

# Board Briefs

*A Newsletter from The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
Board of Directors*

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Dear GCG Members,

The new year is upon us and our clubs are busier than ever. It will be wonderful to read the Presidents' reports (due Feb 15<sup>th</sup>) and marvel at all that our members accomplished during 2019. It is truly amazing to see the many projects completed and goals reached by local garden clubs. You all make such an important difference in your communities.

Our GCG State Chairmen were busy in December organizing the judging of the many award applications submitted by our clubs. What an exciting time it will be at the March Convention when results are announced. We realize though, that all our clubs are winners - whether they garner a first place or not. The important part of all of our projects is the good it does for our cities/towns and the benefit our projects bring to others. Kudos to all of you.

We are always promoting the use of Native Plants. We hope you will be able to attend one of two Native Plant Symposiums. The first one is in Athens on Wednesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at our HQ at the State Botanical Garden. Registration form is included later in this newsletter. The South GA Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium is in Tifton on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Click here for more info and registration which will be posted soon: <http://sgnpws.org/>. We also wish to mention the Rosalyn Carter Butterfly Trail Symposium and Native Plant Sale on May 1<sup>st</sup> in Plains. Click here for more details: [www.rosalyncarterbutterflytrail.org](http://www.rosalyncarterbutterflytrail.org).

Take advantage of the Landscape Design classes being offered in Rome. And don't miss the Tri-refresher in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Garden Tour in Augusta the end of April. This is always a fantastic event.

Feb. 21 - 23, 2020: The Atlanta Botanical Garden's Flower Show 'Expressions' highlights the beauty of floral design, photography, landscaping and ikebana. The 2020 show, will honor our own Deen Day Sanders for her lifelong dedication to flower shows throughout the southeast.

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating to the GCG Scholarship program. Dollars Educate Scholars, Patron of Scholarship, or Named Scholarships are three means by which our members make donations. Students will be applying for scholarships soon and we hope to offer worthy candidates financial support.

We hope to see many of you at the GCG Spring Convention in Macon. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn about all the programs we support, meet members from all over the state, and enjoy the presentations. Laurel District has been working hard to make this the best Convention ever.

We continue to "Nurture the Garden We Call Georgia" as we work hard in 2020.

*Barbara*



**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.**

**Cordially Invites You to  
The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention  
Blooming in Macon**

**Wednesday and Thursday  
March 25 and 26, 2020  
Macon Marriott City Center**

Please join us in Macon on the eve of the famous  
Cherry Blossom Festival  
which begins on Friday, March 27, 2020

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**The meeting will feature three presentations:**

- *Ikebana* by Elaine Flanagan and Jho-Ju Tu
- *Cherry Blossom Time In Macon* by Jan Thiese and Susi Keller, former Cherry Blossom Senior Queens
- *Saving the Georgia Coast: The Power of the Garden Club* by Paul Bolster

Enjoy many other activities, including a vendor market,  
a luncheon, and an awards dinner

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Proudly hosted by the Laurel District  
Welcome to all Georgia Garden Clubs and  
their members

Hotel and registration information available at [www.gardenclub.uga.edu/convention.html](http://www.gardenclub.uga.edu/convention.html)



## *Blooming in Macon* *Educational Exhibits*

If you wish to reserve exhibit space at the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., annual meeting in Macon, March 25-26, please provide the following information by March 13th, 2020 and send to:

Linda Hardie  
2000 Hughes Dr.  
Cumming, GA 30040  
678-947-1225  
[lhhardie2@aol.com](mailto:lhhardie2@aol.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chairmanship/Name of Display \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note new table dimensions for displays will be 6' X 18" deep**

I would like to reserve exhibit space for a display

I will need 1/2 table \_\_\_\_\_ 1 table \_\_\_\_\_

Please have display set up by 1:00 p.m., March 25th

# Tea & Tour + Sale at Bellmere

Join the North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges for three special events with the purchase of one ticket. Activities available include:

- ❖ Tour of Bellmere, the Georgian style home of Jim and Deen Day Sanders in Johns Creek.
- ❖ An elegant tea in the Bellmere Garden House.
- ❖ An opportunity to purchase Deen Day Sanders' floral design collection of modern pottery containers, driftwood sculptures, and table setting wares.

You have all this and more in ***Tea & Tour + Sale on Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, from 10 am to 4 pm*** at Bellmere in Johns Creek, Georgia.

