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Oleander Leaflets

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Hello Oleanders! It seems that we have missed so much this year – but we have managed to do amazing projects in spite of covid!. Some clubs continued to meet and

others did not have formal meetings but kept working on projects for their communities. Oleander Leaflets has been full of your wonderful projects. Please continue to send photos and info for future Leaflets so we can keep up with you!!

Congratulations to the clubs and individuals who won 2020 Oleander District Awards (featured in this edition). The next edition will feature 2020 GCG and DSGC awards.

We have sold many cookbooks, aprons, and bags and have some left. The order form is in this Leaflets.

Remember to send your Presidents' Reports by February 15 [presidentsreport.pdf \(uga.edu\)](https://www.uga.edu/presidentsreport.pdf) and Council Reports by March 15 [councilreport.pdf \(uga.edu\)](https://www.uga.edu/councilreport.pdf). Please send me a copy and one to GCG President Barbara Bourque. I hope to hear from all Oleander Clubs and Councils!

I have had the first Covid vaccination and will soon have the second. I hope that by this spring, we will be able to meet together again. I have missed seeing you “face-to-face”.

We are planning an “Oleander Family Reunion” at the Oleander District Annual Meeting on October 19, 2021. I hope to see all of you there.

Thank you for “Planting and Protecting Nature’s Gems”.
Diana Malone, Oleander District Director

Oleander January Board Face 2 Face meeting at The Landings in Savannah. Clockwise: The Landings GC president, Hannah Burtnik welcomes Oleander DD, Diana Malone. 2. Board members, Sharon Herrin, Betty Benner and Winette Almon catching up. 3. Bulloch County board members: Judy Walker, Hilda Rushing, Genelda Reese, Sandra Williams & Lori Hurlebaus. 4. Hostess, Lisa Hall is checking her list!!



Congratulations Oleander 2020 District Award Winners

Francene Roberson, Awards Chairman and Jan Gallaway, Co-Chairman, did a superb job evaluating and presenting awards even amidst the pandemic.

Outstanding Garden Club of the Year - [Odum Garden Club](#)

(Club receiving the highest score on annual GCG President's Report)

Outstanding Garden Club Member - [Bobbie Scott-Jesup GC](#)

(Member who has demonstrated outstanding service to garden related activities)

Awards All Star - [The Landings Garden Club](#)

(Club that has applied for and/or won greatest number of GCG/DSGC/NGC awards)

Louise Stewart Membership Award - [Seeds and Weeds GC](#)

Club with the greatest number of new members over previous year's membership)

Martha Miller Butterfly Award - [The Landings Garden Club](#)

(Club or group of clubs that has made outstanding environmental contributions through planting and maintaining a butterfly garden)

Mary Helen Ray Beautification & Historic Preservation Award -

[Magnolia Garden Club \(Brunswick\)](#) (Individual or club who has made superior influences in the area of Beautification and Historic Preservation)

Shirley M. Lewis Environmental Awareness Award - [Sea Oats GC](#)

(Club or group of clubs that has accomplished the most in environmental field)

Nelle Pope Award - [The Landings Garden Club](#)

(Club or group of clubs that has excelled in the field of horticulture)

Bobbie Scott Named Oleander Outstanding GC Member

Bobbie Scott had been an exceptional member of the Jesup Garden Club, Oleander District, and Garden Club of Georgia. She is an inspirational leader and has provided excellent projects for Jesup GC to “Plant and Protect Nature’s Gems”. Some of her winning credentials include.

- Currently in her second term as President of Jesup Garden Club
- Oleander Recording Secretary
- Oleander Parks and Public Committee Chairman-second term
- Distributed daffodils to Oleander District for state parks plantings for 2017-2018 GCG Plant America
- Chaired planting large pots in the downtown streets of Jesup, made beds at the courthouse and town fountain, an ongoing project for the City of Jesup.
- Organized revitalizing and planting at Fort King George in Darien around the Welcome Center.
- Worked with Boy Scout Eagle Project to plant a butterfly garden at the local technical school
- Coordinates memorial service for deceased Wayne County Garden Clubs members with tree plantings at the local Hospice. Families are invited and memorial plaques are placed at each tree.
- Chairman of the Wayne County Garden Club Council Christmas Tour of Homes for many years- proceeds fund the WCGCC annual \$1000.00 scholarship to a local student
- Encouraged community and civic leaders to become Subscribing Members. (Jesup GC won the 2019 GCG *Most Subscribing Members*.)
- Recruited eleven new members to JGC
- Planned field trips to LeConte-Woodmanston, Fort King George & a Jesup Hidden Garden
- Leads in transforming Wayne Memorial Hospital into a Christmas Wonderland.
- Assisted Martha Pucket Middle School junior garden club in planting the largest one-time planting of Famous and Historic Trees in the world. Included in one planting were Yoshino Cherry Trees given to America by the Emperor of Japan and planted in Washington, D. C
- Encourages her 10 grandchildren to work in the gardens at her home & teaches them the benefits of composting and rain barrels.
- Collaborates with county schools to participate in the Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl Poster and Poetry contests.



