



Board Briefs

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"THERE IS NO TRAFFIC JAM – ON THE SECOND MILE"... that was the message I saw on a sign in front of a church I passed. How true! Many will get on the track for the first mile, but few will put out the effort to go the second mile. We are at that point in this administration. The first year of an administration is usually filled with excitement and anticipation about new projects and new opportunities. But by the second year, we garden club folks are prone to run out of steam. I am asking you to get on the second mile with me and keep Georgia on Your Mind.

Is your club supporting Planting 4 People, 4 companion service projects for 03-05? Plant 4 Humanity (landscaping Habitat for Humanity Houses in your area) Plant 4 Hope (landscaping and beautifying domestic violence shelters, Ronald McDonald Houses, and other resource centers with people often in despair and in need of hope) Plant 4 Schools (school grounds improvement with a focus on planting blooming trees) Plant 4 A Cure (send \$36 to help plant daffodils at the State Botanical Garden, and provide funding for a needy breast cancer patient)

Are your club and your membership planting blooming trees to support the NGC project, America's A-bloom?

Do you realize that you are drinking the same water that the dinosaurs drank? Do you realize that we have all the water we are ever going to have on Earth, right now? There is no more! Have you attended a FLOW~ workshop or clean up? Each District has a FLOW~ workshop planned. Attend and learn about this important state project and become informed about our finite and precious water resources. We all make a difference, one drop at a time.

We are still calling on each club to designate someone to receive e-mail communication from GCG. The club President is our first choice, but an e-secretary will be fine. Make sure your club is supportive on this effort. We want to save natural, human, and financial resources as we promote e-communication. Make sure your e-contact is known to our State HQ staff person. Send an e-mail to: gcca@uga.edu and let us know your club name, your club number if you know it, your District, and the club's contact info, including snail mail address.

Returned *Garden Gateways* are costly. Please pre-notify our State HQ if you are moving. Clubs, please let us know when you have address changes for members, deceased members, etc.

Has your club paid your dues for 2004? Have you returned your club's roster with changes, additions, deletions? Did you mail your club's activity report to your District Director, Council President (if applicable), and one to me, your State President? We want to know what the clubs are doing! Did you apply for awards? Please plan your projects and apply for an award this year. The awards process is easier now, with more categories for winning, and the book of evidence is now simpler and shorter. Say you tried one time and didn't win? Get on the second mile and try again. Come to State Convention and look over the displayed books of evidence and learn how to become a winner.

Want to know something about garden club that you don't understand? Ask a State Chairman, ask a District Chairman. They are all ready to help you.

What is your club doing to promote youth environmental education efforts? Do you sponsor a youth garden club? Do you get your schools to participate in the many youth environmental ed contests we sponsor?

And how about increasing your club's membership? What are you doing about that? If your club has a full roster, I ask that you help create a new club and mentor them.

Is your club buying calendars? Our 2005 calendar will be ready for delivery at our 2004 State Convention. It is **OUTSTANDING** and you will want many for gifts.

Friends, I have my running shoes on, and will meet you on the track for the second mile. Join me, won't you?
I have *Georgia on My Mind*,
Jaydee

GCG April Convention - 2004



"Garden Glitter" is going to be GREAT. Redbud District members headed by Chairman Carolyn Waters and Co-Chair Jackie Payne, hope you are registered. We look forward to treating you to a Convention you won't want to miss. Remember it will be held **April 22-24 at the Buckhead Sheraton Hotel in Atlanta**. The event will add a definite "sparkle" to your spring. The Thursday evening opening program invites you to come in your best Western Wear to a real "**Rhinestone Hoedown**." Jim Johnson, the featured speaker from the Benz School of Floral Design at Texas A & M, promises to educate and entertain you with his floral talent. Friday morning will start off with the District breakfasts and a time to receive all of those District awards. Dr. Kim Coder of the Warnell School of Forestry at UGA will speak about "**Great Blooming Trees for Georgia**" during the luncheon. The afternoon will feature three excellent **workshops on Hydrangea Horticulture, Trough Gardens and Fundraising 101**. Friday evening will be a celebration with June Wood, our NGC president, as our guest and featured speaker. The **annual awards** will be presented in a new, time sensitive manner that should have us all celebrating our winnings with our Districts at an early hour!!! Be sure you have selected your club president or one appointed member to be moving into the "winners" circle around the stage immediately prior to the Awards presentation. We know you will be pleased with the exciting, time saving special way each winner will be honored. Thanks to the Awards Committee and their planning - all in response to your requests. However, the "Glitter" doesn't end on Friday evening!

