

# Board Briefs

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

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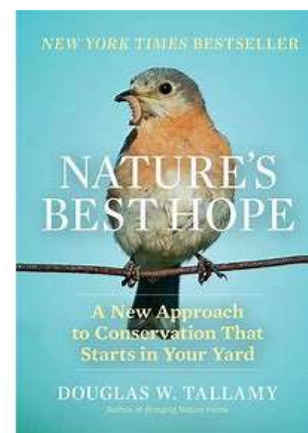
It's a new year and we are all happy to have said good-bye to 2020. I've dusted off my annual resolutions with the hope of doing better this year. Won't confess which ones are already broken. However, one thing is for sure – we gardeners look to the future and love to plan. We view our winter landscapes and envision what is beneath the surface anxiously waiting for spring to arrive so it may burst forth. Or we peruse the seed catalogues to see what it is that we absolutely 'need'.

Our garden clubs too are using these winter months to plan for the future. Many are holding zoom meetings or attending virtual lectures to learn what we can do in our yards and community gardens. Other clubs are waiting for in-person meetings until most members have received vaccinations. COVID has certainly changed our lives, but as more members receive their shots, folks will feel more comfortable gathering and 'normal' activities will resume in earnest. It is important to stay connected with your club members, even if you cannot yet meet.

It would appear the GCG is keeping the post office in business. Daily, batches of your Presidents' Reports arrive, and I am amazed at all the wonderful activities so many of our club have accomplished despite the virus. Kudos to all of you. We are so very proud of your endeavors. The Awards Committee and State Chairman have been busy judging award applications. Again, we are bursting with pride to see what all you have done for your communities.

This evening I had the pleasure to listen to Professor Doug Tallamy give his ZOOM talk on "Nature's Best Hope", where he shows how homeowners everywhere can turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitats. The Cherokee Garden Library sponsored this Free virtual lecture. SBG is sponsoring his talk on Wednesday, Feb 3 at 7. We've advertised this before and we certainly hope many of our members take advantage of these presentations. See page 2 for details.

Please check out the section on our Photo contests – both for wildlife and for the Cover our Garden Gateways magazine. We have such talent within our ranks, we are anxious to showcase it.



As you all know by now, our Spring Convention in Valdosta has been cancelled. We will miss seeing many of you in person, but your Board continues to function and handle all the business of GCG. Our elections will take place via email and a small installation ceremony will be held at our HQ in Athens in April. All the new officers will be filled with enthusiasm and renewed determination to help our clubs plan and execute terrific projects going forward. It has been my great pleasure to serve as your GCG President. It's not the term any of us imagined, but we all did the very best we could and now eagerly look to the future.

Please continue to ***"Nurture the Garden We Call Georgia."***

Thank you, *Barbara*

# native plant opportunities

Doug Tallamy wrote the bible on bringing nature into your backyard in his award-winning book, **Bringing Nature Home**. In connection with his new book, **Nature's Best Hope**, Tallamy gives next steps in his yard-by-yard approach to conservation.

Click to sign-up for Doug's talk at the Cherokee Garden Library on **February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.**

<https://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/event/cherokee-garden-library-talk-douglas-w-tallamy/>

And/or Tallamy will speak virtually again at the Johnstone Lecture, The State Botanical Garden on **February 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

Click to sign up: <https://botgarden.uga.edu/event/johnstone-lecture/>

Also, don't forget to sign up for the annual **Native Plant Symposium** on **February 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** co-sponsored by GCG and the State Botanical Garden. It, too, is a virtual event. The fee for the symposium is \$35.

<https://botgarden.uga.edu/event/native-plant-symposium/>



## **Native Plant Symposium at State Botanic Garden in Athens**

### **Virtual presentation Feb 10th**

The Native Plant Symposium, normally held in Jan/Feb in the Terrace Room at our HQ in Athens, will go virtual this year.

There will still be fantastic speakers, so you won't want to miss it. And because it is virtual, many more people from around the state will be able to participate - no need to travel to Athens.



### **THEME: MONARCH BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION**

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Virtual—Zoom link will be sent the registrants prior to the program

Fee: \$35

Join us this year as we explore the conservation of monarch butterflies. Learn about the plants that support these insect pollinators, their importance to our ecosystems, and how we can continue to protect them. Please see the complete agenda on-line at [www.botgarden.uga.edu](http://www.botgarden.uga.edu)

Topics this year will include:

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Monarch Butterflies!

