Even as my unaddressed Christmas Cards for 2010 are quietly sitting in a large shopping bag beside my desk, I am enjoying the memories of a beautiful white Christmas with family and friends. I truly hope yours was memorable and I am sending sincere wishes for a healthy, happy 2011 for each of you and yours.

If you were thinking October was a busy month with the District Meetings, I must tell you things did not slow down in November. November 4th Dogwood District sponsored a very successful fundraiser supporting their special projects and The World Flower Show coming up June 15-19, 2011. This was followed on the 6th with a very patriotic Blue Star Marker Dedication in Gray, Georgia. I think the entire city turned out for this celebration. Next, a very impressive “Daffodil Dig Day” sponsored by Augusta Council of Garden Clubs took place November 9th. Mayor Deke Copenhaver, Garden Club Members, and The Master’s Table Guest planted 800 Golden Harvest Daffodils at The Master’s Table soup kitchen. This is a beautiful new facility in Augusta that serves a hot meal to approximately 300 guest 365 days a year. The 11th and 12th of November was enjoyed by Garden Club Members and several spouses at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, Georgia. Cherishing Georgia’s Coast Conservation Workshop and Tri-Consultant Refresher was the occasion. The Guided tour of the Salzburger Museum was so interesting, not to mention the Canoe Trip, the wonderful food, informative workshops and fun painting a “lady Bug” birdhouse. My thanks go to Oleander District for hosting this fantastic adventure. Everyone had a great time. I traveled on to Crawfordville for the second Azalea District Blue Star Marker Dedication in November. This Ceremony took place at The American Legion Building that is at least 74 years old and is on the National Register of Historical Places as part of the Crawfordville Historic District. American Legion Riders who drove from Augusta for this occasion also helped the city acquire donations in upgrading kitchen appliances and restoration of this building. It is truly a treasure for the community. I was very happy to announce in my comments at both Blue Star Dedications of Georgia’s partnering with Delaware and other states in erecting the Memorial Garden for the Fallen with donations of over $7,000 from Georgia Garden Club Members. I have since received an update from Barbara Bourque that the amount donated from Georgia is over $10,000. The Trustees and Awards Meeting took place December 14th and 15th in Athens at GCG Headquarters. We had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Wilf Nicholls, the new Director of The State Botanical Garden of Georgia. He attended the Trustees Meeting and joined the Trustees for lunch.

The Old Year has gone. The New Year has taken possession of the clock of time. All hail the duties, opportunities and possibilities of the coming twelve months!

Just to mention a few opportunities…Environmental Studies School January 24-25 in Griffin; Callaway Gardens’ Southern Gardening Symposium January 28-30; Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas Seminar February 18-20 in Orlando; Southeastern Flower Show “In Tune with Blooms” February 25-27; Landscape Design School March 11-12 in LaGrange; Deep South Convention March 14 & 15 in Lafayette, LA; South Ga. Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium in Tifton March 23rd; Historic House and Garden Fundraiser bringing Andrea Wulf speaking about her newest book *Founding Gardeners, How the Revolutionary Generation Created an American Eden* April 21st , at 7p.m. at The Cherokee Garden Library; and The Garden Club of Georgia’s 83rd Annual Convention April 26-28 in Athens. For details of these and many more opportunities and possibilities please refer to your Winter Garden Gateways.

It has been said that a New Year's resolution is something that goes in one ear and out the other. I choose to agree with Edith Lovejoy Pierce.”We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.

Happy New Year,
Betty
SCHOLARSHIPS

IT IS TIME TO AWARD 2011 – 2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SEND YOUR DONATIONS

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 meetings of each year.

The Named Scholarship ($1000.00 and above) is a rewarding option for recognizing someone special. The Scholarship name and its recipient are listed in Garden Gateways and the GCG Calendar. The Named Scholarship is awarded in its entirety with consideration of pairing the benefactor and the scholarship.

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, purchasing “Bangles for Bucks” and becoming a State Life Member. Our membership has always been very generous in donating to these committed and deserving students. 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.

Donations should be mailed to GCG Assistant Treasurer:

Brenda Griner, 244 Satilla Drive, Brunswick, GA 31523 (Please 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 acknowledgment should be sent).

