



THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

November 2011

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

My November "Message from your President" is an easy one to write. Our upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and my thoughts for this month are one in the same, and that is, giving thanks. Our wonderful 25th Anniversary Tea could not have been done more beautifully. Our thanks go to Sandra Wolf for inviting our guest speaker, Gloria Horstman. Gloria was both informative and funny in her presentation about the growing, harvesting, history and tradition of afternoon tea. I'm sure I'm not the only one who immediately went out to buy several tins of loose tea to try. Anne Dauray served as chairwoman for the tea. She and her very talented and able committees turned the church hall into a beautifully set "tea house", complete with fresh flower arrangements, china, and linens on each table. The food committee overwhelmed us with a variety of delectable treats.

I must also thank Sandra for the excellent two page spread in the Oct. 28 addition of the SKINNIE, entitled THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB, 25 YEARS AND STILL GROWING STRONG. I know that our club will benefit in many ways from Sandra's work in highlighting the multitude of good works we have accomplished for our Landings community over the last quarter century. That was shortly followed by Lisa Hall's article in the Nov. 6 addition of the TWATL about our anniversary tea. We are lucky to have this kind of publicity, and thankful to Sandra and Lisa for providing it.

Speaking of publicity, Anne Guira, Vice President, has generously volunteered to take over Brigitta Nooney's job of Publicity committee chair. Brigitta will be leaving the island this month to join her husband in New Hampshire. We all wish her well.

Our meeting this month will be on Nov. 21, a week before we normally meet. The speaker, our own Muffin King, will speak on

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 21 Monday, Meeting

9 am Board, 10 am General Meeting, 10:45 Program

Nov. 28 Landings Gate Decorating.

Meet Libbie Cluett at 8:45 am at the Moon River gate

Dec. 5 Causeway Cleanup. Meet at Smiths at 8 am, wearing sturdy shoes and gloves. Nancy Strobel will be there with the other supplies.

Dec. 10 St. Simons Island Christmas Tour of Homes

Jan. 10 Petal Pusher Deadline

Jan. 23 Monday, Meeting

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“The Power of Plants”, a “hands on” therapy activity. Muffin is a registered horticulture therapist, and former educator for the Chicago Botanical Garden. She asks that we all bring a 6” bowl (cereal size), any greens we have available in our yards, and pruning shears to the meeting.

We had good response at our bow sale last Saturday at Smith Bros. Fall Festival. Our bows will also be sold at the Artisan Market and near the Village Pharmacy, beginning Monday, Nov. 28, and every Monday and Friday through Monday, Dec. 19. The amaryllis gift box sales are also going well. These should be ordered either on the order slip you received in your tube, or by downloading it from our website. Lisa Hall will be selling any number that remains at our meeting this month. We are hoping that our members will support this, our only fund raising effort for the year, by purchasing a bow and/or an amaryllis.

Welcome to our new members, Valerie Stocklin, Nancy Thompson, and Vicky Kramer. We are delighted to have you join us.

As I mentioned at our October meeting, we, as a club, are in danger of losing our history. I propose that we consider creating an archival committee. To that end, Lisa Hall will be chairing a Special Committee to explore this proposal. She would like any members who have an interest in this to contact her.

Finally, a reminder that we do not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held on January 23. Our speaker, Bill Lutes is a master gardener and camellia expert. He will be speaking on “The Joy of Growing Camellias”. Judy Sweeterman

WAYS and MEANS



Flyers are distributed. Thank you to Linda Tompkins and all of those who stuffed over 4000 tubes....Kathy Zmijewski and her husband did a great job setting up for The Landings Art Show using a white tent canopy decorated with our Red Bows. It was most attractive and certainly caught the eye of many... Next we will be selling the bows and bulbs at The Artisan's Market at Plantation on November 12... so bring your friends and support both venues. The last big push for our major fundraiser will be sales near the Village Pharmacy...there are several open shifts and **WE DO**

NEED YOUR HELP. Please call Kathy Z. at 598-8331 to sign up for a 2 hour shift starting November 28 and

each Monday and Friday through December 16. We hope ALL OF YOU will be buying Bows and/ or Bulbs ...the white and pink bulbs are going fast so don't delay getting your order in....LOST YOUR FLYER FOR ORDERING ??? NOT TO WORRY !!!! YOU CAN DOWNLOAD AND PRINT ONE FROM THE WEBSITE Order deadline is December 1st. Pat Sunshine and Sandy Randolph, co-chairs.

