



THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

March 2012

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Landings Garden Club members,

Today I attended the wrap-up meeting of the Ways and Means committee, so ably run by co-chairs Sandy Randolph and Pat Sunshine. We discussed every aspect of the production, advertising, distribution, and sale of our bows and bulbs. It truly takes a "village" to get the job done, and we did it beautifully! I was reminded once again that as much fun as we have together, we are a service organization as evidenced by the large number of causes we support every year by the proceeds of this project. We can all be proud of our work as LGC members. I continue to encourage members to join one or more of our many committees. The rewards to you are many - new friendships and a sense of satisfaction to name just a few. The following is the slate of executive officers, and the committee chairpersons along with the volunteers for each committee for the 2012-2013 year.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Anne Guira

VICE PRESIDENT: Leslee Bowler

TREASURER: Kay Osborn

REC. SEC: Debby Roth

CORR. SEC: Ruth Casey

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND VOLUNTEERS

AWARDS: Hall – chair, Guira, Sheridan

ARBOR DAY: Roth

BIRDS, CONSERVATION: Babcock – chair, Cluett, Morley,
Townsend

CAUSEWAY: Stobel – chair, Bremer, Cluett, Diffenderfer,
Kramer, Marting, Maugh, McNellis, Morley, Osborn, Schilly, Barry,
Ward, Wrenn

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 26th Monday Meeting. 9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

April 2nd Causeway Cleanup. Meet at Smiths at 8 am, wearing sturdy shoes and gloves. Nancy Strobel will be there with the other supplies.

April 10th Petal Pusher deadline

April 23rd Luncheon & Installation of Officers.

April 30th Special Event : "Cruising the Intracoastal waterways"

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LIBRARY: Calder – chair, Feingold, Kramer, Lindgren, Martin, McGough, Owen, Rosenthal, Schavoit, Sweeterman, Wrenn, Stocklin

GATE DEC: Cluett – chair, Angers, Barnard, Calder, Drwiega, Foulkes, Gardner, Hart, Holland, Harwood, Kane, King, Kramer, Lindgren, McGough, Miller, Otter, Prellwitz, Rosenthal, Sweeterman, Schavoit, Sheridan, Stocklin, Wrenn, Zmijewski

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Wentworth – chair, Casey, Harwood, Bremer

DESIGN: Gardner – chair, Bremer, Calder, Maugh, McGough, Morley, Oran, Palmer, Scheuermann

HORTICULTURE: Thornley – chair, Kane, Roth, Schavoit, Wolf,

HOSPITALITY: McGough and Schavoit – chairs, Calder, Campbell Cluett, Foulkes, Heidary, Kemp, Knoll, Maugh, Morley, Oram, Prellwitz, Sheridan, Sweeterman, Townsend, Barnard, Wrenn, Zmijewski

MEMBERSHIP: Johnson and Bremer – chairs, Angers, Kemp, Miller, Schavoit, Scheuermann, Teifeld

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Lynn Barnard

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION: Ahrens, Lindgren

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Teifeld

PROGRAM: Wolf – chair, Bremer, Gardner, King, Sweeterman, Teifeld

PUBLICITY: Kramer – chair, Jones (Sally will write occasional articles about LGC)

WAYS & MEANS: Randolph and Sunshine – chairs, Bowen, Bremer, Cluett, Diffenderfer, Guira, Holland, Harwood, Knoll, Marting, Osborn, Owen, Palmer, Orth, Schilly, Sweeterman, Zmijewski

WEBSITE: Sally Jones

YEARBOOK: Guira and Hall – chairs, Knoll

SACGC: Rosenthal

GCG: Diffenderfer

ANNUAL BUDGET 2012-2013

Approval will be voted on at March, 2012 General Membership Meeting

INCOME:

Active Members:	72 @ \$35.00	\$2520
Inactive Members:	11 @ \$45.00	495
Miscellaneous		275
Ways & Means Projects:		4000

TOTAL INCOME **\$7290**

GENERAL EXPENSES:

State dues (\$7 per member)	581
SACGC dues (\$3 per member)	249
Meeting Rental	400
State Convention	150
Speaker's Honoraria	500
President's Gift	150
Officers' Expenses	100
Memorials & Flowers	200
Mail Box Rental	50
Arbor Day	75