For more information and PATRON form, visit the GCG website – www.uga.edu/gardenclub or contact Lisa Robinson – gardenlisa@R22SML.com.
Natural Disasters Support – USA & International

The purpose of the NGC Natural Disaster’s 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 the 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 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 GCG Natural Disasters 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_____________________________________
Street Address__________________________________
City__________________________________________ State______________ Zip Code____________
Phone____________________________________ E-mail___________________________________
Whom your club is honoring (If applicable)________________________________

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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

The latest, revised edition of “Flower Show 101 – Fun and Fundamentals” is now available for order, priced at $12.00 each plus $4.00 for shipping and handling. Orders of five or more to same address will reduce shipping costs. Since its debut at the NGC Convention in Atlanta, Flower Show 101, now in its fifth printing, has sold nearly 400 copies to garden clubbers all over the United States.

Written by members of The Designers Club, this Garden Club Member’s guide on how to have a flower show gives detailed descriptions of the duties of each committee chairman, including a checklist for each to follow, which can be photocopied and given to the chairman. Requirements for a Standard Flower Show, as well as Cutting, Conditioning and Grooming Horticulture for Exhibiting, Preparing the Flower Show Book of Evidence for Awards, and Clerk’s Instruction Sheet are helpful additions.

If your club is having a flower show for the first time or the tenth time, you need this book. Use it now and keep it in your library. If you are attending Flower Show School, are a Student Flower Show Judge, a newly accredited Judge or a Master Judge, this flower show manual will be invaluable to you.

To place your order today, please contact Joy Zaidan (770-493-8475; jzaidan@bellsouth.net). Pre-payment of order is required prior to shipping. Remit your check in the amount of $16 (made payable to Designers) and mail to Joy Zaidan, 4986 Chedworth Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

Have Fun! Have a Flower Show!

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE 3

March 1 – 3, 2011 to be held in Millen, GA. Contact Jane Johnson, School Chairman, pincejohnson@bellsouth.net or 478-982-4979 for more information. Courses DO NOT have to be taken in any particular order.
CONSERVATION WORKSHOP AND TRI-CONSULTANT REFRESHER

Sponsored by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Hosted by Oleander District
At New Ebenezer Retreat Center, Rincon, GA

FUN AND INFORMATIVE WORKSHOP

Hands on activity was held the first night of workshops. Instructor, Charlotte Durrance, is a past president of the Gourd Society of Georgia. She is from Springfield, Georgia and began her interest in gourds as a hobby but now demonstrates all over the United States. Mrs. Durrance, in above photo, is giving instructions on how to complete a gourd birdhouse.

Top left photo are students preparing to begin the project.
Photo middle left is Betty Grimes, President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., putting finishing touches to her ladybug birdhouse.
In photo bottom left is Mrs. Durrance demonstrating putting the hanger on the birdhouse that was painted by Pat Prevatt who is watching intently.
CANOE TRIP ON BLACKWATER CREEK

Photo on right: Garden Club members are getting last minute instructions for the canoe trip on Blackwater Creek. The brave ladies taking the two hour trip viewed wildlife and historic cypress trees. Emphasis was put on the need to protect the historical, ecological and cultural legacy of the waterways plus the importance of litter control.
“The Soaring Eagle” presented by Christine Trammel from Savannah Wildlife Refuge.

Betty Grimes, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. President, presented a thank you gift to each of the speakers.


Left Photo: “Coastal marshes and the Effect of the Gulf Oil Spill on Georgia’s Coast”

Mike Sullivan and Dr. Bill Savage, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, presented this informative workshop.

Photo to right: Thompson Gardens from Statesboro brought native plants for display and also for sale to attendees.
LANDSCAPE DESIGN
SERIES XXV COURSE IV
March 11-12, 2011
Registration deadline – March 5, 2011
No refunds after March 5, 2011

(Use the same name as in previous records)

Name______________________________
Address______________________________
City______________________________
State ____________Zip (9 digit)__________
E-mail______________________________
Phone_______________________________
Garden Club______________________________

May we include your phone # and email address in the list of attendees: YES / NO

Make checks payable to:
Pine Needle Garden Club LDS4
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

MEMBERSHIP CONTESTS
Be a Winner!!!!

