



THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

January 2013

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Members,

WOW, what a month!! Lots of Garden Club business, news and fun too. I even enjoyed the distraction of pretending to watch football games. I read and finished projects.

First I want to thank Anne Gardner, Meg Bremer, Shelby Schavoit and Liz McGough for their beautiful holiday table displays at the Landlovers holiday luncheon. Their tables and work were outstanding.

Busy publicity "wizards" Vicky Kramer and Pat Barry alerted the Island to the Bow and Bulbs sales set up by Sandy Randolph and Pat Sunshine. Kudos to Pat and Sandy, our fundraising Chairs, for their over the top job. Kathy Z (Zmijewski) and Leslee Bowler took care of supplies. Kathy made sure our tent and table were ready every day. Leslee hosted a bow making session with her committee after every selling--we always needed more bows.

All went well putting up gate decorations. The large number of committee members, with their talent, made it an easy job.

Thanks Libby Cluett and Nancy Strobel. There is a celebrity in our midst. Nancy Strobel has been named one of the Landings 2012 Volunteers of the Year. Congratulations!!!

And most of all I want to heartily thank the Members for their generosity of time, work and finances during the last month.

Have a healthy and Happy New Year

Fondly, Anne Guira

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 28th Monday Meeting

9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program Dangers in the Garden

February 4th Causeway Cleanup

Meet at Smiths at 8 am, wearing sturdy shoes and gloves. Nancy Strobel will provide supplies.

February 10th Petal Pusher deadline

February 14th – Dues Deadline

February 25th Monday Meeting

If You're Traveling to the Atlanta area.....

The Daffodil Festival and the Cherry Blossom Festival begin March 1st at the beautiful Gibbs Gardens, one hour north of Atlanta. See Leslee for more information.

JANUARY 28TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Fight the Bite

Who knows what dangers lurk in our gardens? We know we have a variety of poisonous/dangerous critters to contend with. But what do we know about our soils and how to stay safe working around different soil materials? Are we aware of the types of diseases that can be contracted by inhaling a small amount of soil particulate matter. What do we know about the irrigation water from the shallow wells that we use to keep our plants watered and our lawns green? Are there nasty things in the water coming from the shallow wells?

In her job, our speaker for January 28, Maria Wargovich, Coastal Health District Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor, focuses on the detection of toxins in the soil, mainly lead, but also cadmium and other heavy metals. Because she will be addressing the Garden Club, she will talk a lot about soils and how to stay safe working around different soil materials. She will also address how to work safely in the yard when we have a variety of poisonous/dangerous critters to contend with. and speak a bit about using irrigation water from shallow wells for gardening and keeping the lawn green. She will touch on the proper use of personal protection equipment (PPE's)-when working in the garden.

Maria hopes to instill a sense of situational awareness to keep safe and healthy those of us who love to grow things in our gardens! Oleander District members who have heard her speak recommended her highly to your Program Committee members. Come to the meeting and hear this great speaker!

COASTAL HEALTH DISTRICT

Maria Wargovich, our speaker for the January 28 meeting of the Landings Garden Club, is the District Regional Lead Coordinator for the Georgia Coastal Health District. Now, I must confess my ignorance. What is the Georgia Coastal Health District? And what is a Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor? I'm not sure that without the Internet I would have found the answers to my questions in the short amount of time I allotted myself to write this article.

The Coastal Health District, a part of the Georgia Department of Public Health, serves Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long and McIntosh counties in the state of Georgia. The mission of the Coastal Health District and the County Boards of Health in Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, and McIntosh counties is to improve the health of those who live, work, and play in those counties by preventing illness and injury; promoting healthy behaviors; and protecting from harm. Their varied activities include environmental health, the area in which Maria works. She does not, however, inspect restaurants, swimming pools, or septic tanks. She arms herself with an XRF (an x-ray fluorescence machine used to detect lead in paint) and conducts lead risk assessment investigations in order to find the source that is poisoning children. Being a Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor is a highly regulated position involving numerous EPA/EPD certifications and licensing. In addition, she must understand and follow EPA, EPD, HUD, and OSHA regulations in order to use an XRF and to conduct these investigations. Georgia has many departments and state agencies. This is one where we can see our taxes at work.

