

# THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

October 2011

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

David and I have just passed our 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary living in Savannah. I am still trying to get the hang of gardening in the South! Most of the rules I knew in Wisconsin are out the window, here in zone 9. I do have several books that have helped me make the transition. One of my favorites is called GARDENING IN THE COASTAL SOUTH, written by Marie Harrison. She tells me that now is the time to divide and replant crowded perennials such as Easter lilies, tiger lilies, daylilies, African iris, crinum lilies, phlox, and other summer bloomers. The general rule of thumb is to divide spring bloomers in the fall and the fall bloomers in the spring. That gives time for the plants to reestablish before bloom time. She also tells me to plant vegetables such as spinach, kale, turnips, mustard, and cabbage plants. Arugula, loose leaf and bibb lettuces can be joined by onions, radishes, carrots, and herbs. I have been growing herbs up on my deck over the last few years, but think I'll try a few of the lettuces and cabbage this fall. The deer keep me from planting veggies in the yard, but I'm sure some of you can give it a try.

This month is a special one for Landings Garden Club. Our 25<sup>th</sup> (Silver) Anniversary tea will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Messiah Lutheran Church. Please note the slight time change in your yearbook: 9-9:30 am board meeting, 9:30-10:15 am general meeting, 10:15 am speaker, 11:00 am tea will be served. As you see, we are eliminating the coffee and refreshments time of 9:30 to 10. Please try to be at the church promptly at 9:30 so we can begin the general meeting on time. We will have a number of guests attending. I am confident that they will enjoy our celebration as much as we will.

Judy Sweeterman

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Oct. 11 Oleander District Meeting,**  
St. Simon's Island

**Oct. 24 Silver Anniversary Tea**  
9:00 Board, 9:30 General Meeting,  
10:15 Speaker, 11:00 Tea

**Nov. 7 Causeway Cleanup**  
Monday 8am

**Nov. 10 Petal Pusher deadline**

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## WAYS and MEANS

The committee has been hard at work preparing for this year's major fundraiser...hope you all had a chance to read the great publicity article in the Landings Journal . Thank You Pat Barry!!!.

With bow-making well under way since Leslee Bowler and her elves have been working throughout the summer....

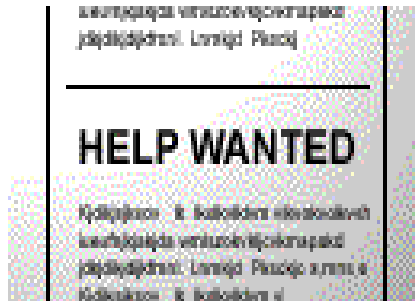
we are now into Phase II of our fundraising....FLYER DISTRIBUTION....which will occur the last week in October..Linda Tompkins has a group of volunteers organized to deliver over 4,000 flyers designed by Sally Jones...REMINDER ...WE WILL HAVE PACKETS OF FLYERS WITH DISTRIBUTION ROUTES AT THE OCTOBER 24 MEETING FOR YOU TO PICK UP AND DISTRIBUTE DURING 10/24-10/30...(along with a list of those who have signed up, in case you have forgotten)...so check with Linda before you leave.

Lastly, our first sales opportunity will be at the Landings Art Show in The Village on Saturday, October 29...followed by the Artisan's Market on November 12...Kathy Zmijewski has organized several sales shifts to work those days...Spread the word to your friends and neighbors...Bows will be for sale and Bulbs can be ordered at these events.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES ...Pat Sunshine and Sandy Randolph, co-chairs.

### HELP! WE NEED SOME

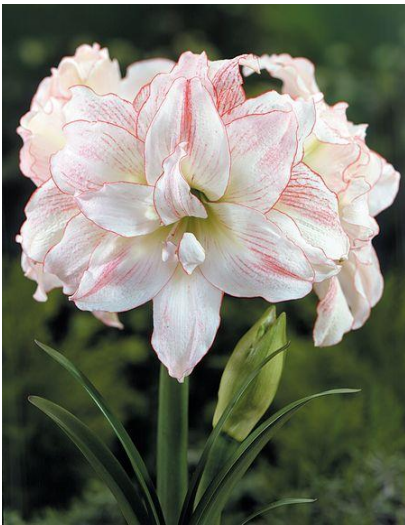
Additional and bulbs sales at the Landings Market. (Nov 12 from 11-3 ) contribution to the success of our Kathy Zmijewski at 598-8331 to



### BODIES

members are needed to man the bows Art Show (Oct. 29) and The Artisan Everyone should make some ways and means project. Please call donate an hour or so of your time.

### DON'T MISS OUT--SUPPLY IS LIMITED



Orders will be taken for bulbs at our Oct. 24th meeting so bring your check book or cash. Boxed bulbs are \$20 each. Makes a great gift for any occasion.