The deadline for the Membership Contests is fast approaching – March 31st. But there is still time for YOUR DISTRICT to be the WINNIER that will receive RECOGNITION and a CASH Award at the 2011 Convention in Athens.

- The GCG Annual Membership Award will go to the District with the greatest percentage increase in members April 1 to March 31. $100 will go the the first place winner; $50 to the second place winner.
- The “Create A Club” Special Project Award will go to the District with the most new clubs formed during President Betty Grimes’ term. $200 will go to the winner.

Get your NEW MEMBERS and your NEW CLUBS registered now so that they will be counted!!!

Jane Hersey, Membership Chairman
jhersey@bellsouth.net

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______________________________
Garden Club______________________________
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.
GARDEN THERAPY FOR REGIONAL PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS

FELT EASTER EGGS are still joyfully received by the patients at the state hospitals. PLEASE adhere to the following rules when making them:

1. Use the specified pattern included here.
2. No pins, glitter or craft glue. Use felt, ribbon, lace, or sequins and SEW them to the eggs.
3. Sew the two egg halves together by machine or by hand using a buttonhole stitch, leaving the top open for a treat.
4. Please send a check for $1.00 per egg to the GT Treasurer.

We encourage you to make 1 egg per member per club. (i.e. A 25 member club would make 25 eggs and send $25 )

Send these eggs to the state hospital of your choice. See Participation Record form for the 7 mailing addresses of the hospitals. **Deadline is March 1.**

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**Garden Club of Georgia – Garden Therapy**

**Easter Egg Participation Record**

Name of Garden Club ___________________________ Club # ____________

Name of Club President ____________________________

Address ____________________________

City ____________________________ Zip ____________ Phone ____________________________

Date ____________ District ____________________________ Amount of Check ____________

_____ # of Easter Eggs Sent

**Mail eggs to the Hospital of your choice. See State Map to determine which hospital services your county.** (Phone #s are provided for UPS shipments)

Garden Therapy - Ms. Pamela Reese
Activity Therapy Supervisor (478)445-0017
Central State Hospital - Powell Bldg Room 113E
620 Broadway Street
Milledgeville, GA 31062

Garden Therapy c/o John Paul Breault
Northwest GA Regional Hospital (706)295-6709
1305 Redmond Circle Bldg 405
Rome, GA 30165-1345

Garden Therapy c/o Gail Raby
Activity Therapy Dept (404)243-2277
GA Regional Hospital in Atlanta - Bldg 6
3073 Panthersville Road
Decatur GA 30034

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**Garden Therapy**

Volunteer Services (912) 356-2103
GA Regional Hospital of Savannah
1915 Eisenhower Drive
Savannah, GA 31406

Garden Therapy-Garrett Vance
Activity Therapy Coordinator (706)568-5261
West Central Regional Hospital
3000 Schatulga Road
Columbus, GA 31907-3117

East Central Regional Hosp-Augusta & Gracewood
Attn: Ms. Martha Ness, Clinical Services Coordinator
100 Myrtle Blvd
Gracewood, GA 30812

Garden Therapy c/o Marsha Sykes-Coordinator
Activity Therapy Dept (229)227-2970
Southwestern State Hospital
400 South Pinetree Boulevard – Bldg 100
Thomasville, GA 31799-1378
GARDEN THERAPY (continued)

For accounting purposes, All Monies need to go to the GCG Garden Therapy Treasurer, regardless of which hospital gets mdse. Make check for $1 per egg payable to GARDEN THERAPY and mail to: Margaret Ballard, GCG Garden Therapy Treasurer; PO Box 338, Cornelia, GA 30531-0338.

Name of Garden Club ________________________________ Club # ___________________________

Name of Club President ______________________________ Address ___________________________

City ______________________ Zip ______________ Phone _______________ Date ________________

# of Easter Eggs Sent

To which Hospital did you send your eggs?