MARCH 4 A SPECIAL EVENT

DUNHAM FARMS TOUR AND LUNCH

Mark the date and come with other Landings Garden Club members and friends to see the beautiful camellias and other spring blooming plants at Dunham Farms, a family-owned and operated hideaway a short drive from

Savannah, Georgia. After a tour of some of the grounds, a special lunch will be prepared and served for us. More details will be available at the January meeting.

FROM YOUR CLUB HISTORIANS:

The Garden Club of Georgia involved in State Legislation against Tree Removal

Then and Now.....

In the January, 1996 issue of The Petal Pusher it was reported that The Georgia Supreme Court had ruled in favor of GCG in their lawsuit against the DOT for allowing the cutting of trees on public lands so that billboards on private land can be seen from the highways. Senate Bill #169 to prohibit the trimming and cutting down trees on the public rights of way for the sole purpose of better visibility is still pending in committee.....We have won and lost battles along the way with the billboard companies in this area.

Now, In January, 2012, from GCG president Caroline Silcox, a superior court judge in Columbus heard arguments from Columbus, et al, v. GDOT et al., challenging, among other things, the constitutionality of Georgia's 2011 billboard legislation (which allows cutting of trees so that billboards can be visible from 500 feet). The Garden Club of Georgia along with Scenic Georgia and Trees Atlanta, had earlier filed an amicus brief in support of the efforts of the Columbus environmental groups and the city. The judge's mid-year ruling was appealed to the Supreme Court of Georgia. Oral arguments by the two sides started this January, 2013 on Tuesday, January 8. The fight continues. Stay tuned for the latest results.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

The National Garden Club (NGC) requests that garden club members are informed of what the national organization has available for its members. The website is: www.gardenclub.org . *The mission statement of NGC is to provide education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility.* NGC offers courses in horticulture, floral design, landscape design, etc. There is shopping! From jewelry to books, a national magazine and calendars. Take a look at the website. There are many things of interest to find there.

WAYS AND MEANS

It was another great year for our bows and bulbs project. With the help of many diligent members working five months we were able to sell all of our bows and bulbs. Leslee Bowler and her team started in August and continued until the last minute on Dec. 10th when we sold out one week ahead of schedule. We added garden gloves to our Ways and Means agenda and will continue to sell them at monthly meetings. They are a great gift idea year around.

Our thanks to those of you who took part in our 2012 - 2013 Ways and Means endeavor enabling us to contribute to the many charities on and off Skidaway.

We were represented in the First Annual Landings Club Christmas Golf Parade on Dec.8th. (See pictures). We won second prize and received a \$50 gift card that can be used at all club facilities. We will raffle the card off at our January meeting @ 3 for \$5. Receipts will be put towards Ways and Means. So bring your money and your good luck to the meeting on January 28th. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sandy Randolph and Pat Sunshine, co-chairs

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RED BOW CAMPAIGN!

The many hands involved in the making, marketing, publicizing and selling of bows has produced another record year. In comparing last year's sales we sold 30% more bows. While our "\$5 mailbox red bow" is still the most popular, our large red bows increased by 66% and our large golds increased by **161%**! In total we sold 505 bows. Thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraising efforts. We can take a break now until the first summer workshops begin. Leslee Bowler, Workshop Chairman

Continue supporting

THE LANDINGS

Green Projects

Through

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB WEBSITE

It's Easy:

Go to www.thelandingsgardenclub.com

Once there, click on the Amazon link



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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 many local projects.

Website: Please report website additions or corrections, in writing to Sally Jones at sally4th@bellsouth.net or 11 Stargrass Retreat.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Pull a tab, save a tab. Your aluminum pull tab is needed to support the Ronald McDonald House and their guests (parents of very ill children). Tabs will be collected at each of our meetings.
Meg Bremer

PLEASE PAY YOUR
2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES BY
FEBRUARY 14TH

Annual dues are \$35.00 for active members and \$45.00 for inactive members. This includes membership 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 keep your membership current.

This is the last Petal Pusher before the deadline. It includes a **Membership Form which must be included with your check**. The form is used to update the Yearbook, to form next year's committees and to keep our spreadsheets current.