Scott receives award from DD, Diana Malone.

Right: Garden Club of Pooler perpetual president, Barbara Rawlings, is all smiles as GCP is awarded the inaugural 2020 GCG Trophy (Garden Club of the Year) Small Club Award!!! Congratulations Garden Club of Pooler!!!!



Magnolia GC of Brunswick Captures Mary Helen Ray Beautification & Historic Preservation District Award

Here is their project, step by step.



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Magnolia GC of Brunswick captured 1st place in the Mary Helen Ray Beautification & Historic Preservation Award in the Oleander district.



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Magnolia Garden Club Cemetery Improvements

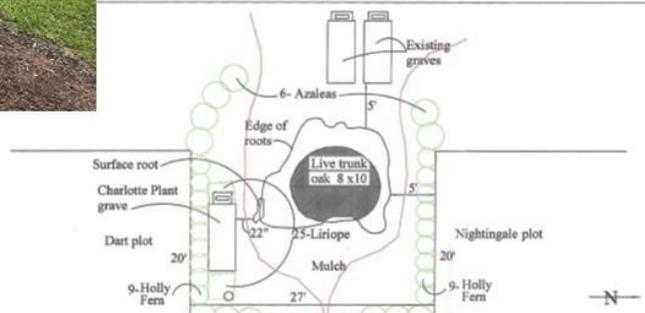
Clockwise, from right: 1. Garden area showing Charlotte Plant's grave. 2. Planting and mulching. 3. Commemoration ceremony. 4-5. Completed garden.



5



1. Park bench beside the chapel.
2. Architect's rendering showing graves, plantings, and irrigation.





Faye Hollington presented the GCG 2nd Place Newsletter Award to Lynn Anderson, **Sea Oats** Bloomers Editor. Right: Francene Roberson presented the Oleander Shirley M. Lewis for Environmental Awareness Award to Raylene Grynkeiwich and her committee for **Sea Oats'** work at the Pollinator Oasis at Frederica Park.



Left: Deborah Potter, **Wayne County GC Council** president, presented the book, "Bandits Garden", authored by Lynn C. Skinner and illustrated by Ingrid Dohn, to the James E. Bacon Elementary School library (L-R) Dena Payne, Media Specialist and Potter. Right: Potter also contributed the book to the Wayne County Library to staff (L-R) Deborah Turner, Manager, and Daphne Male, Children's Section Library Clerk.



Ailey GC's program was not exactly gardening but it was a cold, dreary day which called for a warm program! Their guest speaker, Saylor Herrin, a 14 year old student from Ailey, who appeared on the National Baking Show for Kids 3 years ago. In December 2020 she was invited to return for a special Christmas Bake Off. Even though it was cold and damp everyone seemed to have a great time! The members and guests were filled with much energy and enthusiasm. Several members homeschool their children who were invited to hear Saylor. Out of all the enthusiasm created by their speaker, they gained 4 new members. (L-R) Saylor's mother, Saylor and Lynn Skinner, Ailey GC president.

Announcements

GCG annual **Garden Club Councils** dues for 2021 are due March 1, 2021. Please make \$15 check payable to Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and mail to GCG Garden Club Councils Chairman, Rosemary Maulden, 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick, GA 31525-9447.

GCG Awards are due **February 1!!** Check the Awards Book to see if your club is eligible to enter.