Northwest Regional, Rome East Central GRH, Augusta Central State, Milledgeville
Southwest, Thomasville West Central, Columbus GA Regional, Savannah


“The Beginning Was Here”

The birthplace of the first garden club in America, Athens, GA
April 26 -28, 2011
83rd Annual State Convention

(Detailed info in the Winter Garden Gateways)

Athens Georgia Extends a Warm Welcome to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Welcome back! The Garden Club of Georgia State Convention returns to Athens after almost 40 years and we’ve missed you! As home to the first Garden Club in America, The Founders Garden and the beautiful Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters, Athens is proud of our Garden Club heritage. We’re also proud of our gardening heritage, as home to The State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the US Trial Garden, and the Ethnobotanical Garden, as well as numerous specialty nurseries and horticulture experts.

There is so much more to Athens, the “Classic City”! We’ve grown, with a vibrant downtown, many new restaurants, hotels and shops, as well as the classics you remember, like The Varsity and Aurum Studios. We are known for our charming historic neighborhoods, shopping districts, antiques and boutiques, and for pottery and art.

We encourage you to visit “Forged From Nature”, the exhibit of sculpted metal gates among the display gardens of The State Botanical Garden of Georgia. Come see how your state garden is growing. Log on to VisitAthensGA.com to find out what Athens has to offer you and plan to spend some extra time revisiting an old friend: Athens, Georgia – so happy to have you!

*Note: the original framed artwork will be available at the Convention*

Where to send your GCG Donations: 2010-2011

Make all Checks payable to: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., unless noted otherwise. Please designate what the check is for; if an honor gift or a memorial include recipient and the name and address of the person to receive acknowledgment.

Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens: Send donation to the State Chm., Mary Denney, 500 Haynie Road, Moreland 30259-2713 770-251-1670 srdenney@mindspring.com For Certificate of Appreciation, send $10.00 or more by March 1.

Founder’s Memorial Garden: A separate certificate will be issued for clubs sending $25 or more for the Founder’s Memorial Garden in Athens. Send donation directly to Treasurer: Barbara Bourque 6445 Holland Drive, Cumming, GA 30041-4641 prior to March 1. b.bourque@comcast.net 770-889-2596.

Garden Therapy: This supports the Horticulture Therapy Programs at all seven State Psych Hospitals. For Certificate of Appreciation send $25.00 or more by March 1 to Margaret Ballard, P.O. Box 338, Cornelia 30531-0338. Make checks payable to Garden Club of Georgia and put GARDEN THERAPY in the memo line.

Historic Preservation: Clubs donating $25.00 or more to the Historic Preservation of Gardens and Sites Program will receive a "Preservation Partner” certificate. Make checks payable to GCG and mail before March 1st to the State Chairman, Beverly Taylor, 2905 Meadowview Drive, Columbus 31906-1236 bevst@charter.net 706-327-8331. A donation of $100 or more will give you the designation of “Patron of Historic Preservation”. You may wish to honor someone with this gift. Individuals may also wish to donate.

Land Trust: Marshall Forest Request for information or donation to Land Trust Chm., Caroline Alford, 7 Pine Valley Road, SW, Rome, GA 30165, 706-291-0684 caro Boone@aol.com For Deed of Gratitude send $25.00 or more by March 1st.

LeConte-Woodmanston: To join Friends of LeConte-Woodmanston at one of the following levels: Student - $15, Garden Club/Individual - $25, Family - $35, Supporter - $100, Sponsor - $250, Patron - $500, or Benefactor - $1,000 or more send check payable to: LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation, P. O. Box 179, Midway GA 31320-0179. For information on programs contact Winette Almon, GGC Chairman, 912-832-3358 almon@darientel.net.

Life Memberships: Honor someone in your club and support the respective scholarship programs (this does not excuse anyone from paying club dues in the future) Send request/payment to Life Membership Chm., Bess Hartley, 250 Cotton Hill Road, Ft. Gaines, GA 39851 229-768-3755, GCG Life member $100 (make check payable to GCG), DSR Life Member $50 (make check payable to DSR), and NGC Life Member $200 (make check payable to NGC). Specify whom you wish to honor.