**Tickets, on sale February 1<sup>st</sup>**, will be available online and from Council members. **Tickets are limited to 100 each day for \$50.00 per event date.** *Guests will select April 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> in purchasing tickets.* Additional information and ticket purchasing links will be available via The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. list server.

Bellmere sits on 100 acres in North Fulton County. Architect Jack Wilson, Moultrie, Georgia, designed the home. Completed in 1985, the house has around 12,000 square feet and is surrounded by grounds landscaped by Gibbs Landscape Company.

*The tour is the final time Deen Day Sanders' collection of Flora Danica porcelain is seen housed in a home setting. The collection moves to the Center for Art and Nature - Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum currently under construction in Athens at the State Botanical Garden.*

**The Garden House, where tea will be served, is adjacent to Bellmere.**

**Guests will be served an elegant tea with scones, finger sandwiches and sweets from 10-12 and 2-4.**

The sale of modern pottery containers, driftwood sculptures, and table setting wares will be held in three locations around the property. It includes items from Deen's presentations in 22 states as a National Garden Clubs Master Flower Show Judge and co-author of *Table Settings for All Seasons*. Deen has worked in garden clubs for over 50 years.

**Deen Day Sanders** is Chairman of the Board of Cecil B. Day Investment Company. She was the first woman appointed by a Georgia Governor to the Board of Industry, Trade and Tourism, elected chairman for two terms by the all male board. She served on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Symphony, the Atlanta Ballet, the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Chairman 1986, The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, Fine Arts Board of Georgia Governor's Mansion, Carter Presidential Center Steering Committee and the City of Atlanta International Arts and Cultural Exchange. She is a past President of the Garden Club of Georgia (1987-1989) and National Garden Clubs (1999-2001).

## TEA & TOUR \* SALE

To Benefit the North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges



- Sale of Deen Day Sanders' Floral Design Collection:
- \* Unique Pottery Containers
- \* Driftwood Sculptures
- \* Table Setting Wares

**April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Bellmere, Johns Creek, GA  
Tour and Sale: 10:00am-4:00pm  
Tea Times: 10:00am-12:00pm  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Limited Tickets- \$50  
Tickets on sale February 1<sup>st</sup>  
from members and online.



## ***Now Is The Time!***

**January is officially GCG Scholarships Month. *Dollars Educate Scholars* is underway and we are thankful for your support of this fundraiser.**

***Haven't made your contribution? Not to worry!***

**Scholarships contributions may still be received for the current giving period.**

**Donations that arrive soon will be counted towards our upcoming funds to be awarded in February 2020.**

**This includes *Dollars Educate Scholars* and our friendly district competition to find out which Director will be crowned 2020 Queen of Scholarships!**

***We are so thankful to all who have contributed to Scholarships!* On behalf of the GCG Scholarship Committee, we thank you for your generosity this past year. Our results will be forthcoming.**

**We know many students will be grateful for your support of their education and their future.**

### **HOW TO CONTRIBUTE?**

***NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS, PATRON OF SCHOLARSHIPS, GENERAL DONATIONS, HONORS & MEMORIALS, DOLLARS EDUCATE SCHOLARS FUNDRAISER, AMAZONSMILE AND LIFE MEMBERSHIPS***

**See the GCG website for information and appropriate forms to make your Scholarship donations: <https://gardenclub.uga.edu/scholarships.html>**

**Questions? Contact Susan Turner, Scholarships Chairman 770-922-4411  
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Rosemary Maulden, Assistant Treasurer 912-267-9623  
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State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

# Native Plant Symposium

February 5, 8:45 am - 3:30 pm

Native Plant Symposium

Garden Club of Georgia Terrace Room

\$65 General Admission, \$58.50 GCG – Members

Growing and protecting native plants are important for many reasons: they celebrate our state and region, they are well suited to our region's growing conditions, and they are the foundation of the complex ecosystem that supports insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. Native plants can be tough, beautiful garden plants for your home landscape as well as delicate harbingers of the changing seasons. Join us this year as we explore the native medicinal plants that call the southeast home. Learn about the plants that have been used in remedies for centuries, their modern applications, and how these plants can easily become part of your personal garden.

Register on-line at: <https://botgarden.uga.edu/event/native-plant-symposium>

Use promo code **friends2012** to get our GCG Discount.

Or use registration form on next page - but mail early.

