

# THE PETAL PUSHER

## NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,  
Conservation, Education*

January 2014

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year Garden Club Members,

We wrapped up 2013 with a busy schedule of selling our bows and bulbs thanks to many members' help and especially our Ways and Means Chairmen, **Barbara Martin and Maggie Richard**. We will again be able to generously contribute to various charitable organizations and if you have a favorite make sure you tell Kay Osborn so that it may be considered to receive a donation.

Our gate decorators did a wonderful job and endured the early January rains to dismantle the holiday decorations. Thanks to **Liz Ward** and **Maddie Harwood** for leading this Committee.

**Nancy Strobel** and her team of volunteers managed to clean the causeway on a windy, spring-to-winter changing morning. Our thanks for always getting the job done!

Our speaker this month is Cathy Sakas the former Education Coordinator at NOAA Gray's Reef Marine Sanctuary. She will give us the facts on how this reef was formed and the diverse marine life living in this sanctuary.

This is the time of year we begin to consider in what ways we want to contribute to our Club for the 2014/15 year. A Membership Form has been sent separately via email and a few copies will be available at the meeting. This is a wonderful way to meet other members and have fun. No previous experience is necessary! Take a leap and volunteer to run or co-chair a Committee, others will be there to help you.

*"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself. You're doing things you've never done before and more importantly you're Doing Something. So that's my wish for you and all of us and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes."* Neil Gaiman

*Leslee*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Jan. 21-26<sup>th</sup> SACGC Shell Exhibit** at the Botanical Garden

**Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Monday Meeting**  
9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

**Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Return Membership form/dues** to Kay Osborn, Treasurer

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> Causeway Cleanup**  
Meet at Smith's at 8 am.

**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Petal Pusher deadline**

**Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> GCG Historic Preservation Fundraiser** at Savannah Tech. College, 11:30 am, \$40

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## JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAM



### “Get to know Gray’s Reef”

Don’t miss this informative and important program! Cathy Sakas, former education coordinator, NOAA Gray’s Reef National Marine sanctuary, will speak about what goes down your drain

ends up on the reef”. Gray’s Reef is one of the largest near shore live-bottom reefs in the southeastern United States. The sanctuary, designated in January 1981, is located 17.5 nautical miles off Sapelo Island, Georgia, and is one of 13 marine sanctuaries that make up the U.S. National Marine Sanctuary System.

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### MEMBER CONCERNS

I am sad to report the death of Sally Johnson in November. Sally was a dedicated member of our garden club and served on several committees. We will miss her.

Susan Otter, Corresponding Secretary

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### From the desk.....”

Pat Barry.....I have been composting for many years using a barrel "batch" composter. Leaves, grass clipping and all vegetable waste from my kitchen is collected. If you want to use 2 common kitchen "waste" materials but do not have a composter, try saving your coffee grounds and eggshells. Simply dry both ingredients. The shells can be crushed to a fine mix. Combine the two and spread around acid loving plants, or use in pots to control slugs and snails. The mix provides nutrients as well as inhibiting the slime trail of the snails and slugs.



### PLEASE PAY YOUR 2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES BY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

Annual dues are \$40.00 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. Please help us keep your membership current.

You may pay your dues at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, by mail, or by tube, to Kay Osborn at 5 Seafarer’s Circle. Checks should be made payable to the Landings Garden Club. 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 [kayosborn@bellsouth.net](mailto:kayosborn@bellsouth.net) 598-1799

**HORTICULTURE** Your Horticulture Committee will assist members in identifying your plants. We also encourage you to bring horticultural specimens to meetings to share with others. We are always available to help you in any way and welcome your questions. Please call me at 8683. Irene Thornley, Chairman

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## CAUSEWAY CLEAN UP



Our next causeway cleanup will be on Monday, February 3rd. We'd love a great turnout! I'll be at Smith's parking lot at about 8:00 AM to greet you all. Wear your boots and we'll have a successful morning! Nancy Strobel, Chairman

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## BY-LAW CHANGE

At our November 18, 2013 meeting we voted to change Article IV Section 2 of our By-laws. Article IV now reads:

### ARTICLE IV

#### DUES

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be May 1 through April 30.

