

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

January 2012

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year. But, most importantly, a healthy one! Speaking of healthy, our Club is off to a great start. Thanks to the wonderful leadership of our Ways and Means chairs, Sandy and Pat, and all of you who participated in the bow and bulb sales, as well as great publicity, we earned the largest gross income the club has ever made - \$7,107.00! After expenses we netted \$3,806.48. The expenses came to \$3,300.52, due in large part to the increased ribbon price. We will have to seriously consider increasing our prices for the bows. Thanks to all who participated in any way in making this a banner year.

Included in this newsletter is the LGC membership form. Please print this out and return it with your check for \$35.00/active or \$45.00/inactive dues, which also include memberships to the Georgia State Garden Club and the Oleander District. **DUES ARE DUE BY FEB. 14, 2012.** We collect dues at this time of the year to coordinate our membership payments with the Georgia State Garden Club. You can either bring your form and payment to the January meeting, or tube/mail them to Sally Jones, Treasurer.

I recently had a visit from Caryl Warner, who is Chair of the Sparrow Field Oversight Committee. He asked me to ask the Landings Garden Club members to assist in planting pollinator friendly plants along the Sparrow Field berm, which is located next to the Magnolia #15 fairway. The Sparrow field is sponsored by Skidaway Audubon in conjunction with The Landings Club. Specifically, he would like volunteers to: 1) join work parties to clean up and prune the existing berm prior to installation of new plantings in the spring. These work parties are scheduled for Jan. 28 and Feb. 1. 2) Plant seeds at home for new plantings in starter pots. Seed Starting Mix will be provided for those who are willing to do

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 23 Monday Meeting. 9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

Feb. 6th Causeway Cleanup. Meet at Smiths at 8 am, wearing sturdy shoes and gloves. Nancy Strobel will be there with the other supplies.

Feb. 10 Petal Pusher deadline.

Feb. 14 Dues are due.

Feb. 27 Monday Meeting. 9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

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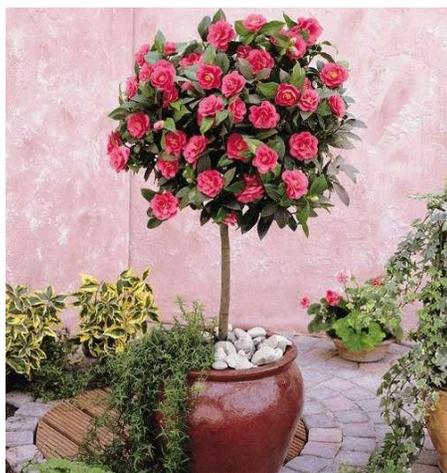
this. 3) Join “planting parties” in March, using the starter plants as well as plants purchased from Scott Thompson. I’m writing about this now so that you can consider participating in this program before our January 23 meeting. I will mention it at the meeting, but, in the meantime, Mr. Warner’s home phone is 598-7568, for further information.

A reminder that our speaker for this month’s meeting (Jan. 23) is Bill Lutes, a master gardener and camellia expert. He will be speaking on “The Joy of Growing Camellias”.

Finally, I was watching the Martha Stewart show one morning over the holidays. She had a very interesting guest on who is an expert on mosses. Moss has been traced back 450 million years, and has been used in mattresses, as roofing material, and as bandages during the Civil War. There are two types of moss – the spreading, and upright. Moss can be collected in woody areas for transplanting, but is very slow growing, and can take up to 2 – 5 years to spread. Moss likes shady areas and to be kept moist, but not wet. Both the expert and Martha demonstrated making a moss container garden. Martha’s was in an old bird bath. First they lined their containers with porous cloth, covered that with small stones for drainage, then planted small ferns and the clumps of moss. Very attractive. Since moss is an “evergreen”, it can withstand cold weather and would do well in shady or semi-shady areas. Judy Sweeterman