GCG/NGC Projects	200
Eisenhower Botanical Garden	100
Total	\$2755

STANDING COMMITTEE EXPENSES:

Awards	25
Birds & Conservation	25
Civic Beautification	50
Village Library	200
Community Service	300
Design	50
Horticulture	25
Hospitality	100
Membership	100
Native Plant Trail	0
Newsletter	50
Publicity	100
Website	40
Ways & Means	3200
Yearbook	270
Total	\$4535
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7290

MARCH 26TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

“Native Plants: An Easy Choice for Southeastern Gardens”



Scott Thompson
 Owner, Thompson’s Garden, Statesboro, GA

NATIVE PLANTS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE MEETING



APRIL 23RD MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Just a quick reminder for all members that next month is our closing luncheon on the 23rd of April. Each member should bring a salad or a desert to serve eight to ten. The food last year was a great example of the tasty foods that we get to sample. Please come and make it a wonderful end of the year event. Jean Wrenn

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

The GCG Board Members are all pinching pennies to keep our operating costs down to a minimum. However, dues revenues alone do not cover all their expenses. Therefore, 3rd VP Susan Turner is always busy coming up with new ways to raise funds - and this one is really quite painless. Please read the details and see how easy it is to support this endeavor. A Win-Win for everyone.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Joins the Semi - Annual *Belk Charity Event*



For GCG's

Spring INTO ACTION FUNDRAISER! April 21st

Belk Stores everywhere are holding their Charity event to help local organizations, like GCG, raise funds for their specific projects. This is *Belk's* way of saying "Thank you" to their customers and the communities they serve. **GCG keeps 100% of our coupon sales!**

You can help by purchasing a coupon for \$5.00 which can be used on April 21st for \$5.00 merchandise value at any *Belk* store! Can't make it on April 21st? Shop with your \$5.00 coupon now and Belk will hold your purchase until April 21st or when you can pick it up thereafter.

Here are some details:

\$5.00 coupon valid off your 1st purchase. Some exclusions may apply. You write the check to the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for your coupons, we send the coupons to the contact person in your club. GCG keeps the money and your club members shop with the coupons. Win-Win for everyone. Judy Sweeterman will announce our contact person by our March meeting.

Happy Shopping!

Come Cruisin', Y'all



Another exciting LGC cruise is planned for April 30, 2012. Enjoy a day on the water with your Landings Garden Club friends aboard our water chariot, the Island Explorer. We set sail from Landings Harbor (the marina at the north end of our community), go up the Wilmington River to the Thunderbolt Bridge and beyond. This narrated tour is steeped in history. We will see Bonaventure Cemetery from the water and enjoy the history and nature of the area. Thunderbolt is a historical fishing village that sees more yachts than fishing boats today, being the home of Palmer Johnson, builder of mega yachts. Learn the natural history of the area and hear stories of the islands. See the older homes on the Wilmington River and contrast them to the ones that have been built more recently. Interested in Paula Dean? See the homes she has lived in. We boat through the marshes, watching for dolphins and water birds, and who knows what else.

Cost of the trip is \$50 per person. The trip will start at 10 AM and be about 4 hours in length. Sign up at the March meeting (look for a table in a prominent place with a signup sheet). Payment may be made then (checks payable to The Landings Garden Club) or by March 30th. Space is limited, but spouses and friends are welcome if space allows. Call Sandra Wolf at -1349 or email sandyw65@ymail.com for further information or to sign up if you will not be at the meeting. Sandra's address is 6 Marmaduke Lane.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are happy to announce *Sharon Kersh* has joined our Club. Please welcome her at our next meeting!



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

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Will receive a percentage of your Amazon purchases as a referral fee.

It doesn't matter what you purchase. It can be as small as a book*, or as large as a TV.

As long as you link to Amazon through the Garden Club's website,

www.thelandingsgardenclub.com

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.

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES – February, 2012

The February meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Judy Sweeterman at 10:00am. Judy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Ruth Casey read the Collect.

Judy asked if there was anyone who did not receive the February “Petal Pusher” and no one responded. Judy mentioned that there are several corrections that need to be made to the minutes of the February Meeting and that they will be published in the next “Petal Pusher.”