Safeguarding Critically-imperiled Milkweed in Georgia  
Monarch Conservation Through Roadside Management  
Milkweeds, Monarchs and So Much More!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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## Marshall Forest

Marshall Forest has had more visitors this fall and winter. Many people are walking the trails on a daily basis and enjoying the new ropes, signs, and trail improvements. With social distancing still required, many more people are looking for places to be outside and safely enjoy the out of doors.

The following maintenance needs have been met this fall and winter.

- Andrew Saville, the son of a Garden Club Member, has kept the Pecan Field mowed to make the area more accessible.
- The City of Rome removed large broken branches from the pecan grove after some winter storms.
- The Fire Crew from The Nature conservancy is scheduled to do some trail maintenance and removal of invasive species during January and February.

Marshall Forest still has many things that need to be done to keep the trail well maintained and accessible to the physically impaired.

- Finish replacing the remaining guide rope posts.
- Reinstalling the guide ropes with climbing rope donated by a climbing gym in Marietta.
- Installation of crusher run gravel along the Braille Trail to provide more accessibility to the physically impaired.
- Creation of QR codes to provide trail maps, Forest information, and plant identification photos.
- Working with students at Berry College, we hope to create a video of a narrated walk through the forest.

The Nature Conservancy is working on a partnership with Berry College and Shorter University to create learning centers in the Pecan field and over to the Coosa River. The goal is to make the Marshall Forest a destination for student field trips.

Several major contributions were made over the summer to augment previous donations so that all of the posts could be ordered at the same time. Certificates for 2020 and 2021 contributions will be sent to the District Directors after the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Your contributions help us keep the Marshall Forest in good condition for visitors. Please don't forget to add Marshall Forest to your club's list of contributions. Deed of Gratitude certificates will be presented to contributors of \$25 or more to Marshall Forest by March 1 of each year. Contact Caroline Alford to schedule a tour of the forest via e-mail at [caroboone@aol.com](mailto:caroboone@aol.com) or by cell phone 706 346-5886.





## ARBORETA, BOTANICAL & MEMORIAL GARDENS

A new garden in Augusta has been given Arboreta status and has been added to the list of Arboreta on the GCG website. The garden is the Pendleton King Park. All club members living or visiting in the Augusta area should visit this long established newly recognized garden.



## STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN IN ATHENS

The formal dedication ceremony of the **Porcelain Museum at the Center for Art and Nature** and the **C. Burke Day Walkway** at the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia has been delayed due to Covid 19. We hope to host a ‘thank you’ gathering in the Fall for all clubs that donated to the Burke Day Walkway. Watch for details later in the summer. Tours of the Porcelain Museum are beginning, but only for small groups at a time. We are all anxious for ‘normal’ to return so that the public can view this fantastic museum.

## Garden Gateways Photo Contest 2021

Our Editor, Victoria Chandler, was so impressed by the photos submitted for the Wildflower Contest last year, that she wants to use GCG Member photos for our Garden Gateways Covers for the 2021-2023 term. You have until March 15<sup>th</sup> to enter this contest – limit 5 of your best photos per person. Obviously, it needs to be a vertical photo to fit on the cover. All photos that have been entered in the Wildflower Contest will be considered. No need to re-apply with those again. Besides wildflowers, any animal wildlife (birds or pollinators) would be great. Don't forget, we have four seasons.

Send in jpg format to both Victoria [risingstar@ellijay.com](mailto:risingstar@ellijay.com) and to Barbara at [b.bourque@comcast.net](mailto:b.bourque@comcast.net)





## BLUE STAR MEMORIAL and GOLD STAR FAMILIES MARKERS

Jan Thiese - Chairman

Covid caused many dedications to be rescheduled. Since September, there has been one Blue Star Marker Rededication and one Gold Star Families Marker Dedication. Seedling Garden Club of Swainsboro, Oleander District, restored and rededicated a Blue Star Highway Marker that was originally sponsored by Swainsboro Garden Club in 1957. The dedication was held on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2020 with an impressive 21 Gun Salute by The Brier Creek Militia and The Brier Creek Artillery. Boy Scout Troop 75 Presented the Colors and led the Flag Pledge.



It is always good to engage the community in the Dedications.

On January 9, 2021, a very cold and windy day (I think the coldest day of the year so far), Tifton Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., Camellia District, dedicated Georgia's 5<sup>th</sup> Gold Star Families Marker. The marker was placed in Veteran's Memorial Park in Tifton, a very appropriate location. Presentation of Colors



was given by the Tift County High School Junior ROTC Honor Guard. The Program Included the Pledge of Allegiance and The National Anthem and the entire Assembly sang "God Bless the USA". The Gold Star Marker was unveiled by Gail Gibson and Genie McCook. Genie is the Daughter of a World War II Hero and is a Gold Star Family member.



