your report. Our Councils are encouraged to enter GCG Award #31 Garden Club Council Award. GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman, Rosemary Maulden, received only one book of evidence this year. Councils have time to work on this, since entries are due February 1, 2011. Award #31 has two categories a council may enter – A. Awarded to Garden Club Council that has performed the greatest service to its community and B. the best single project furthering the objectives of GCG. Each category is awarded in proportion to its size, number of clubs in the council.

Please refer to GCC Guide for more information on other awards a council may enter and dues dates.
Rosemary Maulden
GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman

COMMUNITY ON MY MIND GRANT
Only two clubs have received grants so far this fiscal year. Please get your application in and be there to represent your district. It’s a first come thing, with ALL of the districts having at least one application.

Sherle Beck, Chairman; sherleb@comcast.net
NGC SCHOOLS

Landscape Design Series XXV Course III
October 8 – 9, 2010
Church of Christ Community Center
408 Broad Street
LaGrange, Georgia
Course Chairman: Marilyn Mayer, phone 706-837-0013 or email garymayer@aol.com

Deadline for Registration and Refunds: October 1, 2010

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip_____
E-Mail ____________________________________________________________________
Phone ____________________________________________________________________
Garden Club _________________________
Make checks payable: Pine Needle Garden Club LDS 3

Mail to: Betty Lester
100 Pine Tree Drive
LaGrange, GA 30240-1030

All fees include lunch and two breaks per day.
Please check one of the following choices:
Full Course (with exam) $65 ______
Refreshing (LD Consultant) $65 ______
Non-credit student $60 ______
One day (Friday/Saturday) $50 ______
TOTAL ENCLOSED $ ______

Attach National Gardener Label

Flower Show School, Course III
Millen, GA
March 1 – 3, 2011

For Details or brochure contact:
Jane Johnson
809 Reynolds Street
Millen, GA 30442
pincejohnson@bellsouth.net
478-982-5660
cell: 770-590-7846

NGC SCHOOLS CONTINUED

Environmental Studies School Series V
Course III, Griffin, Georgia
January 10 – 11, 2011

The first two courses have been well attended by enthusiastic participants eager to learn how to better protect our environment (which after all is the Redbud theme for this administration). This course will specifically study Air including temperature, climate, chemical composition, the relationship of climate and vegetation. Global warming, the ozone layer, acid deposition and implementation and impact of the Clean Air Act will be discussed. Qualified instructors from universities and governmental agencies will lead us in our study. A field trip will make the instruction more meaningful.

The cost of the course is $65.00 which includes all fees and lunch and treats for both days. Please contact Gail Berthe, course chairman at glberthe@aol.com, 770-228-8840 or Renie Faulkenberry, course registrar at renief@comcast.com or 404-378-4632. The course is open to any interested person. Garden Club of Georgia membership is not necessary. In fact, there were several Master Gardeners in the first course and they were some of our most enthusiastic participants.

NEW STATE BOARD MEMBER
SCRAPBOOK CHAIRMAN
JANET MASSEY
1808 Mount Hebron Road
Hartwell, GA 30643
jandjmassey@usa.net 706-376-2020
Please add Janet’s contact information to your GUIDE. All Scrapbook entries which are due February 1st should be sent to Janet.
The Gift That Lasts a Lifetime
Life Membership in The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. provides an excellent means of honoring those who have made valuable contributions to your club, council or district.

If you wish to become a Life Member, or would like to give the gift of Life Membership to someone else, please complete the application below and forward with a check to Bess Hartley. Questions? Call Bess at (229)768-3577 or e-mail: bhartley@alltel.net

Name of Applicant______________________________
Address______________________________
City, State, Zip___________________________________
GardenClub____________________________
District________________________________
Honored by_________________________________

___State Life $100.00  Make check payable to
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
___Deep South Life $50.00  Make check
payable to Deep South Region
___National Life $200.00  Make check
payable to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Mail check and completed application form to:
Bess Hartley
250 Cotton Hill Road
Fort Gaines, Georgia 39851

In order to be honored at the 2011 Convention, please send your application by April 1, 2011.