Saturday morning will feature "**The Dooley and Dirr Show**" at breakfast. UGA Athletic Director and Master Gardener, Vince Dooley, will join Dr. Michael Dirr of UGA in sharing their gardening adventures. **Dr. Carol Couch**, the newly appointed GA Environmental Protection Division Director, will join us at the business meeting Saturday morning for approximately 45 minutes, beginning at 10:45 am. Finally the **Life Member luncheon** will fascinate us with a **delightful design competition** between designers from each of our seven districts. All working with the same materials, each will create a design that will then be critiqued by three out of state NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges. Come encourage your District's designer! To top it all off, there will be a **silent auction** and wonderful displays from each GCG Chairman. If you learn something from the displays, your club may be a cash winner! **Lots of excitement - Lots of Glitter**. Come share it!

Check Garden Gateways (Winter edition) or the GCG website for registration form. **Late registrations are still being accepted. Remember - package plan costs \$185** (plus late fee if applicable)

The Bag Lady & Compost Happens

"The Bag Lady" Project is coming to an end. These bags have been a great success and have sold like **HOTCAKES!!!** Of the 2500 bags that were ordered and delivered in mid-October, less than 100 remain.

Now it is time to focus on our new Project "**Compost Happens**". A sample of the backyard "Soilmaker Compost Bins" will be on display at Convention. The compost bins are to presale for a bargain price of only \$ 38.00 each (Pending Board Approval). Retail catalog price is between \$ 79 - \$ 100, plus tax and shipping. It is black polyethylene molded structural foam, with thick wall parts, square in shape (28" x 28" x 32"), lid (little hole for water to enter) and handles, two locks, dual access doors at bottom, 11.4 cubic feet, 25 year warranty, easy assembly, no tools required. The compost bins will be packaged in a flat box for easy transport and will be delivered to each fall district meeting in October. Order forms will be available at State Convention and an order form will also be in the June Issue of Garden Gateways. For more information contact: State Chairman Vivian Toney

P.O. Box 425, Hartwell, GA. 30643-0425.
706-376-7796 or E-mail toney@hartcom.net

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YOUTH ON OUR MIND

"Youth on OUR Mind" Workshop

July 29, 2004

10am - 3pm

Georgia Farm Bureau Building in Macon

To promote Youth Environmental Education and Youth Leadership. Hopefully every club will have a representative so we will increase our youth activities in Georgia. More information will be in Garden Gateways and at GCG State Convention. Approximate \$13.00 cost to cover lunch and expenses.

Tentative speaker is Dianne Davies, the retired EE coordinator for Rock Eagle. She comes highly recommended. Hope to see you there. Contact me for more details and final registration info.

Molly Kimler
555 W Hightower Trail
Social Circle, GA 30025
mkimler@uga.edu
770 464-3589

