



# THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

September 2011

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

It's been a long, hot summer for those of us who have spent the last three months in Savannah. However, this week looks to be a bit cooler and promises that fall is just around the corner. And with that comes all our activities that we enjoy for the next 9 or 10 months, not the least of which is the first Landings Garden Club meeting on September 26. We will meet at Messiah Lutheran Church, in the Parish Hall. Board meeting begins at 9:00 am, coffee and refreshments at 9:30 am, general membership meeting at 10:00 am, and program at 10:45 am. Our hostesses for this month are Cynthia Calder, Margie Hardesty, Anne Guira, Meg Bremer and Mary Stewart.

This month's meeting will be unusual and fun. Annie Quinting, wildlife instructor of Oatland Island will be our speaker. She'll be bringing three animals along with her, and talking about the "critters" we share this island with.

During the summer your board has been busy on various projects. Sandra Wolf and her committee have lined up a wonderful array of programs for the year, including our very popular boat cruise scheduled in the spring. They are listed in your 2011-2012 yearbook, which you'll find in your mail tubes by Sept. 21. Pat Sunshine and Sandy Randolph are our Ways and Means chairs. Their committees are headed by Leslee Bowler (bows), and Lisa Hall (bulbs). Leslee and her team have been working on our holiday bows all summer. Lisa has ordered boxed Amaryllis bulbs which will be available for sale in late fall. We will be selling both at the Artisan Market in November, as well as other venues. We will continue our good Causeway Cleanup work under the able leadership of Nancy Strobel. The first collection will be held on Mon., Oct. 3.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 26**, Monday, 9 am  
Board Meeting, 10 am General  
Membership Meeting, 10:45  
Program
- October 3**, Monday, 8 am  
Causeway Cleanup
- October 10**, Petal Pusher Deadline
- October 24** Silver Anniversary Tea

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Finally, a big thank you to all who have volunteered to be on my board and the various committees. We currently have 88 members, and it takes many hands “at the wheel” to keep our ship afloat. I really do look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on Sept. 26. Judy Sweeterman

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## 2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>Lisa Hall</b> Dixie Diffenderfer
<b>BIRDS</b>	<b>Linda Sue Babcock</b> Libby Cluett, Fran Lindgren, Shelby Schavior, Lynn Barnard
<b>CAUSEWAY CLEANUP</b>	<b>Nancy Strobel</b> Libby Cluett, Anne Dauray, Dixie Diffenderfer, Claudette Engvall, Sandy Humphrey, Peggy Marting, Peggy Miller, Kay Osborn, Peggy Schilly, Marilyn Sheridan, Pat sunshine, Linda Tompkins, Cheryl Drwiega, Joan McNellis, Janet Morley, Shirley Owen
<b>GATE DECORATING</b>	<b>Libby Cluett, Nancy Strobel</b> Cynthia Calder, Anne Dauray, Karen Foulkes, Anne Guira, Jean Holland, Sandy Humphrey, Fran Lindgren, Meg Miller, Betty Mitchell, Susan Otter, Mary Prellwitz, Marilyn Sheridan, Pat Sunshine, Lynn Barnard, Cheryl Drwiega, Joan McNellis, Lois Treacy, Shirley Owen
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>Cynthia Calder</b> Barbara Consiglio, Seekie Drysdale, Claudette Engvall, Sally Johnson, Fran Lindgren, Peggy Miller, Susan Otter, Cheryl Drwiega
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	<b>Priss Wentworth</b> Pat Sunshine, Jean Wrenn
<b>DESIGN</b>	<b>Anne Gardner</b> Libbie Cluett, Seekie Drysdale, Sonia Oram, June Palmer, Shelby Schavior, Marie Scheuermann, Janet Morley
<b>HORTICULTURE</b>	<b>Karan Gross</b> Libbie Cluett, Maddie Hart, Nancy Rosenthal, Sandra Wolf, Kathy Younkings
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>Jean Wrenn,</b> Cynthia Calder, Martie Campbell, Ruth Casey, Libbie Cluett, Seekie Drysdale, Patty Frothingham, Anne Guira, Farideh Heidary, Jean Holland, Jan Kemp, Fran Lindgren, Judy Maugh, Betty Mitchell, Sonia Oram, Kay Osborn, Nancy Rosenthal, Marilyn Sheridan, Barby Townsend, Priss Wentworth, Jean Wrenn, Lynn Barnard, Lois Treacy
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>Leslee Bowler, Meg Bremer, Sally Johnson</b>