**Section 2.** Annual dues for an Active member shall be \$40.00 and shall be payable in February. **The Annual dues for a new Active member who joins in October, November or December shall be \$20.00 and payable at time of application.**

Section 3. Annual dues for an Inactive member shall be \$45.00 and shall be payable in February.

Jan Kemp, Parliamentarian



## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

It has been another great year for our Bows and Bulbs fundraiser. This year our profit was more than \$4,000 thanks to all of the volunteer hours put in by so many of our garden club members. Thank you to everyone who made the job so much easier for Maggie and me.

Although the major part of the garden club's fundraising is over for the next six months, we will continue to sell the gardening gloves at the monthly meetings. These gloves are a great value—for personal use or as gifts for friends and family—and are only \$7. Maggie and I are looking forward to working with everyone again in 2014.

Barbara Martin and Maggie Richard, Co-Chairs

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### MEMBERSHIP – Welcome New Members:

After giving of her time to many charities **Seekie Drysdale** has returned to our garden club. Seekie hails from New York where she founded a garden club. Seekie is a talented floral arranger and was a state judge in flower shows in New York. Welcome back, Seekie.

**Julie Dehaven**, who is joining us this month, is a certified horticulturist, comes from the Spalding Garden Club in Atlanta, Ga. Julie is employed by Zipperer Land Management doing what she loves best. She worked in estate gardening in Virginia and fancies container gardening. How lucky we are! Welcome, Julie

Pat Sunshine/ Membership Chairman

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### GA. REGIONAL HOSPITAL - COMMUNITY SERVICE

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, Muffin King and I shopped for items for the Georgia Regional Hospital patients. We had fun spending The Garden Club's allotted number of dollars. If you ever need assistance in shopping ask Muffin to accompany you. She is a human computer!!

Priss Wentworth, Community Service Chairman

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**NEWSLETTER** Please send photos! - Just bring your smart or I-phone with you when cleaning up the causeway, selling bows, etc., take pictures and email them directly to me at [lrbarnard@bellsouth.net](mailto:lrbarnard@bellsouth.net). Thanks! Lynn Barnard, Chairman

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*Don't forget to bring your Pop - Tops!*



## SACGC SHELL EXHIBIT AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Beginning January 21st through January 26, from 10:00am until 3:00pm each day the Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. will sponsor a World Wide Sea Shell Collection. Shells from around the world will be on display as well as fossil shells, jewelry made from shells and some other oddities made from shells. This is the collection of Mique Pinkerton and the late C.E. Pinkerton who have been collecting for over 40 years and were also shell dealers. These are not your usual beach shells and gives a look into an interesting hobby. Like flowers, shells come in so many species, varieties. There will be over 50 display cases for your enjoyment.

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Please continue supporting

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Once there, click on the Amazon link



The Landings Garden Club

Will receive a percentage of your Amazon purchases as a referral fee.

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**WEBSITE:** Please report website additions or corrections, in writing to Sally Jones at [sally4th@bellsouth.net](mailto:sally4th@bellsouth.net) or 11 Stargrass Retreat.

## NOVEMBER 2013 MEETING



Pat Barry talks to us about our Community Projects.



Floral Design by Muffin King

### MINUTES OF 11/18/2013 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Leslee Bowler at 10 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Anne Gardner read The Collect.

The President's announcements included;

1. Part of John Nooney's \$1000 donation will be spent on a painting of their Landings garden commissioned by Phyllis Tildes and placed in the Village Library.
2. Historic Preservation lunch and learn event will take place in February.
3. Reminder of youth poster and poetry contest deadlines.
4. Regarding a new deer repellent, described in the Petal Pusher by Peggy Marting, gloves should be worn when handling the repellent.
5. Information on many holiday tours was given.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved as printed in the Petal Pusher.