Natural Disaster Support: To make $25 or more donation- mail check to Ruthellen Anderson, 427 Gold Bullion Drive East, Dawsonville, GA 30534. 706-216-5034 asptman@windstream.net. These funds will be used in states where natural disasters have occurred – to aid them in restoring garden related areas. “Greening of the Gulf” is the current thrust.

Penny Pines – To make a donation (in increments of $68) to plant a tree in our National Forest and receive a Certificate of Appreciation, make check payable to NGC – Penny Pines, complete form on following page, and send by March 1st to Willie Mae McDaniel, 4189 Chapel Lake Drive, Decatur 30034 (404) 289-9764

Roadside Beautification: This provides funding for wildflowers and daffodils to be planted on our state highways. For Certificate of Appreciation send $25 or more by February 1 to Roadside Beautification Co-Chairman, Rachel Fowler, 1359 Margarett Dr., Decatur 30035-1116 404-289-5892 rachelfow@Aol.com

State Scholarship Fund; Memorials & Donations: Send to Brenda Griner, Asst. Treasurer, 244 Satilla Drive, Brunswick 31523. 912-265-3178 brendagriner@bellsouth.net Designate which scholarship - Brown Thrasher, Cherokee Rose or General Scholarship Fund you wish to support. PATRON SCHOLARSHIP contributions of $200 or more are sent to the Assistant Treasurer –Brenda Griner. Please use official form on the GCG website. NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS of $1000.00 or more should be mailed to the 2nd VP Scholarship Chairman: Lisa Robinson, 315 Tulip Tree Lane Moneta, VA 24121-2022. Contact her for more details: gardenlisa@R22SML.COM

For a Certificate of Appreciation your donation must be received by March 1st for most contributions. Please read details above for instructions for each donation. Vouchers can be found on The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. website ( www.uga.edu/gardenclub ).
ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION
BY
Kathryn Litton

Because of cutbacks in the state budget there has also been severe cutbacks in the budget of the Department of Transportation for roadside beautification and other projects. GCG has had to put the Roadside Beautification Awards program on hold because GDOT had to cancel most of the contracted maintenance services and put the regular employees back to mowing, picking up trash, weed eating, and even cleaning the toilets at the Welcome Centers. They do not have much time to plant wildflowers. The wildflowers that are seen on the highways are the ones contracted out to be planted, with the acreage getting smaller each year. This includes the daffodils, as well.

It is imperative that local garden clubs step up their giving to the wildflower program, so that GCG can make another donation to the State Wildflower Fund with GDOT. Each club has been asked to donate $25 in order to receive a certificate of appreciation. Now we urgently request that each club donate as much as you can for this purpose.

- If every club donated the $25 recommended we would have over $10,000 in one year alone.
- It is recommended, that if a club does not have the money budgeted that they ‘pass the hat’ and take up a collection to send to the State Roadside Beautification Chairman, Rachel Fowler, 1359 Margarette Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30035-1116.
- It is recommended that you recognize a special person in your club, or give memorials for those who have passed on as special recognition for that person.
- Give, give, give! In whatever way suits you best.

The donation form for Roadside Beautification is included. Please use this form to send your money to Rachel Fowler.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Roadside Beautification Wildflower Program
DONATION FORM

Please complete this form and return it with your check payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Mail your check to:
Rachel Fowler, 1359 Margarette Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30035-1116.
Name of Garden Club: _______________________________ District___________
Club #___________(as listed in Guide)
Garden Clubs donating $25.00 or more are eligible to receive a Certificate that will be presented at an appropriate recognition event. (More than $25.00 may be donated, and is encouraged to help the wildflower seed program).
Amount of donation: _ $_____________ Check No.____________
Contact Person for Club: _____________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip __________________________________________________________________
Telephone #: (__________) ______ - __________________
E-mail Address: __________________________________________________________________
Comments or Special Instructions: __________________________________________________
Kathryn Litton, Roadside Chairman
Rachel Fowler, Co-Chairman 2009-2011
Save the Date
February 25 – 27, 2011
And join us
2011 Southeastern Flower Show
Presented by the Southeastern Horticultural Society

“In Tune with Blooms”
Prelude to 25 Years of the Flower Show
Cobb Galleria Centre
For more information:
www.flowershow.org
Phone 404-351-1074