Edith Teifeld, Maddie Hart, Jean Holland, Jan Kemp, Kay Osborn, Shelby Schavior, Barby Townsend, Lois Treacy, Janet Morley

**NEWSLETTER**      **Lynn Barnard**

**NEWSLETTER  
DISTRIBUTION**      **Brigitta Nooney**

**PARLIMENTARIAN**      **Jan Kemp**

**PROGRAMS**      **Sandra Wolf**  
Meg Bremer, June Palmer, Nancy Rosenthal, Pat Sunshine, Lisa Hall, Anne Guira, Edith Teifeld

**PUBLICITY**      **Brigitta Nooney**

**WAYS &  
MEANS**      **Pat Sunshine, Sandy Randolph**  
Leslee Bowler, Lisa Hall, Linda Tompkins, Pat Barry, Jean Ahrens, Kathy Zmijewski, Sally Jones, Kay Osborn, Meg Bremer, Dixie Diffenderfer, Patsy Dulles, Anne Guira, Peggy Marting, Mary Prellwitz, Lois Treacy, Debbie Roth, Liz Ward, Shirley Owen

**WEBSITE**      **Sally Jones**

**YEARBOOK**      **Lisa Hall, Anne Guira**  
Sally Jones, Meg Bremer, Kay Osborn

**SACGC**      **Nancy Rosenthal**



### **WAYS and MEANS**

Ways and Means committee has been busy planning for our yearly fundraiser. Exotic Amaryllis bulbs in gift boxes are on order. Leslee Bowler and her elves are busily making Christmas bows. (over 300 are needed) Give Leslee a call (5019) and join in the fun. It's our form of a quilting bee. Lots of chatter and catching up on news of The Landings. Four thousand fliers, designed by Sally Jones, will be going out in October so please bring your calendars and sign-up for delivering the fliers, bows, and bulbs. This is our major project for the year and we need help from everyone. Look for articles in the TWATL and The LANDINGS JOURNAL. Spread the word to help make this a banner year. Pat Sunshine and Sandy Randolph, co-chairs



## GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

### AWARDS

In case you missed my e mail last spring, I would like to announce that we received awards from the Garden Club of Georgia for all four of the items we submitted for judging! We received an honorable mention for our membership brochure and our newsletter The Petal Pusher. We received a second place award for our yearbook. And, last but not least we received a first place for our Website!!! There are 408 clubs in the state of Georgia and we can be very proud of our achievements. Special thanks to Sally Jones, Lynn Barnard and Anne Guira for all of their hard work on these projects. Thanks to everyone who submitted articles and photos to our publications. Please keep them coming. As awards chairman I will be submitting our newsletter, yearbook and website again this year. Lisa Hall

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### APRIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB, APRIL 28, 2011

Business Meeting of the Landings Garden Club called to order by President Lisa Hall at 10:10AM

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Collect read by Libbie Cluett

Minutes from March as printed in the Petal Pusher accepted

Membership: 35 members present

Treasurer's Report:

2011-2012 budget was accepted with one revision, \$300 added to charitable gifts transferred from funds allocated for publishing the Petal Pusher. Petal Pusher will have \$50 budgeted for copying.