Leslie Bowler announced that we have had 8 new members join in the last few months and that 6 were here today. She then handed out new trowels to Maddie Harwood, Junko Bick, Ginny Knoll, Valerie Stockton, Barbara Martin, and Karen Angers. There were 42 members present today and one guest – Sharon Kersh.

Judy announced that Leslie Bowler has agreed to run for the office of Vice President for next year, and will serve with Anne Guira who will be President.

Ruth Casey, corresponding secretary, reported that she sent cards to Edith Teifeld, who broke her knee, Marguerite Weisemann, whose husband passed away and Bonnie Taylor who has been hospitalized. She read a note of thanks from Edith Teifeld. It was also mentioned that Sandy Humphrey is in treatment for cancer and Kathy Thomas has been hospitalized due to a fall but is now in rehab. Both of these members should have cards sent to them.

Judy mentioned that the Petal Pusher was late this month due to a delay on her part and that she was glad that everyone received it before this meeting. If you did not receive your Petal Pusher, you can print it from the Landings Garden Club web site. She thanked everyone for getting in their dues for membership on time and mentioned that there are still a few slots left for next year’s Garden Club Board. Anyone interested in running, please call Judy as soon as possible.

Judy announced that next month’s meeting will be a presentation on Native Plants by Scott Thompson of Thompson’s Nursery in Statesboro and that he will be bringing plants to purchase. Lisa Hall will be making up a Pre-Order list of plants he will bring and will e-mail the list to the membership before next month’s meeting.

Judy received a letter from Sharon Flores, Oleander District Director of the Garden Club of GA encouraging us to apply for some of the new awards being given by the National Garden Club which are as follows: Edible Gardens, Container Gardens, and Trees and Shrubs. There is also a National Garden Club project supporting the American Cancer Society and an award for a category called “Plant It Pink.” The deadline for submission for these awards was April of this year, so we will apply for 2013.

Sally Jones gave the following Treasurer’s Report: The balance on hand in the checking account as of Jan 23, 2012 was \$10,766.46. We had deposits of \$8.00 last month and expenses of \$110.68. That left a balance of \$10,663.78 on Feb 27, 2012. We have a balance of \$3963.68 in our Sea Island Bank Certificates of Deposit.

Committee Reports: Charitable Gifts: Sally Jones reported on Charitable Gifts. She asked that all members submit in writing any suggestions they have for organizations that they wish to be considered to receive a charitable gift from the Landings Garden Club. She will compile all written requests into a report to be considered by the Charitable Gifts Committee and weight is given to the number of requests for each organization.

Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs: Nancy Rosenthal reported on the Rinehart Farm House and Botanical Gardens located on Eisenhower St. She said that it is a wonderful asset for our area and that we all should consider joining the Friends of the Garden and to volunteer in whatever capacity is needed. The Gardens is a great place for weddings, family photos and other such events. The Farmhouse has a great library and is available to rent for dinner parties, receptions, etc.. It is a part of the group of museums that are on the City Museum Tour. Nancy has 14 free passes for these tours, and they can be used by members of our Garden Club. If you are interested, contact Nancy. On March 31st, there will be a plant sale at the Farm House as a fundraiser and we are all encouraged to attend. Pat Ryan is in charge and she is willing to order specific plants if you are interested. The Gardens' annual budget is \$18,000 and income from the Farm House rental is \$5000. The rest of the money comes from donations to the gardens, various Garden Clubs' support and wedding rentals. Ken Powers, who is currently in charge of running the farm house and gardens will be leaving town soon and must be replaced. On May 5th there will be a rose festival at the garden with a Preview Party on May 4th.

On April 14th, the Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs will sponsor a trip to the Cummer Museum and Gardens located in Jacksonville, FL. This trip will include a Riverboat ride. It is a fund-raiser and the person to contact is Helen Marshall.

Arbor Day: Debbie Roth reported that this month, Valley Crest planted the bottlebrush tree that we donated in the Midpoint area. It is about 15-20 feet tall and is guaranteed for 1 year.

Community Service: Priss Wentworth reported that she is still collecting toiletries, and clothes in large sizes for Georgia Regional Hospital.