Please help support  
**THE LANDINGS**  
Green Projects  
Through  
THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB WEBSITE  
It's Easy:

Go to [www.thelandingsgardenclub.com](http://www.thelandingsgardenclub.com)

Once there, click on the Amazon link



The Landings Garden Club  
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](http://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](mailto:sally4th@bellsouth.net) or  
11 Stargrass Retreat.



## **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. PROJECTS**

National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) is recognized as the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world with nearly 200,000 members. Since 1929, it has provided garden club members with educational opportunities in all aspects of gardening and floral design.

NGC aids in the protection and conservation of natural resources, promotes civic beautification and encourages the improvement of roadsides and parks.

The Landings Garden Club is part of this organization. Every two years, with the change in administration, the new president of NGC develops a theme with projects recommended for participation in by individual clubs and councils. The new president, Shirley Nicolai's theme is "Proudly Serving our Members and Communities." Her projects are community and club oriented. She emphasizes three projects.

First is Planting for Public and Special Places. This project recognizes all garden club service to communities when members provide plantings for public and special places. These plantings can beautify, have environmental value or provide sustenance. The Landings Garden Club continues to work on or support projects in this area including the Village Library plantings, The Sparrow Field plantings, the butterfly garden at the state park, the botanical garden center on Eisenhower Dr. and Arbor Day activities.

The second project is Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems. Aquatic ecosystems include rivers, lakes, ponds, streams, creeks, springs, marshes, bogs, wetlands, coastal estuaries, floodplains and aquifers. Our monthly causeway cleanup certainly qualifies as protecting our aquatic ecosystem. A few suggested strategies for garden clubs is educating the public, working with other organizations sharing like concerns and becoming legislatively informed and involved.

The last project is Photo Archiving of Accomplishments. The Landings Garden Club is already doing this locally through our website! The NGC would like all clubs to share information on a FLICKR site. The thought is for garden clubs to share their projects and accomplishments for others to view, get ideas and learn from. You can visit the site at [www.Flickr.com/nationalgardenclubs](http://www.Flickr.com/nationalgardenclubs).

For more information on any of the projects or the National Garden Clubs, Inc. visit their website at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org).

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## **YEAR BOOK**

Hope you all received your Year Book. If there are any corrections please let me know. And a quick thank you to those who helped me distribute the year book: Jean Wrenn, Adriana Fisher (and husband), Fran Lindgren, Patsy Dulles and Joan Ross.

Anne Guira

## OCTOBER CAUSEWAY CLEANUP

Monday, October 3rd dawned bright and beautiful. It was a perfect day to be out on the causeway. Sadly, only 11 people showed up to help us clean trash on the most important day that we do this. There was a lot to pick up and only a few to get it done. Consequently, several areas went untouched and are still littered.

Please try very hard to join us in this effort on November 7th and really get our road cleaned up well. It takes at least 20 people to cover the entire roadway from the orange barrels to Ferguson Avenue.

A very big thank you to all those who helped this time: Barbara Ireland, Linda Tompkins, Lynn O'Neill, Meg Bremer, Peggy Marting, Barbara Werneke, Dixie Diffenderfer, Janet Morely, Peggy & Ralph Schilly

Nancy Strobel

## LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS



### The Landings Garden Club's

### 25th Anniversary Tea

*Join us for a celebration*

9:30 GENERAL MEETING

10:15 "GROWING, HARVESTING, HISTORY &  
TRADITION OF AFTERNOON TEA"  
PRESENTED BY GLORIA HORTSMAN

11:00 TEA  
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1 WEST ROAD  
SAVANNAH, GA

SPECIAL GUEST: SHARON FLORES,  
OLEANDER DISTRICT PRESIDENT

RSVP: MEG BREMER AT 598-9548 OR  
MEGBREM@AOL.COM  
BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011  
HATS AND WHITE GLOVES OPTIONAL

### November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting: "The Power of Plants" A "hands on" therapy activity

Our presenter, Muffin King, would like everyone who wants to participate to bring a small bowl (cereal size) and their own pruners. We will be making a holiday greens bowl

SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING



Liz, Meg and Anne Discuss Flower Containers for the 25th Anniversary Tea



Linda Sue Explains Migration



Annie Quinting, from Oatland Island Wildlife Center  
Introduces Us to a Corn Snake

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB – SEPTEMBER. 26, 2011

The Business Meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Judy Sweeterman at 10:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Collect was read by Leslie Bowler.

