

Board Briefs

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



What an awesome time we had at The Garden Club of GA, Inc. 94th Convention this year in Macon. It was so good to get together and share a few laughs and hugs with over 250 in attendance. The Outstanding Oleanders did a marvelous job. They were so well organized and so many pulled together to make it a big success. Genelda Reese, Winette Almon, Hilda Rushing and Geri Shaw were the leaders but had many helpers on their committee. When you see these ladies, be sure to thank them for all their long hours and hard work. I don't have a final figure on the Raffle but I think we did great. Thanks to all who purchased tickets to support this fund raiser for GCG. It was a pleasure to have our NGC President, Mary Warshauer with us the whole time! She attended all our meetings and was welcomed by all. We could easily make her a GCG member!!

This year, because of your generous contributions, we were able to award \$70,000 in scholarships to 21 students who will put the money to good use. Thanks to all of you who gave and continue to give. We had several named scholarships this year and hope to have many more next year.

The Awards program went great this year. We presented it in record time. Congratulations to all the clubs who walked away as winners. Good luck at National in Orlando at the convention that is being held May 16-19th. Congratulations also to Jane Hersey on receiving the Five Star Certificate of Merit.

This spring and summer my spare time will be spent reading all those President reports and Council reports. A big thank you to each club that sent yours in. If your club earned a Standard of Excellence Certificate, it will be awarded at the District Meetings.

A Community Wildlife Project Workshop is planned for July 28th at Rum Creek. Keep that in mind and send someone from your club. There are also three or four Blue Star or Gold Star Marker Dedications planned this year. Watch for announcements of those.

My big announcement is the hiring of our new Administrative Assistant: Gabrielle Mason. The committee has worked long and hard and read many resumes. Our chairman, Martha Price, has done an outstanding job keeping us in order. Hats off to Martha Price, Diane Hunter, and Barbara Bourque. We asked Gabrielle to join us at the end of April. She will begin her first day on May 5th. An article and picture will be seen in this newsletter. Let's all welcome Gabrielle and reach out to help her in any way that we can.

My wishes for each of you are to have a safe and joyous summer with lots of resting, watching birds, enjoying nature and gardening things to do. Let's---Plant America—Growing with Challenges and Changes!

Happy Gardening!

Peggy

Welcome our new Administrative Assistant: Gabrielle Mason



We are very happy to announce our new Administrative Assistant at Headquarters. She is Gabrielle Mason, a retired UGA employee and has worked previously for different UGA Deans. She comes to us eager to help our organization out. If you are in the area, please stop by and make her feel welcome.



You're Invited!!



2022 Daylily Show and Plant Sale

hosted by
Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

Saturday, June 11th
11:30am – 4:00pm

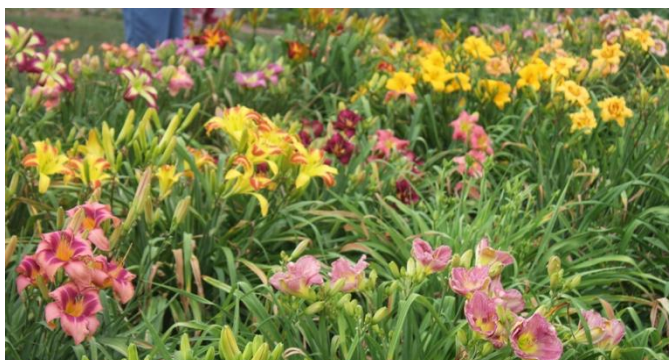
Forsyth County Senior Services Building
Sexton Hall
2115 Chloe Road, Cumming, GA
(Just off Sharon Road)

Sexton Hall is located just north of the Sharon Road Park Ball Fields.
The **Show** and **Sale** will both be held in air-conditioned comfort – “rain or shine”.

Come enjoy amazing daylily blooms grown by our members. This year the daylilies will be shown “**On-Scape**” and “**Off-Scape**”. There will also be a **Photography Section**. The public will be the Judges for the “Off-Scape” Section and the Photography Section. **We need your input!**

There's something for everybody at this year's **Show** and **Sale**. The doors will open for the Plant Sale at 11:30 am to buy bargain plants. These wonderful plants come from our member's gardens and there are always a wonderful variety of colors and styles available. Prices for plants begin at \$10.00 with many different colors, sizes and patterns available.