Awards Committee Reminders

A huge thank you to everyone who entered the GCG Award competition. Apparently the new rules with easier requirements and additional classes have encouraged you as we have nearly 200 entries from our clubs and well over 100 youth entries! You will look forward to our new streamlined presentation of these awards at the Convention Awards Banquet. Each club who entered for an award will have a representative in the "winner's circle" around the center stage. From here each club will receive their award(s). As soon as the presentations are complete, the photographer will be available to take your picture with the President(s). We hope this will please the many of you who have felt the need to have the evening completed in a timely manner. We want to honor your great accomplishments, but be sensitive to the length of the presentation. **Come - watch - enjoy!!** As your garden club year draws to a close, **I would like to call your attention to Award #55 GCG Award of Distinguished Service** (page 240 of your GCG Guide). This non-competitive award can be presented by your local garden club to businesses, schools, civic organizations, etc. who are not affiliated with a garden club, for ongoing or completed projects. An entry on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, giving the reasons why they are to be honored should be submitted to GCG Awards Chairman Deanna McFarlan, 3772 Allsborough Drive, Tucker, GA 30094-2403 on May 1st and/or December 1st. The certificates will be presented to the winners by the sponsoring club. We feel this is a great way to honor some of the fine groups your club has worked with in their projects, etc. Please send me your entries. Start your list of possible entries for next year now. We had a record number of NGC entries and we will need to keep up our GA winning ways, so keep sending in the entries. We need Conservation projects, Tree projects, Butterfly Conservation and Wildflower projects. We know you are working in these areas, but have not entered.

Deanna McFarlan, Awards Chairman

Scholarships

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. extends its congratulations to the 2004-2005 scholarship winners.

The Hubert Bond Owens Scholarship	\$ 6,000
Steven Benjamin Arnold Junior, Landscape Architecture, UGA	
The Founders Memorial Scholarship	\$ 4,000
Anna Lynn Hauser Sophomore, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, UGA	
The GCG Scholarship	\$ 3,000
Michael Allen Bailey Junior, Landscape Architecture, UGA	
The GCG Scholarship	\$ 3,000
Alexander Nagel Landscape Architecture, UGA	
Brown Thrasher Scholarship	\$ 3,000
Krista Anne Gridley Graduate student, Landscape Architecture, UGA	
Cherokee Rose Scholarship	\$3,000
Tara Lynnette Cooner Historic Preservation, UGA	
The GCG Work Scholarship	\$2,000
Martha Anne Reynolds Landscape Architecture, UGA	
The GCG Work Scholarship	\$2,000
John Brandon Setchel Landscape Architecture, UGA	
TOTAL	\$26,000

Two applications will be sent to National..... The winners will be announced in May.

Grand Gardeners

Are you a Club with members of long service, who have supported The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., but now it has become an effort to continue to do the projects that you always did in the past? FEAR NOT! Grand Gardeners is for you! You may choose to continue supporting only those programs of GCG as you wish. Ladies, GCG values the service you have provided for many years and the wealth of knowledge within clubs such as yours. We want you to continue your membership in The Garden Club of Georgia.

Virginia Patten GRAND GARDENERS chairman
2202 Watergate Court, Albany, Georgia 31707
229-435-9196
vpatten@bellsouth.net

Historic Grants Received

*Georgia will receive the following
Principal Financial Group grants:*

- The Garden Club of Georgia-\$1,000 (Dunaway Gardens in Newnan - Redbud District)
- Barnesville Garden Club-\$1,000 (Barnesville – Redbud District)
- Magnolia Garden Club-\$1,000 - (Fort Valley – Magnolia District)
- Parkersburg Garden Club-\$3,000 (Isle of Hope -- Savannah area- Oleander District)

These grants were for applicants working to preserve or create historic gardens. Congratulations to all our winners!
Mabel Milner, State Chair

Mountain Wildflower Trek - April 28th 29th 30th

Last Chance to make reservations - A limited opportunity is available to 18 lucky GCG members to enjoy viewing and learning about springtime wildflowers in the beautiful north Georgia Mountains.

COST: \$240 per person, only double occupancy is available, so get yourself a wildflower buddy! Includes 1st night's lodging at Amicalola Falls State Park Lodge, 2nd night's lodging at Len Foote Hike Inn Lodge, 3rd night's lodging at Amicalola Lodge, three dinners, three breakfasts, two lunches, educational programming, all taxes, gratuities, and service charges. Our guide will be Tom Patrick, botanist with GA DNR. The hike to Len Foote is considered moderate, and is about 5 miles in length. See www.amicalolafalls.com for additional info, and see www.hike-inn.com for info on Len Foote Hike Inn. Please read the info and make sure you are physically capable of participation before registering. Participation is limited to 18 GCG members, because Len Foote Hike Inn accommodates a maximum of 20 persons. Tom Patrick will be our 19th person. This time in late APR is considered the best time to view spring wildflowers for our chosen venue of Amicalola Falls State Park.