NOVEMBER CAUSEWAY CLEANUP

Well, there just could not have been a more perfect day to be out enjoying the marsh as Monday, November 7th. We had a great crowd of 21 volunteers who picked up 38 bags of trash! Have you noticed how terrific the causeway looks? request, cleaned the Moon River Bridge, Thank you to everyone who participated. I does the community.

Our volunteers were:

Ann Erdle, Anne Dauray, Linda

Blount, Peggy Marting, Lynn O'Neil,

Meg Bremer, Joy Howard, Bud Heussler, Tim and Nancy Strobel, Peggy Miller, Barb Werneke, Barb Ireland, Patti Brindle, Ed Connant, Janet Morely, Peggy and Ralph Schilly. Nancy Strobel



Thompkins, Allen and Linda

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING - NOVEMBER 21ST

“The Power of Plants” A “hands on” therapy activity

Our presenter, Muffin King, will help us make a holiday greens bowl. She would like everyone who wants to participate to bring a bowl (6" is best size) and pruners. Meg says that she has a lot of oasis that she will bring. We will need evergreens (pine, cedar, juniper, boxwood, magnolia and any other evergreens available) that can be cut into 7" pieces. The more variety the better. Judy has been collecting pine cones. If you would like berries, etc. you can bring them or add them later at home.

THE WILMINGTON ISLAND GARDEN CLUB TOUR OF HOMES & ENGLISH TEA

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2011 FROM 10AM – 3PM

Tea, crafts & fresh seasonal arrangements at the Wilmington Island United Methodist Church

Proceeds will go to Wilmington Island Beautification Projects

Shuttles will be available to take you to the tour and tea

Tickets are \$30 - call or email Marion Ordway @ 912-713-5091 or maordw@bellsouth.net

Note: The tour takes place in the exclusive Turner's Rock area and tickets are limited



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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.

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Please consider joining the "Friends of the Gardens"---- \$25 - individual, \$35- family

Make check out to SACGC and send to 1388 Eisenhower Dr, Savannah, GA 31406

They have a wonderful botanical library.



HAPPENINGS AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

November 18, Floral Design Class. Cost--\$18

Bring a clipper, scissors, a towel to cover your work area and yourself. You will leave with an arrangement for Thanksgiving. Designer from urbanpoppy.com

December 3 and 4, Open House

2:00-4:00 - Tour the gardens and have refreshments in the Reinhard Farmhouse. Donations welcome!

Poinsettia Sale - orders must be in by November 23rd

Proceeds will benefit the Botanical Gardens. The plants are in an 8 inch pot with an average of 24inch width. They come in either red or white. To place your order fax or email Tina Zipperer 897-8496 or tina@zippererland.com

Your order can be picked up at the farm house on December 1st or 2nd between 11am and 1pm.

Large orders will be delivered. If there are a large number of orders from the Landings, delivery to the village can be arranged.



**OCTOBER 2011
MEETING**

25th Anniversary Committee
Members Liz Mcgough, Meg
Bremer, Anne Daurey
(Chair), Nancy Rosenthal,
Judy Sweeterman
(President) and Marie
Scheuermann



We bid a fond farewell to
Nancy Crawford. Her years
of dedication and service
have enhanced all our lives.

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB – OCTOBER 24, 2011

The Business Meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Judy Sweeterman at 9:40 AM. Judy welcomed everyone to the meeting and tea to follow celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Landings Garden Club. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited. The Collect was read by Lisa Hall.

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

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sally Jones stating that we have \$7175.08 in the checking account and \$3963.68 in the certificate of deposit.

Judy Sweeterman welcomed our guest, Sharon Flores who is the Oleander District Director for the Garden Club of Georgia. Sharon announced that our next district meeting will be held on Oct. 19, 2012, in Vidalia, GA.

Judy Sweeterman reminded everyone that the St. Simon's Garden Club will be sponsoring a Christmas House Tour Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011. Entry fee is \$25.