ANDREA WULF LECTURE at the ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER
APRIL 21, 2011 @ 7:00p.m.
Through the kind support of the Cherokee Garden Library

FOUNDING GARDENERS LECTURE, BOOK SIGNING
And CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION
TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Tickets are now on sale to the Historic Preservation Committee’s exciting lecture “FOUNDING GARDENERS” by award-winning author Andrea Wulf. Andrea’s newest book Founding Gardeners, The Revolutionary Generation, Nature and the Shaping of the American Nation offers a fascinating look at the revolutionary generation from the unique perspective of their lives as gardeners and plants men. ALL money will benefit the Historic Landscape and Garden Grant Fund and is fully tax deductible. Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple. To purchase tickets send your check and an EMAIL address to: Lee Dunn, 8050 Nesbit Ferry Rd., Atlanta, GA 30350. CLUBS, please consider being a sponsor for $200. You will receive 2 tickets and be recognized in Garden Gateways and the night of the event. Hurry, THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT! (For further information call Lee Dunn 770-394-2834.

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Order your calendars today from Naomi Gerson, State Calendar Marketing Chairman
718 Allison Park, Macon, GA 31210  478-471-0622  gers4177@bellsouth.net

#LUB: __________________________ 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. = $ _______

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.)***

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For postage rates for 50 or more calendars, call Naomi Gerson

Make plans now to attend the 11th annual symposium at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus on Wednesday, March 23, 2011. The symposium will feature regionally known speakers with presentations on gorgeous wildflowers, soil amendments, environmentally sound pest management and landscaping with natives. Join us for a great day at the Tifton Campus Conference Center.

Registration, coffee, and plant sale at 9:15, with the first speaker at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required. Send in the registration form along with payment. No refunds after March 14. Registration form below.

South Georgia Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium
March 23, 2011

(Please duplicate this form for each registration)

Name __________________________ Address __________________________

City, State, Zip __________________________

Registration $30.00...$ ________ For more information: www.nespal.org/wildflower
Lunch $10.00............$________ Phone 229-386-7274

Total.........................$_______ Sponsored by GCG, Camellia Dist, and UGA

Make checks payable to SGNPWS; Mail to Glenda Gibbs, P.O. Box 748, Tifton, GA 31793
LeConte Woodmanston Plantation

“There is direct and positive documentation to prove that Louis LeConte planted Camellia japonicas in his Botanical Garden at Woodmanston in 1810. These were probably the first Camellia japonicas to be planted and grown out-of-doors in Georgia. The Botanical Heritage of LeConte-Woodmanston, was an early demonstration that this beautiful sub-tropical species, could be grown superbly well in the open in Georgia. “This quote is from “The Botanical Heritage of LeConte-Woodmanston” by Mrs. Virginia Black published in “An Introduction to LeConte-Woodmanston”, 1978.

LeConte-Woodmanston Plantation is expanding its botanical garden with the addition of the 300 camellias from Lois Groszman’s garden in Waycross. Mike Jordan (Helen Jordan’s grandson) from Wagon Hammock Nursery has agreed to transplant the camellias to Woodmanston Plantation in Liberty County at cost for labor and supplies. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to expand our garden with these camellias, some of which are extremely rare. Lois died in November and the property is now for sale. If the camellias are not moved soon, these beautiful camellias will be destroyed and lost forever. LeConte-Woodmanston is listed on the American Camellia Society’s East Coast Camellia Trail. The LeConte Board’s future plans are to focus on camellias and their connection with the LeConte family. The addition of these camellias will greatly enhance the interest and historical significance of the site.

Your support is needed and appreciated to help make this project a reality. 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.

Basic Horticulture Class Series Completed in Azalea District

The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs planned and implemented a very successful series of Basic Horticulture. The seven classes were held one Saturday per month beginning in June 2010 and ending in January 2011. They were held in the Aldersgate United Methodist Church and were taught by 18 different local Master Gardeners, Nursery Owners, and professionals.

The basic plan was lecture and snacks in the morning followed by a hot lunch and then a tour of a local garden, nursery, park, etc. There was a different subject each month so that attendees would choose what they needed most.