WILDFLOWER TREK REGISTRATION (please clip and snail mail)

Make \$240 check payable to Garden Club of Georgia and
snail mail to Registrar, Jaydee Ager,
344 Bear Branch Road, Kathleen, GA 31047-2807

YOUR NAME _____ ROOMIES NAME _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER: (____) ____ - _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

AFTER REGISTRATION, AND CLOSER TO THE DATE OF THE TREK, YOU WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFO
QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO STATE PRESIDENT, JAYDEE AGER – jager@cstel.net

Blue Star Memorial Markers

These markers honor all service men and women who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces.

(1) The Memorial Highway Markers are only permitted on designated Blue Star Memorial Highways. Cost \$940.

(2) The Memorial Markers can be placed in roadside parks, National Cemeteries, Veterans Administration Medical Centers or other sites agreeable with State DOT. Cost-\$940.

(3) The Memorial By-Way Markers are a 12" X 20" plaque and are erected on secondary roads, parks or any area needing beautification. cost-\$235

It takes 6 to 8 weeks for delivery. What an outstanding project this is considering all the service men and women that have lost their lives, been injured or risked their lives for us. For more details, contact

Peg Glover
glovmp@nu-z.net
706-359-4950

Volunteers with 20/20 Vision

Attention please to the info on pg 256-257 of our **GUIDE**, concerning the DSR Regional Project, and the various opportunities for awards. **Please note that the due date for books of evidence (BOE) for Volunteers with 20/20 Vision is OCT 15, 2004**, and that awards will be presented at the 05 DSR Convention. This is an unusual due date that will be easily overlooked.

Clubs, this is a very broad category and almost any worthwhile project would qualify for consideration!!! Please consult with Doris Blalock, our GCG DSR Regional Project Chair, and/or Suzanne Wheeler, our DSR State Awards Representative. **All National and Regional awards** go through our GCG Awards Committee, and are forwarded on to DSR and NGC for competition. Clubs do not apply for them directly.

Thanks and let's get busy on entries for Volunteers With 20/20 Vision.

Plant 4 A Cure

Special Project GCG 2003-2005

Plant 4 A Cure has had a successful beginning. Did you happen to visit Athens in late March? WOW !!! 4,000 daffodils blooming were very impressive. The bulbs were planted in a wide ribbon-like effect all along the left side of the entrance way into the State Botanical Garden and the GCG's State Headquarters House. Our goal next year is to have 10,000 bulbs! Now wouldn't that be just beautiful. What's more...all of these daffodil bulbs will multiply through the years! Such a cheerful legacy for breast cancer patients. Remember the "Daffodil Principal"---One bulb at a time. And don't forget the other portion of your donations was distributed statewide to breast cancer facilities to reach out to patients who need our help. Many breast cancer patients cannot afford wigs, prosthesis or other special needs.



Your donation of \$36 will plant one dozen daffodil bulbs in honor or memory of a breast cancer patient **and** provide funds for those in need. Everyone loves a bargain so 3 dozen bulbs will be planted for \$100! Please include name and address of patient for each dozen bulbs purchased.

Send Check made payable to
GCG PLANT 4 A CURE and mail to:
MARSHA WEBB OR CAROLE SMITH
1500 SPALDING DRIVE 10777 BELL ROAD
ATLANTA, GA 30350 DULUTH, GA 30097

Plant 4 Humanity

DEEP SOUTH REGION WALK-A-THON - Georgia raised more money than the other 5 Deep South Region States in the Walk-a-thon held during the DSR Convention in Baton Rouge. Monies raised benefit landscaping projects for Habitat for Humanity. See article on next page regarding DSR.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPING PROJECTS- Our garden club members have helped landscape 45 Habitat for Humanity houses and planted 222 trees during this administration. Together we can turn yards into gardens - dreams into reality. We have opened our hearts and hands. Keep up the good work. Please continue reporting your projects to:

