



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. UPDATE FEB 2022

Promoting Beautification, Conservation and Education

A monthly news update for all GCG Members – including “FYI”, Save the Dates, Deadlines, and other timely information.

LET’S GO “Gardening In Macon”

The Garden Club of Georgia Convention April 12 & 13, 2022

Two days of great speakers, award presentations, and fun with friends.

REGISTER NOW - (See information and forms at end of this UPDATE)

GARDENING IN MACON SPEAKERS

Bonnie Satterthwaite originally from Savannah, is the Southeast Territory Sales Manager for the Espoma Company. The Espoma Company is a partner with National Garden Clubs, Inc providing garden clubs with grants, educational materials and meeting speakers. Bonnie has been involved in the lawn and garden industry for over 30 years and has taught hundreds of classes and been a featured speaker at garden club meetings, garden center events and radio programs relating the benefits of organic gardening. She will be presenting “There was no Miracle Gro in the Garden of Eden!”

Stan Gray has been growing iris for more than 60 years mostly on his family property in northern New Jersey, where his parents’ gardens were planted in the late 1920’s. He has been affiliated with the American Iris Society for more than 50 years and is well known as an iris grower to some of the nation’s leading hybridizers. In 2007, Stan moved his entire New Jersey collection to Savannah for incorporation into the floral display at the then Bamboo Farm & Coastal Gardens under an agreement with the University of Georgia. For the next eight years, Stan focused exclusively on the testing of tall bearded iris, to determine which varieties would be able to withstand the rigorous environmental conditions of Savannah. Stan’s newest collection of Louisiana Iris has been included in the Louisiana Iris Species Preservation Project that is now being showcased at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah, GA. Stan’s talk is titled “When Iris Eyes Are Smiling.”

Laura Martin and her husband live in Atlanta, Georgia, where she happily tends a large, wayward garden. She has had a long, happy career as an author and botanical illustrator, having published 26 books over the past 40 plus years. A degree in botany from UGA and a certificate degree in Botanical Art and Illustration from the New York Botanical Gardens gave her the technical foundation to explore both the world of science and of art. In addition to her books, Martin wrote a weekly gardening column for the AJC for 9 years and was gardening editor for several magazines. While not writing or gardening, Laura paints, weaves, plays the piano, creates miniature fairy homes and gardens, cooks and tends to grandchildren as often as possible. Laura will present “Taming the Natives: Celebrating North American Wildflowers.” Her latest book, A Naturalist’s Book of Wildflowers, as well as her award-winning book for children, Nature’s Art Box, will be for sale following her lecture.

Reminder to Garden Clubs-----

1. Presidents Reports are due by March 1 to GCG President Peggy Tucker, Your District Director, and your local council (if applicable).
2. Garden Club of Georgia Dues should be to GCG Headquarters – with copy of membership – by March 1.

Spring Events!

February 24, 2022 – **Garden Club of Georgia Board of Directors Meeting** – ZOOM – 1:30 PM

March 6-10, 2022 – **Deep South Garden Clubs Convention** – Natchez, Miss

March 30 – **South Georgia Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium** – The Crescent at Valdosta Garden Center

April 12-13 – Garden Club of Georgia Annual Meeting/Convention – Macon

April 19, 2022 - **“Spring in the Vineyard”** Fund Raiser for the Camelia District

April 22-23, 2022 - The Garden Club of Savannah will be hosting the

46th Annual NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens

Location: The Green-Meldrim House on Madison Square, Savannah, GA

More information can be found: www.gardenclubofsavannah.org

April 22-23, 2022 - **A Touch of Erin Flower Show and Presentation** by James Farmer - by Erin GC, Dublin, GA – First Baptist Church, 405 Bellevue Ave, Downtown Dublin- Fri 2:30-6:00, Sat 10:00-2:00. Infor for Farmer Presentation - 478-290-7275.

April 22-23, 2022 – **“Blooming in the Boro” Flower Show**–Bulloch Council–Statesboro Conv Center– Fri 4-6, Sat 10-3

April 23, 2022 – **Fairy Garden Tour of Historic Old Town Brunswick**

by Magnolia Garden Club, Brunswick, GA – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

April 23-24, 2022 – **The Flower Fantasy at Pineola Farms** – Fort Valley - For GCG Scholarships – SAT 10-6, Sun 1-6
<https://www.pineola.com/events> or 478-827-0894.

