

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

April 2012

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

My year as your President of the Landings Garden Club is nearly over. I have enjoyed it immensely. I remember feeling some trepidation last September before our first meeting, but never since! It has been a real privilege to serve in this capacity, and I thank you all for your support. I especially want to thank my executive board and committee chairs, all of whom have done a superlative job. My thanks to Anne Guira who has been my right hand man all year and will be your president next year. We published all the names of both the executive board and committee chairs along with the committee volunteers in last month's Petal Pusher, so I won't repeat them here. Please refer to the March issue.

Our annual fund raiser (selling bows and bulbs) will continue to be our major source of income. The Ways and Means chairs are Pat Sunshine and Sandy Randolph again this year. I hope most of you will join us in this very important effort. We'll begin making bows as early as this summer, and the bulbs are ordered in the early Fall. Please contact either Pat or Sandy if you can help.

This year we welcomed nine new members! They are Sharon Kersh, Nancy Thompson, Valerie Stocklin, Vicky Kramer, Maddie Harwood, Junko Bick, Ginny Knoll, Barbara Martin, and Karen Angers. We are delighted to have you.

The April meeting of The Landings Garden Club will take place on Monday, April 23 at the Messiah Lutheran Church. The Board will meet at 9 am, followed by the general meeting from 9:30 to 10:15, at which time the program will begin. Our speaker is Cathy Belford, a floral designer. Her program is entitled "Construction Instruction". After a few minutes break for set-up, we will enjoy a salad and dessert luncheon. If this year is anything like last year, we will have

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 23 Monday Meeting. 9 am Board, 9:30 General Meeting, 10:15 Program, 11:00 Luncheon and Installation of Officers

April 20, 21 NOGS Tour

April 30 Cruise Around the Island.

May 4 Rose Festival Preview Wine Tasting Party at the Rinehart Farm House and Botanical Garden

May 5 Rose Festival

May 7 Causeway Cleanup. Meet at Smiths at 8 am. Nancy Strobel will be there with supplies. This is our last cleanup until September.

September 10 Petal Pusher deadline

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some delicious choices. We not only have great gardeners in our Club, but wonderful cooks as well. Judy



APRIL 23RD MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Landings Garden Club speaker is Cathy Belford, Interior Designer and Floral Designer. She will demonstrate the basics of floral design using plant materials from our yards and the supermarkets.

After the meeting we will all enjoy our salad and dessert luncheon. This is our last meeting until fall. Please bring a salad or dessert to serve six to eight. The time schedule is as follows:

9-9:30 board meeting

9:30-10:15 general meeting (no coffee break)

10:15-11:00 program

11:00-11:15 set up for lunch immediately followed by lunch

Hostesses are:

Shelby Schavoir, Priss Wentworth, Ruth Casey, Lori Harris, and Libbie Cluett.

Please come and make it a wonderful end of the year event. Jean Wrenn & Sandra Wolf



PLANTS AND CONSERVATION



This beautiful spring weather makes us anxious fill our yard and porches with colorful plants. For the birds and butterflies, select bright tubular blossoms. Plant baskets of Fucia, Columbine, red or blue Salvia, Impatiens, Lupines or Phlox. New plants also need to be watered two or three times a week and it is easy if they are in a container. Water is getting to be a scarce and expensive commodity so use it sparingly. Turn off the sprinkler system and water only when necessary. Established bushes need only one inch a week. Monitor the amount of rainfall and add enough to total one inch. Use a bucket to catch the rain for use in the birdbath or on the flowers. Enjoy our colorful plantings but be mindful of the water. Linda Sue Babcock



CAUSEWAY CLEAN UP

On April 2 an enthusiastic group of workers had a beautiful morning to clean up the high way. Many thanks to all of them and we hope to see them again next along with some of our regulars who couldn't come today. The following people are those who worked today; Janet Morley, Meg Bremer, Susan Holsten, Peggy Muller, Barbara Werneke, Anne Erdle, Bud Heusser, Blair Gewsamer, Lynn O'Neil, Ed Conant, Chuck and Shirley Owen. We meet at Smith's parking lot on the first Monday of each month at 8 a.m. May will be our last month until the fall. We picked up 28 bags of litter. Shirley Owen



CRUISING ON THE ISLAND EXPLORER

April 30, the date of our boat trip, is almost here. The Island Explorer will arrive by 10AM at Landings Harbor, the marina at the northern end of The Landings. If you signed up and paid, then please meet the group to check in about 9:45. Bring bug spray, sun protection, cameras, binoculars, and snacks or sandwiches if you wish. You might also like a light cover as it can be cool on the water. There is drinking water on the boat and the boat has a head. Call Sandra Wolf, 598-1349 or email Sandra at sandyw65@ymail.com if you have any questions. Should you need to call on April 30, use Sandra's cell phone number: **414-559-4080**. We sail, rain or shine, unless there is very bad weather."



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In March we welcomed visitors **Mildred Howarth** from New York and **Judy Lautzenhiser**.