[awards.pdf \(uga.edu\)](https://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org/awards.pdf)



The Garden Club of Pooler has changed the meeting place each month following the CDC guidelines to ensure a safe environment for their members. They visited the Wesley Garden, the forgotten garden built in the early 30's now a Methodist Retreat Center..
Clockwise: 1. GCP Pollinator Garden at the Veterans Memorial Park in Pooler 2. Meeting & Tour of GCP Pollinator Garden so members could see it in bloom. 3. Garden Club of Pooler president, Barbara Rawlings along with Bonnie Foster presented a hilarious Christmas Party Skit "Taco Stache". 4. At the Veterans Day Ceremony. They placed a wreath on the Blue Star Marker sponsored by The Garden Club of Pooler. 5. Another view of the Pollinator Garden





Green Thumb GC in Millen

Left: Mrs. Martha Sue Wilson, a long time member of Green Thumb Garden Club, donated the book "Floral Style: The Art of Arranging Flowers" by Vena Lefferts & John Kelsey. Mrs. Wilson stated that she had found inspiration for many of her floral arrangements from the beautiful pictures. Kathy Gay, Green Thumb president, accepted the book for the club.

Right: Talmadge Fries presented a program on fall plantings and bulbs to fellow Green Thumb GC members. Planting strategies, types of plants for fall, bulb storage and planting tips were discussed. Members were given the pamphlet "This Fall, Think Spring" from the Netherland Bulb Company outlining bulb purchase and planting. Members then shared plants and put together fall planters for their homes.

Talmadge is a multi-talented member of our community and is a wonderful asset to Green Thumb.



St. Marys GC helped the Friends of Crooked River State Park to restore pollinator habitat at Crooked River State Park. One project is to turn a large pasture area into a pollinator meadow at the Park. During restoration, the club purchased native local ecotype wildflower seeds which were planted in the area after removing some of the Bahia grass. They registered the pollinator meadow with the Connect to Protect Pollinator Program of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. The support team is headed by garden club member, Gail Farley.



Sea Oats Community Service Projects



Sea Oats meeting was held on the Pavilion at historic Gascogine Bluff Park on St. Simons Island. Nineteen members attended bearing their now familiar brown bag lunch. Speaker, Amanda Dunn, Manager of Savannah Bee Co. on St. Simons Island gave a very interesting and informative presentation. She has her own bee hives which make the honey. Shown in the picture are Sybil D'Amico, Dunn, and Annette Neu.



Left: Twice a year the **Sea Oats GC** members collect items for the International Seafarers' Center who gives them to ship workers when they are docked in port. Club members brought the items to the November meeting. Club members (L -R) Sybil D'Amico and Janet Bray are shown with Vicki West, Seafarers' Center manager when they delivered the items. Right: Instead of bringing gifts to play Dirty Santa, the Sea Oats GC members brought food items for Faithworks Ministry. (L-R) Mary Virginia Keith and Francene Roberson collect the items after the meeting for delivery along with a monetary contribution.



Magnolia GC Brunswick couldn't host their annual Tour of Homes due to COVID-19. To keep the holiday spirit alive they dressed up Old Town Brunswick for the Christmas season. Here are their members decorating Hanover Square with garlands, wreaths and swags. They also sponsored a Christmas

decorating contest for Union Street residents of Old Town with prizes awarded in six different categories plus a grand prize.