**Ways and Means:** Pat Sunshine and Sandy Randolph reported on the Holliday Bow and Bulb sale as follows:

- (1) Linda Tompkins is in charge of flyer distribution. She asked for sign-ups today.  
Flyer distribution will be the week of Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- (2) Kathy Zmijewski is in charge of bow and bulb sale orders. She identified 3 venues where we will be taking orders. She asked for sign-ups. We will need 2 people each for 2 shifts at each at the following venues:
  - (a) The Landings Art Show, Oct. 29 at the Village.
  - (b) The Artisan Market, Nov. 12 at the Plantation Club.
  - (c) The Village Pharmacy on Mondays from mid-November to mid-December.

(3) Jeannie Ahrens is in charge of distributing the bows and bulbs once they have been ordered. Distribution will occur around the last week of November or the first week of December. She asked for sign-ups today.

(4) Lisa Hall reported on the Amaryllis bulbs that we will be selling this year. They are the pink and white Aphrodite and the red and white Pasadena. They will be \$20 each and the form for placing orders can be printed from our website.

A question was asked regarding why we are no longer selling our bows and bulbs at Smith's IGA in the Village. Judy Sweeterman explained that Smith's has stopped the sale of everything in front of their store, with one or two exceptions, due to customer complaints.

Minutes from the April meeting were accepted as printed in the Sept. Petal Pusher.

The Sept. Petal Pusher has been distributed and is available on the website.

There were 44 members and 7 guests present. The guests were Nancy Thompson, Val Stocklin, Virginia Marcotullio, Connie O'Donnell, Karen Lindholm, Vicky Kramer and Judy Woodard.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Balance on hand is \$7175.08 in the checking account and \$3963.68 in the CD's.

Nancy Rosenthal announced a plant sale to be held at the Botanical Gardens on Oct.1 from 8:00 – 2:00. They are asking for volunteers to work at the sale as well as for plants to be donated for sale. Contact Nancy if you are interested.

Judy Sweeterman read an invitation from the Cassena Garden Club on St. Simon's Island for their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of Homes and Bake Sale to be held Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-4. Cost is \$25.

Judy Sweeterman showed a poster of a print of the Landings which had been dry-mounted by her son, John, for use with our Holiday Bow and Bulb sales. It was suggested that we send John an amaryllis bulb for his contribution.

Judy thanked Lisa Hall and Ann Guira for their job on the yearbook, Lynn Barnard for her work on updating the Petal Pusher, and Meg Bremer for her flower arrangement to be raffled off today.

Jean Wrenn thanked Cynthia Calder, Margie Hardesty, Meg Bremer, Anne Guira and Mary Stuart for their contributions as hostesses today.

Anne Dauray announced that next month's meeting will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club and we will celebrate with a tea. Invitations will be sent out by email. Ann asked that we respond by Oct 8th. She also asked for any member who may have colorful luncheon plates that could be used for the tea to contact her.

### **Committee Reports**

**Awards** - Lisa Hall announced that our club had received an Honorable Mention for our newsletter and our membership brochure, second place award for our yearbook and first place award for our website from the



Garden Club of Georgia. She also announced that the National Garden Club has changed its theme this year to “Proudly serving our members and communities.” The NGC has taken on photo archiving as its third project.

**Birds** – Linda Sue Babcock reported on the recent snake alert in the Landings, Orphaned Bird Care and on an Eastern Kingbird which has shown up in her yard. She showed charts which showed that Savannah is on the migration path for several species of birds.

**Causeway Clean-up** – Sandy Humphrey reminded us that Causeway Clean-up is every first Monday of the month from September through May. Those interested in participating should gather at Smith’s at 8 am to receive their assignment. Next clean-up will be Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Gate Decorations** – Libby Cluett will have sign-ups sheets for this project at next month’s meeting.

**Library** - Cynthia Calder reported that new installations of native plants had been completed this past Friday and included 6 dwarf bottlebrush and 6 Goodwin Gray lavenders. Other plants were moved. The category of plants for this project has been expanded to butterfly-attracting plants as well as native plants.

**Community Service** – Priss Wentworth announced that we will continue to collect toiletries etc. for Georgia Regional Hospital. They have added independent living apartments and need things like bed linens. She will prepare an itemized list for us before next month’s meeting. Meg Bremer reminded us to continue to bring in pull tabs from cans for Ronald McDonald House. She has 2 purse-size calendars left for sale.

**SACGC** – Dixie Diffenderfer asked for submissions for designs for next year’s calendar. They must be in by Jan.1, 2012. Oleander District Meeting is Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to go should contact Dixie. Cost is \$25 and it will be at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon’s Island.

**Horticulture** – Sandra Wolfe presented for Karen Gross this month and brought in two fall bloomers in her yard, Odontonema or “Firespike” and Red Salvia. Both produce red spikey blooms and are attractive to butterflies.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 and Edith Teifeld introduced our speaker, Annie Quinting who is with Oatland Island and brought us a program on “Understanding the Misunderstood.” She brought in a corn snake, also known as a red rat snake, an opossum and an armadillo.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Marting, Recording Secretary

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