**REGISTRATION—Native Plant Symposium**  
**Garden Club of Georgia Terrace Room**  
**At The State Botanical Garden, Athens, GA**  
**Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020 8:45 am – 3:30 pm**

\*\*\*First: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Garden Club of Georgia and/or ☐ Friends of the Garden Members: **\$58.50** \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Members: **\$65.00** \_\_\_\_\_

***Lunch Provided***

Payment Type (Circle One):      Check\*\*\*      Visa      Mastercard

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Credit Card - Billing address must be the same as above.

**\*\*\* Please have one registration form per registrant. Register early—this is always popular.**

Make Checks Payable to: **\*The State Botanical Garden of Georgia**

Please mail to:      The State Botanical Garden of Georgia,  
Sean Cameron, Education Department  
2450 South Milledge Avenue,  
Athens, GA 30605

If you have any additional questions, please contact Sean Cameron via email at [cscamero@uga.edu](mailto:cscamero@uga.edu), or you can reach him at 706-542-6156.

# Plant America with Trees: Each One Plant One

***A new National Garden Club (NGC) initiative is to plant  
165,000 trees***

***for each year of this 2019-2021 term.***

**Each member, plant one tree.**

As the Garden Club of Georgia chairman for NGC projects, I will be collecting all of your planting information. It was reported in Science Magazine that “there is enough space globally to plant more than a trillion trees without interfering with existing farmland or cities.”

Native plants are encouraged, but all trees are welcome! We are counting all trees planted by you personally and through club projects. Please let me know when you plant trees.

Below is the information that I will be collecting. Just send me an email listing these items. Contact me with any questions. Thanks in advance for your help!

*Lisa Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP GCG,*

*NGC Special Projects Chairman,*

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ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN  
**flower**show  
*Expressions* February 21-23



The Atlanta Botanical Garden presents the  
**2020 Flower Show: *Expressions***  
Friday, Feb. 21 – Sunday, Feb. 23.

**The 2020 show will honor Deen Day Sanders for her lifelong dedication to flower shows throughout the southeast.**

Please support the Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show “***Expressions***” which is being held next month at the Garden. Share the following information with your Garden Club – hopefully many of them will want to attend the Show and/or the Preview Party and Show Lecture. We would love for your members to enter the horticulture classes. Entries will be accepted during the day on Wednesday the 19th and the morning of Thursday the 20th. More information on entering Hort is available on the show website (Exhibitor’s Guide pages 14-20).  
<http://www.abgflowershow.org>

We will kick things off with a Preview Party on 2/20/2020 (*the party sold out last year so please encourage your members to purchase tickets early*), the Show will run from Friday 2/21/202 through Sunday 2/23/2020, and we will have a wonderful Speaker Event by the superb floral designer Jane Godshalk on Saturday, 2/22/2020 from 2-4pm at the Piedmont Driving Club. Links to purchase tickets can be found below.

**We thank you in advance for your support and hope to see you at the 2020 Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show *Expressions*!**

TICKETS AND MORE DETAILS: [abgflowershow.org](http://www.abgflowershow.org)

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

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Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

Presents a

**Wild and Wonderful Experience**

July 26-28, 2020

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

Mansfield, Georgia

It's registration time for the

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp!**

Would a child you know love an opportunity to be surrounded by nature, make new friends and have a wonderful time this summer? This GCG Environmental Education Camp is just the ticket!

W&WE is open to all children entering 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Our Young people are invited to spend time learning about environmental and conservation issues, GCG themed programs and projects and much more.

We have many fun and exciting programs

Planned with guest speakers and of course,

All the fun of the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center!

Spread the word to your club presidents, members and friends, as space is limited. The fee is \$150.00 per child.

Call or email for more information and get the Youth in your life

Involved with this **Wild and Wonderful Experience** offered by

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Info & registration forms may be found on our website

[www.gardenclub.uga.edu](http://www.gardenclub.uga.edu) under "Youth" at

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/youth.html>

Registration closes June1, 2020.

~Questions? Call or email~

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The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.  
and  
The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs  
Present  
Spring 2020 Augusta Tri-refresher

*Classic Southern Gardening*



Join us in Augusta on April 24-25, 2020 for the highly anticipated NGC sanctioned Tri-refresher in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Garden Festival. Consultants in the areas of Environmental, Gardening, and Landscape Design may refresh for up to a 5-year term by attending and completing all aspects of the Tri-refresher. Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24 at the front gate of Sacred Heart Cultural Center, 1301 Greene St., Augusta and will conclude by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Detailed information will be sent to all registrants via email prior to April 24. Garden Festival details are available online at [www.sacredheartgardenfestival.com](http://www.sacredheartgardenfestival.com).