Rosemary Maulden, GCG Plant 4 Humanity Chair
302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick, GA 31525
912-267-9623
Email 104126.1710@compuserve.com

Plant 4 Humanity Landscape Project GCG Report Form

As of March 1, 2005

Type or print legibly _____ District
_____ Date planted _____ City

Name of Club _____

(full name as in Roster)

Club # _____

\$Value of Project _____

\$Donations _____

#of Trees _____

and brief description of project

Plant 4 Hope

From the sale of raffle tickets for the Lacey Champion rug, matching grants not to exceed \$100.00, are available for the Plant 4 Hope project in your community, i.e.: landscaping and beautifying domestic violence shelters, Ronald McDonald Houses, and other resource centers with people often in despair and in need of hope.

All you need to do is fill out an application form and get matching funds. We have monies available at this time. The first clubs applying with the proper documentation will receive funding. We will need the following supporting documentation to accompany your application:

1. **before and after pictures**
2. **a work plan**
3. **receipts for expenses**
4. **a letter of acknowledgment from the facility**

If you have any questions, please contact me...
Sara Lanier, Plant 4 Hope Chairman
11 Tanglewood Rd.
St. Simons Island, GA 31522
912-638-2621 or email: lanier@technonet.com

Deep South Regional Convention - Georgia Excels

We are proud of our Georgia Garden Clubs. Let us celebrate in our success, but raise the bar higher for next year. There were many DSR awards for which no one applied.

GEORGIA raised the most money for the Habitat for Humanity (H4H) Walk on the Levee - \$1825.00 - all of which will go back to our Districts for H4H landscaping work. Thanks to all those who supported the walk financially, and for those that walked in Baton Rouge.

As you can see, Georgia topped the list in awards:

- ***** **GEORGIA-21** *****
 FLORIDA-9
 MISSISSIPPI-7
 TENNESSEE-5
 LOUISIANA-2
 ALABAMA-2

GEORGIA really wiped up in the youth categories! Thank you Molly Kimler and the GCG Youth Team! At one point in the awards presentation, there was confusion, and the DSR Awards Chairman remarked, "Oh, just give it to GEORGIA!"

There was only one scholarship application received for the DSR scholarship of \$1000. This is for a deserving high school senior about to enter college and wishing to major in an environmental, garden-related field. Mississippi had the only applicant. Please help GEORGIA have an applicant for next year. Surely we all know a deserving high schooler headed to college. The form is on the DSR website. See it at:

http://www.dsregion.org/text/scholarship_application.pdf

Take a copy to your local high school and give it to the counselors. Let's get a winner from GEORGIA next year. For those that may not be aware, Peggy White of GEORGIA, began the DSR Life Membership (LM) program when she was DSR Director, and the LM funds provide the funding for the scholarship. Peggy is also a Past President of GCG. Show your support for Peggy's vision and leadership, and show pride in GCG. Let's have a GEORGIA winner next year!

America's A-Bloom

The National Project, America's A-Bloom, has generated much interest and excitement. Depending upon your area, you may still plant trees now, or at least plan now for a tree planting project next fall. Clubs, get organized!!

GCG will be totaling the number of flowering trees planted by garden clubs during this two year period. Please complete the form below to document your planting so we can tally how well each district has done.

**AMERICA'S A-BLOOM and/or Plant 4 Schools
2003-2005**

1. District : _____

2. State : _____

3. Name of Garden Club: _____ # _____

4. Name of individual (if applies) _____

5. Type of tree/qty _____ / _____

Total # Trees planted _____

6. Location _____

7. Month/Year Planted _____

Deadline to submit this form is January 12, 2005
 Email to: Connie Ewing cewing@surfsouth.com
 Mail to : Connie Ewing, State Chairman
 302 W. 26th. Street
 Tifton, GA 31794

Plant 4 Schools

Keep planting flowering trees at local schools! Be creative and have fun in your tree plantings. Get the students involved. Maybe even start a junior garden club.