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST
The theme for the High School Essay Contest is “THE ENVIRONMENT - OUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY”.

Any Student in grades 9 – 12 is eligible as long as he/she is sponsored by a garden club, member, council, district or the GCG, Inc. Please read rules for entering in the 2009-2011 GCG GUIDE. Deadline to the state chairman is December 1st, 2010. All entries must complete GCG, NGC, and Deep South award entry forms. Frances Ambrose, GCG State Chairman, 679 Flintside Dr., Cobb, GA 31735; fambrose@sowega.net

“Protecting Our World-Living Green, Living Clean”
Sara Lanier, State Chairman

I am sure all of you are recycling or participating by recycling, reusing, reducing, etc. Please stay active in this project! One more time, this chairman is asking for pictures of members participating in “going green” or a write up of what is happening in your community or club. This is needed for the Deep South awards booklet for the 2009-2011 year. We want to be #1! Competitive monetary awards are offered for youth, youth clubs, garden club and state projects. Please check out the Deep South Web page for details and for application forms. If you need an application form, just email me at saralanier@bellsouth.net. Send your pictures by email also.

A few tips to consider:

Strand Lights: This is one of the fastest growing holiday recycling programs involving strand lights. Did you know that according to one holiday calculator, it would cost about $6 to $10.00 per season to light your tree with three strands of incandescent versus only 13-17 cents with LEDs. Make a switch...go to Holidayleds.com and read about what they have to offer for your incandescent lights.

Did you know that baking soda is used as a sweetener for home gardening? Use baking soda to sweeten your tomatoes by sprinkling some on the soil around the plants.

Plastic bags can be made into second generation products including durable building and construction products, door and window frames, exterior moldings, low-maintenance fencing and decks. Plastic bags can also be reprocessed into post-consumer resin used in the production of new bags, pallets, containers, crates and pipes.

Though the discussion of plastic bag bans has increased (the U.N. has even suggested a global ban), San Francisco is currently the only U.S. city to outlaw them. Wouldn’t it be nice if Georgia could be the first State to ban plastic bags??
The Garden Club of Georgia’s Former President, Sybil Bennett, was honored on her 100th Birthday on July 11th with a reception at The Crescent. She is the Grand Dame of The Garden Center Inc., Valdosta. Not only is she the oldest member of The Garden Center, but she has served in many positions through the years with the local garden clubs and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Bennett was born in 1910 in Jasper, FL, and has seen many changes throughout her life. She graduated from North Carolina Medical School with her M.D. specializing in dermatology the same year her husband, Dr. Van Bennett, graduated with a degree in Internal Medicine. They began to practice medicine in Jasper and eventually both had offices in Valdosta.

Garden Club activities have also been a very important part of her life. Sybil Bennett was president of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. from 1985-1987. The theme of her administration was “Now Is The Time”, emphasizing youth activities, the environment and conservation. Dr. Bennett is a State Life Member of The Garden Club of Georgia and a National Life Member of The National Garden Clubs. She was president of The Garden Center Inc. of Valdosta from 1961-1963. She is an Honorary Life Member of The Garden Center, Inc., one of only eight members honored for extraordinary service and dedication to the Garden Center.

One of the most outstanding memories from her years of Garden Club activities is of traveling to Washington, D.C., during Jimmy Carter’s presidency to assist with decorating the White House for Christmas. Several state garden club members were involved with the Southern Christmas theme that year at the White House.

Bennett remained active attending Garden Club of Georgia conventions, district meetings, and local Garden Center Board of Trustees’ meetings until well into her 90’s. At her birthday reception, she was encouraging everyone to join a garden club and for club members to continue their studies of horticulture and design, to participate in flower shows and never stop learning.