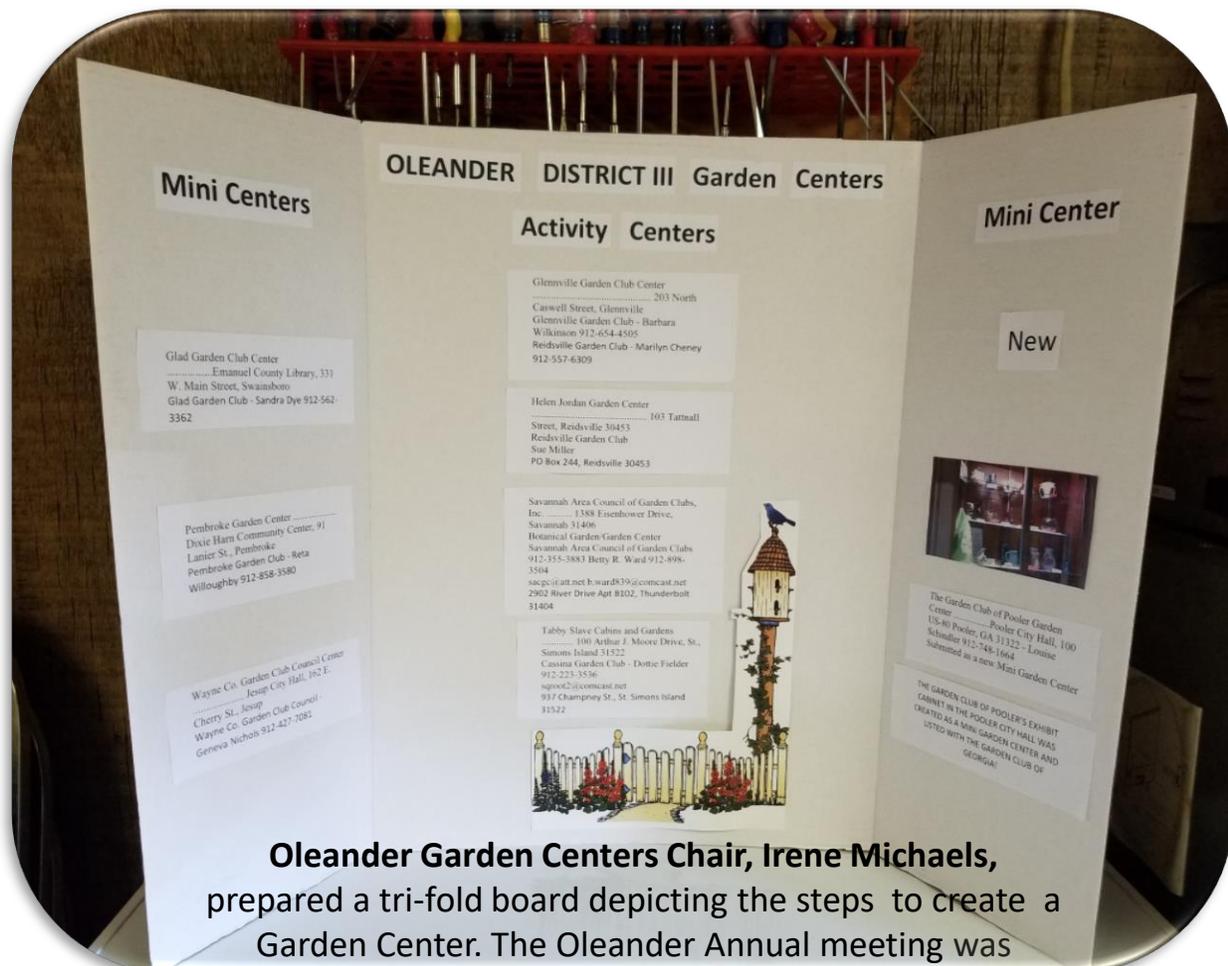
Mount Vernon Garden Club fluffed the wreaths and straightened the bows of over 100 wreaths. They were then joined by the Montgomery County road crew who helped hang the wreaths on each window and door of the Montgomery County Courthouse. It's a beautiful majestic structure!





Want to Create A Garden Center?

Above: Garden Club of Pooler created a new Mini Garden Center in Pooler City Hall. Louise Schindler, the mastermind, along with the other club members organize and change it quarterly. The Mini Garden Center educates and informs the public about the activities of the club. Many thanks to GCG President, Barbara Bourque, for helping get it listed in the Guide thus making it official.



Oleander Garden Centers Chair, Irene Michaels, prepared a tri-fold board depicting the steps to create a Garden Center. The Oleander Annual meeting was canceled but hopefully your club can use this information to design your very own Garden Center.

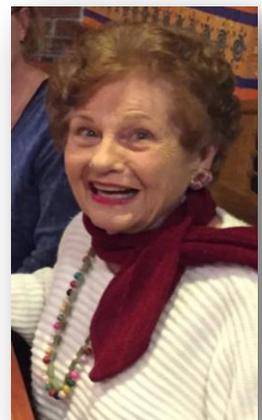
Happy New Year from The Historic 1840 Reinhard Farmhouse Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs & Botanical Garden.