Hope to see you there!



Calendar June 2022- May 2023

JUNE 2022

4	Sat	Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival, Show, Tour	
5-11	Sun-Sat	National Garden Week	
24	Fri	GCG Awards Committee Meeting	Perry
28	Tues	Wild Adventure Day in Gray, GA	Gray

JULY 2022

21	Thu	Laurel Executive Board Meeting	TBA
22	Fri	Blue Star Marker Dedication	Columbus
28	Thur	CWP Workshop	Rum Creek

AUGUST 2022

9	Tues	Dogwood District Board Meeting	Sandy Springs
9	Tues	Oleander District Board Meeting	Pooler
18	Thu	Laurel District Board Meeting	Smyrna
21-24	Sun-Wed	Flower Show School Course 1	Marietta
30	Tue	Investment Comm & Trustees	Athens

SEPTEMBER 2022

7	Wed	F & E 1:30 am	Zoom
13-14	Tues-Wed	Fall Board Meeting 2:00	Lake Blackshear
19-20	Mon-Tues	NCG Fall Board Meeting	Saint Louis, MO

OCTOBER 2022

5	Wed	Oleander District Fall Meeting	Statesboro
6	Thu	Azalea District Fall Meeting	Athens
11	Tue	Redbud District Fall Meeting	LaGrange
12	Wed	Magnolia District Fall Meeting	Columbus
13	Thu	Camellia District Fall Meeting	Douglas
18	Tue	Laurel District Fall Meeting	Cartersville
19	Wed	Dogwood District Fall Meeting	Atlanta

JANUARY 2023

10	Tue	Dogwood District Board Meeting	Sandy Springs
12	Thur	Laurel Executive Board Meeting	TBA

FEBRUARY 2023

9	Thurs	Investment Comm & Trustees	Athens
10	Fri	F & E 1:30 pm	Zoom
16	Thu	Laurel District Board Meeting	Euharlee
20	Mon	Winter Board Meeting 1:30	Zoom
21	Tue	Azalea District Board Meeting	Sandersville

Calendar June 2022- May 2023 continued

MARCH 2023

8-10	Tue-Fri	Deep South Convention Airport, Kenner, LA	New Orleans
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APRIL 2023

10	Mon	F & E Meeting 1:30	Zoom
18	Tues	Spring Board Meeting	Stone Mountain
18-20	Tue-Thur	GCG Convention	Stone Mountain

MAY 2023

2-5	Tue-Fri	NGC Convention	White Sulfur Springs, West Virginia
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Grants Available

The Garden Therapy Committee is excited to announce that we have awarded **THREE** grants since March 2022. The following clubs received grants:

Bellmere Garden Club, Dogwood District - \$250.00
St. Mary's Garden Club, Oleander District - \$250.00
Rose and Dahlia Garden Club, Azalea District - \$125.00

More money is available and we encourage all clubs to consider a **Garden Therapy Project** and apply for a grant!

Linda Harris
Garden Therapy Chairman

Mountain Ivy Garden Club's Annual Plant and Yard Sale Returns

Clayton, GA

The Mountain Ivy Garden is pleased to announce its annual plant and yard sale will be held this year, on Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m. until noon, at Veteran's Park in downtown Clayton. After a two-year hiatus, the club is excited to once again stage the event, which is our main fundraiser for the club. All proceeds from the sale benefit the club's college scholarship fund, which provides scholarships to qualifying high school seniors at Rabun County High School who are pursuing degrees in agriculture, horticulture or related fields.

In addition to a wide variety of plants well-suited for cultivation in the Rabun County area, the sale will also offer garden art, tools, dishes and collectibles, jewelry and accessories as well as a selection home-made treats.

The Mountain Ivy Garden Club was established in 1993 and we are members of the National Garden Clubs Inc./Deep South Region and the Garden Club of Georgia Inc./Laurel District. The club is dedicated to furthering the benevolent, charitable, scientific and educational well-being of the community and to advance the art of gardening, landscape design and horticultural education in Rabun County. Club members are responsible for maintaining the gardens of the historic Rock House and Veterans Park on Main Street in downtown Clayton. The parks are open daily for public enjoyment.

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Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee met February 2022 and **awarded \$70,000 to 21** eligible and deserving students Each one is truly excited and grateful for this assistance.