WAYS and MEANS

We did it !!!! Thanks to you all ..we had a record breaking bows and bulbs fundraiser this year...with the highest gross income ever...\$7,101.00...this surpasses the previous high gross from 2009 of \$5,197.00...the net adjusted income was **\$3806.48** after expenses of \$3,300.52. (Our expenses this year were higher due to the increased ribbon price.) This year's net was only surpassed by 1999 - \$4,563.00- which was the first year of the fundraiser when everyone needed a bow. Congratulations!!! Pat Sunshine and Sandy Randolph



LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING – JANUARY 23RD

Our guest speaker Bill Lutes will talk about the Propagation and Care of Camellias

Bill is a retired Gulfstream Manufacturing Engineer. He and his wife Ellen moved to Savannah 24 years ago from Indiana. He became a Master Gardener in 2002. He enjoys most kinds of gardening, but especially Roses and Camellias. Bill does all kinds of volunteer work including Jr. Master Gardening Programs and designing and building gardens. Also each Thursday morning, he works at the County Extension Office answering gardening questions. Bill and his committee were responsible for planting the beautiful Camellia Garden at the Bamboo farm. He and his wife Ellen

have two sons, and three grandsons.

Bill will talk about Camellias but will also answer questions and give advice about Roses.

Please help support
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Go to www.thelandingsgardenclub.com

Once there, click on the Amazon link



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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.

NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING

Muffin King, registered horticulture therapist, member of the LGC and former educator for the Chicago Botanical Garden conducts 'hands on' therapy activity.



Butter-butts

The most abundant and widespread wood-warbler in North America is the Yellow-rumped Warbler known to birders as 'Butter-butt'. This was once called a Myrtle Warbler for it hangs out in the Wax Myrtle trees. This and the Magnolia Warbler are identified by the flash of yellow on its back near the tail. Very few of the warblers can digest the waxy fruits of the bayberry and Wax Myrtle trees. They migrate here from the far north, Canada and Alaska and spend the winters here foraging in groups along the coast. Watch for the flash of yellow on these little 'Butter-butt Warblers as they fly from bush to bush searching for berries.

Male Butter-butt



Female Butter-butt



LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 21, 2011

The business meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Judy Sweeterman at 10:50 AM after the presentation of a program on Horticultural Therapy by Muffin King. Judy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the reading of the Collect.

It was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote to accept the meeting minutes of the meeting as published in the November Petal Pusher.

Ruth Casey was absent, but it was mentioned that a card needs to be sent to Sandy Humphrey and to Marion Lottich (“Thinking of You”). Judy will contact Ruth regarding this.

Judy reported that Brigitta Nooney has moved and her new address will be published in the Petal Pusher as soon as we have it.

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Sally Jones stating that we have \$6872.70 on hand in the checking account. We started the month with \$7045.08. We had deposits of \$2969 and expenses of \$3141.38. We have \$3963.68 on hand in the certificates of deposit. It was also noted that on Nov. 11, 2011 the Executive Board voted to donate \$50 to the Botanical Garden on Eisenhower for holiday decorations.

Sally also reminded us to continue to use the Amazon.com link on our website to order Holiday gifts. This link is located about half way down the home page of our website and can be clicked on to direct you to the Amazon website where everything that you put in your shopping cart and purchase gives us credit toward a rebate for the club. The club has received over \$600 since we started this association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Service: Judy Sweeterman reported for Priss Wentworth who is out of town that the Georgia Regional Hospital still needs our donations of toiletry samples. You can drop off any of these at Priss’s home after Nov. 28th. Priss will be purchasing underwear, sox, etc. for the patients from her allotted budget. It was also mentioned that the “Wish List” for the hospital includes gently used clothing (washable and large sizes preferred) board games, videos, decks of cards, and educational toys for children as well as double bed sheets, bedspreads, cookware and dishes for the residential patients.