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Several Marker Dedications are scheduled in the coming months. They are as follows:

Tuesday	March 30, 2021	11 am	23 N. Main Street	Watkinsville, GA	BSM and GSM
Thursday	April 1, 2021	1 pm	Courthouse @ 210 Humphrey St.	Lincolnton, GA	GSM
Tuesday	April 6, 2021	11 am	Rest Area 87 Eastbound on I-16	Laurens County/Dublin, GA	BSM
Saturday	May 15, 2021	TBD	Hartwell, GA	BSM	
Monday	May 31, 2021	10 am	City Hall @ 38 Hill Street	Roswell, GA	BSM and GSM

If your schedule allows, please join in these Dedications and show your support for the sponsoring clubs, but most important for the men, women and families who make the sacrifice to serve in our Armed Forces. God Bless America!!

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### ***It's Now Officially Scholarships Month!***

**We continue to share our appreciation to all of our contributors to Scholarships!  
If you have not yet sent a donation, we trust you will make  
Scholarships a part of your giving this month.  
NOW is the time to send your support for students who will apply by February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. provides scholarships to eligible students majoring in garden and environmental related fields of study enrolled in accredited Georgia Colleges & Universities.

Forms and Information available on the GCG website and from your chairman.  
<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/scholarships.html>

### ***So many ways to contribute to our GCG Scholarships Program***

- Named Scholarships and Patrons of Scholarships.
- Contributions for General Scholarships, Brown Thrasher & Cherokee Rose Funds.
- All the above may be given as an Honor or Memorial Contribution.
- Participation in the *Dollars Educate Scholars* Fundraiser
- Life Memberships
- Subscribing Memberships – Comes along with a great gift of Garden Gateways!
- Shop with AMAZONSMILE and choose GCG as your Charity of Choice.

**Our grant recipients are dedicated to our mission of  
*Beautification, Conservation & Education.***

### ***We are here to help with your scholarships questions~***

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912-267-9623 - 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick, GA 31525



*Thank you for making a difference with  
your support of Scholarships!*

On behalf of the GCG Scholarships Committee, I share our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to our Scholarships program this past year. Our 2021-2022 students are so appreciative for grants provided to them by GCG.

**If you have not yet contributed,  
NOW is the time to send your support for students who will apply by February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Forms and Information available on the GCG website and from your chairmen.

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

As you plan your new budgets, please consider a contribution to Scholarships from your GardenClub, Council, District or individually.

Invite our Plant Societies and Affiliate Members to join our Mission of Education.

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- Life Memberships
- Subscribing Memberships – Comes along with a great gift of Garden Gateways! Share with family, friends, speaker gifts, prospective members and others. Our membership standing assists GCG in receiving two NGC Scholarships grants.
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## The Garden Club of Georgia supports many worthwhile projects.

**Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens:** Supports the gardens at the State Botanical Garden in Athens, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, any local botanical garden of your choosing. and now in particular the new Children's Garden at SBG. send \$ to the State Treasurer before March 1st of each year in order to receive a certificate of appreciation.

**Cherokee Garden Library** The library is located at the History Center in Atlanta and was founded through efforts of the Cherokee Garden Club, a member of GCG. It preserves more than 30,000 books, periodicals, documents, materials, (even garden club histories) and makes them available to the public free of charge for research and enjoyment. It is the premier institution in the Southeast for education and the preservation of southern garden history for gardeners, historians, landscape architects, ecologists, writers, students, and nature lovers. GCG partnered with the Library in 2003 to develop the Landscape Initiative and Landscape and Garden Grant Program. The Library contains extensive state-of-the-art archives and is continually expanding its collection of Georgia's garden club heritage. It hosts a fantastic lecture series every year - Feb 2, 2021 is Doug Tallamy - free

**Founders Memorial Garden:** supports our historic garden on the grounds of UGA, dedicated to the 12 founding Members of the Ladies Garden Club - the first garden club in America. Dean Hubert B. Owens, his staff, and students of the Landscape Architecture Department, working with funds contributed by Garden Club of Georgia members, designed and developed the nationally acclaimed Founders Memorial Garden, completing the project in 1946. The layout of the two and one-half acre series of gardens, the grounds of our former Headquarters House, consists of a formal boxwood garden, two courtyards, a retrace, a perennial garden, and an arboretum. Their budget has been severely cut and they greatly appreciate our donations.