**In order to meet the new NGC pre-refresher approval requirements, your registration must reach us by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Please print all information carefully.**

Name for name tag \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State where credentials are held if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Refreshing in\* (circle)   Environmental   Gardening   Landscape Design

\*Consultants holding Master status in more than one area may refresh for EACH area in which they have Master status. You may not refresh in more than one area if you do not have Master status in each area you are refreshing.

Registration fees: \$30 (includes all Tri-refresher activities + NGC credit for 1 refresher) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional NGC fees: \$5 per area beyond the 1 included in registration \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of registration included \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to Augusta Council of Garden Clubs (ACGC)

Mail to: Dr. Virginia Allen, 2916 Westchester Dr., Augusta, GA 30909

Questions and hotel information: Dr. Allen at 706-736-6793 (voice mail only; no texting) or email at  
[vallenotr@aol.com](mailto:vallenotr@aol.com)

**Attach completed NGC Form 7-2019 and NGC Photo Release form with your registration!**

Your state school chairman for each School may be able to help you find information needed to complete NGC Form 7-2019.

# BLUE STAR MEMORIAL AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES MARKERS



## WE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Once again our US Military has been called to action on a moment's notice to Serve and Protect. Recently additional troops have been sent to Iraq and the news media reported that on Thursday, January 9, 2020 a US Navy ship was aggressively approached by a Russian Navy ship while conducting routine operations in the North Arabian Sea. Watching the news clip caused me to cringe, as the ships were within a mere 60 yards of each other on a dangerous near-collision course before the Russian ship finally turned away. My husband, a 21 year Navy Veteran, tells me this is a common occurrence.

Truly these words for a Blue Star Marker dedication have never been more appropriate:

*"While we go about our daily lives or while we sleep, the men and women in our Armed Forces fly our skies, sail our seas and guard our shores, ensuring our safety. They stand ready at a moment's notice to defend our Country. We must not forget them, and, WE DO NOT!"*

The National Garden Club's Blue Star and Gold Star Families Markers ensure that *WE DO NOT!*

In 2019 Georgia garden clubs dedicated one Gold Star Families Marker and two Blue Star Memorial Markers. All were in Azalea District. Congratulations! Another BSM dedication scheduled for 2019 at the Laurens County Rest area on I-16 in Dublin was postponed due to a temporary closure of the rest area. The rest area has reopened and the dedication will be scheduled for March or April. A Blue Star Marker in Avondale Estates, GA that had been destroyed in a car accident was replaced.

There are already 2 Blue Star Memorial Markers on order and several Blue and Gold Star Markers in the planning stages for 2020.

**Price Increase:** The current marker pricing is good until May 1, 2020. More than likely at that time there will be a price increase. This usually happens every two years. Please encourage clubs that may be planning to order a marker this year to consider placing their orders in time that Sewah Studios can receive the order before May 1<sup>st</sup>. This means that I should receive their orders to be processed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU, as always, for your ongoing support of the Blue Star Memorial and Gold Star Families Marker Program. Let us continue to support our Military and their families.

Contact me or Susi if we can assist in any way.

Blue Star Memorial and Gold Star Families Marker Chairman

Jan Thiese

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# Garden Club of Georgia

## supports many worthwhile projects.

We ask our clubs to make donations to a variety of good causes. Small clubs may only have the resources to support a few of these. Larger clubs with more revenue may be able to do more. All of our chairmen would love to have your club make donations to their particular cause, and are somewhat in competition for your funds. Many of our members really don't know what the various good causes are. They see a name on a donation request, and a check box on the President's report - but that is about it.

Take a moment to read about the various projects that GCG asks you to support and share this information with your club members. (They can make individual tax deductible contributions too!!!) Then you can make an informed decision about how you wish to allocate your club resources. I've heard many a time that \$25.00 isn't very much and won't make a difference if 'we' don't donate. But \$25.00 multiplied by hundreds of clubs in our state, really does add up, and so much can be accomplished with your donations. We are very proud of the work that is done because of your generosity. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this whole article.

If your club made donations anytime in 2019, they will count on the 2019 report the Club Presidents are completing now - due Feb 15.