Leslee reported for the Corresponding Secretary that Sally Johnson is ill and appreciates all of the cards.

The Treasurer's report was given and will be on file.

"A Minute on Charitable Gifts" was given by Pat Barry about Animal Rescue and Robin Gold.

#### Committee Reports:

**Birds:** Linda Sue Babcock reported that the hooded Mergansers are here. Goldfinch will be coming as it is now getting colder in the north. She recommends peanut feeders to attract birds.

**Causeway Cleanup:** The next causeway cleanup will be held on Monday, December 2 at 8 am. Meet in Smith's parking lot.

**Horticulture:** Linda Sue has walking iris for anyone wanting them. Irene Thornley discussed natural plant remedies.

**Ways & Means:** Gloves, bulbs and bows are on sale today for members. Additionally, bulbs in bud will be on sale at the fountain next week. The signup sheet for workers selling bows and bulbs was passed.

**Membership:** Pat Sunshine introduced **new members Margaret Hunter, Seekie Drysdale and Diane Gustafson** and presented each with a gift of garden gloves. Guests at today's meeting included *Julie DeHaven, Shirley Brown, Angela Devore, Sue Hamlet, Bev Sturz and Betsy Evans*.

Forty-seven (47) members were in attendance.

**Gate Decoration:** Liz Ward requested that committee members meet after the program.

**Community Service:** Priss Wentworth reminded everyone she will continue collecting toiletries for the Georgia Regional Hospital.

**Historic Preservation:** Lisa Hall reported that a lunch and learn event will take place featuring Dean Norton from Mount Vernon on February 27, 2014 as a fundraiser for GCG historic preservation grants. Tickets can be purchased from her for \$40.

**Hospitality:** Judy Sweeterman thanked Anne Guira, Karen Angers, Liz Ward and Priss Wentworth for providing refreshments for today's meeting. Muffin King provided the table flower arrangement.

**Pull A Tab:** Leslee reminded members to continue to bring their tabs to each meeting for the Ronald McDonald House.

**Design:** Ruth Casey won the flower arrangement through the raffle drawing.

**New Business:**

Parliamentarian Jan Kemp presented a by-laws amendment for a vote. Article IV, section 2 will be amended as follows: the annual dues for a new active member who joins LGC in October, November or December shall be \$20 and payable at time of application. The amendment was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM. After a short break the program featuring Andrew DuRant, "The Idea Man" followed.

Lisa Hall for Karen Angers, Recording Secretary

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dear Members,

Attached is the 2014-15 membership form that must be completed and turned into Kay Osborn along with your dues. This must be completed by February 14th. Please complete this form and bring it and your check to the January 28th meeting, or mail or tube to Kay.

Please carefully review the opportunities you have to serve your garden club. We need you. Meet new people by participating on one of the committees. Most offer a co-chairmanship so you don't have to take on all the responsibility yourself. Consider greeting members and guests, or helping to research and plan programs, or learning and sharing your knowledge of plants and wildlife, or maintaining our library plantings. If you were a member of another state garden club and enjoyed a particular activity, it may be something you could introduce to our club. Thank you. Leslee

### The Landings Garden Club Membership Form 2014-15

***Dues must be received by February 14, 2014*** for your name to be included in the Member Yearbook.

Please submit your dues, along with this form to **Kay Osborn** at the *January 27th* meeting. OR, mail/tube to her home at 5 Seafarer's Circle.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check here if any of the above information is different from the information in the 2013 - 2014 Yearbook.

**Active \$40.00 Inactive \$45.00** (circle one)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** includes the following:

**President:** Shall perform all duties consistent with the office including presiding at all regular meetings, the BOD and the Executive Committee. She will appoint the chairs of all committees except for those of the Nominating and Charitable Gifts Committees; she shall assure the books of the Treasurer are examined once a year, and will forward a summary of the Club's activities for the year for the next President and for the Club's records. She shall write a letter for each Petal Pusher newsletter.