The HISTORIC PRESERVATION OF GARDENS AND SITES committee is pleased to announce that in lieu of our Garden Pilgrimage in 2011, we will be offering an exciting lecture at the Cherokee Garden Library’s McElreth Hall of the Atlanta History Center on April 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Andrew Wulf, award winning author of “The Brother Gardeners”, direct from London will be our guest speaker. She will be talking about her newest book “THE FOUNDED GARDENERS: THE REVOLUTIONARY GENERATION, NATURE AND THE SHAPING OF THE AMERICAN NATION”.

Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple. Sponsorships for individuals and garden clubs will be $200. ALL monies will go directly to the Historic Landscape and Garden Grant Fund. For further information contact Lee Dunn 770-391-2834.
Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp

With 19 campers actively engaged…it was Wild!
GCG Sponsored programs and the beauty of
The Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center…
It was Wonderful!
All together it made for a
Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp!

Yes, the 3rd Annual Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp was a wild and wonderful success thanks to GCG sponsors & our counselors, the CEWC & staff and families who understand the importance of bringing the outdoors to children. Our slate of 20 was full and even though one camper was unable to attend at the last minute (along with one disappointed Co-Chairman!) all campers and counselors had a wonderful time. Activities included fun and games, hiking, all the while learning about nature and wildlife; on-site stream & pond study; fishing; up close & personal with birds of prey and reptiles; Floral Design with GCG President Betty Grimes; butterflies w/GCG 3rd VP Suzanne Wheeler; container gardening with GCG member Susan Tardif; building Blue Bird houses; scavenger hunt and learning about Mr. Charlie Elliott himself and so much more!

Our campers are asked to write letters before they leave, thanking parents and sponsors for such a great time at camp. Here is what some of our campers had to say:

“Thank you all for making me and the other people happy. I did so many fun things I had never done before! It was so much fun! The other people and I enjoyed catching fishes, planting flowers, discovering interesting things in the forest and so many other things. I hope to come back again. I will miss you so much and won’t forget what you all did for us.”

“The last three days were the bomb! I can’t decide what the best part was. Everything was so great, even the food. Thank you for the wild & wonderful experience.”

“I had a blast being here. This was my first time camping with other people and I have had fun!” My favorite part was fishing.”

Once again, this camp was made possible by all of your support. We are hoping to match up campers with adult garden clubs who may want to sponsor our campers and friends for a youth club. Won’t you consider this when you are contacted? Your youth team is dedicated to making this camp a reality each year for Georgia’s youth. Mark your calendars for July 10-12, 2011. Open registration will be April 15, 2011.

Your District Sponsorship is truly appreciated!
Natural Disasters Support – USA & International

The purpose of the NGC Natural Disasters program is to aid those states that experience Natural Disasters, such as devastation created by floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, ice storms, forest fires, etc. Monetary gifts toward the restoration of garden related areas may be made available for projects undertaken by garden club members. (Limit one check per state per year.)

Each garden club member is encouraged to donate in any amount to provide funds for this program. A donation of $25 or more will merit a certificate if received by the State Chairman by March 1 of each year. See the GUIDE for instructions on how clubs may apply for funds.

Checks should be made payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and mailed to the State Chairman: Ruthellen Anderson 427 Gold Bullion Drive East, Dawsonville, GA 30534, along with this form:

Club____________________________________
Club #__ District________________________
President’s Name_________________________
Address__________________________________
City_________________State_____Zip________
Phone____________________________________
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Whom your club is honoring (If applicable) __

"Special Project"
PULL & SAVE A TAB for THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The fall District meetings are just around the corner. It is time to bring all the tab tops that have been collected over the summer to your District meetings in October. Remember to put the Name of your Club, Town, and District on the container you bring it in. These tab tops are very important to the Ronald McDonald Houses that are Homes Away from Home for families that have seriously ill or injured children in nearby hospitals. At these homes have beds, food, place to do laundry, rest and most of all be near their children.

