

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

November 2012

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Members,

With no more Political distractions lets settle in and enjoy the Holiday Season. Let us all give thanks during the Thanksgiving Holiday this month and look forward to Gift giving in December.

There are many activities to keep us busy starting with Gate decorations on Monday, December 3, at 9:00am. Assemble at Moon River Gatehouse to pick up supplies from Lib Cluett and Nancy Strobel. BE CREATIVE!!!!

Edith Teifeld was in charge of "The Art of Tiffany Lamps" What an informative, delightful presentation and lucky for our two prize winners. Thanks to Edith and Pace Lighting.

The "Bows and Bulbs" fliers arrived in every Islanders tube, thanks to Linda Thompkins and helpers Maddie Hart and Anne Gardner. Lisa and Leslee are strategically positioned at The Artisan Market, November 17 at Plantation Club. This should jump start our fund raiser. Our regular sales start at the Village Pharmacy on November 23 and will continue Monday and Friday till December 17. Help is needed!

To put us in a special relaxing Holiday mood our November meeting will present Holley Jaakkola and Kimberly Ergul, co-authors of A Savannah Christmas. They will demonstrate container Gardening and sell their books.

Wishing you all a Healthy Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.
Fondly, Anne Guira

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS CHRIS DONAHUE AND
CHRISTINE FRANKLIN!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 23rd Bows and Bulbs
Start selling at the Village Pharmacy

November 26th Monday Meeting
9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

December 3rd Causeway Cleanup
Meet at Smiths at 8 am, wearing sturdy shoes and gloves. Nancy Strobel will provide supplies.

December 3rd Landings Gate Decorations 9am meet Libby Cluett at Moon River Gate House for pickup

December 8th Sea Island Christmas
Saturday 10am – 5pm

January 7th Causeway Cleanup

January 10th Petal Pusher deadline

January 28th Monday Meeting

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NOVEMBER 26TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Creative Container Designs For the Holidays



The Landings Garden Club features “Creative Container Designs for the Holidays” presented by Holley Jaakkola, Savannah Designer and a recipient of the Historic Savannah Foundation’s Nichola Parker Coe Award. She will also be signing her new book, “A Savannah Christmas”, co-authored by Kimberly Ergul, a member of the Historic Savannah Foundation and Ardsley Park Garden Club.

Holley Jaakkola’s favorite holiday centerpieces are container gardens, in which living plants such as orchids and succulents are the essential elements. Sometimes she adds unrooted items, such as cut flowers and branches, as accents or she will stake living orchids with fig branches from her yard or berry-bearing ilex from her floral supplier. She mixes family heirlooms — china, silver and linen — with unexpected textures, colors and scents, thereby turning the tables on tradition. When doing a party, she echoes the colors and textures in her arrangements around the table and elsewhere in the room with unexpected items such as just-opened chestnuts, sea whips and pearlescent shells. “I love to contrast the elegant and the humble, refined and rustic, old and new,” Jaakkola said of her designs.

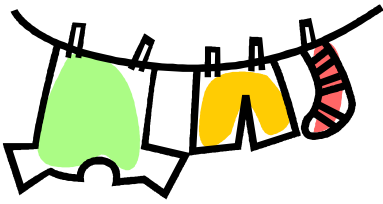
Together with photographer Richard Leo Johnson, a veteran photographer and well-known guitarist and composer, Holley and Kimberly have written *A Savannah Christmas*, which presents an intimate look at how our enchanting city celebrates the Christmas season. From the traditional antebellum homes with wreaths and candles to more modern place settings, the alluring photographs capture the essence of Savannah's yuletide cheer. A journey through the glamorous downtown Historic District, the Ardsley Park neighborhood, the Isle of Hope, and more reveals the gracious beauty of Savannah during the holidays and provides a delightful well of inspiration for planning a Southern celebration. Complete with recipes for favorites such as gingerbread with Meyer lemon glaze from the masterminds of Back in the Day Bakery and lists of events unique to the area, this guide makes the Low Country come alive with the magic of the season.

Don't miss this exciting meeting at which Holley will be showing you how to design container gardens and also, with Kimberly, will be signing their book. Please join us at 9:30 for coffee followed by a general meeting and program. See you at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Road. The program will start at 10:45 AM. Bring your relatives, friends and neighbors. Guests are welcome at no charge.