Civic Beautification: Judy reported that Debbie Roth will take over the Arbor Day Project and has \$75 in her budget to spend. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions as to how to spend this money for the promotion of Arbor Day, please forward them to Debbie.

Causeway Cleanup: Nancy Strobel reported that the next “Clean the Causeway day will be Dec. 5th. She also reminded everyone that the following “Clean the Causeway” date will be Jan. 2nd and there will be no Garden Club meeting before that due to the Holidays. She can use all who are willing to volunteer.

Gate Decoration – Nancy Strobel reported on plans for Landings Gate Decorations. Those who have volunteered are to meet at the Moon River Gate House on Monday, Nov. 28th at 8:45 AM. Only captains of each area should plan to come and pick up their decorations for their respective

gates. Volunteers should plan to meet with their captains at 10 AM at each gate to begin the decorating. It was also mentioned that a man would be needed to help with certain high areas needing decorations at the Main Gate. Nancy encouraged all volunteers to bring step-ladders and wire cutters.

Christmas Tours of Homes - Judy Sweeterman reminded everyone that the St. Simons Holiday Tour of Homes will be Dec. 10th between 10AM and 4 PM. She plans to go and asked if any members would like to join her. The price is \$25/ticket. Judy also announced the Wilmington Island Garden Club Holiday Tour of Homes which is to be the same day, Dec. 10th. Price for tickets for that tour is \$30.

Publicity – Ann Guira announced that she needs information for the TWATL by the 10th of the month.

Ways and Means: Lisa Hall reported that she has 50 Amaryllis bulbs left for sale and has brought them with her today. They are \$20 each and she encouraged everyone to buy one and give them as gifts for the Holidays. Kathy Z reported on the sale of bows and bulbs. She has sign-up sheets for working at the Village Pharmacy on Mondays and Fridays between Nov. 28th and Dec. 16th and asked as many as could to sign up. She encouraged everyone who plans to work to bring water and/or a hot drink. She will provide chairs, a table and a tent/awning for protection. She reported that the sales went very well at the Landings Art Show and the Artisan Market in November. Jeanne Ahrens reported on the delivery of bulbs and bows. She still needs many volunteers for delivery to all areas of the Landings. Delivery will take place the week of Nov. 28th and all area captains are to get their bulbs and bows for delivery from Lisa Hall. Pat Sunshine reported that all is going well with our annual Holiday Bow and Bulb sale. She thanked Sandy Randolph and Pat Berry for all their work publicizing our Sale.

Horticulture: Karen Gross, the Horticulture Minute Presenter for this year, will be moving to Seattle after the first of the year, so Judy Sweeterman asked for volunteers who would be willing to present a “Horticulture Minute” at both the February and April meetings. Pat Barry volunteered for the February Meeting.

Birds and Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock reported that many nature, gardening and birding magazine subscriptions make wonderful Holiday gifts. She brought in copies of several as examples. She also mentioned that “Zoobooks” for children can be purchased at the Educational Store on Victory Dr. beyond Bull St..

SACGC: Nancy Rosenthal reported that the Savannah Area Council of Garden Club’s Holiday Open House at the Botanical Gardens on Eisenhower is Dec. 3-4th from 2-4 PM each day. It includes a tour of the gardens, and refreshments in the Farm House. Nancy also announced that the Council is having a Poinsettias sale until Nov. 23rd.

Meg Bremer announced that she still has Georgia Garden Club calendars for sale and they are \$8.56 each.

Hospitality: Jean Wren thanked everyone who brought food today.

Membership: We had 33 members present today and no visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM. Respectfully Submitted, Peggy Marting, Recording Secretary



**PLEASE PAY YOUR
2011 - 2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES BY
FEBRUARY 14TH**

Many of you may wonder why we collect dues so early. The reason is we need to coordinate our membership payments with the Georgia State Garden Club. Your \$35.00/active or \$45.00/inactive dues also include memberships to the Georgia State Garden Club **and** the Oleander District.