Encourage your local clubs to participate and get the planting forms and the lists of flowering trees to them.

Be sure to fill out the accounting form. You can use this for either project, America's A-Bloom and/or Plant 4 Schools. Documentation is very important, don't forget!

Thanks,
 Connie Ewing and Millie Faircloth, Co-Chairmen
cewing@surfsouth.com

Historic Landscape Initiative Workshop at GCG Convention

The Garden Club of Georgia's Historic Landscape Initiative has entered its second year, and over 35 of the state's historic gardens have been surveyed.

Join us on Thursday, April 22 from 2:15 – 4:00 pm at the State Convention. Learn which gardens have been identified and find out how to become involved in this important project. James R. Cothran, FASLA, author of *Gardens of Historic Charleston* and *Gardens & Historic Plants of the Antebellum South*, will talk to us about Georgia's garden and landscape heritage. Staci Catron-Sullivan, Director of the Cherokee Garden Library, will focus on ways to research a historic garden. Information on surveying these resources will also be discussed.

This workshop is cosponsored by the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the Historic Preservation Div. of the Georgia Dept. of Nat. Resources, and the Cherokee Garden Library. Whether you're currently involved with the Historic Landscape Initiative, would like to be, or are just interested in finding out more about this exciting project, come join us on the 22nd!

For more details, contact:

Mabel Milner
123 Westmore Road, Rome 30165-4235
706-232-1613

National Garden Week June 6th-12th

Make plans now for your Club to participate in National Garden Week June 6-12, 2004. Clubs can plant flowers, trees, visit nursing homes, put flowers in public buildings, or have a Tea. There are many ways for clubs to participate. Use your imagination. Use this Week to educate the public about the work that Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. does. It is important that when you send me your report that you send as much supportive material as possible. Please include:

1. Send a brief resume' explaining what your club has accomplished.
2. Supportive materials such as newspaper clippings should be dated and show the name of the publication, date, identification of those in the picture and the name of the event.
3. Photographs should also identify those in the picture and event.
4. Any other material such as programs, flyers, etc should also be sent to this chairman.

This material will be most helpful in making the Nat. Garden Week report to the National Awards Committee for judging. Please send your reports to me by September 15th.

Maxine Goldstein, National Garden Week Chair
P.O. Box 1847, Milledgeville, GA 31061-1847
maxinesg@alltel.net 478-452-2262

Financial Resources Development

The Financial Resources Development Committee, established by President Jaydee Ager, has worked hard and learned a great deal in its first year of work. We have had the professional help of Terri Theisen, thanks to the generosity of Dr. William Stuart. Terri is a professional in the fields of fundraising and managing non-profit organizations. She will be giving a seminar at Convention, speaking on *Positioning and Carrying Out Fundraising in Your Community*. Be sure to attend to learn how your club can improve its fundraising methods.

Several corporations and foundations have responded generously to our grant applications and have provided funding for important projects. **The Georgia Power Foundation** gave \$35,000 for program support. Part of this money funded the Bag Lady Project. Another portion is funding the new anti-litter video we are premiering at the GCG State Convention. The **Sapelo Foundation** made a grant of \$20,000 for FLOW~, and GCG's water conservation advocacy work. In addition, GCG received \$2,600 from the **Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation**, in general support of our mission, and it will be used to help underwrite the expenses of the anti-litter video which is aimed at 8-10 year olds, and will be supplied free of charge to every elementary school in our State. **Sun Trust Bank** gave \$1,000 and it is being used for the video. A final grant of \$5,000 came from **The Newland Family Foundation**. This has been designated for use in the education of garden club members and citizens of Georgia in the FLOW~ program on protection and optimum use of Georgia's water resources.

The Garden Club of Georgia owes a great debt of thanks to these generous businesses and foundations for their help in strengthening and expanding our work.