We have struggled since spring to keep our Garden alive and growing and have made it so far due to the members and garden clubs who have made donations to keep us going. We thank you all for believing in us. Hopefully we will be able to have a spring and summer wedding season next year. Everyone at the SACGC and Botanical Garden sends prayers for all to stay well and safe during these trying times

Special Note from Emeritus Member, Shirley Lewis

Thank you Oleander friends who have sent prayers, cards, emails and called since my accident. I had first major dental surgery, December 3. Another 3 ½ hours of surgery is scheduled on April 8. Also, I lost all email addresses when my computer was hacked 12/27 . Please send me an email so I can quickly & easily add you to my address book. jandslewis@comcast.net



Bulloch County GCs Create A Winter Wonderland!

Left: (L-R): Trudy Counts, Cathy Hutchinson and Rozlin Jones of Hoe and Hope GC trimmed the Christmas tree at Ogeechee Hospice. **Left Below:** (L-R) Jane Wood, Susan Mullican, Judy Walker, Juanita Morton, Hilda Rushing and Nancy Trawick of Bulloch Council GC decorated a Georgia produce tree in the Statesboro courthouse. **Right:** The BCGC donated supplies for the Statesboro Convention & Visitors' Center tree.





Above: Glad GC decorated the tree at Emanuel Medical Center in Swainsboro. Helpers are JoAnn Trammell, Carolyn Brown, Margaret Sweet, Sylvia Durden, and Jeanette Hall.
Below: Glad GC presented a check to the Sunshine House, a child advocacy organization. Gloria Mason, Jeanette Hall, Sylvia Durden, Brandi Hood (Sunshine House) & Audrey West



Above:
Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs decorated a patriotic theme tree at the courthouse annex in Statesboro. (L-R) are Elizabeth Gillespie and Suzette Howell.



**Garden Clubs
 “Make Spirits
 Bright!!!**



Springfield GC does Christmas a little differently; they use live flowers to trim their gifts and then award the design winners. Top left-1st place- Gail Winskie; Top right: 2nd place- DeDe Rahn; Below right-3rd place-Nilsa Montero.



Above left: Luke Starling of Troop 295 in Guyton receives a certificate of achievement from Springfield GC president, Beth Mosley. Starling built 9 flower boxes for use at Effingham Living History Museum.

Springfield GC sponsored the city Christmas Decorating Contest. They awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes in 9 different categories. Here are a few of the beautiful Christmas decorations from all over Springfield, that received top awards. Springfield GC appreciates citizens and businesses who put forth great effort to make our town beautiful during the Christmas Season!



Sea Oats Awards Subscribing Membership



Sea Oats Garden Club presented GCG Life Membership to three of their long standing members. President Elaine Alberson presented the honor to (L to R) Diane Ghioto, Sybil D'Amico and Mary Acosta.



Francene Roberson & Elaine Alberson, **Sea Oats GC** President, presented Mary Ortega GCG Subscribing Membership for her continuing effort in the collection of pull-tabs. Tabs are collected by members and used to support the Ronald McDonald House.



Francene Roberson presented GCG Subscribing Membership to Chuck Ferrell of Coastal Landscaping & Design in appreciation for his donation and installation of straw to help maintain the plantings at SHARE, an ongoing Sea Oats project.

Scholarship Chairman, Betty Benner,
reminds you to please donate to
“Dollars for Scholars” by January 31!!



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
“Dollars Educate Scholars”

Mark your calendars for January as GCG Official Scholarship Month!

What a meaningful way for every member to contribute to our *Scholarship Mission*. Each member contributes \$1.00 or more to your Garden Club treasury. The club treasurer will write one check to GCG and mail with the *Dollars Educate Scholars Transmittal Form* to Assistant Treasurer, Rosemary Maulden 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick 31525-9447

Support your District and Your Director as the Annual Dollars Educate Scholars Challenge is on! The Winning District with the most contributions for Dollars Educate Scholars by membership percentage will have their Director Honored at the GCG Annual Meeting in April.

For additional information contact Susan Turner, Scholarships Chairman
770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net

“Dollars Educate Scholars”

TRANSMITTAL FORM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. OR GCG

Please complete the following information and mail with your clubs check for \$1.00 or more per member, or any amount you desire, to Assistant Treasurer, Rosemary Maulden. 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick 31525-9447. Please write legibly. Contributions received now through January will count in this giving period.