- It was learned at Deep South Garden Clubs convention in March, that our 2021 applicant Madeline McDonald received her \$3500.00 grant and is using it this year. We have submitted our 2022 applicant timely to DSGC and our two allowable applications to NGC. We hope to hear the results for these three students soon.
- We are now in the new giving period to support our 2023-2024 students. Please make plans to support this program with an individual, business, club, council or district donation.
- AmazonSmile is still underway. This Scholarships Fundraising opportunity is of no cost to you or to GCG. Please share this information with friends and family via this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0706724>
- We are supporting caring, creative, and accomplished students! These young people are on their way to following their dreams. Our collective dreams for a better world where educators, landscape designers, horticulturists, researchers, and others can share their knowledge and pass on the joy and the legacy of Beautification, Conservation & Education.

Your donation makes such a difference in their lives. thank you for your generous contributions to scholarships!

Susan Turner

94th ANNUAL THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. CONVENTION

The 94th Annual Convention of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. was held April 12-13, 2022 at the Marriott Macon City Center, Macon with 252 members and guests attending. The two-day "Gardening in Macon" convention was hosted by Oleander District.

On Tuesday afternoon April 12th, members were treated to two informative speakers. Bonnie Satterthwaite, The Espoma Company, spoke on "There was no Miracle Gro in the Garden of Eden" and Stan Gray, The Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden, presented a program on "When Iris Eyes are Smiling". Tuesday evening included time to meet and greet our special guest National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Mary Warshauer. Tuesday evening, we celebrated and honored the outstanding work of our garden clubs and councils around the state at the Awards Banquet. Mary Warshauer, NGC President, joined GCG President Peggy Tucker on stage for Awards Presentations. 106 First place GCG awards were given and 42 Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. awards were won by GCG. The coveted Garden Club of Georgia Trophy was presented to Spalding Garden Club, Dogwood District and Spalding Garden Club won Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Outstanding Club. Peachtree Garden Club Medal was presented to Vicki Jones member of Magnolia Garden Club, Laurel District. GCG Member Award of Honor was presented to Lee Dunn member of Spalding Garden Club, Dogwood District.

Wednesday morning, April 13th started off with Peggy Tucker, GCG President, presiding over the annual business meeting. Lester Miller, Macon-Bibb Mayor, gave a warm welcome to everyone. A warm welcome was given by members when NGC President Mary Warshauer was introduced.

The convention concluded with the Member Celebration Luncheon. Laura Martin was featured speaker and talked about "Taming the Natives: Celebrating North American Wildflowers". New Life Members were recognized during the luncheon for 2019-2022: 53 new GCG Life Members, 10 new Deep South Life Members and 9 new National Life Members. During the luncheon, was a special recognition of the membership for their number of years as a member of a garden club. We had two members that have been garden club members for over 60 years. GCG President Peggy Tucker presented Presidential Citations to Diane Harbin and Betty Benner for outstanding service for GCG awards, Lisa Hall 2nd Vice President, Martha Price for all her work for Headquarters, Winette Almon, Convention Chairman and Hilda Rushing, Convention Co-Chairman.

The seven district designs were displayed in the Rotunda were done by Beth Wiseman, Edna McClellan and Victoria Chandler, Kay Peacock, Susan Turner, Faye Frazier, Maidee Spencer and Barbara Jones. A design honoring Mary Warshauer, NGC President, was designed by Lori Hurlebaus and a design honoring Peggy Tucker, GCG President, was designed by Delinda Pattie.

Everyone had a fun and exciting time seeing and visiting with garden club friends.

Memories

94th GCG Convention



GCG President Peggy Tucker recognizing Hilda Rushing 2022 Convention Co-Chair and Winette Almon 2022 Convention Chair.



Hostess ladies collecting tickets at convention.



GCG Life Members



Floral arrangement honoring Peggy Tucker. Designer Delinda Pattie, Oleander District.