**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 Community Affairs-Historic Preservation Division 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 through grants to assist organizations and communities in developing sound historic landscape preservation projects, which provide public benefit and access
- Provide financial support and professional expertise for research and documentation of the Georgia Historic Landscape Initiative
- Foster partnerships between non-profits, local governments, garden clubs, and other civic organizations in an effort to create long-term relationships to preserve historic landscapes..

**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 NGC 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.

**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 complete, but colorful landscaping is being added

**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 establishes 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. Monies given by Georgia clubs stays in Georgia.

**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 [Donations.pdf \(uga.edu\)](#) 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.

**The GCG Nominating Committee** announced the following slate of officers for the 2021-2023 Term. Nominations from the floor are always welcome before the E-mail Election in April.

President: Peggy Tucker, Azalea District

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Lisa Hall, Oleander District

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Diane Hunter, Redbud District

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Bess Hartley, Magnolia District

4<sup>th</sup> VP Julie Groce, Camellia District

Rec. Sec.: Sally Holcombe, Dogwood District

Treasurer: Marilyn McDonnell, Azalea District

Asst. Treas. Edna McClellan, Laurel District



## Plant America with Trees: Each One Plant One Continues

The National Garden Clubs (NGC) initiative to plant 165,000 trees for each year of this 2019-2021 term will continue in the 2021-2023 term. Each member, plant one tree. From May, 2019 – December, 2020 GCG members planted 32,075 trees! A member of the Magnolia District planted 31,000 Lob Lolly pines on her farm! In addition, 696 native and 379 non-native trees have been planted and counted.

As the Garden Club of Georgia chairman for NGC projects, I will continue to collect your planting information. 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, Email: [hall7796@bellsouth.net](mailto:hall7796@bellsouth.net)*

Date of planting Month/year	Qty	Species of Tree	City/State	Garden Club Name	Garden Club Number



# Wildflower 2020-2021 Photo Contest

## WATCH US GROW!

The GCG WILDFLOWER DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST is sprouting new growth with two new branches. There is now a NATIVE PLANTS Digital Photo branch and a YOUTH PHOTO branch. Of course, the WILDFLOWER DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST will continue to grow.

The Native Plant contest will follow the guidelines of the wildflower contest, and applications will be available on the GCG webpage.

Criteria and guidelines for the Youth Digital Photo Contest will be shared as soon as completed. Your suggestions will be welcomed.

The GCG digital photo contest support the spirit of PLANT AMERICA – providing opportunities for growth- growing membership, growing outreach, growing leadership, growing responsibility, growing knowledge, growing friendships, and growing member participation.

While most of the GCG programs and projects focus on group participation the digital photo contest focuses on individual contribution. The GCG Digital Photo Contests provide opportunities for individual participation, recognition, and growth, and provide for a growing appreciation for our beautiful heritage as the photographers showcase the garden that is Georgia.

We are excited the current winning photographs are featured in the fall 2020 Garden Gateways- Thank you Victoria Chandler, and congratulations to Diane Smith, Shenandoah Rose Garden Club, Redbud District; Jenifer Candler, Driftwood Garden Club, Redbud District; and Irma Rodriguez, Magnolia District. If you have not visited the GCG gallery to view and enjoy all the photos now is a great time for a visit. Barbara Bourque keeps the gallery collection growing.

You are invited to add to the growing collection of beautiful photos and enter your photos now.

Any questions, suggestions, or concerns-please send to Evelyn Rogers:  
[rogers2767@bellsouth.net](mailto:rogers2767@bellsouth.net)

Evelyna Keadle Rogers







## Community Project - Garden Clubs in Thomasville

For more than three decades, Thomasville Center for the Arts has kept a promise to encourage and cultivate a unique and artistic identity for the Thomasville community. This year the Center celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Wildlife Arts Festival designed to celebrate and preserve fine art and the distinct sporting culture of the Red Hills.

**Thomasville Garden Clubs** and regional mural artists and painters helped to celebrate. Their efforts could be enjoyed by anyone who walked or drove in the Downtown district. From November 6th through 21st, locals and visitors alike enjoyed wild outdoor encounters with larger-than-life murals, festive floral window installations and lamppost paintings throughout downtown Thomasville, titled "**Walk on the Wild Side**".

