



THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

October 2012

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

How nice it is to have quiet after fighting Italian drivers. It was extraordinary to have cars passing on curves, meeting you head on playing chicken, plus scooters everywhere and survive. The landscape was beautiful with low mountains and valleys. Very agricultural with citrus and vegetables in Sicily to vineyards and vineyards in Italy. Nancy Strobel and The Causeway Cleanup Crew would be busy--also lots of trash. Glad to be home.

Thanks to Sandra Wolf and her committee for providing an outstanding program at our first meeting. Skidaway Audubon enlightened us as to their workings throughout the Island. Another exciting program is on the agenda for October when you will hear about the "Inspired Art of Tiffany Lamps".

Sally Jones will walk us through our Clubs partnership with Amazon. We receive a referral fee for each purchase. Bows and bulbs are in full swing and it is time to sign up for distribution or selling.

Our meeting is on October 22nd at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd. GUESTS WELCOME!

CAUSEWAY CLEAN UP – NOVEMBER 5TH



Landings Garden Club is sponsoring a Causeway Clean Up on November 5, 2012. All residents are invited to assist. Meet at Smith's at 8 AM for an orange vest, trash bags, and assignments. Please join us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 22nd Monday Meeting.
9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

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

November 10th Petal Pusher deadline

October 19th Oleander District Meeting

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OCTOBER 22ND MEMBERSHIP MEETING - THE INSPIRED ART OF TIFFANY LAMPS

“The Inspired Art of Tiffany Lamps” will be featured at this month’s Landings Garden Club meeting. Fred Beall, Principle Sales Agent and FBA Sales, NY, NY and Jenna Johnson from Pace Lighting will be the speakers. Their presentation will cover the design, materials, construction and manufacturing processes that went into producing beautiful stained glass Tiffany lamps, so many of which had beautiful flower and fauna designs. Books about Tiffany and his lamps will be available to peruse. An original Tiffany lamp may be featured. Invite all your friends and neighbors to hear this exciting program. There is no charge for guests and men are most welcome.

9:00 Board Meeting

9:30 Coffee and Refreshments

10:00 General Membership Meeting

10:45 Program.

Join us at the Messiah Lutheran Church at 1 W. Ridge Road on Monday, October 22, 2012.



THE LIFE AND TIMES OF LEWIS COMFORT TIFFANY

Peonies and pond lilies, dogwoods and apple blossoms, hollyhocks and poinsettias, rambling roses and laburnum. The list of natural subjects that Louis Comfort Tiffany chose for his stained glass lamps is much longer, but just the few noted above may help you to realize that Louis Comfort Tiffany was a lover of plants and trees and all things natural.

Lewis Comfort Tiffany was born in 1848. His father, Charles Lewis Tiffany, was the co-founder of Tiffany & Company, the luxury retailer best known for fine silver and jewelry. Being exposed to superbly-designed and expertly-crafted objects d'art helped to stimulate his love and appreciation for exceptional objects and set him off on a quest for beauty. He studied painting under the American landscape painter George Inness, and then traveled in Europe and North Africa, painting scenes from his travels in both oil and watercolors. He established himself as an artist and became the youngest member of the National Academy of Design around 1880.

Although he began his career as a landscape painter, Tiffany eventually branched out into interior design and the decorative arts. Over the years he formed a number of companies in both Manhattan and Queens that manufactured leaded-glass windows, lamps, mosaics, glassware, enamels, ceramics, metalwork, furniture, and textiles. These works were available at his Manhattan showroom and in fine retail and jewelry stores throughout the United States and Europe. Tiffany began producing lamps in 1885 but the majority of them were made between 1895 and 1920.

Lewis Comfort Tiffany was born into wealth and privilege but “the huddled masses “who came to this country did not have much. The US census for 1890 shows that about 12 million families lived here at that time. Eleven million earned less than \$1200 per year, and of that group, the average annual income was \$380. Immigrants and rural Americans crowded into city tenements where crime and filth prevailed. In New York City, Tiffany employed many immigrants, for inanimate objects, when hand-made, demand intensive cheap labor.