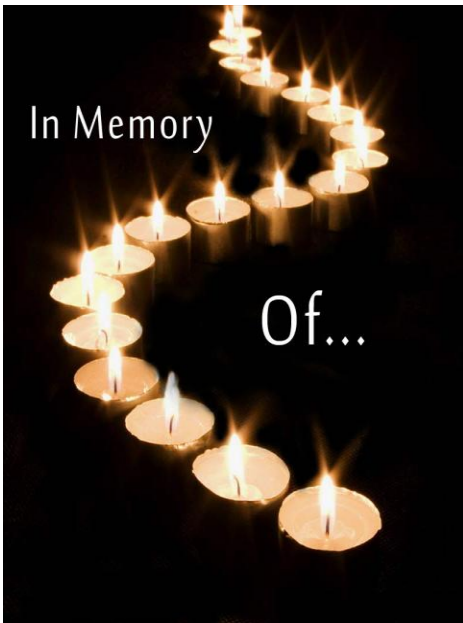


Lee Dunn Accepting Award #1 – Garden Club of Georgia Trophy Spalding GC, Dogwood District



NGC President Mary Warshauer and GCG President Peggy Tucker

More memories...



Remembering members we have lost from our seven districts.



Vicki Jones was presented the Peachtree Garden Club Medal and Citation
– Garden Club of Georgia

Magnolia Garden Club, Laurel District L-R: Marie Purser, Judy Patterson,
Jo Ann Dorsey, Barbara Bourque, Immediate Past GCG President, Vicki
Jones, Kathleen Clark, Mickey Carlton, Susan Stephens and Merrell Holden

Ball Ground Garden Club members attend state convention



Pictured are: Peggy Tucker (president, Garden Club of Georgia), Evelyn Foster, Mary Hrovatic, Sally Eubanks (president, Ball Ground Garden Club), Jennie Byers, Mary Warshauer President, The National Garden Clubs, Inc.), Susan Stephens (Laurel District director), and Barbara Bourque (immediate past president of Garden Club of Georgia).

The 94th annual Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Convention was held on April 12-13 in Macon. Over 250 members from across the state were in attendance.

Garden club members celebrated and honored garden

clubs and councils at the Awards Banquet. The Ball Ground Garden Club won: First Place Award for Civic Improvement, Second Place Award for Arbor Day, and an Honorable Mention Award for their Website. The Club

was also presented with a Congratulatory Certificate on the occasion of its Seventieth Anniversary, celebrated on November 16, 2021.

The Oleander District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. served as host for the

convention. Members attending from Ball Ground (Anetsa-Ga-Da) Garden Club were Jennie Byers, Sally Eubanks, Evelyn Foster, and Mary Hrovatic.



GCG Directors: Genelda Reese – Oleander, Lisa Hall -1st VP, Nilsa Summey – Magnolia, Gale Thomas – Redbud, Chris Adams – Dogwood, Rita Hightower – Camellia, NGC President, Susan Stephens – Laurel, and Betty Davis –Azalea

Land Trust Marshall Forest
Caroline Alford, Chairman
April 12-13, 2022
Macon, GA

Marshall Forest has been the scene of much activity this winter and spring. Many community groups have worked together to help make improvements in the forest. The parking lot is full most nice days as many are using the trails as a means of getting out in nature and away from the crowds with covid still an issue.

- Andrew Saville, the son of a Garden Club Member, has kept the Pecan Field mowed.
- The large pecan tree branches that fell during the winter storms have been removed.
- The Nature Conservancy Fire Crew plans to reinstall the Braille signs that have fallen off the stands using longer bolts, lock washers and nuts.
- The Fire Crew is scheduled to replace rotten boards on the wet weather creek bridge this spring.
- Tours of the forest have been scheduled for March 12th and April 19th during Garden Week in Georgia.

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. A Garden Club member's son has chosen Marshall Forest for his Eagle Scout Project. It is in the planning stages.
- Reinstallation of 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.

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. In addition, TNC is working to establish a working relationship with the City of Rome and TRED to apply for a GOSA grant to upgrade the trails and make other improvements close to the river.

A list of the donors to Marshall Forest will be listed by District in Board Briefs. Deed of Gratitude Certificates will be printed for those contributing before March 1st once the list has been received.

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 or by cell phone 706 346-5886.

WHERE ARE WE NOW...