Windows into the Wild, our floral installations, were designed and installed by 4 teams within the Garden Clubs. The town buzzed with excitement at these tremendously creative takeovers of store entrances and windows. The challenge that the Clubs rose to meet was that each window or entrance had to represent the flora and fauna of the region as well as compliment the storefront they were designing in.







## The Georgia Master Gardener Association



We are sharing this listing of activities and on-line lectures & programs to assist our clubs in finding stimulating programs for members during this pandemic.

**FT VALLEY: Festival of Camellias – Therapy in the Gardens, February 1-28.** FREE Admission on Saturday, February 6, to Massee Lane Gardens, 100 Massee Lane, Ft. Valley, Georgia 31030-6974, (478) 967-2358. Check out all the activities for the month at [www.americancamellias.com](http://www.americancamellias.com)

**ONLINE: Growing Lavender, Sunday, February 7, 2 pm.** Lavender is a member of the mint family and native to regions of the Mediterranean. English lavender Join Rebecca Pinckney, a North Fulton Master Gardener, to learn which elements are needed to successfully grow lavender in Georgia.

Register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QZyVKLqvRe61oLNYtQUA3w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QZyVKLqvRe61oLNYtQUA3w)

**ONLINE: “Walter Reeve’s Gardening Faux Pas,”** a Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers Backyard Association presentation. Tuesday, February 9, 7 pm. This will be an online meeting with Walter Reeves via Zoom. Register in advance at <http://bit.ly/BYA2021WalterReeves>. Georgia’s gardening guru shares his gardening mistakes. Contact: Call 770-254-2620 or email [coweta.extension@uga.edu](mailto:coweta.extension@uga.edu). More Information: [www.ugaextension.org/coweta](http://www.ugaextension.org/coweta)

**ONLINE: Lunch & Learn - Seed Starting, February 10, 12 – 1 pm.** This month's topic: seed starting. We will cover the basics of materials required, where to source your seed, and how to plan your garden. Even though this is a free event preregistration is required! Please use this link to register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlcu2trz4oH9DgdoxmsrKWCw8zHJTxDG1iU>

**ONLINE: Right Tree, Right Place! Wednesday, February 10, 7 pm.** This class is presented by Tom Redmon, a North Fulton Master Gardener. Tom will share with you his experience and knowledge of the most important planning tips to consider before picking your landscape trees. Register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_NXFc8fH6R7K-6xuCnTiGjg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NXFc8fH6R7K-6xuCnTiGjg)

**ONLINE: Lunch & Learn All About Roses, Thursday, February 11, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.** Cost: Free. Learn all about the fascinating world of roses with Dr. Bodie Pennisi. Registration Link: [https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cvYuq4CM5iAyimW](https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cvYuq4CM5iAyimW) Zoom link is provided after registration.

### YouTube

**North Fulton Master Gardeners -**

<https://youtube.com/NorthFultonMasterGardeners>.

**Cobb County Master Gardeners -** to access their channel [CLICK HERE!](#)

**Cherokee County -** To subscribe to their channel [CLICK HERE!](#)

# GDOT Roadside Plantings 2020

**The Garden Club of Georgia works closely with GDOT to beautify our highways. Your generous contributions to our Roadside Beautification Fund purchase seeds and bulbs. Here is what was planted in 2020.**

- **Spring Cosmos**

- 259 acres statewide (37 acres per each of 7 Districts)
- Blend of *Cosmos bipinnatus* & *Cosmos sulphureus*

- **Late Summer Cosmos**

- 126 acres statewide (37 acres per each of 7 Districts)
- *Cosmos bipinnatus*

- **Fall Perennials**

- 84 acres statewide (12 acres per each of 7 Districts)
- Georgia Perennial Mix:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>%</u>
Spotted Beebalm	10
White Clover – Ladino	10
Partridge pea (fasciculata)	15
Narrow-leaved Sunflower	10
Lanced-leaved Coreopsis	10
Plains coreopsis	10
Large flower coreopsis	10
Goldenmane coreopsis	10
Black-eyed Susan	10
Bur-marigold	5

- **Fall Daffodils**

- 105,000 bulbs statewide (15,000 per each of 7 Districts)
- Rotterdam Mix (from Brent & Becky's Bulbs) – Blend of 3 *Narcissus* varieties that bloom in early winter, late winter, and spring

**Stay Safe, take precautions by wearing a mask when needed, wear gloves, and wash your hands with soap and water at home. Use hand sanitizer when needed while you are out of your home. Practice social distancing. Together we can get through this COVID.**



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Spring Edition

Deadline – May 1

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Deadline – August 10

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