Name of Garden Club: _____

Club Number: _____ District: _____

Garden Club President or Representative Data:

Name: _____ Title: _____

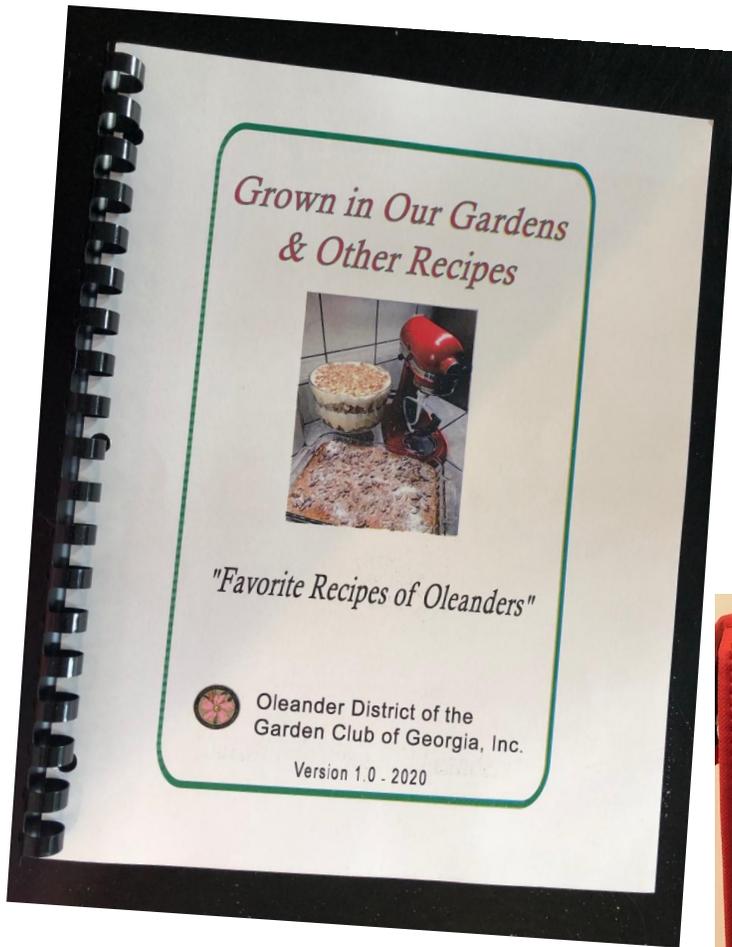
Email: _____ Phone number: _____

Number of Members in your club:

100% Participation? Check one. Yes No

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Questions? Contact Susan Turner, Scholarships Chairman 770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net



New
**Oleander District
Merchandise**
available **NOW!!!**
(Order form on next page)

Oleander District Cookbook
135 Recipes in 8.5x11 format
(for easy reading)



Above: GCG seal insulated bag with water bottle pocket. Available in 5 beautiful colors.
Left: Beautiful & durable khaki Oleander aprons. Cotton/poly twill, bib style with 3 gorgeous designs to please everyone.

Oleander District Cookbook
135 Recipes in 8.5x11 format (for easy reading)
The Cookbook is available for order NOW!

Order Form:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Garden Club Name _____

Item	Quantity	Price Per Item	Payment Sent
Oleander District Cookbooks		\$20.00	\$
Cookbook Postage		\$3.00	\$
GCG Insulated Bags Check color below		\$10.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Purple <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Turquoise			
Oleander Aprons Check design below		\$20.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers <input type="checkbox"/> Garden quote <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs			
		Total	\$

Cookbooks can be mailed to you at a cost of \$3.00 each or you can arrange to pick them up from Diana Malone, District Director (770-490-7417) or dmalone4086@hotmail.com

To save postage, clubs may wish to place a group order for pick-up. Also for sale are the GCG seal insulated bags in red, turquoise, green, purple, blue & Oleander aprons with several designs.

Send orders to Diana Malone, District Director, 129 Hannah Drive, Jesup, GA 31546

Make checks to : Oleander District

2021-2023 Awards Chair, June Thomas and Co-Chair, Betty Benner, encourage you to plan your projects with these awards in mind. Then apply for the correlating awards. Looking forward to your fabulous applications!! App on next page.

Due: October 1

Oleander District recognizes OUTSTANDING OLEANDERS at the Annual Fall District Meeting. Your club, council or a member could be a **WINNER!** Just complete the application and submit to Oleander Awards Chairman.