**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 and fills in for the Recording Secretary when necessary.

**Recording Secretary:** Records and keeps a permanent record of minutes at all meetings. Sends copies to President and Petal Pusher Editor by e-mail. This includes maintaining a CD of minutes as back-up and for historical purposes.

**Treasurer:** Prepares budgets, records received money and deposits, writes checks, presents statement at each meeting and chairs Charitable Gifts Committee. She will be responsible for putting the year end spreadsheets (General Expenses and Committee Expenses) on a CD as a permanent record.

**All members will 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.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Awards:** Using the Garden Club of Georgia Guide Book website this Chairman decides awards the Club may qualify for. She will assist any committee chair in applying for an award. Liaison with District/State Awards Chair.

Chair  Co-Chair

**Birds and Conservation:** Informs Club of pertinent information and programs regarding conservation of plants, wildlife, birds and environmental concerns.

Chair  Co-Chair

**Civic Beautification:** Responsible for projects that improve, preserve or beautify the community. This includes:

Causeway Clean-up Chair  Co-Chair  Committee

Village Library Chair  Co-Chair  Committee

Gate Decoration Chair  Co-Chair  Committee

**GA Regional Hospital:** Responsible for collecting and delivering gifts to Georgia Regional Hospital.

Chair  Co-Chair

**Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs representative:** Represent the LGC on the Savannah Area Council board.

Chair  Co-Chair

**Design:** Schedule table decoration arrangers for monthly meetings and creates an arrangement for Library Week.

Chair  Co-Chair

**Horticulture:** Encourage members to bring horticultural specimens to meetings & help to identify them. Do a short presentation at meetings.

Chair  Co-Chair

**Hospitality:** Schedule members to bring food, help set up and clean-up. Send hostess schedule to Yearbook;

arranges Club's annual April luncheon.

Chair  Co-Chair  Committee

**Membership:** Chairs greet members and guests at front door. Must be computer literate to keep attendance sheets and member information, as well as name tags. Will update New Member forms as needed. Accepts applications for membership, introduces new members and guests. Will occasionally telephone members if a prolonged absence is noted. If you are a Committee member you will act as a Big Sister to new members for three meetings, encouraging them to attend activities, introducing them to others and sitting with them.

Chair  Co-Chair  Committee

**Newsletter:** Chair is responsible for publishing and distributing the Petal Pusher electronically. Keeps a permanent record of newsletters on a CD for historical purposes. Co-chair is responsible for distributing paper copies to members without email addresses.

Chair  Co-Chair

**Parliamentarian:** Advise on matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure and interpretation of By-Laws & Standing Rules.  
Chair

**Programs: Great programs lead to increased Membership!** This committee meets during the summer months. To be a part of this Committee the Chairmen and members should have suggestions for interesting and informative programs our Club will enjoy. They will do research, contact speakers, introduce speakers and write articles for the Petal Pusher Newsletter advising the membership of the monthly program. They will contact the Publicity Chair so that articles may be submitted to the TWATL, community billboards, etc. Their work will be forwarded to the Yearbook Chair in August for publication in the Yearbook.

Chair  Co-Chair  Committee

**Publicity:** Handle all publicity in Petal Pusher, TWATL, community billboards and for other special events.

Chair

**Ways & Means:** Handles all aspects of our bow and bulb fundraising projects. This includes but is not limited to the following. Participate in making of bows. Purchase ribbon, chenille stems, etc. for bows. Store finished bows. Contact suppliers of bulbs to select product to sell. Order and store product. Coordinate dates and places of sales. Decide on merchandising of products. Work with Treasurer regarding monies for sale dates. Committee people will sell and deliver bows and bulbs.

Chair  Co-Chair  Committee

**Yearbook:** Compile, print, proofread and distribute Yearbook.

Chair  Co-Chair