April 30- May 1 – **Pine Tree Festival Flower Show**–EGC Fulford Center-Swainsboro–SAT 3:00-5:00, SUN 1:00-3:00

May 14, 2022 - **Iris Garden Club of Washington, GA Spring Garden Tour**, 10:00-4:00, Robert Toombs Museum Headquarters, \$30, \$10 lunch

May 14, 2022 - **Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser** - Lockerly Arboretum, Milledgeville, GA - Azalea District

May 15-21, 2022 – **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention** – Orlando

May 21, 2022 10 am- **Ball Ground Garden Club Festival and Plant Sale**

215 Valley Street, Ball Ground, GA 30107

May 30, 2022 – **Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Dedication** – 11:00 AM – Roswell Garden Club – Roswell City Hall, Roswell, GA

** If your District has an event that needs to be shared, please send to Diana Malone at dmalone4086@hotmail.com*

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a member of Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

WEBSITES: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. www.gardenclub.uga.edu

National Garden Clubs, Inc. www.gardenclub.org

Gardening in Macon

*the ninety-fourth annual convention of
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

APRIL 12 -13, 2022 | MACON, GEORGIA

Hosted by the Oleander District



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Annual Convention

Oleander District invites garden club members to the 94th Annual Convention at Marriott Macon City Center, 240 Coliseum Drive, Macon on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13, 2022. The Oleander District proudly hosts “Gardening in Macon”. Our special guest is NGC President Mary Warshauer.

Attendees will be treated to informative featured speakers on Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday night we will celebrate and honor the outstanding work of our garden clubs around the state with the Awards Banquet. The Member Celebration Luncheon will follow the business meeting on Wednesday morning. The drawing for the anticipated GCG Cash Raffle will be held at the luncheon on Wednesday.

For the first time we are offering two ways to register and pay for the convention. One way to register is to complete the registration form and mail check as instructed or second way copy the following link to your browser to register and pay through PayPal or debit/credit card. Online registration: <https://form.jotform.com/211994690426161>

Come join us for fun, visit the many exhibits prepared by garden club members promoting the many projects of GCG, learn from our featured speakers, and enjoy shopping our wonderful vendors. Register soon so you will not miss the fun and exciting experience seeing and visiting with garden club friends from all from all over the state.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**Marriott Macon City Center
240 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31212**

Choose one of two ways to register:

Phone Marriott reservations at 800-228-9290

1. Identify yourself as a **Garden Club of Georgia** member
2. Provide the specific dates of your reservations

OR

Online Marriott:

You will find information for your online reservation link below:

1. Highlight link
2. Right click
3. Select: open hyperlink

[Book your group rate for The Garden Club of Georgia](#)

Or copy the following link to your browser line

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1637621551600&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

- King/Queen Room rates: \$129.00 + state and local taxes + Lodging Fee
- Discounted parking of \$5 per day
- Check- in time: 4:30 p.m. – Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
- Cancellation may be made up to 48 hours prior to arrival with no charge.

Deadline for hotel registration: on or before March 25, 2022 to receive group rate.



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. • 94th Annual Meeting

"Gardening in Macon"

April 12-13, 2022

The Marriott Macon City Center welcomes the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
240 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 • Phone 478-621-5300

Official Registration Form • Registration Deadline: March 28, 2022

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Badge Name Preference _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (w/area code) _____ E-mail _____

Club _____ District _____

How long have you been a member of a garden club in GCG? _____ years as of April 2022.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

**All GCG Board Members, all GCG Life Members and one member from each club are Voting Delegates; please check *Voting Delegate* box if applicable.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> My First GCG Convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Voting Delegate* | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member |

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER (please check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> PACKAGE PLAN includes registration fee, Awards Banquet and Membership Luncheon
PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL \$110.00 \$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/> PART-TIME PLAN
Awards Banquet \$58.00 \$ _____
Membership Luncheon \$42.00 \$ _____
REGISTRATION FEE (required) \$15.00 \$ _____
PART-TIME PLAN TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION COSTS \$ _____

Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 28th include extra \$15.00) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make Check Payable to: **GCG 2022 CONVENTION**

Mail Check & Registration Form to: **Elizabeth Gillespie, 734 Mockingbird Lane, Claxton, GA 30417**
flamingo954@yahoo.com, 478-957-1308

No Refunds After April 1, 2022 • Registration Fee Not Refundable

On-Line Registration will be available in January on our GCG website – accepting payment by credit card.