



# THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

April 2013

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Members,

That first meeting was a little daunting, wondering if I could do a good job. Now that I look back, one of the best rewards of this job was getting to know and to form closer friendships with each member. I extend a huge THANK YOU to the executive board and the committee chairs and especially to V.P. Leslee Bowler. She was always there to help. Your support of our club activities and the fund raiser were exceptional.

The April 22 membership meeting of the Garden Club is speaker Barbara Tennant, Bonsai Designer. She will demonstrate the basics of Bonsai art. Be sure to remember to bring a dessert or salad for 6-8. We have a tight schedule. Join us to make this a wonderful celebration of the year.

9:00 Board meeting  
9:30 General meeting  
10:15 Speaker  
11:00 Luncheon and Installation of Officers

And last but not least. To all the "nay sayers" remember our October 10, 2010 program by Paula Karrh, "Growing Daffodils on Skidaway Island"? Well, this Easter I had a dozen "beautiful" blooms and no deer attack. It pays to have patience!! (21/2 years ?!!x).

Thank you all for making my very busy year a memorable one.  
Fondly, Anne Guira

## NEW MEMBERS!!!

We are pleased to welcome these new members:  
Patricia DeWilde, Chris Donohue, Prissilla Farnum, Christine Franklin, Louise Peterson, Kathy Von Hollen, Tina Zipperer. Glad you joined us!!!!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 19-20<sup>th</sup> Nogs Tour

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday Meeting,  
Installation of Officers & Luncheon  
9 am board, 9:30 general meeting,  
10:15 program- 11:00 luncheon

April 27-28<sup>th</sup> Rose Festival at  
Rinehart Farm House

May 6<sup>th</sup> Causeway Cleanup  
Meet at Smiths at 8 am, wearing sturdy shoes and gloves. Nancy Strobel will provide supplies.

September 10<sup>th</sup> Petal Pusher  
Deadline

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## APRIL 22 MEMBERSHIP MEETING LUNCHEON, INSALLATION OF OFFICERS

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Join us to make this a wonderful celebration of the year. This is our last meeting until next fall. Please bring a salad or dessert for 6-8. Schedule following.

9:00 board meeting  
9:30 general meeting  
10:15 speaker  
11:00 luncheon

Hostesses are:

Pat Barry, Barbara Paul, Val Stocklin, Sonia Oram

### PROGRAM

How old is old? For homo sapiens, perhaps over 100. But for trees, 100 can be young. In Japan, there is a bonsai tree estimated to be 2000 years old. This bonsai is still in its developing stages, but just the knowledge of its age makes it a very rare and special tree to watch.

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*Barbara Tennant, The Landings Garden Club April speaker, became enthralled with bonsai when she moved to Atlanta in 1977 to open a bookstore. In 1988 she bought her first tree and she has been hooked on bonsai ever since. She describes herself as self-taught; owning a bookstore gave her access to many guides to develop her skills. And she says, "Once you get one tree you keep wanting to try new species." Barbara is our April speaker and she is looking forward to sharing her love of bonsai, "a good combination of art and horticulture" with us.*

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR 2013/2014

**Awards:** Lisa Hall

**Birds/Conservation:** Linda Sue Babcock

**Charitable Gifts:** Kay Osborn

**Civic Beautification:**

**Causeway Cleanup:** Nancy Strobel

**Gate Decoration:** Maddie Harwood and Liz Ward

**Library:** Cynthia Calder

**Design:** Meg Bremer

**GA Regional Hospital:** Priss Wentworth

**Historian:** Claudette Engvall

**Horticulture:** Irene Thornley

**Hospitality:** Judy Sweeterman

**Membership:** Pat Sunshine, Kathy Z. and Sandra Wolf

**Newsletter:** Lynn Barnard

**Distribution:** Fran Lindgren

**Parliamentarian:** Jan Kemp

**Programs:** Edith Teifeld and Tina Zipperer

**Publicity:** Vicky Kramer

**SCGC:** Nancy Rosenthal

**Village Library:** Cynthia Calder

**Ways and Means:** Barbara Martin and Maggie Richard

**Website:** Sally Jones

**Yearbook:** Lisa Hall and Anne Guira



## BUDGET CORRECTIONS

The Proposed 2013-2014 Budget has been amended and will be voted on at the April meeting. Please note the changes which are highlighted.

Note: Article XII

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present provided the amendment has been presented to and approved by the Board of Directors and read to the members at a previous meeting or the members have been duly notified of the amendment changes prior to the meeting.

