



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. **UPDATE** MAR 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)**

Reminder to Garden Clubs and Councils:

***March 15th, 2022 Annual Club Council Activity Report form is due** to GCG Garden Club Council Chairman, Rosemary Maulden, to be eligible for Standard of Excellence Certificate. Also, send a copy to GCG President Peggy Tucker and your District Director.

Many Spring Events to Attend!

March 5, 2022 – “Celebrating Spring Flower Show” – by the Green Thumb GC & Millen GC – Jenkins Co. Senior Center, 889 East College Ave, Millen, GA – 1:30-5:00 pm – Free Admission

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

March 18–19, 2022 – “The Garden, Planting with Love” 101st Annual Standard Flower Show by Thomasville Garden Club, Inc. - Thomasville Garden Center – Fri 2:00-5:00pm, Sat 10:00 am-4:00 pm – Free admission & March 19, 2022 – **Children’s Honey Bee Activity** – 10:00 am-12 noon

March 30, 2022 – South Georgia Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium – The Crescent at Valdosta Garden Center, 904 Patterson St., Valdosta, GA - For registration and more information, go to www.sgnpws.org or <https://gnps.org/chapters/sgnpws>

April 1, 2022 – Gold Star Marker Dedication - Augusta Council, Augusta

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

April 17-23 Garden Week in Georgia!

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

April 22-23, 2022 - 46th Annual NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens by Garden Club of Savannah -- 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 pm, Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Infor for Farmer Presentation - 478-290-7275.

April 22-23, 2022 – “Blooming in the Boro” Flower Show–Bulloch Council–Statesboro Conv Center, 222 South Main Street, Statesboro, GA – Fri 4-6 pm, Sat 10 am-3pm – Free admission.

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 10am-6pm, Sun 1-6 pm: <https://www.pineola.com/events> or 478-827-0894. Speakers are Roy Lamb and Delise Knight.

April 30- May 1, 2022 – Pine Tree Festival Flower Show–EGC Fulford Center-Swainsboro–SAT 3:00-5:00 pm,& SUN 1:00-3:00 pm.

MORE EVENTS FOR MAY in the next UPDATE!

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

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a member of the 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

Deep South Garden Club, Inc. www.dsgardenclubs.com

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

WE NEED YOU! We need Oleander District members to register and attend The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. 94th Annual Convention at Marriott Macon City Center, 240 Coliseum Drive, Macon on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13, 2022. We are the host district.

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 use Online registration link:

<https://form.jotform.com/211994690426161>

Come join us for fun, meet our special guest NGC President Mary Warshauer, 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.

We are trying to get out to our membership the updated convention information so they will not go to the GCG website for the incomplete information.

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 Member Celebration Luncheon
PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL \$110.00 \$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/> PART-TIME PLAN
Awards Banquet \$58.00 \$ _____
Member Celebration 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

For online registration accepting payment by credit card: <https://form.jotform.com/211994690426161>



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
94th Annual Convention
Tuesday, Wednesday - April 12, 13, 2022
Marriott Macon City Center Gardening In Macon

Tentative Program

Monday, April 11, 2022 Pre-Convention

..... Early Arrivals

..... Dinner on your own or join others for Dutch Treat Dinner

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Convention Begins

7:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Vendors and Floral Tributes, Exhibits

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own

1:00 – 7:00 PM Registration Open

1:00 – 7:00 PM Vendors & Exhibits Open

2:30 – 3:30 PM Speaker, Bonnie Satterthwaite

3:45 – 4:45 PM Speaker, Stan Gray

6:00 – 7:00 PM Cocktails & Conversation, cash bar, entertainment

Honored Guest: Mary Warshauer, President, National Garden Clubs, Inc.

7:00 – 9:30 PM Awards Banquet

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Convention Concludes

7:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration Open

9:00 – 11:00 AM Annual Meeting/Business Session

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Floral Tributes, Exhibits

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Member Celebration Luncheon, Speaker, Laura Martin

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.