The Basic Horticulture classes are intended to meet local needs and often work best for students who find it difficult to travel. There were 60 students in attendance. Nine completed six of the seven classes and received a Certificate. There is much interest in starting a new Dogwood Garden Club of couples that will meet after six. Districts wanting to consider a series such as this may contact Judy Kirkland at 706-556-3417. Judy received a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding initiative in organizing these sessions at the Azalea District Meeting in Hartwell last October.

Photo on left: Azalea Director Katherine Allen, Course Chairman Judy Kirkland, Teachers Laura Sheats and Kathy Black, GA Forestry Commission, Tim Mills, Pendleton Foundation and Ginny Allen, Registrar (Students in background).
“Back to the 3 R’s!”

The Litter Team takes us back to school to learn the 3 R’s—not reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic—but “reduce, reuse, recycle”! The focus of this administration’s litter team was youth recycling education. GCG produced “Bulletin Boards in a Bag” sporting the GCG logo. The bag contained everything needed to decorate an elementary school bulletin board or a bulletin board in a public library, media center or church, and the lesson to be learned is reduce, reuse, and recycle. GCG strived to provide each elementary school in Georgia with the bulletin board in a bag. Garden clubs were asked to participate by assisting in delivering these bulletin boards in a bag to local schools.

A note from Earl Banks, Library Media Specialist: “The bulletin board materials forwarded to Grove Park Elementary School (Atlanta Public Schools) are wonderful and the board is currently on display in the library media center where I serve as the library media specialist. Immediately upon putting up some of the initial materials, students were simply in awe of the illustrations. Teachers have also inquired about the board and asked me to collaborate with them on lessons about pollution. In addition to the board, I have placed several books from our library collection about the topic as well.”

Board on display at Grove Park Elementary is pictured to the left.

GCG Chairman: Jackie Fulmer, 77 Holden Road, Rockmart, GA 30165; 770-684-8229; or Jackiefulmer@gmail.com.

Azalea District Dedicates Four Blue Star Markers in 2010!

Blue Star Markers are a wonderful way to let families of those who serve in the military know that their contributions and sacrifices are appreciated.

The Azalea District proudly installed and dedicated the following:


June 2010 – Augusta Council of Garden Clubs – at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center.

November 9, 2010 – Gray Garden Club – next to the Court-house in Gray.

November 13, 2010 – Sharon-Raytown Garden Club – at the Roy Dozier Post #8, American Legion

Pictured above: Peggy Glover; John Allen; Katherine Allen, Azalea DD; and Betty Grimes, GCG President.
The Marshall Forest monument was rededicated on Thursday, September 16th, 2010. A plaque in Memory of Margaret Harbin, Third Chairman of the Marshall Forest Stewards, has been ordered. Leigh Barba, curator of the Rome Area History Museum, hosted the reception and presentations, which followed. The museum featured the Marshall Forest during the month of September and is planning a permanent exhibit. Malcolm Hodges, steward for the Nature Conservancy; as well as Dana Edgens and Robert Weed, former Marshall Forest Stewards spoke. Rome Federated Garden Clubs volunteered to provide the refreshments for the occasion. Invitations were sent to the Rome Lions Club, Rome Floyd Master Gardeners, Garden Consultants, Rome Federation Members, and other large contributors to the forest’s trail, sign, and sculpture restoration projects. Invitations were published in Board Briefs, Laurel Letters, and Federated Facts. Betty Grimes and Caroline Silcox attended the rededication.

The Big Pine Braille Trail is now open for tours. **Pictured to left** is Vickie Davidson of Mountain View Garden Club, Rome, hugging the “Big Pine” on The Big Pine Braille Trail after it is re-opened.

In October I spoke at The Rome Lion’s Club and led tours of the forest for Canton’s Laurel, Rome’s Thistle and Four Seasons Garden Clubs, Rome First Baptist Senior Adults, and two family groups. I have contacted the special education offices of both the city and county schools as well as the Georgia School for the Deaf in Cave Spring to make them aware of the Braille trail for their sight impaired students. The blind granddaughter of one our tourists came back to enjoy the forest during the Thanksgiving break. It is a special place that we need to encourage the disabled to tour. I have also made contact with the Sara Hightower Regional Library Center for the Visually Handicapped to offer to give tours in the spring.