A motion to correct and adopt the new budget for 2013-2014 was passed by the Board of Directors on March 25, 2013. The correction states that the Special Donations fund shall be \$500 for the 2013-2014 budget.  
Edith Teifield. Parliamentarian

**LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL BUDGET 2013 - 2014**

Approval will be voted on at the April 22, 2013 General Membership Meeting

**Proposed  
2013-2014**

**INCOME:**

Dues	3,050.00
Miscellaneous (Amazon, Trips, Raffles)	350.00
Ways & Means Projects	4,000.00

**TOTAL INCOME: 7,400.00**

**GENERAL EXPENSES:**

State Dues (\$10 per member)	850.00
SACGC Dues (\$3 per member)	255.00
Meeting Rental	400.00
Liability Insurance	300.00
State Convention	150.00
District Meetings	150.00
Speaker's Honoraria	525.00
President's Gift	150.00
Officers' Expenses	50.00
Memorials & Flowers	150.00
Mail Box Rental	70.00
Arbor Day	75.00
GCG/NCG Projects	225.00
Eisenhower Botanical Gardens	100.00
State Registration	35.00
Special Donations	*500.00

**Total General Expenses: 3,985.00**

**STANDING COMMITTEE  
EXPENSES:**

Awards	30.00
Birds & Conservation	25.00
Civic Beautification	50.00
Village Library	150.00
Community Service	300.00
Design	125.00
Horticulture	25.00
Hospitality	100.00
Membership	100.00
Newsletter	25.00
Publicity	50.00
Website	40.00
Ways & Means	**2,095.00
Yearbook	300.00

**Total Committee Expenses: 3,415.00**

**TOTAL EXPENSES: 7,400.00**

**\*Increased by \$350  
\*\*Decreased by \$350**

**LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB CHARITABLE GIFTS 2012-2013**

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**CHARITY**

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Animal Rescue	\$300
Audubon Sparrow Field-Wildflower Plot	\$440
Audubon Sparrow Field-Berm Butterfly Garden	\$200
Bamboo Farm (Unrestricted)	\$300
General Scholarship Fund	\$500
Friends of Skidaway Island Park	\$250
Landings Library	\$350
Orphan Bird Care	\$300
Roadside Beautification	\$30
SACGC - Botanical Gardens	\$150
Savannah Tree Foundation	\$250
Skidaway Farms (Children's Garden)	\$300
State Botanical Garden of Georgia	\$50
Tallow Tree "Rack Card"	\$300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,720</b>

Committee Members

Anne Guira  
Leslee Bowler  
Jan Kemp  
Sandy Randolph  
Kay Osborn



## SUMMER BOW MAKING

If you would like to be a part of the summer red bow making group please call or email Leslee Bowler at 5019 or [jbowler814@comcast.net](mailto:jbowler814@comcast.net). We start when the weather gets too hot and you need a productive reason to stay indoors. We would love to add more members to our group.

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## WHAT PLANTS TALK ABOUT

Do you have a PBS app on any of your techie devices (computer, iPad, iPod, etc.)? There is a fascinating program on PBS Nature called *What Plants Talk About*.

When we think about plants, we don't often associate a term like 'behavior' with them but an experimental plant ecologist, James Cahill, maintains that plants do behave and lead anything but solitary and sedentary lives. Using time lapsed cameras and ingenious experiments he sets out to prove his theory that plants do behave. If you missed the program on TV, get on that techie device and watch this fascinating program.



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pull a tab, save a tab. Your aluminum pull McDonald House and their guests (parents at each of our meetings. Meg Bremer



tab is needed to support the Ronald of very ill children). Tabs will be collected

Priss Wentworth reminds us to continue collecting toiletries for the Georgia Regional Hospital

## NEW VILLAGE LIBRARY GARDENS 2013



### **Preparation**

Acting on behalf of the Landings Garden Club, Tina Zipperer, a new Garden Club member, enlisted her husband, Cleve, to put together a plan for re-landscaping The Landings Library. Cleve founded Zipper Land Management Inc. in 1989 and has been a landscape contractor for over 22 years. Several Garden Club members met with Cleve to discuss concerns and focuses with regard to the plant materials. Taking all that was discussed into consideration, Cleve developed a plan. This plan included moving existing plant material to the back of the Library to serve as the new addition's foundation landscaping. Subsequently, all new plant material went in the front for seasonal color.

### **Planting Day**

On Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> a major planting took place at The Landings Library. This landscaping began at 2pm and finished at 5pm.

In the rear of the building, facing the lagoon, the foundation beds against the new addition, were turned and prepared. Some bushes were shifted in the design. Then all the previous donated plantings from the front of the building were moved to the back. To this were added new bottlebrush plants and Mexican heather, all butterfly attracting plants.

Next the front bedding soil was prepared and in went Gardenia, Ligustrum, Bush Daisy, and annuals Mexican Petunia, and Verbena. To finish 10 yards of mulch were added.

The final touch was a very generous donation by Zipperer Land Management of new planting in the Garden Clubs previously donated urns by the front door of the Library, of two topiary Cyprus plants and trailing annuals.

We can be very proud that our garden club is responsible for the beautiful library setting as it is now.