You may pay your dues at the January meeting, by mail, or by tube, to Kay Osborn at 5 Seafarer's Circle.

Please pay early, so that we do not need to make phone calls. Thanks, in advance, for making the job easier.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Kay Osborn, Treasurer

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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.

Charitable Gifts: Makes recommendations for annual charitable fund giving.

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

Community Service: Gifts to Georgia Regional Hospital; Maintain Club's garden area at the Farm House and attend Garden Center Board Meetings.

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.

Native Plant Trail: Assistance when required to maintain and increase biodiversity of the garden.

Newsletter: Responsible for publishing and distributing the Petal Pusher.

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.

**THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM
2013 - 2014**

Dues must be received by February 14, 2013 for your name to be included in the Member Yearbook.

Please submit your dues, along with this form, to Kay Osborn at the *January 28* meeting... OR, mail or tube to her home at 5 Seafarers Circle by the deadline.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

___ Check here if any of the above information is different from the information in the 2012 - 2013 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			
Sav Area Council of Garden Clubs Representative		-----	
DESIGN			
HORTICULTURE			
HOSPITALITY			
MEMBERSHIP			
NEWSLETTER NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION			
PARLIAMENTARIAN		-----	
PROGRAMS			
PUBLICITY			
WAYS & MEANS			
WEBSITE	-----	-----	
YEARBOOK			

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES – November 26, 2012

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by the President, Anne Guira, at 10:05 AM. There were 45 members and 4 guests present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Jean Holland read the Collect. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as they appeared in the November, 2012 Pedal Pusher.

Treasurer's report: Kay Osborn reported a balance as of November 26, 2012 of \$6,983.67. There were deposits of \$3,804.00 and expenses of \$4,205.06. The CD has a balance of \$4,018.63.

Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Casey reported no cards sent in November.

President's remarks: Holiday Open House at the Botanical Garden will be held December 8 & 9. Sea Island tour of homes will be December 12th. Landings gate decoration will begin December 3rd at 8:30 AM at the Moon River gate house. December 7th Landlovers will have their holiday luncheon with a Christmas table on display that is decorated by the Landings Garden Club.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Sally Johnson reported we had 45 attendees; 4 guests.

Awards: Lisa Hall was elected corresponding secretary of the Oleander District.

Birds & Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock reported on the snow goose at the Lillibridge lagoon.

Civic Beautification: Anne Guira announced for Nancy Strobel that the next causeway cleanup will be Monday, December 3rd. Meet at Smith's at 8 AM. Gate decorating will be on December 3rd. Meet at 8:30 at the Moon River gate.

Community Service: Priss Wentworth reminded us to save toiletries for the state hospital patients. She is looking to find a contact at the hospital for our Christmas gifts program.

Design: Anne Garner described the tables being done by Liz McGough, Meg Breamer, Shelby Schavoir for the Landlovers luncheon.

Horticulture: No report.

Hospitality: Liz McGough thanked our hostesses; Nancy Strobel, Marie Scheuermann, Dixie Diffenderfer, Vicky Kramer and Maddie Hart. The floral arrangement was designed by Liz McGough.

Newsletter: Everyone received a newsletter. And Lynn thanked everyone for the photos.

Website: Sally Jones urged members to shop on the LGC site to Amazon.

Publicity: No report.

Ways & Means: Sandy Randolph passed a clip board for members to sign up for bow and bulb sales positions at the pharmacy. Bow and bulb delivery will be on November 29 at Kay Osborn's at 9:30 AM. Bows, amaryllis, gloves are for sale at the meeting. Pat Sunshine will drive a golf cart decorated with red bows in the golf cart parade December 12th and would like someone to ride with her.

GCG Liaison: Meg Bremer has calendars for sale that support our state garden club scholarships. She asked members to keep saving their can flip tops.

SACGC: Nancy Rosenthal announced that the Botanical Garden open house will be on December 8th and 9th from 1 PM to 4 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30. Jan Kemp, Recording Secretary

Program: Nancy Rosenthal introduced the program, A Savannah Christmas by Holley Jaakkola and Kimberly Ergul.

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