Design: Anne Gardner sold raffle tickets for the drawing for the red geranium plant brought by Meg Bremer to today's meeting.

Horticulture: The Horticulture Minute was presented by Pat Berry. Her presentation was on Arbor Day and its beginning in Nebraska City, Nebraska. It is celebrated every year in February and March, depending on which part of the country you are in. In 1850, Jay Sterling Morton, who was born in New York, was appointed to negotiate the purchase of the Nebraska Territory. He moved to Nebraska City and built a 52-room mansion that was a replica of the White House. He was appointed Secretary of Agriculture under Grover Cleveland. At his home in Nebraska City, he cleared 160 acres and planted roses, apple trees, as well as oak, maple, chestnut and pine trees. Jay Sterling Morton's son, Joy Morton, grew up and moved to Chicago where he started the Morton Salt Company and established the Chicago Arboretum. It was Joy Morton who started the celebration of Arbor Day in the United States.

Hospitality: Karen Foulkes thanked everyone who brought food today; Nancy Strobel, Sonia Oram and Janet Morley.

Ways and Means, Part II: Sandy Randolph and Pat Sunshine will be holding a debriefing party on March 13 for all captains who helped with the Bow and Bulb Sale. They are all encouraged to come and bring all information from this year's Bows and Bulbs sales. Wine and cheese will be served.

Causeway Cleanup: Nancy Strobel announced that the next Causeway Cleanup will be held on March 6th. Everyone is encouraged to meet at Smith's Grocery at 8:00 a.m. to pick up their safety vests, "pinchers" and

garbage bags. Nancy encouraged the new members to join the “Road Warriors” in the clean-up effort to keep the causeway and marsh clean.

Meg Bremer reported that she is still collecting aluminum flip tops. She is now taking orders for the 2013 Garden Club calendars which will be available in April. They are \$8.56 and only come in desktop size this year.

Sandra Wolf reported on our upcoming boat trip. The boat will leave the North Harbor Marina on April 30th at 10 a.m. and will travel up the Wilmington River to Bonaventure Cemetery and come back by way of Turner Creek. Cost is \$50 and the trip will last approximately 4 hours. Bring a snack or lunch. Sign up and pay Sandra by March 30th. After that time, the trip will be opened to the public.

Garden Club of Georgia liaison, Dixie Diffenderfer, reported on information she received from the Oleander District’s Director, Sharon Flores. Garden Week in Georgia this year will be April 15th-21st. She encouraged us to organize public or private tours of gardens, especially involving school children. She also encouraged our club to apply for District Awards including Club of the Year. She announced that there will be a membership workshop on May 9th and repeated on May 23 in which all are encouraged to come and learn about and discuss program ideas as well as how to increase membership. The National Garden Club is focusing on “Plant it Pink” for 2012 and 2013. The annual meeting of the Garden Club of Georgia will be held in Macon April 16th and 17th with dinner and awards being held on April 16th and workshops held on April 17th. The Deep South Convention will be held in Savannah March 24-26, 2013. All Savannah area Garden Clubs are encouraged to provide volunteers to help with this meeting.

A drawing was held for the geranium and Betty Mitchell won.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned by President, Judy Sweeterman at 10:50 a.m.

Meg Bremer introduced our speaker, Susan Scoggins from Bluffton who spoke on “How to Dry Garden Materials.”

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

Sandra Wolf’s name was misspelled.

Ruth Casey’s report should have stated that she “read a thank-you note from Patsy Dulles (not Helen Schmitt as reported) whose husband, Wyn died.” In addition, it was mentioned that Helen Schmitt passed away several weeks ago but the newspaper made no mention of any family members to be contacted for more information.

Sandra Wolf’s report on the upcoming boat trip stated “it will tour around the whole island.” That is incorrect. It should have stated that it “will tour up the Wilmington River to Thunderbolt and beyond.”

Pat Sunshine’s report on Ways and Means accidentally left out Linda Tompkins’ name among the various captains Pat wished to thank. That report should also have included the fact that the reason net receipts on the Bows and Bulbs Sales were not as high as expected was because the cost of some of the ribbon for the bows tripled from previous years’ costs.