The tab tops help with the expenses, such as upkeep, power bills and etc. Work hard to make your District #1 in 2011 at the State Convention. For more information contact: State Chairman: Vivian Toney, P.O. Box 425, Hartwell, GA. 30642-0425, 706-376-7796 or email toney@harcocom.net. Please do not mail your tab tops to me, they are to be mailed to your District Chairman, but if you do not know who your District Chairman is, please either call or email me and I will let you know who she is & where to send them.

CREATE A CLUB – GCG Special Project

During this administration there will be continued emphasis on growth of the membership of GCG via President Betty Grimes’ “Create A Club” Special Project. This project focuses on using innovative ways to organize, develop, and mentor new clubs as a way to increase our membership.

The opportunities to form new clubs are abundant in our communities – churches, schools, youth and retirement groups, civic organizations, social groups etc. The clubs and individual members of each District are encouraged to use their many creative talents to seek out those opportunities and stimulate interest in forming new clubs.

A membership competition rewarding the District with the most new clubs formed during 2009-2011 was established at the Fall Board of Directors meeting at Lake Blackshear. The winning District will receive recognition at the 2011 Convention PLUS a check for $200!!!

And, while helping your District win the “Create A Club” competition, you are also helping your District win the GCG Annual Membership Award. This award is presented to the District that has the greatest percentage increase in members April 1 to March 31. The cash amount for this award was doubled at the Fall Board Meeting. The first place winner will now receive a $100 check and the second place winner will receive $50.

Jane Hersey, Chairman jhersey@bellsouth.net
706-485-0935
Youth Garden Clubs
Are Flourishing!

To sponsor a Youth Garden Club may be easier than you think. Here are some great ways to begin and some Program Ideas to get going with a Youth Garden Club.

~Some Quick Steps to Get Going~

- Work with an existing group such as a Scout Troop or Pack, school group, 4H Club or Sunday school class.
- Meeting requirements are only a minimum of 5 times per year.
- A Registration Form may be found on the reverse & on the GCG website@ www.uga.edu/gardenclub

~A Few Program Ideas May Include~

- Flower designs; start simple & work up.
- Participate in a Standard Flower Show.
- Environmental concerns; conserving water, litter & recycling or a discussion with artwork about air quality. Sponsor a Clean-up in your local area.
- Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl & Youth Poetry Contests.
- Create Holiday or Seasonal décor using fresh plant material found in the garden.
- Herb Program ~Bird Program ~ Container Gardening
- Garden Therapy Activities in your town.

You may also apply for a GCG Standard of Excellence Certificate for your Youth Club!

Let’s get Georgia’s Youth excited about Gardening and help them...

...Plant Seeds of Knowledge & Flourish Our Future!

Susan Turner
GCG State Chairman Youth Garden Clubs
Redbud District Youth Garden Clubs Chairman
770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net

AWARD #16 – YEARBOOK
DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15, 2010

As you compile your garden Club’s yearbook, take a look at the Guide and follow the Scale of Points for Award #16. Then submit your yearbook for AWARD #16 by OCTOBER 15, 2010. Also, an information sheet for compiling yearbooks is available from your District Yearbook Chairman or the State Yearbook Chairman. Name and address of district yearbook chairmen are listed in the Guide.

Study the Yearbook Scale of Points, Presidents Activity Report and Club Program information in the Guide when preparing a yearbook.

Helen Huddleston, State Yearbook Chairman
225 Spring Ridge Road
Thomasville, Georgia 31792
Phone (229)227-9896
e-mail: hh1051@rose.net

OFFICER’S WORKSHOP
Sara Lanier, Chairman

The 2009-2011 Officer’s Workshop Chairmanship ends April 2011. If you would like for me to come and present a program or a workshop on “Pathways to Successful Leadership”, please give me a call or email me. This is not just for officers it is for all members. You will go home with a free booklet on “Pathways to Successful Leadership. This program is a great way to jump start your next year’s activities.

My email address is: saralanier@bellsouth.net or phone me @ 912-638-2621.