Many thanks to the following who made it possible:

Library Garden Chair, Cynthia Calder

Leslee Bowler

Tina Zipperer

Zipperer Land Management

## BETHESDA ACADEMY FARM & GARDENS

Bethesda Academy Farm & Gardens features a five-acre garden, which offers opportunities to enhance the educational strategies and workforce attributes of the young men attending Bethesda Academy. The organic farming facility offers two acres of garden beds, a 1,500-square-foot greenhouse, a half-acre blueberry field and hundreds of hens providing fresh eggs.

The garden has obtained grants through the Natural Resource and Conservation Service for cover crops to improve soil quality and has partnered with Georgia Organics to learn contemporary organic farming techniques.

Bethesda Academy Farm & Gardens encourages students to understand the importance of ecological sustainability as well as entrepreneurship. Students and staff work on campus at the Farm Stand to sell organic produce.



*Cultivating stewardship for the land and its people.*

**Don't let the rain keep you away... We have lots of fresh veggies, eggs, and garden seedlings!**

### **The Farm Stand**

Open each Thursday from 3:00-5:30.

*Due to the rain, look for us underneath the porch of the school building (Eckburg Center) on the right as soon as you go underneath the brick arch.*

### **Bethesda Academy Farm & Gardens**

Free-Range Eggs\* Save money with a carton!  
Lettuce Heads (Heirloom Romaine and Bibb)  
Spring Mix  
Easter Egg Radishes  
Carrots  
Scarlet Queen Turnips (exceptional greens)  
Hakurei Turnips  
Baby Kale & Collards  
100% Natural Goat's Milk Soap  
Micro-green Mix

\*Special Note: If you bring back an egg carton you will receive 50 cents off of one dozen eggs!

Come See us Today!  
The Bethesda Academy Farm & Gardens Team



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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](mailto:sally4th@bellsouth.net) or 11 Stargrass Retreat.

## MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> MEMBERSHIP MEETING



**Nancy wins Sally Ekerson's beautiful arrangement!**

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### **LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES – March 25, 2013**

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by the President, Anne Guira, at 10:00 AM. There were 41 members and 2 guests present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Sandra Wolf read the Collect. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as they appeared in the March Pedal Pusher

**Treasurer's report:** Kay Osborn reported a balance as of March 25, 2013 of \$13,162.48. There were deposits of \$305.15 and expenses of \$303.87.00. The CD has a balance of \$4,018.63. Kay announced the charitable gifts for 2013. She explained to the membership that the 2013-2014 budget was revised to include a line item for Special Donations and that the new budget will be published in the April Pedal Pusher with the vote being taken at the April meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ruth Casey stated that the Club received a thank you note from the Botanical Garden for the donation of a garden bench. A card was sent to Nancy Rosenthal.

**President's remarks:** Announced Southbridge is having a garden tour on May 18. The Botanical Garden will have their Rose Festival on April 27. The NOG garden tour will be April 19 & 20. Volunteers are needed

tomorrow at the Sparrow Field to help with plantings. We received two certificates from the State for Penny Pines and Friends of Georgia Garden.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Sally Johnson announced we have one new member, Edwina Walker.

**Awards:** No report

**Birds & Conservation:** Linda Sue Babcock reported that the blue birds are starting to nest. It is a good idea to grind up egg shells with the bird seed to give the birds extra protein.

**Civic Beautification:** Nancy Strobel announced that the next causeway clean-up will be April 1. Meet at Smith's at 8 AM. Cynthia Calder reported on the new plants at the library.

**Community Service:** No report.

**Design:** No report

**Horticulture:** Irene Thornley reported that the Cherokee Roses have not started to bloom due to the unseasonable weather. She stated the plant is not native to the South but rather comes from China.

**Hospitality:** Shelby Schavoir thanked the hostesses for March for the delicious treats. The flower arrangement was done by Sally Eckerson and won by Nancy Strobel. Shelby announced the April meeting and luncheon will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. She asked that we sign up to bring either a salad or dessert.

**Newsletter:** Sally Jones asked if everyone was receiving their newsletter.

**Parliamentarian:** Edith Teifeld asked for a vote by the membership for an amendment to the By-Laws; Article IV, Section II. Annual dues for an Active Member shall be increased to \$40.00. The amendment passed: 39 member yes and 2 members nay.

**Website:** No report

**Publicity:** No report.

**Ways & Means:** No report

**GCG Liaison:** Meg Bremer asked that everyone continue to save can flip tops.

**SACGC:** No report.

**Vice President:** Leslee Bowler announced she is selling garden gloves for \$7.a pair. She asked us to fill out a survey on what type of programs we would like next year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Jan Kemp

Recording Secretary

**Program:** Sandra Wolf introduced our speaker Shirley Daughtry owner of Heritage Organic Farms.

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