Contact Caroline Alford by phone (706 291-0684), Cell (706 346-5886) or e-mail (caroboone@aol.com) in order to schedule your tour or program. I will be happy to make suggestions for lunch either before or after the tour. The Braille Trail is designed for easy access and has a fairly level path. Please put us on your club’s list of future programs to come for a visit.

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.

**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. There is a new awareness about the Marshall Forest. Your continued generous support is important to help preserve this unique urban old growth forest (the largest in the world!) and make the trails more accessible to all.
Bangles for Bucks
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Have questions? Contact Lisa at – gardenlisa@r22sml.com

GARDEN CLUB COUNCILS
A notice has gone out to all Garden Club Council Presidents, Consultants Group Presidents and Flower Show Judges Council Presidents that the 2011 GCG dues are to be paid by **March 1st**. This notice was sent out by email or regular mail with a form to be sent back to Rosemary Maulden,GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman. Individual Garden Clubs please do not send to GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman your dues that go to your local Council’s Treasurer.  Only Garden Club Councils send GCG dues to Rosemary Maulden, GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman.

The Annual Club Council Activity Report has gone out from the State Headquarters to all Garden Club Council Presidents.  This is due to Rosemary Maulden by **March 15th** to determine eligibility for Council Standard of Excellence Certificate.  Garden Club Council Presidents are to send a copy of the report to their District Director, our State President Betty Grimes, and keep a copy.
## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January 2011
28 – 30
- **Callaway Gardens’ Southern Gardening Symposium**
  - Pine Mountain

### February 2011
18 - 20
- **Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas Seminar**
  - Orlando, FL
25 - 27
- **Southeastern Flower Show**
  - Atlanta

### March 2011
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- **Garden Therapy Eggs Due to Hospitals**
  - Millen
1 – 3
- **Flower Show School**
  - LaGrange
11 - 12
- **Landscape Design School, Course IV**
  - Lafayette, LA
14 – 15
- **Deep South Convention**
  - Tifton
23
- **South GA Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium**
  - Tifton

### April 2011
21
- **Historic House & Garden Fundraiser, The Cherokee Garden Library**
  - Atlanta
26 – 28
- **GCG 83rd Annual Convention**
  - Athens

### May 2011
27-30
- **NGC Convention**
  - Washington, DC

### June 2011
5-11
- **National Garden Week**
13-14
- **Environmental Studies School, Course IV**
  - Griffin
15-19
- **WAFA World Flower Show**
  - Boston

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### NOTICE

Your Club President or Treasurer should have received the annual registration forms from Bonnie at State Headquarters via email. If you did not receive them, please let Bonnie know by email gcga@uga.edu or phone 706-227-5369.

Club dues are due March 1.

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### 2011 SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday, February 5, 2011**

**8:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

**The Pleasure Garden**

A Symposium and Silent Auction

Presented by the

**Atlanta Botanical Garden**

and the

**Georgia Perennial Plant Association**

Mark your calendars!

You will not want to miss these exciting speakers.
April 21, 2011

Andrea Wulf Lecture at the Atlanta History Center

All money will benefit the GCG Historic Landscape and Garden Grant Fund and is fully tax deductible. Get your tickets by contacting Lee Dunn, 8050 Nesbit Ferry Rd., Atlanta, GA 30350. Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple. CLUBS, please consider being a sponsor for $200. You will receive two tickets and be recognized in Garden Gateways and the night of the event.

HURRY, THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT! (For further information call Lee Dunn 770-394-2834.)

April 26 – 28, 2011

The 83rd Annual Garden Club of Georgia State Convention will be held in Athens on April 26th - 28th. Find detailed information on registration and hotel in the Winter Garden Gateways.

Exciting tours are planned, Allan Armitage is the keynote speaker at the President’s Dinner. Diane Davies, retired State 4-H Coordinator, will speak on “Connecting Children with Nature” at the Youth Luncheon.