Members of the Financial Resources Development Committee are Marion Lifsey, chairman; Lee Dunn; Marsha Webb; Patricia Payne White, Joy Zaidan, Sylvia Gibson, Jeannine Row, and Jaydee Ager. We have very much appreciated the suggestions sent to us by Board and club members, and hope that you will all continue to send us your ideas for good contacts for grant applications.

Thank you,
Marion Lifsey

Calendar Sales

The 2005 Pathway Georgia's Pride Calendar sales have begun! You will be able to buy and pick up your copy at the state convention in Atlanta on April 22-24. District calendar chairman will be picking up their calendars for districts as well as those preordered by clubs and members. The price is \$7.00 All proceeds derived from these calendar sales will continue to provide scholarships for Georgia students majoring in garden related subjects. Order early for this is sure to be a sell out!! Will your district be completely sold out at your district meeting in October??? The order form has been sent to the district club presidents through the listserver. Forms will be available at convention if you need one. Mail orders are to be sent to Virginia Pennington, 4804 Cobb Lane, Tifton, GA 31794 fpennington@planttel.net.

FLOW~ Forging Leadership in Our Watersheds

A Program for Community-Based Watershed Protection Sponsored by
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Calendar of Workshops 2004

DATE/

FLOW~ Workshop	Location	Contact Person
March 14-16 State Brd Wkshp	Waverly	Patricia Payne White- 404.876.7508 peavinewatershedalliance@hotmail.com
May 4 Camellia District	Valdosta	Karen Hendrix-229.382.9093 hhendrix1@mchsi.com
May 21 Laurel District	Hiawassee	Dorothy Lee-706.896.1506 dslee@alltel.net
May 25 Redbud District	Decatur	Susan Dodd-770.760.7254 sgdodd@mindspring.com
May 27 Azalea District	Athens	Ellen Goodrich-478.452.7734 ellen59@alltel.net
September 7 Magnolia District	Albany	Sue Dunn-229.887.3334 sdunnsmsd@aol.com
September 30 Oleander District	Statesboro	Jean Terry-912.285.7090 jeanwterry@yahoo.com
November 16 Dogwood District	Dunwoody	Sara Chambless-770.955.1366 homesara@comcast.net

*Contact State Chair and FLOW~ Team for more information about **GCG's FLOW~Workshops**. **Mark the date.**

Special Award

GCG's FLOW~ program received a special recognition from The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia (EEA) at their annual conference held in mid March in Cordele. To learn more about EEA, see: www.eealliance.org Georgia's Adopt-A-Stream program, nominated GCG for the **Outstanding Outreach and Partnership Award**. Jaydee was privileged to accept this award on behalf of GCG. One of our Chairmen, Dr Becky Champion, attended the conference and presented a program about FLOW~ .

Thanks to Patricia, Becky, and the entire State FLOW~ team. And grateful appreciation to the **Sapelo Foundation, The Newland Family Foundation, Allen Hauck, and Patricia Payne White** for providing funding for FLOW~ .

Life Memberships

-----THE GIFT FOR A LIFETIME-----

Becoming a Life Member in The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the Deep South Region or National Garden Club indicates an interest in and devotion to the ideals of these organizations. If you are a State Board Member, Garden Club President, Flower Show Judge or Landscape Design Critic, you SHOULD be a Life Member.

GCG cost is \$100 – Make check to GCG
Deep South is \$50 - make check to DSR
National is \$200 – Make check to NGC

Use the following form:

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Garden Club _____

District _____

Honored by _____

Send check and application form to
Mrs. Joseph Szmyd
4 Prestbury Lane
Savannah, Ga. 31411
Do it today!!!!

E-mail Contacts & Change of Addresses – PLEASE

We are asking each club and council to provide GCG with an e-mail contact person. The Garden Club of Georgia has established a District List Server for each of the seven districts. 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 email addresses to babourque@mindspring.com in the following manner:

Example: Dollie Harper dtharper@hartcom.net President Madora Garden Club Azalea District
or Dollie Harper dtharper@hartcom.net Member Madora Garden Club Azalea District

(If you received this newsletter via the internet, we already have your address - but please send us additional names from your club. If you received this both by email **and** snail mail - contact me to correct my data base. Thank you. Barbara)

Change of Officers - kindly send me the name/address/phone #/ & email address of new presidents, including Club name, club #, district and city.