Lisa Hall gave a tribute to Nancy Crawford who will be moving to Chicago in two weeks. Nancy has been a diligent worker for the Landings Garden Club whose projects include fighting the proliferation of billboards, development of the Butterfly Garden at Skidaway Island State Park and the development of the Native Plant Garden at Sparrow Field in the Landings. She is also responsible for initiating the Native Plant Trail that runs through the Nature Preserve at the Landings and for the Landings Garden Club receiving National, State and Deep South Garden Club awards for the Native Plant Trail certification. In honor of all the hard work Nancy has done, the Landings Garden Club will be placing a Native Plant Gardening Book in the Skidaway Island Public Library in Nancy's name.

Muffin King gave a preview of next month's Garden Club program on "Plant Therapy." She asked everyone interested in participating to bring a "cereal bowl" size bowl, pruning shears and any greens you may have available.

Judy Sweeterman mentioned that the Historical Scrapbooks for the Landings Garden Club had been brought in for today's meeting and that next month we will discuss re-instating the office of Historian to the club.

Anne Dauray gave a short history of the Landings Garden Club up to this point and thanked everyone who participated in today's 25th Anniversary celebration by bringing flowers, food or dishes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Lisa Hall brought the actual awards which we won for the Native Plant Trail and they are available for examination on the table with the scrapbooks. We won the National Garden Club award and a \$1000 prize.

Birds and Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock reminded us that migration is almost over for this season, but some warblers are still coming through this area. Next will be the hooded mergansers and goldfinches. She stated that the recent storms and winds brought 63 white pelicans to our area which is a rare sight. She reported

that the recent Skidaway Island Institute of Oceanography, Marine Extension Open House was attended by over 2000 people and that they will be having a Dolphin Watch Boat Tour Nov. 5 which will be available to the public for \$40 per person and a trawling trip Dec. 3, 2010. She also stated that the Butterfly Garden at the State Park is a big hit with the kids.

Civic Beautification: Nancy Strobel reported that only 11 people showed up for the "Clean the Causeway" held on Oct. 3rd and that 20 are needed to do an adequate job. The next "Clean the Causeway" will be on Nov. 7th and Nancy encouraged all who possibly could to attend.

Libby Cluet reported on the plans for the Landings Holiday Gate Decorations. It will take place on Monday, Nov 28th and she needs more volunteers. All volunteers are to meet at the Gate House at Moon River Landing at 9:00 AM.

Community Service: Priss Wentworth is collecting toiletries for the residents of Georgia Regional Hospital and will have a "Wish List" for us next month for the needs of those moving into residential housing there.

Membership: Leslie reported that we had 52 in attendance today with three new members. The new members are Valerie Stocklin, stocklinnsimpson@bellsouth.net, 598-2784; Vicky Kramer, vlynnk@bellsouth.net, 598-2180; and Nancy Thompson, oldthomper@aol.com. We had 3 guests, Connie O'Donnell, Nancy Carroll and Ruth Potterfield.

Judy Sweeterman reported on Brigitta Nooney who recently suffered a stroke and is in Memorial Health Rehab Unit. She would love visitors but cannot speak so it is probably best to go in pairs. She will probably be moving to New Jersey to be near her daughter soon.

Ways and Means: Pat Sunshine reported that flyers for ordering bulbs and bows are ready and packets will be handed out today to all those who signed up last year to help with distribution. Please report to your distribution captains who are Linda Tompkins, Maddie Hart and Liz Ward. You may order bulbs today – see Sandy or Pat.

Kathy Zmijewski is in charge of bow sales and reported that she still needs volunteers for the 12-3 time slot at the Landings Art Assn. Show to be held this Saturday, Oct. 29th as well as for the 9-12 and 12-3 slots at the Artisan Market on Nov. 12. Please see Kathy if you can fill one of these time slots.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15AM and Sandra Wolfe introduced our speaker, Gloria Horstman who spoke to us about tea. All tea comes from the Camelia sinensis plant and the different varieties, black, oolong and green are due to the different amount of fermentation of the leaves in processing. History has been made and wars have been fought over tea. The serving of tea spawned a whole industry of china making. The brewing of tea is an art and Gloria explained it to us well.

Respectfully Submitted, Peggy Marting, Recording Secretary

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