Tiffany was enormously wealthy. He had, at different times, three country estates, the last two on Long Island. Laurelton Hall, his last estate, had over 500 acres of ground surrounding the house. As much as possible, he landscaped the grounds keeping the native trees: chestnut, birch, beech, dogwood, and evergreen pine. He preferred native plants and used them as much as possible. His planting was described, “almost as nature herself would have arranged it.”

Tiffany died in 1933. By that time the popularity of his lamps had declined with the rise of Art Moderne and Expressionism. More recently, his works are honored and treasured around the world.



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. PROJECTS

National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) is recognized as the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world with nearly 200,000 members. Since 1929, it has provided garden club members with educational opportunities in all aspects of gardening and floral design.

NGC aids in the protection and conservation of natural resources, promotes civic beautification and encourages the improvement of roadsides and parks.

The Landings Garden Club is part of this organization. Every two years, with the change in administration, the new president of NGC develops a theme with projects recommended for participation in by individual clubs and councils. In 2011 the new president, Shirley Nicolai's theme was chosen, “**Proudly Serving our Members and Communities.**” Her projects are community and club oriented. She emphasizes these four projects.

First is **Planting for Public and Special Places.** This project recognizes all garden club service to communities when members provide plantings for public and special places. These plantings can beautify, have environmental value or provide sustenance. The Landings Garden Club continues to work on or support projects in this area including the Village Library plantings, The Sparrow Field plantings, the butterfly garden at the state park, the botanical garden center on Eisenhower Dr. and Arbor Day activities.

The second project is **Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems.** Aquatic ecosystems include rivers, lakes, ponds, streams, creeks, springs, marshes, bogs, wetlands, coastal estuaries, floodplains and aquifers. Our monthly causeway cleanup certainly qualifies as protecting our aquatic ecosystem. A few suggested strategies for garden clubs is educating the public, working with other organizations sharing like concerns and becoming legislatively informed and involved.

Another project is **Photo Archiving of Accomplishments.** The Landings Garden Club is already doing this locally through our website! The NGC would like all clubs to share information on a FLICKR site. The thought

is for garden clubs to share their projects and accomplishments for others to view, get ideas and learn from. You can visit the site at www.Flickr.com/nationalgardenclubs.

Lastly, **Plant it Pink** is a continuing project, which recognizes that all of us have been touched in some way by breast cancer. Individual clubs are encouraged to plant pink gardens at hospitals, cancer centers and participate in other activities to promote awareness of the fight against breast cancer.

For more information on any of the projects or the National Garden Clubs, Inc. visit their website at www.gardenclub.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are still collecting toiletries for our Community Service donations to Georgia Regional. Also clean your closets----extra-large clothing is always needed. Male or Female



WAYS AND MEANS - BOWS AND BULBS ALERT!

The Landings Art Association Side Walk Sale on Oct. 27th will be the opening day for the sale of red bows and amaryllis bulbs. On Nov. 17th we will exhibit at the Landlovers Artisan Market where we will need volunteers to work the afternoon sales. Please sign up for this at the Oct. 22nd meeting.

The fliers for orders are ready to go and packets for those of you who are delivering them will be passed out at the Oct. Meeting. Fliers should be placed in tubes before Oct. 29th.

We need volunteers for sales at The Village Pharmacy beginning Nov. 24th through Dec. 17th.

Bulbs and bows delivery captains should pick up orders on Nov. 29th. You will be notified of time and place.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about the charities and of the beautification of our island that benefit from our project. There are still a lot of mailboxes and golf carts that could use a red bow for the holidays. If every member gives a little of their time we will have another banner year.

Thanking all of you who have already worked so hard,

Sandy Randolph and Pat Sunshine

Co-chairs / Ways and Means

OCTOBER 22ND MEMBERSHIP MEETING – GARDEN CLUB WEBSITE DEMO INCLUDING AMAZON SHOPPING

During the coffee time at our next meeting, Sally Jones will demonstrate navigating the garden club website AND review how to shop (through our website) on **Amazon** just in time for the holidays! View information on our meetings and speakers, photos from past meetings, projects we are involved in, links to gardening websites, GCG and NGC and importantly, Amazon. **We earn money every time you shop through our website.** If you haven't done it, it is very easy with a few clicks of the mouse!