EMAIL CONTACTS & CHANGE OF ADDRESSES - PLEASE

We are asking each club and council to provide GCG with an e-mail contact person for the district list servers. If you received this newsletter by snail mail – it means we did not have an official email address for your garden club. Please send your Name, Club, Club #, District, and E-mail addresses to brendagriner@bellsouth.net. If your club officers change, please send me the name, address, phone# & e-mail address of new presidents, including club name, club#, district and city. Also forward to me address changes for any members. We need to change her/his address for Garden Gateways.

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Welcome to the 2011 GCG State Convention to be held in Athens at the The Georgia Center, UGA’s Convention Center and Hotel April 26, 27 & 28, 2011. Those who attended the State Convention in Macon will recall the Invitation Skit of a delightful fashion show. The theme is: "The Beginning Was Here", the birthplace of the first garden club in America.

Featured will be:
* 7 [seven] District Breakfasts if district desires
* Dr Allan Armitage, Keynote Speaker at Presidents' dinner
* Diane Davies, Speaker at the Youth Luncheon
* 4H Clovers Etc. Performing Troupe
* Very reasonable hotel rates!! for 193 newly renovated rooms
* Tours on UGA buses to: GCG Headquarters, State Botanical Gardens, Founders Garden, as well as a guided tour of the US Trial Garden with Dr Armitage, yards away from the hotel.
* Adjacent parking deck
* National award winning menus
  • Seated dining for up to 450 in the Memorial Ballroom
  • Masters Auditorium for meetings
  • Exhibit and Vendor rooms: Flower designs
  • Information regarding visiting local plant nurseries
  • Information regarding visiting Athens, the "Classic City" and much more!

>>Registration Forms will be included in the Winter Issue of ENews.

2011 Convention Chairman, Virginia Lassiter, GCG, Inc., 706/202-0574, valassiter@gmail.com
2011 Convention Co-Chairman, Nina Herrington, 706/540-0454, herrington.nina@gmail.com

GCG GARDEN THERAPY PROGRAM

Please remember our “families” at the State Mental Hospitals throughout Georgia. Your club’s donation of $25 insures garden club programs all year long, while the stockings and Easter eggs help make their holidays brighter. Remember to send the Christmas stockings directly to the hospital in your area. ALL CHECKS should be made out to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. with a designation of which program they should go to. Mail checks to GT Treasurer, Margaret Ballard, P. O. Box 338, Cornelia, GA 30531. Visit GCG’s website: www.uga.edu/gardenclub for detailed information and forms. THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING!!!!!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2010
8-9  Landscape Design School, Course III
12  Oleander Dist. Annual Fall Mtg.-Savannah
13  Camellia Dist. Annual Fall Mtg.-Dublin
14  Redbud Dist. Annual Fall Mtg.-Conyers
15  Award #16 Yearbook Due
15  Azalea Dist. Annual Fall Mtg.,-Hartwell
19  Magnolia Dist. Annual Fall Mtg.-Ft. Gaines
20  Dogwood Dist. Annual Fall Mtg.-Carrollton
21  Laurel Dist. Annual Fall Mtg.-Marietta

November 2010
11-12  Conservation Workshop and Tri-Consultant Refresher-Rincon

December 2010
1  Deadline-NGC, DSR & some GCG Awards
January 2011
10-11  Environmental School Course III-Griffin
19  Native Plant Symposium-Athens
March 2011
1-3  Flower Show School, Course III-Millen
Cherishing Georgia’s Coast Conservation Workshop
And Tri-Consultant Refresher

Sponsored by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Hosted by Oleander District
November 11 & 12, 2010
New Ebenezer Retreat Center, Hwy 275, Rincon, Georgia 31326

Learn to appreciate Georgia’s natural resources and history and what is being done in preservation of our coastal heritage. Professionals will discuss the conservation and importance of wildlife, pollinators, marshes, and waterways. Featured will be the effects of the Gulf oil spill on Georgia and our coast.