FYI – Board Briefs Deadlines

Next deadline is **July 15th for the August issue**. Submission deadlines for Board Briefs are as follows: Nov 15th for December Issue; March 15th for April Issue; and July 15th for August issue. Please submit information via email to

babourque@mindspring.com

Thank you.

Barbara Bourque,
Board Briefs Editor

Things to see and do.....

The Atlanta Chapter of the *American Ivy Society*

Presents

An Ivy Symposium –

“Creative Topiary - Knowing and Growing Ivy”

Tuesday, August 17, 2004

9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Speaker: Ms. Patricia Hammer

Nationally recognized Author, Topiary Designer, Ivy Entrepreneur, and Owner of Samia Rose Topiary, Encinitas, CA

**Bellmere Garden House
10077 Bell Road - Duluth, GA
\$25.00 (Includes Luncheon)**

**For more information contact Rosa Capps –
Phone: 404-292-4609**

**For Reservations: Send check for \$25.00 to:
The Atlanta Chapter of the American Ivy Society,
Carol Ellis, Registrar
PO Box 248, Douglasville, GA 30133
(Phone: 770-942-4578)**

Garden Club of Savannah and North of Gaston Street Tour!

April 23-24, 2004 The walking tour includes eight walled gardens and the award winning Massie School Garden, one of the Garden Club's community projects. Different private gardens are selected each year for excellence of design, historical interest and beauty.

For more information, please visit

www.gcofsavannahnogstour.org .

Call 912-961-4805 or write

Garden Tours of Savannah

P.O. Box 13892, Savannah, GA 31416-0892

Art in the Garden Seminar

Saturday, May 1 ~ 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dawson County Middle School Auditorium, 334

Highway 9 North ~ Dawsonville, GA

Advance Tickets \$15 per person,

\$20 after April 20

**Dr. Allan Armitage, “Plants That Work”
Georganna Paradeses, “Say It With Color”
Eddie Rhoades, “Personalize Your Garden
With Yard Art”**

For tickets please call 706-216-2787 or visit our website at www.dawsonarts.org.

Stay for the Art in the Garden Festival

May 1st and 2nd - 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the seminar will be used to build a garden at the Bowen Center for the Arts in Dawsonville.

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GCG Dates to Remember

April 2004

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| 1 | Creative Study Club | |
| 22-24 | GCG State Convention | Sheraton |
| 22 | Historic Landscaping Wkshp | Sheraton |
| 23-24 | Savannah Garden Tour | |
| 28-30 | Wildflower Trek | Amicalola |
| 28 | S.GA Designing Women | |

May 2004

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| 1 | Deadline-Distinguished Service Award | |
| 1-2 | Art in Garden Seminar | Dawsonville |
| 4 | N. GA Judges Council Mtg | |
| 4 | Camellia Dist. Flow Wkshp | Valdosta |
| 6 | Creative Study Club | |
| 12 | Basic Design Instruct. Wkshp | Callonwalde |
| 13 | The Designers Club | |
| 17-19 | NGC Convention | St.Louis |
| 21 | Laurel Dist. Flow Wkshp | Hiawassee |
| 21 | E. GA Judges Council Mtg | |
| 25 | Redbud Dist. Flow Wkshp | Decatur |
| 27 | S.GA Judges Council Mtg | |
| 27 | Azalea Dist. Flow Wksp | Athens |

June 2004

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| 5 | Historic Home & Garden Tour | Covington |
| 6-12 | National Garden Week | |
| 23 | S.GA Designing Women | |
| 27-29 | Flower Show Judges Symposium | |

July 2004

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| 28 | S. GA Designing Women | |
| 29 | Youth Workshop | Macon |

**Enjoy your summer gardening.
 Relax, rejuvenate and be ready
 to tackle wonderful GCG
 projects in the fall.**