Your club will get credit on the President's report for 2020 for any donations made now. March 1<sup>st</sup> is generally the deadline in order to receive a certificate at the spring convention in Macon 2020.

*Barbara*

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Click here for the GCG master donation form: <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/Donations.pdf>

### **A brief description of the GCG projects.**

**Historic Landscape Preservation:** Donations to this fund support the Historic Landscape Preservation Fund - which gives matching grants to restore historic public gardens throughout our state. HLP G is a partnership program with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Historic Preservation Division (GDNRPD) and the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDED). \$25 contributions garner a "Partner of Preservation" Certificate. For a \$100 donation, your club will be a "Patron of Preservation".

The goals of the Historic Landscape Preservation Grants are to:

- Promote awareness of Georgia's historic landscapes and gardens.
- Encourage preservation of threatened historic landscapes and gardens.
- Provide seed money to assist organizations and communities in developing sound landscape preservation projects which provide public benefit.

**Land Trust: Marshall Forest** Supports the historic 312 acre old growth Marshall Forest in Rome managed by the Nature Conservancy. Recent donations have restored the Braille Trail. Clubs are encouraged to visit the forest. Guided tours are available.

**Natural Disaster Support:** This is a fund managed by NGC to give grants to clubs throughout our nation who are doing projects to recover & restore parks/public gardens following a natural disaster. Georgia clubs received grants several times following tornadoes and hurricanes that damaged our state.

**Roadside Beautification:** GCG donates money to the Georgia Dept of Transportation specifically to plant wildflowers and bulbs along the state highways. We have a long history of cooperation with the DOT in this regard. Kathryn Litton, a member of our GCG Board, was honored by DOT not too long ago for her many years of service on this project.

**State Parks and Public Lands:** This is a relatively new fund to promote State Parks and Historical Sites through an annual program of matching grants for projects planned and conducted by Clubs, Councils, or Districts within the Parks or Sites relating to gardening, conservation, natural resources, or environmental issues. All projects will be planned and conducted in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources in those State Parks or Historic Sites listed on the DNR web site.

**Blue Star Marker Restoration Fund:** Also a relatively new fund - begun in honor/memory of former President Suzanne Wheeler. The Blue Star Memorial Program honors service men and women who have served, are serving or will be serving in the armed services of the United States. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Marker is placed at appropriate locations such as national cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens. Many of the BSMs that were installed years ago are looking less than wonderful. Your club may not have a BSM in your area, but you could help other small clubs that don't have the required funds to restore a marker along their roadsides. These markers honor our veterans, but if they fall into disrepair, they no longer show much respect. Monies in this fund are used to pay ½ the cost of refurbishing older existing markers.

**Garden Therapy Fund** Program originally designed to help residents at the state Psych hospitals and Veterans Homes with garden therapy activities. We now offer matching grants to clubs who do garden therapy projects at Veteran's Hospitals, senior centers, nursing homes, Boys/Girls Clubs, Activity Centers for the Disabled, etc.



# Garden Club of Georgia

## supports many worthwhile projects continued...

**C. Burke Day, Jr. Memorial Fund** This fund was established by the GCG Board of Directors in memory of C. Burke Day, Jr., son of Deen Day Sanders, former GCG president and former NGC president, who passed away in March 2017 after a long battle with muscular dystrophy. Burke was confined to a wheel chair for decades. Funds will be used to landscape a handicap-accessible entrance to the State Botanical Garden, now under construction.

**GCG State Headquarters** As a donation or Memorial, supports maintenance of our beautiful Headquarters House in Athens. Clubs are encouraged to hold a meeting there and tour our HQ building and the State Botanical Garden.

**Scholarship Fund** Supports our students going to GA colleges/universities majoring in garden related fields. Donations in any amount are appreciated. \$1000 donation sets up a named scholarship. \$200 donation provides the honor of a Patron of Scholarship.

**LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation** On June 6, 1977, GCG accepted 63.8 acres of the historic Woodmanston Plantation property, in Liberty County. GCG transferred ownership to the LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation in 1992, and in 1993, the Foundation was granted non-profit tax status and the plantation was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In the 18th century, Woodmanston was the home of the LeConte family and the largest plantation in the county, growing rice for profit. Today, the Foundation's mission is to restore the rice plantation and its gardens and to gather documentation about the African American and the LeConte families who lived there.