Go to www.thelandingsgardenclub.com

Once there, click on the Amazon link



The Landings Garden Club

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.

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB.....A BIT MORE HISTORY

In May of 1987, The Landings Garden Club joined the Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs (SACGC). The ladies actively participated in fund raising for a garden center and botanical garden. A holiday house tour, craft shows, flea markets, plant sales and card parties were vehicles for raising money for the proposed garden center. Twenty years ago the land was secured from the county on Eisenhower Drive and the Reinhardt Farm House was moved to the site. Within the next few years many of the council member clubs planted areas of the property including the Landings Garden Club. This past Sunday, October 7, 2012 a celebration was held at the garden center marking the anniversary of moving the house as these photos depict.

SAVANNAH AREA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

SACGC celebrated the 20th anniversary of the moving of the Reinhardt House to its current location on Eisenhower Drive. Lisa Hall, Sharon Kersh, and Sandra Wolf "made the scene."



SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING



Jeannie wins the raffle!

Fitz Clark and Sharon Kersch

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES – September 23, 2012

The September meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by Vice-President Leslee Bowler at 10:00 AM. Leslee led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Irene Thornley read the Collect. Leslee introduced this year's officers.

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Kay Osborn gave the final May and September 24, 2012 Financial Reports. Current balance on hand in SunTrust checking account is \$7,871.25. We have a balance of \$4018.63 in a CD at Sea Island Bank.

Members were reminded that a percentage of on line purchases with Amazon reached through the Garden Club site is given to the Club. A brick in memory of Brigitta Nooney has been purchased at the Botanical Garden and will be installed shortly.

Corresponding Secretary's Report Ruth Casey reported on condolence and get well cards sent to members since May.

Committee Reports: Awards: Lisa Hall highlighted the National President's projects and said more extensive information will appear in the next Petal Pusher. She also asked that any yearbook corrections or changes be given to her in writing.

Birds and Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock reported on current bird migrations and gave information on activities at the Aquarium, the State Park and the Chinese Tallow Removal Corps. She also brought cuttings of oregano for distribution.

Civic Beautification:

Causeway Cleanup: Sally Johnson reminded members of clean up on October 1. Workers will meet at Smith's parking lot at 8 AM for assignments and equipment. Next month signs will be erected alerting drivers that the cleanup is in progress so drive carefully. The signs will acknowledge the Garden Club's responsibility for the cleanup.

Design: The centerpiece provided by Anne Gardner was won by Jean Ahrens.

Horticulture: Irene Thornley using several types of ferns to demonstrate gave an educational talk on the reproduction and growth of various non-flowering plants. She encouraged members to participate with questions or information in the horticultural segment of future meetings.

Hospitality: Liz McGough thanked today's hostesses: Fran Lindgren, Marty Campbell, Vicki Kramer, Farideh Heidary and Barbara Paull.

Membership: Sally Johnson reported a formal resignation from the Club had been received from Shirley Owen. Sally reported we have 34 members and 3 guests present at the meeting.

Newsletter: Lynn Barnard thanked the members who wrote articles for the Petal Pusher and encouraged more articles along with pictures for future issues.

Programs: Sandra Wolf gave information on the Pin Point Museum and the speaker for the Savannah Book Festival November 1. Members willing to volunteer at the book festival should contact Anne Gardner.

Ways and Means: Pat Sunshine reported that this year's Bulb and Bow sale will take place at the Art Show 10/27, the Landlovers Craft Sale 11/17 and for eight days at the pharmacy. In addition a decorated golf cart will participate in the golf cart parade. Volunteers are needed for bow selling and flyer distribution the week of 10/22. Signup sheets were passed.

Website & Tech Support: In Sally Jones' absence, Leslee reported that next month Sally will demonstrate how to access our website and how to link to the Amazon website to make purchases.

SACGA: In Nancy Rosenthal's absence, Leslee mentioned the Plant and Yard sale 9/29 and the party on 10/7 at the Botanical Garden and the Fall Festival at the Bamboo Garden on 10/13. Volunteers for the Botanical Garden events should contact Nancy.

GCG: Leslee reported Meg Bremer is to be contacted for purchase of the new Garden Club of Georgia calendars.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Kemp, Recording Secretary

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