DID YOU KNOW?.....MORE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB HISTORY

In the early days of the club, the community service committee proposed the club’s support of a landscaping project for a new group home for the mentally disadvantaged. In 1988 Anne Dauray and her committee developed the landscaping plan for the two group homes located on Montgomery Crossroad. A year and one-half later, a committee headed by Kathy Younkens secured plants and installed irrigation with the help of club members, their husbands and members of the Kiwanis Club.

The club was able to purchase the irrigation system (\$2017) with money raised from their new ways and means project of selling BOWS for Landings mailboxes!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Priss Wentworth will be delivering sox and underwear to The Georgia Regional Hospital again this Holiday. Be sure to bring toiletries and any large size clothing to the November 26th meeting.

2013 LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB PROGRAMS

A New Year Is Approaching

Don't Forget to Mark Your 2013 Calendars

January 28, 2013

“Fight the Bite”, a discussion of dangers in the garden presented by Maria C. Wargovich, District Regional Lead Coordinator of the Coastal Health District.

February 25, 2013

Redefining Beauty with Native Plants” presented by Linda Lamb, Native Plant Expert of Coastal Wildscapes.

March 4 2013

Special Event: Dunham Farms Tour and Lunch.

March 25, 2013

“Why Organic” presented by Shirley Daughtry owner of Heritage Organic Farms.

April 22, 2013

“What... Clip My Roots” Bonsai Demonstration by Barbara Tennant
Installation of Officers & Luncheon

CAUSEWAY CLEAN UP – NOVEMBER 5TH



November's causeway cleanup went splendidly! There was plenty to collect...we found 33 bags worth, a tire and a chair! Our volunteers are simply wonderful, but, don't forget, we can always use more help.

Thank you to the following hard-working road warriors: Linda and Allen Blount, Peggy and Ralph Schilly, Nancy and Tim Strobel, Barbara Werneke, Jill Bassman, Peggy Marting, Janet Morley, Joy Howard, Bud Heussler, Ed Connant, Anne Erdle, Dixie Diffenderfer

HOLIDAY GOLF CART PARADE Starting a NEW TRADITION...A Bow on EVERY GOLF CART...Don't forget the Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, December 8...carts need to be registered before Monday, 12/3 ...call 598-3535



WAYS AND MEANS - BOWS AND BULBS ALERT!

Busy... Busy...busy...that's what we've been...thank you to Linda Tompkins and all the volunteers that helped with flyer distribution. By now, you should have returned your maps and extra flyers to your area captain or to Linda....our next project is to distribute the bows and bulbs that have been ordered...we will be bringing orders from garden club members to the meeting on 11/26...area captains should plan to pick up orders for their areas at Kay Osborn's home, 5 seafarer's circle, on Tuesday, 11/27 between 9-11 am.

The LAA art festival is over and our next sales event will be at the artisan's market in the

plantation ballroom on November 17...be sure to tell your friends to buy bulbs and a bow or two while they are shopping...remember, this year we are expanding the bow theme to golf carts...and the club is sponsoring a holiday golf cart parade on 12/8...Pat Sunshine will be decorating her cart to participate...if anyone wants to ride with her..let her know ..also any of you can get together and decorate carts to help represent the garden club...it could be a fun time!!!

All of you realize that the "bow and bulb sales" is our major fundraiser..please encourage your friends to purchase and support the garden club...and please think about giving two hours or more of your time to help with sales at the pharmacy...sign-up sheets will again be passed around at the November meeting and we do need help in December.

Lastly, we will be selling the Atlas garden gloves for \$7 at the meeting and at other sales events. These are great hostess gifts and stocking stuffers as well as being great gloves to use yourself...that's all for now...

Pat and Sandy

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB WINS DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD!!!



At the October, 2012 annual Oleander District Meeting The Landings Garden Club was awarded the **Shirley M. Lewis Environmental Awareness Award!** The reason our club was chosen was for the ongoing projects of the club promoting environmental awareness and serving our community by making the environment of The Landings clean and safe for its wildlife and human inhabitants. In our application for the award I described the years of ongoing projects supported by the club including the causeway cleanup, the sparrow field, the butterfly garden at Skidaway Island State Park, the development of the Native Plant Trail, and development and maintenance of the Village library landscaping. I also recognized the work done by our club to have The Landings the first community in the state of Georgia designated a wildlife habitat by the DNR. The club has also been able to financially support many area environmental groups on and off the island due to our annual sale of holiday bows and bulbs. **CONGRATULATIONS to all of us for our hard work!**

Lisa Hall, Awards Chairman



GATE DECORATIONS

Date: Monday, December 3, Time: 9:00,
Location: Moon River Gate House

Committee from last year's sign up:
Angers, Barnard, Barry, Calder, Drwiega,
Foulkes, Gardner, Hart, Holland, Harwood,
Kane, King, Kramer, Lindgren, Maugh,
Miller, Otter, Prellwitz, Rosenthal,
Sweeterman, Schavoir, Sheridan, Stocklin,
Ward, Wrenn, Zmijewski

This is a fun way to start the Holiday Season!!!