Thank you to the charitable gifts committee: Lisa Hall, Judy Sweeterman, Jan Kemp, Edith Teifeld, Sally Jones

Gifts were given as listed: Audubon Sparrow Field \$300

Bamboo Farm \$300

Brown Thrasher Scholarship Fund \$500

Coastal Wildscapes \$50

Friends of Skidaway Island State Park (Restricted) \$250

Orphan Bird Care \$500

Savannah Council of Gardens Clubs \$300

Savannah Tree Foundation \$500

Skidaway Farms \$500

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography (Scholarship) \$500

TOTAL : \$3,700

Lisa Hall, Anne Gardner, Dixie Diffenderfer and Meg Bremer attended the Garden Club of GA annual State Meeting. The district officers were also installed. Anne Gardner was installed as Corresponding Secretary. Other board members for the next 2 years from our club are Dixie Diffenderfer, awards; Meg Bremer and Karan Gross, calendar sales and Lisa Hall, scholarship.

Leslie Bowler announced the bow workshops will begin this summer, she will be in touch

Thanks to Nancy Strobel for the floral arrangement provided to the library for Library Week

The last Causeway clean-up for the season will be Monday May 2nd 8AM

Horticulture: Sandra Wolf discussed growing pitcher plants, loquats and orchid cactus and brought plants to show.

Thank you to Jean Wrenn, Karen Foulkes and Sally Eckerson for organizing and setting up for the luncheon. Thanks to Sonia Oram for the beautiful table arrangements

Lisa thanked the executive board and the membership for a successful year

Installation of executive board officers for 2011-2012 by Irene Thornley: President Judy Sweeterman, Vice President Anne Guira, Recording Secretary Peggy Marting, Corresponding Secretary Ruth Casey and Treasurer Sally Jones.

Lisa handed the gavel to Judy. Judy presented a gift to Lisa

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Our guest speaker was Children's book author and illustrator Phyllis Tildes. A pot luck salad and dessert luncheon followed the speaker.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Zmijewski Recording Secretary

### **HORTICULTURAL TIP OF THE MONTH**

Hope y'all had a great summer and are ready to get back to thinking about your gardens and plants. I've had several people ask me questions about their specific needs and problems recently and I'm happy to help if I can. Some of these issues require some research, which is not always easy to track down. Fortunately we have several Master Gardeners we can count on to point us in the right direction and the world of the internet. Trying to come up with a 'horticultural hint' out of the 'blue' wasn't easy, but I did come across a lovely website that had lots of information about many many topics that might be of interest to all of you. It can be found at U.S. National Arboretum or [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov). Hope you will all give it a peek and come to garden club this month with any questions you may still have or suggestions for topics you may be interested in. Happy Gardening!

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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](mailto:sally4th@bellsouth.net) or  
11 Stargrass Retreat.



## RED BOWS

We're in the process of building inventory of our red bows for Christmas and holiday sales. Please call me if you can help in the production. And remember we're again offering the extra-large bows -- so tell your friends. The money raised from these sales benefit our forests, marsh, plants, flowers and bird organizations as well as providing funds for educational endeavors.

Please call Leslee Bowler at 5019.

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## LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS

Our first meeting of the year will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Sept. 26, with the Board Meeting at 9 am, followed by the general meeting at 10 am. Our speaker is Annie Quinting, the wildlife instructor for Oatland Island. In October, we are having a special 25th Anniversary celebration. After a short general meeting, our speaker, Gloria Horstman, a tea expert, will talk to us about the differences in teas, how and where they are grown, and how best to brew a perfect cup of tea. This will be followed by a beautiful English tea.

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## OUR BYLAWS HAVE BEEN UPDATED

Reminder that our by-laws have been up-dated and can be viewed on our website; [www.thelandingsgardenclub.com](http://www.thelandingsgardenclub.com). There are some noteworthy changes regarding membership. A prospective member shall attend one meeting as a guest prior to joining the club. To become an inactive member, a member shall have been an active member for at least 4 years and must notify the membership chair regarding a desired change in status

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