#	Award Name	Eligibility	Requirement	Recognition
1	Sara Lewis	Member	Proficient achievement in the field of HORTICULTURE.	Certificate Silver bowl
2	Nelle Pope	Club/Group of clubs	Excellent project in the field of HORTICULTURE.	Certificate Silver bowl
3	Shirley M. Lewis Environmental Awareness	Club/Group of clubs	Accomplished the most in the ENVIRONMENTAL field.	Certificate Carved bird
4	Mary Helen Ray Beautification & Historic Preservation	Member or Club	Made outstanding impact in the area of BEAUTIFICATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Certificate Silver bowl
5	Martha Miller Butterfly	Club/Group of clubs	Made outstanding environmental contributions through planting and maintaining a butterfly garden.	Certificate Butterfly plaque
6	Louise Stewart Membership	Club	Recruited the greatest number of new members over previous year's membership. <i>(No district form required-info obtained from GCG)</i>	Certificate Plaque
7	Awards All Star	Club	Applied and/or won the greatest number of GCG, DSGC, and NGC awards. <i>(No district form required-info obtained from the Annual GCG President's Report which is sent to the Oleander director by February 15.)</i>	Certificate Gift certificate
8	Outstanding Youth Garden Club of the Year	Club	Must have submitted an application for GCG Youth Garden Clubs Standard of Excellence. Junior, Intermediate or High School Clubs will receive equal consideration. Sponsored by a member or club affiliated with the Garden Club of Georgia, the youth club must have at least five members and must meet at least four times annually. Youth club programs should be balanced, providing instruction in the areas of Horticulture, Environmental Education and Conservation. Activities should be varied and may include Nature Study, Flower Arranging Workshops, Arbor Day Planting, Garden Therapy, Litter Control or other civic outreach.	Certificate
9	Special Achievement	Club	Most outstanding civic project furthering Oleander objectives and projects throughout the club year, or special projects not identified in another award.	Certificate Gift certificate
10	Outstanding Garden Club of the Year	Club	Club receiving the highest score on the annual GCG President's Report. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the items that require written descriptions on the President's Report. <i>(No district form required-info obtained from the Annual GCG President's Report which is sent to the Oleander director by February 15.)</i>	Certificate Gift certificate
11	Outstanding Garden Club Member	Member	Member who has demonstrated outstanding service to garden related activities and civic improvement.	Certificate Gift certificate



Note: The butterfly plaque, membership plaque, carved bird, and silver bowls are traveling trophies.



Oleander District Garden Clubs Award Application 2021

Award Number:

Award Name:

Applicant Name:

Club Name:

Club Town:

Club Contact Person:

Email:

Phone:

Home Address:

City:

Zip:

Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.

(Application is limited to three pages including this form – front of pages only.)

1. New Project: Yes No Beginning date: Completion date:

2. Brief summary and objectives of project:

3. Involvement of club members and other organizations:

4. Project expenses and means of funding:

5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:

6. Insert supporting materials:

Application should be sent to	
Email Deadline-October 1 June Thomas junewinntomas@gmail.com (Send only in pdf format)	Mailed paper copies must be in the hands of the chairperson by October 1. June Thomas POB 263 Odum, GA 31555

Save the Dates

Date	Event	Info
January 27	GCG Board Meeting	ZOOM
February 1	GCG Awards Due	awards.pdf (uga.edu)
March 1	Donations due (To receive a certificate @ Annual Meeting and receive credit on the President's Report)	Donations.pdf (uga.edu)
October 1	Oleander Awards Due	Application in this issue
October 19	ODAM Meeting	

How To Talk Corona

Coronacation - forced time off work due to the virus

Corona Do – Roots 6” or more and hair unusually long!

Coronalusional - having delusional or strange thoughts due to covid

Covidiot - someone disobeying lockdown, mask or self-isolation rules

Covid-19(lbs) - weight gained during lockdown

Damascus – we can't wait to ditch these masks!!!

Drivecation - holiday in parked motorhome

Hamsterkaufing- stockpiling food like a hamster

Iso - isolation

Isobar - fridge well-stocked to get through the pandemic

Isodesk - home workplace

Morona - person behaving moronically during the pandemic

Post-rona - when the pandemic is over

Quarantine and chill - chilling at home during the pandemic

The rona - another word for coronavirus