Dues that are late are subject to a late fee from the State Garden Club. In addition, your name will be dropped from the mailing list of "Garden Gateways" until your late payment is received. So **please help us** to keep your membership current.

A Membership Form is attached to this Newsletter. It's important that you include the form with your check. The form is used to update the Yearbook, create next year's committees and keep our spreadsheets current.

**If we haven't received your dues by the 14th, we will call you with a gentle reminder.
However, we would prefer not to have to make any phone calls.
Thanks in advance for making our job easier by paying early.**

Happy Valentine's Day!

Sally Jones, Treasurer

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**THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM
2012 - 2013**

Dues must be received by February 14, 2012 for your name to be included in the Member Yearbook.

Please submit your dues, along with this form to **Sally Jones** at the *January 23* meeting. OR, mail or tube to her home at 11 Stargrass Retreat.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

___ Check here if any of the above information is different from the information in the 2011 - 2012 Yearbook.

Active \$35.00 Inactive \$45.00 (circle one)

We ask that all members chair, co-chair or serve on at least one committee per year. Please check the committees on which you are willing to chair, co-chair or serve. Members who do not indicate a preference will be asked to assist with the committee where there is the most need.

COMMITTEE NAME	I WOULD BE WILLING TO CHAIR	I WOULD BE WILLING TO CO-CHAIR	I WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE
AWARDS			
BIRDS & CONSERVATION			
CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION:			
Causeway Clean-up			
Gate Decorating			
Village Library			
GA REGIONAL HOSP			
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PARLIAMENTARIAN		-----	
PROGRAMS			
PUBLICITY			
WAYS & MEANS			
WEBSITE	-----	-----	
YEARBOOK			

A description of the committees is below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President: Responsible for all meetings, encourage members in all interests to do with gardening. Write letter in Petal Pusher. Appoint chairs of all committees except those of the Nominating and Charitable Gifts.

Vice President.: Assists President and is prepared to follow on to President.

Corresponding Secretary: Conducts all correspondence of club. Writes condolences, sends cards & flowers. Chairs the Nominating Committee

Recording Secretary: Keeps minutes of all meetings and sends copy by Email to President and Petal Pusher

Treasurer: Prepares budgets, records received money and deposits, writes checks, presents statement at each meeting and chairs Charitable Gifts Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Awards: Has copy of the Garden Club of Georgia Guide book and checks which awards for which we are qualified. She will assist any committee chair to apply for an award. Liaison with District/State Awards Chair.

Birds and Conservation: Informs Club of pertinent information and programs regarding conservation of plants, wildlife, birds and environmental concerns.

Civic Beautification: Responsible for projects that improve, preserve or beautify the community e.g. Causeway Clean-up, Village Library Garden, and Gate Decorations at Christmas.

GA Regional Hospital: Responsible for collecting and delivering gifts to Georgia Regional Hospital

Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs representative: Represent the LGC on the Savannah Area Council board

Design: Schedule arrangers for the table decoration at meetings and the Raffle.

Horticulture: Encourage members to bring horticultural specimens to meetings & help to identify them. Do a short presentation at meetings.

Hospitality: Schedule members to bring food, help set up and clean-up. Send hostess schedule to Yearbook; Makes arrangements for Club's annual May luncheon.

Membership: Keep attendance at meetings, Keep an up to date list of members and their information, accept applications for new membership.

Newsletter: Chair is responsible for publishing and distributing the Petal Pusher electronically. Co-chair is responsible for distributing paper copies to members without email addresses.

Parliamentarian: Advise on matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure and interpretation of By-Laws & Standing Rules.

Program: Be responsible for the programs for the year. (Forward program schedule to Yearbook Chair for publication in the Yearbook.)

Publicity: Handle all publicity.

Ways & Means: Coordinate all fund raising projects.

Yearbook: Compile, print and distribute Yearbook.