**Penny Pines** : NGC and the USDA Forest Service have formed a partnership "Penny Pines Program" sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program. Your garden club can participate by contributing \$68 to a Penny Pine plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees and/or trees indigenous (Not Just Pine Trees) to a particular damaged area. Considering all the fires in N. Georgia in recent years, much replanting is required.

**Life Memberships** – Donations at the State, Deep South or National level, supports the scholarship programs with those organizations.

**James R. Cothran Historic Landscape Preservation Endowment Fund** GCG has established an endowment fund for the Historic Landscape Preservation Grants entitled the "James R. Cothran Historic Landscape Preservation Endowment Fund" (JRC-HLP E- Fund) in memory of James R. Cothran, founder of the Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser, Grant Fund and the Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative. Monies donated to this fund shall be used as a permanent capital fund solely for the purpose of financing the Historic Landscape Preservation Grants within the state of Georgia. Anyone wishing to support historic preservation and/or to honor Jim Cothran's outstanding contributions to the preservation of historic landscapes may make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund.

Again, click on the link <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/Donations.pdf> to see the "What to Send Where" form for where to send your checks. We greatly appreciate your donations. Please send checks in January or early February, in order to give chairmen time to prepare certificates. Thank you so very much for your generosity.



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# State Botanical Garden of Georgia

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## Orchid Madness 2020

### Opening Reception Saturday, Feb. 1

6 – 8 p.m.

Visitor Center and Conservatory \$80/ person \$100/couple



February is all about orchids! We will celebrate Orchid Madness throughout February, starting with this reception that includes hors d'oeuvres, live music by the UGA Men's Glee Club and very special orchids on display for this evening's fundraiser for the horticulture endowment. Every attendee will take home a live, blooming orchid.



### Orchid Day: Orchid Repotting Workshop & Lecture

**Saturday, Feb. 8**

10 a.m. - noon

1 p.m. lecture

Visitor Center & Conservatory

\$40 all day

\$25 for workshop. \$15 for lecture

The Northeast Georgia Orchid Society is leading this orchid lecture and hands-on workshop, where attendees can bring up to two plants and containers and work with an expert to repot their plants. The repotting workshop will be in the morning followed by a lunch and lecture in the afternoon. For more information or to register visit [botgarden.uga.edu](http://botgarden.uga.edu).

### Vanilla Sunday

**Sunday, Feb. 23**

5 - 7 p.m.

Visitor Center & Conservatory

\$25 per person

This grand finale of Orchid Madness includes an abundance of orchids, a specialty vanilla drink and a solo performance by Leah Partridge, who has performed throughout the country, including the Metropolitan Opera.



leahpartridge.com

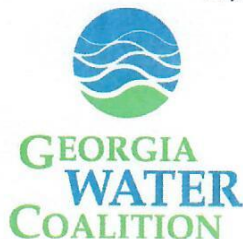
Please register online at [botgarden.uga.edu](http://botgarden.uga.edu).



# Capitol Conservation Day in Atlanta



Capitol Conservation Day photo from February, 2019



Action under the Gold Dome kicked off. The [Georgia Water Coalition](#) will be there every day working to protect our right to clean water. GCG is a member of the GWC

Join us on [Capitol Conservation Day](#) to learn about timely legislation and meet your state representatives.

**Details:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7:30 a.m. to noon

\$10 fee per person - breakfast included.

Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

[Register today](#); only 200 seats available!

For questions, contact Juliet Cohen, [jcohen@chattahoochee.org](mailto:jcohen@chattahoochee.org).

## Thank you to our Capitol Conservation Day sponsors:

Cherokee Garden Club  
DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs  
Druid Hills Garden Club  
Flint Riverkeeper  
GA Women  
Garden Club of Georgia - Dogwood District  
Georgia Conservation Voters

Georgia Interfaith Power and Light  
Georgia River Network  
Georgia Water Coalition  
Southern Conservation Trust  
The Garden Club of Georgia The Redbud District  
Yellow River Water Trail

**Register Today:**

<https://www3.thedatabank.com/dpg/218/donate.asp?formid=2020CCD&c=7493291>

# South Georgia Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium

**The 2020 symposium will be held on March 18,  
the third Wednesday of the month.**

**LOCATION:** Georgia Museum of Agriculture in Tifton  
**Georgia Museum of Agriculture Conference Center**  
(formerly known as the Agrirama):

Watch for details on our website: <http://sgnpws.org/>



*Rosalynn Carter  
Butterfly Trail™*

## 2020 Spring Symposium

Sponsored by: The Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, Plains Historical Preservation Trust, Plains Chautauqua, LazyK Nursery and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Friday, May 1, 2020  
**Plains Community Center**  
**106 Main Street**  
**Plains, GA 31780**

**\$45/person**

You may register on-line or download the form and mail with your check.

