FOR GARDEN SAKES



Garden Therapy Donations

The SACGC would like to thank everyone who donated items to Georgia Regional Hospital for Christmas. Thanks to all our Board Members and Garden Clubs especially Wilmington Island. They gave up their Christmas Gift Swap and filled my car with all kinds of items for the patients. We got a lovely thank you card from the Director.

Betty Ward
Garden Center Director

The Pooler Garden Club had a most interesting program for their October meeting. Carlos Chacon, manager of Natural History at the Coastal Discovery Museum in Hilton Head Island, SC talked about the different stages of butterflies. Much interest was shown with many questions!

Member Irene Michaels who also is the Oleander District Garden Centers Chairman announced that the club's Exhibit Cabinet in the Pooler City Hall is a newly created Mini Garden Center with the Garden Club of Georgia. Louise Schindler is the Chairman of this project and has worked very hard putting it together. With other club members, she changes it four times a year!







The October 15 ODAM was held in Ebenezer, GA at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center with a floral demonstration program presented by James Carlson of Premier Events.

Irene Michaels member of SACGC and The Pooler Garden Club presented an Oleander District Garden Centers Exhibit as chairman.
The Pooler Garden Club was in charge of the Country Store which proved to be very popular with many customers helping to bring in money for the Oleander



"Chasing the Blues Away" was the annual theme for our January meeting after the holidays. Member Rebecca Benton did just that when she became the Mayor of Pooler! Congratulations Rebecca, we are so proud of you! The program was about our SACGC Farmhouse and Botanical Gardens. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed while watching the wonderful film. Plants were shared from members' gardens and many door prizes were given out.

ATTENTION!

Editor is looking for a responsible volunteer to take photographs of garden
4 x a year - Seasonally (Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter)
For inclusion in newsletter and website.
You will be given credit for any photos used.

Please contact Claire for more detailed information
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At the November meeting, The Garden Club of Pooler prepared bulbs in containers to sell at a fundraiser later in the year before Christmas at the Pooler City Hall. It was much fun for the members and a learning experience for all!



Please make a reservation for the ***Parkersburg Garden Club "Cards and Games Luncheon" FEBRUARY 18, 2020*** by calling (912) 508-5500. This party is lots of fun, and there are very many door prizes!

It is our primary fundraiser for a scholarship for a deserving student at the Armstrong campus of GSU who has demonstrated an interest in horticulture. Our goal is to provide a $2000 scholarship again this year.

Even if you can't attend, please consider supporting the scholarship fund by sending a check made to “Parkersburg Garden Club” (with a note of “Scholarship Fund”) to:
Sandy Champion, Treasurer
620 Rose Dhu Road
Savannah, GA 31419

Hope to see you there!

Lenora Everett
President, Parkersburg Garden Club
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Congratulations to Parkersburg Garden Club. They have joined the Garden Club of Georgia. President Lenora Everitt and her members have done a super job providing the necessary documents to GCG. They had several representatives at the Oleander Annual meeting who had a great time learning more about GCG and making lots of new Garden Club friends.



Nancy Rosenthal, Pat Ryan, Louisa Sigman, Barbara Stahl, Irene Michaels and Betty Ward had fun decorating the Farmhouse for Christmas.









On October 16, St. Andrew's school toured our: Herb, Vegetable, Rose and Children's gardens. Many questions were asked by the children and answers were given providing a learning experience and fun for all!





Bonita Ennis Windsor Forest Garden Club Xmas dinner



Over the past several months the **Wilmington Island Garden Club** has been involved in our community in the following ways:

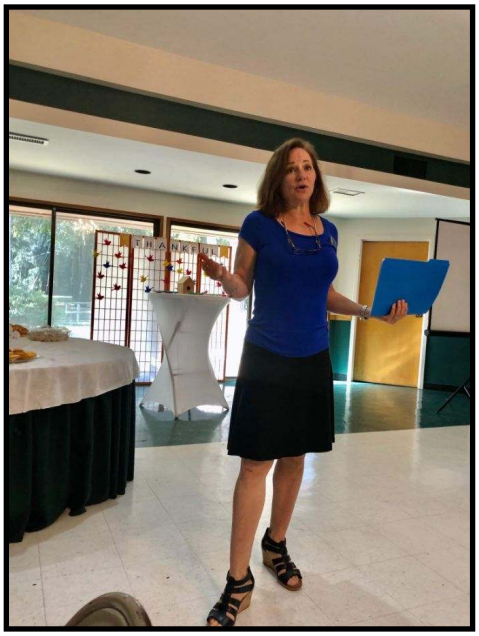
Continuing sponsorship of the Children's Garden at May Howard Elementary School. The speaker at our October meeting was Mary Beth Hannon, coordinator of the Children's Garden. She gave us an overview of the Children's Garden Program that we help sponsor through our donations in the Spring and Fall. The children have planted raised beds and have harvested various fruits and vegetables, even growing enough peanuts to share with the whole school. It was wonderful to hear about all of the things the children are learning. In addition to their planting and harvesting, they are learning the role bees play in the garden and even have an observation bee hive.

Making crafts: At our November Meeting entitled, "Birdhouses, Pine Cones and Oyster Shells" several garden club members taught us to decorate birdhouses with peanut butter and birdseed, how to make Christmas Trees from pine cones, jewelry/ring holders from oyster shells, wreaths and many other craft items which we sold at our December special event.

Sponsoring special events: Our second annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony was a rousing success with 250 to 300 children and adults in attendance. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited with the children and were available for free pictures. Garden Club members helped children make Christmas Ornaments. The crafts we made at our November meeting were sold to help defray expenses.




HERRINGTON






BINGO



Camellia and Azalea Garden

In early November we attended a fund raiser in Plains, GA for the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail. At this event, we were able to purchase two Rosalynn Carter native azaleas, which we have donated to the garden, and planted in the area behind the Compassionate Friends memorial. These azaleas were discovered in southwest GA by native azalea expert Ernest Koone and named by him in honor of the former first lady. They are not commercially available and are in limited supply, so we were very lucky to be able to obtain them for the garden. Though they are small and unimpressive at the moment, they can grow 6 – 10 feet tall, bearing clusters of yellow flowers, which appear in early spring, before the leaves. The plant is deciduous and appears as bare sticks with buds in the winter, unlike the evergreen indica azaleas in the main gardens. Both our plants have buds and we are very excited anticipating their bloom next spring.

Rosalynn Carter Native Azalea





SACGC Botanical Garden

1388 Eisenhower Dr, Savannah, GA 31406 (912) 355-3883 | SavannahBotanical.org

Photography by JohnAlexanderPhotography.com

All proceeds go towards the botannical garden maintenance.

These beautiful 4 x 5 fold-over note cards are being sold in the Reinhardt House at the Botanical Garden

8 cards for $10.00

Perfect for holiday cards, thank yous or “just thinking of you”

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Southbridge Garden Club was busy this past fall. We tended our new butterfly garden, created pots at the golf club, hung wreaths throughout the community and enjoyed a special holiday luncheon where we etched glasses and plates and made holiday earrings. We are looking forward to our field trip and luncheon at Dunham Farms in March.







Our favorite photographer, ***John Alexander*** has shared some of his photos for this newsletter. JohnAlexanderPhotography.com









Top 10 Gardening Tips

1. Place your garden in a part of your yard where you will see it regularly.
2. Pay attention to how sunlight plays through your garden.
3. One of the best gardening tips you will ever get is to plan your new garden near a water source.
4. When starting a garden, one of the top pieces of advice is to invest in soil that is nutrient-rich and well drained.
5. When space is at a premium, look to containers.
6. It is important to select plants that match your gardening conditions.
7. Knowing your “hardiness zone” can help you choose the best plants.
8. Planting to early (or late) in the season can spell disaster for your garden.
9. Apply a layer of mulch 2 to 3 inches deep around each plant
10. Feed plants regularly, with regular boosts of high quality nutrition for your plants.

FYI: Outside house repairs are being performed as you read this newsletter

A special thank you to Bartlett Tree Service for dropping off wood chips to be used as ground covering instead of pine straw.

Larry Ward



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- It doesn't matter if you've been a gardener for 10 years or 1 day. You will gain in-depth horticultural knowledge through the Master Gardener Training Course, and have access to continuous opportunities for learning, skill building, and advanced training every year you stay active.
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