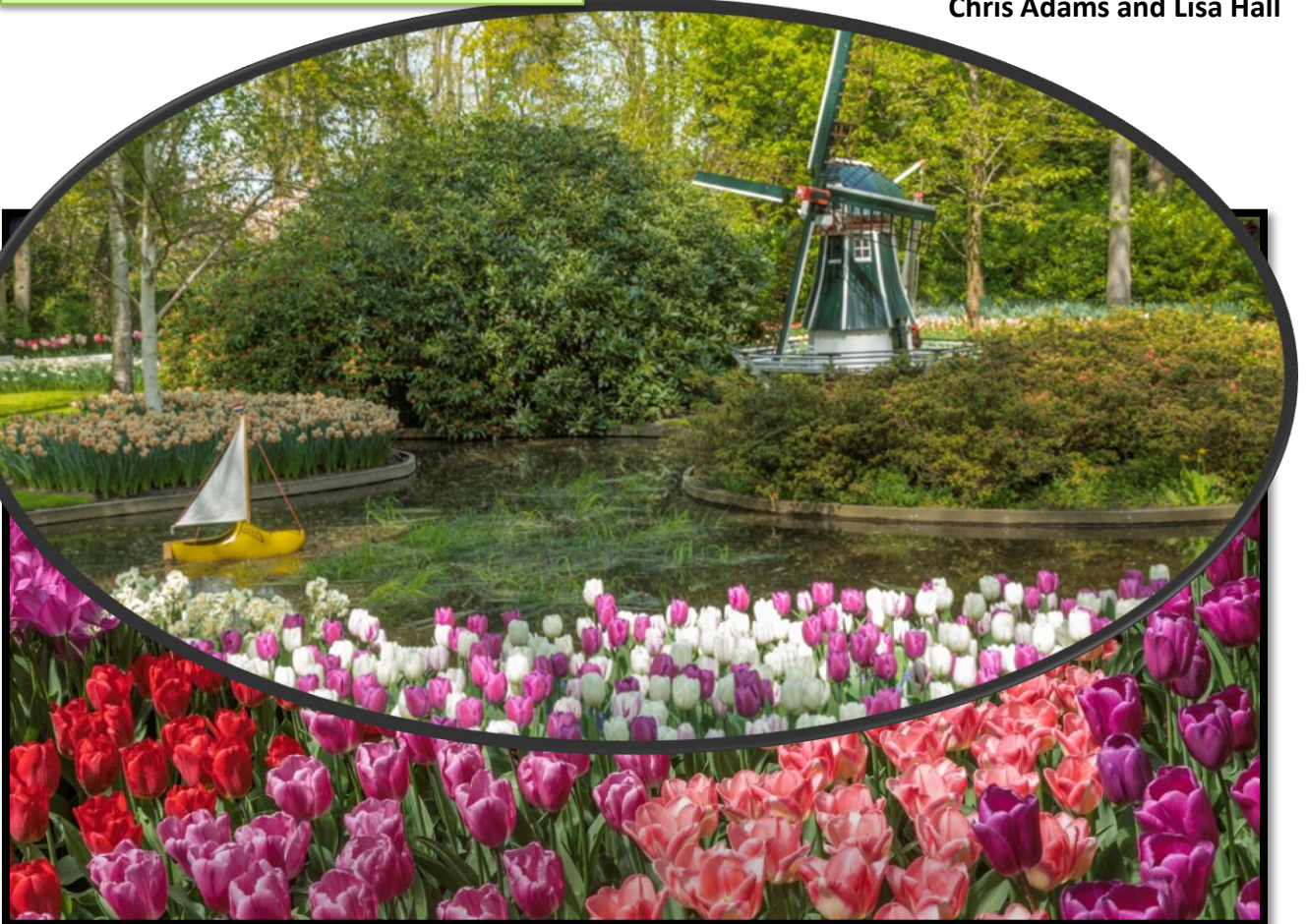
Hi Ladies! We really made it there! See the attached photo of Chris Adams and I at Keukenhof Gardens and a few of her travelling friends. If you have not been there it is amazing. 7 million bulbs! Had to attach a few flower pics, too!



Keukenhof, also known as the Garden of Europe, is one of the world's largest flower gardens, situated in the municipality of Lisse, in the Netherlands.



Chris Adams and Lisa Hall



GCG Recognition Pins

Newly designed GCG Recognition Pins will be available for sale at all in- person District Meetings this October or by contacting Lisa Hall. Each pin costs \$13. Look for them at your *Ways and Means* table!



Happy Summer