Thursday, November 11:

1:00 p.m. Registration

1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Activity Sessions

1:30-3:00 Guided tour of the Salzburger Museum, the Jerusalem Lutheran Church, and the historic settlement of Ebenezer in 1734. Make recommendations for landscaping the surrounding grounds using native plants.

3:00-4:00 Take a leisurely walk on the William Bartram Trail featuring the identification of native plants and trees.

4:00-5:00 Canoe Trip on Blackwater Creek - to view the and historic cypress trees. Emphasizing the need to protect the historical, ecological and cultural of the waterways. Plus the importance of litter control.

$20 fee for guided tour - include $ with your registration.

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Exhibits and hands-on activities

View exhibits and see a demonstration on how to make a birdhouse using recycled material and gourds. Each person will make a birdhouse or bird feeder.

8:00 – 9:30 p.m. Tri-Consultant Meetings

8:00-8:30 Garden Study Consultants Business Meeting
8:30 -9:00 Landscape Design Consultants Business Meeting
9:00 -9:30 Environmental Studies Consultants Business meeting

Friday, November 12:

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-12:00 noon Workshops

8:30 – 9:30 “The Soaring Eagle” presented by Savannah Wildlife Refuge
9:45 – 10:45 “The Magic of Pollinators” presented by Coastal Wild Scapes
11:00–12:00 “Coastal Marshes and the Effect of the Gulf Oil Spill on Georgia’s Coast. Presented by Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Dismissal

See next page for reservation form and prices
For more information, contact Betty Waller 912-754-6240 or e-mail: b.waller606@comcast.net
CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Workshop Registration fee $20.00
Optional Canoe Ride - $20.00
Room charge – Includes three meals
$65.00 per person double occupancy
$85.00 per person single occupancy

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Pre-registration is required – Reservations deadline – October 21, 2010
No Refunds after November 4, 2010

| Make checks payable to: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. |
| Mail to: Betty Waller, P.O. Box 932, Springfield, GA 31329 |

Those individuals who are Consultants and wish this to count as a “REFRESHER” should complete the reservation form below AND complete the Tri-Refresher form on the next page - sending a separate check for $5 per school to Bobbie Reid.

Conservation Workshop Registration Form

Name ______________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________

City, State, Zip ________________________________________

Phone ____________________________

E-mail ______________________________________________

Preferred Roommate for Double: ____________________________

Course Registration Fee................................. $20.00 ____

Double occupancy (3 meals) ......................... $65.00 ____

Single occupancy (3 meals) ......................... $85.00 ____

Optional Canoe Ride with Guide ..................... $20.00 ____

Check # ___________ Total amount of check...$ _______
You MUST register for the Conservation Workshop (previous page)
And send a check for $5.00 for each school for which you are refreshing (complete form below).

Registration Form – Must be post-marked no later than Oct. 21, 2010

If you have any questions, contact Bobbie Reid at 478-982-5381 or bareid@bellsouth.net

Make refresher check payable to LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS and mail with the completed refresher form to

Bobbie Reid, 935 Odum Street Millen, GA 30442-4015.

Course Fee & Room Charges pay with other form & send to B. Waller
Environ. Studies 5.00 $__________
Garden Study 5.00 $__________
Landscape Design 5.00 $__________
Check #_____________ Total Enclosed $__________

Provide your email address PRINT CLEARLY_____________________________________

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National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Environmental Studies Garden Study Landscape Design

MULTIPLE REFRESHER CONSULTANT FORM

Name: ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________
First Middle Initial Last

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP (9-digits)

Member Garden Club: ___________________________
State Garden Club ___________________________
(or Int’l Affiliate Club)

Region: _______________________________________

Refreshing: □ Environmental Studies - □ Garden Study □ Landscape Design (check the school for which you will be refreshing.**)

MOST RECENT CONSULTANT REFRESHER RECORD

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Are you a Master Consultant? □ Yes □ No

Is this your fourth refresher? □ Yes □ No

**Note: Credit may be offered to Master Consultants in each of the schools in which he/she is a Master. All other refreshing Consultants shall receive credit for one school only.
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