Go to <https://rosalynncarterbutterflytrail.org/>



# *Mansions* *in a* **MILL TOWN**

The Garden Club of Georgia's Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser  
Presented by Dogwood District

MAY 2, 2020 | 10:00AM - 5:00PM

\$40 Per Person | Rain or Shine

To purchase tickets, visit: <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/mansions.html>

A tour of Roswell's Historic Homes, Gardens, Cemeteries and More

**BARRINGTON HALL**



**BULLOCH HALL**



**SMITH PLANTATION**



**ROSWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**MIMOSA HALL**



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SEEKING EDEN  
LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING

CEMETERY TOURS



# *The Magnolia Garden Club—Cartersville* **2020 Pond and Garden Tour**

**“Art in the Garden II”**

*Saturday, May 16 ~ 9 am - 4 pm*



## **Ticket Information**

**Pre-Sale \$15 available at these  
Cartersville locations:**

- Sam Franklin's Furniture
- Periwinkle
- Urban Market

•Eventbrite Online Ticket Sales

Search: 2020 Pond and Garden Tour  
“Art in the Garden II”

**Day of Event \$20**

**available at:**

**Host sites on the Tour**

## **Tour Information**



**Pond & Garden Tour -  
Cartersville, GA**

**Email:**

**[MagnoliaGC49@gmail.com](mailto:MagnoliaGC49@gmail.com)**

**Call:**

**Vicki 770-547-3228**

*Beautiful private  
Ponds & Gardens  
will be open for tours.*

*Plein Air Artists will be on  
site at most gardens.*

*Ticket Raffle for Original Paintings.*

Proceeds fund Scholarships, Grants and Junior Garden Club projects at area schools.  
The Magnolia Garden Club accepts donations as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.



*Everyone  
Loves a  
Garden*

# AMICALOLA GARDEN CLUB

On January 21, 2020, the Amicalola Garden Club met at the lovely home of Angela Nolte. After an amazing brunch provided by members and hosted by Angela Nolte, Fran Cathey, and Barbara Walters, ladies were introduced to Landscaper, Bryan Lawrence and his lovely family.

*Mr. Lawrence is owner and operator of Solutions Innovative Landscapes.* Mr. Lawrence gave an informative talk about how he became involved in landscaping and how his love developed for the same. **Mr. Lawrence was the recipient of the Georgia Garden Club scholarship program**, which he has been very grateful. He informed the group the importance of pruning, how much to prune, and when to prune in the landscape.

New member, Susie Brogdon gave the horticulture tip on the importance of mulching plants and shrubs. She also provided information of the spring plant sale of 2020 through the Master Gardener Program. Everyone was encouraged to get their orders in to support the local 4H Youth and Master Gardener programs. This year's emphasis is on native and pollinator friendly plants.

A business meeting was then presided over by President Jane Griffeth. Projects for 2020 were discussed. The group approved the purchase of a Blue Star Highway Marker to honor all persons of the Armed Services of the United States. Plans are underway for this tremendous project. The club welcomed new member, Lane Eckis.

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors men and women who have served, are serving or will be serving in the armed services of the United States. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now National Garden Clubs, Inc.) adopted the program started in New Jersey and began a Blue Star Highway system, which covers thousand of miles across the Continental United States. The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program was established in 1944 at the end of World War II and honors all who serve in the US Armed Forces; past, present, and future.

With the support and help of Commissioner Rob Jones, Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park, American Legion Post 149, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 47, and Veterans of Marine Corps EET1280, we look forward to dedicating the Blue Star Highway marker at the entrance of the Old Tate Cemetery on Ga. Hwy. 53.

The meeting was closed with the club prayer.

Submitted by Fran Cathey, Publicity

Amicalola Garden Club  
Laurel District

**Pictured: Landscaper Bryan Lawrence demonstrates how to prune a rose bush.**





# Happy Winter Y'all



**Board Briefs Spring Edition Dates**

**Deadline – May 1**

**Emailed – May 15**

# The End