COMMUNITY SERVICE Pull a tab, save a tab.
support the Ronald McDonald House and their guests (parents of very ill children). Tabs will be collected at each of our meetings. Meg Bremer

Your aluminum pull tab is needed to

Thanks for your support - We earned \$158.00 at Amazon last month!

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The Landings Garden Club will receive money to support:

Local Environmental Education Programs

Orphan Bird Care

The Landings Native Plant Trail

Holiday Decorations of Community Gates

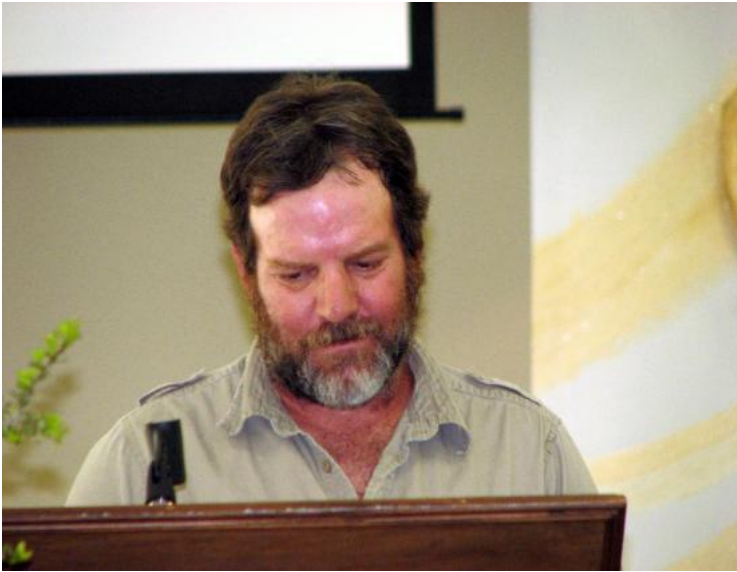
Causeway Clean-up

Library Plantings &

Many other LOCAL projects.

Website: Please report website additions or corrections, in writing to Sally Jones at sally4th@bellsouth.net or
11 Stargrass Retreat.

March, 2012 Meeting



Scott Thompson speaks to us about native plants. He is owner of Thompson's Garden, specializing in native plants and woody ornamentals.

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Centerpiece by Elizabeth McGough

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES – March, 2012

The March meeting of the LGC was called to order by President Judy Sweeterman at 10:00. Judy led us in the Pledge of allegiance to the flag and Barbara Paul read the Collect. The minutes passed as presented. In the absence of Ruth Casey, Judy read a thank you note from the Village Library for the donation of a Garden Book in honor of Nancy Crawford. Leslee Bowler announced 37 members and 2 guests, Judy Lautzenhiser and Mildred Howarth.

Treasurer's report by Sally Jones. The balance on hand in the checking account on March 26, 2012 was \$12,974.72. Deposits were \$3,252.63 and expenses \$941.69. The CD balance at Sea Island Bank is \$3,963.68.

Judy announced the Slate of Officers and committee chairs and volunteers presented in The Pedal Pusher. We can all be proud of our dedication to our "true service organization".

Liaison to The Area council of Garden Clubs, Nancy Rosenthal, reminded us of the NOGS Tour April 20 & 21. The second annual Rose Festival at the Rinehart Farm House and Botanical Garden on Eisenhower is May 5. A Preview Wine Tasting Party is scheduled for May 4. Remember passes to local museums are available to GC members.

Linda Sue Babcock reminded us the Cherokee Rose is in bloom, birds are scarce because of the heat and water should be used sparingly.

Shirley Owen sent around the causeway cleanup signup sheet for April 2. The last Cleanup will be May 7. Thank you all for your help!!!

Cynthia Calder is working with the Library Board on plantings for the new addition. With help from Scott Thompson and Cynthia last year's garden is doing well.

A bottle bush was planted in the Midpoint Square to celebrate Arbor Day. Valley Crest also planted a bulb experiment in the Square. Take a look.

Sandra Wolf asked "Y'ALL TO COME CRUSIN". Enjoy a day on the water, April 30 at 10AM. We will follow the Wilmington River. Meet at the North Harbor. Cost \$50.

Jean Wrenn thanked members for their generous help and time hosting our meetings through the year. March hostesses: Bowler, Kemp, Sunshine, Diffenderfer, Engvall. April 23 is our Luncheon and Installation of Officers. There will be a strict schedule for meeting: 9:00 Board Meeting 9:30 Gen Meeting 10:15 Speaker 11:00 Lunch Bring salad or desert for 6. Installation of Officers.

Priss Wentworth is still collecting items for Community Service.

Ways and Means chairs Sandy and Pat asked for volunteers to distribute pre-order bows flyers. The Georgia Garden Club meeting is in Macon April 14 and 15. Contact Lisa, Meg or Dixie if interested. A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned by President, Judy Sweeterman at 10:45a.m.

Corrections to the Minutes of the February 2012 Meeting of the Landings Garden Club are as follows:

1. In the slate of officers for next year Debbie Roth's name was misspelled.
2. In Arbor Day section, the bottlebrush bush currently is small. It will grow to a height of 15-20 feet.
3. Edith Teifeld should have been included as a hostess for the February 27th meeting.