Chairs: Libby Cluett (7043) and Nancy Strobel (4370)

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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.

EVENTS AT THE BAMBOO FARM AND COASTAL GARDENS NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



Holiday Wreath Embellishment Workshop

November 29th, 2012	10:00am - noon
December 1	10am - noon

Consider growing plants in your garden that can be used to "beef-up" your ordinary fir wreath this December. Registrants will learn the basic steps to wreath-making with a concentration on using common garden plant cuttings to create a more professional, dynamic wreath to hang on the front door. Workshop fee includes the cost of a 24-inch fir wreath as well as various dried and fresh-cut greenery to make a personal masterpiece. Please bring gloves and a small wire cutter. \$20.00 per student cash or checks only

Hypertufa Class	December 8, 2012	10am - 11am	Learn how to make your own hypertufa planting container with Master Gardener, Bob Izzo. 15.00 per person, cash or checks only.
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Contact the Bamboo Farm for more information: 921-5460 or e mail at: coastal@uga.edu



OCTOBER 2012 MEETING



Leslee Bowler receives a lamp from Jenna Johnson representing www.pacelighting.com



Floral Arrangement by Meg Bremer

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES – October 22, 2012

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by the President, Anne Guira, at 10:05 AM. There were 46 members present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Lisa Hall read the Collect.

The minutes of the September meeting were amended to show the correct date of September 24, 2012.

Treasurer's report: Kay Osborn reported a balance as of October 22nd of \$7,528.95. There were deposits of \$383.31 and expenses of \$725.62. The CD has a balance of \$4,018.63. The CD at Sea Island Bank will be renewed for another year.

Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Casey received a thank you note from Mel Welch, President Skidaway Audubon, for the \$75.00 honorarium given for their September program..

President's remarks: Read the minutes from the October 11, 2012 Executive Meeting. Introduced Betty Ann King, President of Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs Inc, who thanked the LGC for our \$300. charitable gift last year. Betty Ann announced the Holiday Open House at the Botanical Garden will be held December 8 & 9. She is looking for 1-4 volunteers to serve as hostesses for the event. The annual Rose Festival will be held in April. She urged our members to help put together a slate of officers for SACGC next year.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Sally Johnson reported we had 46 attendees; 2 guests, Chris Franklin and Deborah Cattano; and 1 new member, Chris Donahue.

Awards: Lisa Hall announced that we had won the Shirley M. Lewis Environment Awareness Award for the Oleander District.

Birds & Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock reported on the birds and butterflies we can see in our area at this time of the year.

Civic Beautification: Nancy Strobel announced that the next causeway cleanup will be Monday, November 5th. Meet at Smith's at 8 AM. We do not pick up trash between the orange barrels at the bridge construction site or at the Ferguson intersection construction site.

Community Service: Meg Bremer for Priss Wentworth reminded us to save our can tops.

Design: Anne Garner reported that we were asked to design a Christmas scene for the Landlovers holiday luncheon. Meg Bremer did the floral arrangement for the October meeting.

Horticulture: Irene Thornley told us about Resurrection ferns. And she demonstrated how to start a cutting.

Hospitality: Shelby Schavoir thanked our hostess; Peggy Schilly, Anne Guira, Linda Sue Babcock, Karen Angers and Mary Stewart.

Newsletter: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Ways & Means: Sandy Randolph passed clip boards around for members to sign up for bow and bulb sales positions at the Village Sidewalk Art sale, the Landlovers Artisan sale and sales outside the pharmacy. Bow and bulb delivery will be on November 29. Jean Ahrens asked for members to sign-up to be area captains. December 8th the Landings Club will have a golf cart parade. The Garden Club is considering entering a cart in the parade to advertise our red bows. Leslee Bowler reported 388 bows have been made. If you want a bell added to the bow, there will be a \$1. surcharge. We will be selling gloves for \$7. a pair.

GCG Liaison: Meg Bremer has calendars for sale that support our state garden club scholarships.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Jan Kemp, Recording Secretary

Program: The Inspired Art of Tiffany Lamps by Fred Beall and Jenna Johnson

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