

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

November/December 2013

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Members,

At our bow workshop last week, amid the grumblings of what damage deer and squirrels have done to our plantings recently, one of the makers told us about a new deer repellent she is trying which is working. "Why, my mums are growing beautifully now", she said. I asked her to share the information with you through the Petal Pusher. Then I had the thought there might be other garden related problems you may have solved which could be shared with all of us. But why limit it to tips? If you have a question or comment about *anything* garden related send it to Lynn Barnard and she will put it in the new column, "from the desk of.....". We have Master Gardeners and amateurs who have years of experience gardening in this beautiful but challenging environment. Let's pool our ideas and remedies to everyone's benefit. Make sure you sign your name so others can email/call you directly, and of course, they should send their answer to the Petal Pusher for everyone to read.

"Share your knowledge. It is a way to achieve immortality". Dalai Lama XIV

Don't miss our **November speaker, Andrew Durant**. This is what Andrew says about himself. "I am truly a designer and musician with heart. I have found that container gardening has become a new form of creative expression for me. I am an awful artist/drawer/painter, but a very good visualizer. Container gardening gives me the gratification that I've always wanted to receive from painting a picture or sketching a human figure." Let's find out more about Andrew. Stay for the program at 10:45.

I hope your holidays are filled with peace and love. If you're traveling, drive safely. See you in 2014! *Leslee*

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 18th Monday Meeting
9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

November 25th, 11-12:15
Thanksgiving workshop at SACGC.
Call Betty Ann @ 352-1552 for reservation.

Dec. 1, Deadline for Poster, Poetry, Essay contests

Dec. 2, Causeway Cleanup. Meet at Smith's at 8 AM.

Dec. 7, 8, 10-4 PM, Open House at SACGC headquarters, Tours and treats, \$5 p/p

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BOARD NOTES

To keep the membership better informed about Board actions, a report from the most recent meeting follows:

The Board approved the following:

Begin procedure to amend bylaw Article IV Dues.

Proceed with chosen Nooney memorial project.

Committee chairmen to contact new members for inclusion in Club work.

The Board heard a request for funds for a special SACGC project.

DEER PROTECTION FOR YOUR PLANTS

Ladies, I want to let you know about a new product I have tried that protects your plants from deer nibbling. It is called “**Plant Saver**” and so far, it works. I have tried everything from Red Pepper to Moth Balls to Deer Off to Liquid Fence to Electric Spikes. Some worked for a short while but all had their problems. I was about to give up and rip out all my plants that the deer seem to love – including my lovely azaleas! I was desperate. However, I was in Herb Creek Nursery one day about 2 months ago and was about to buy more “Deer Off” when the owner suggested this new product. I read the label and thought “Why not? I’ll give it a try.”

This plant is a tablet that you put into the ground about 3 inches deep near the roots of the plant and leave it. The plant begins to take up the contents of the tablet, which are natural plant nutrients and include a beneficial fungi/bacteria. Apparently, this combination has a very bitter taste that is transferred to the leaves of the plant and that’s what repels the deer. As I opened the bottle and began to use it, I didn’t smell anything at first, however, after a few minutes, I began to get a very bitter taste in my mouth. I thought, if I were a deer and got this taste in my mouth, I would leave this plant alone!

It takes about two weeks for the plant to get enough of the product in its leaves to repel deer so during that time you will need to spray on a repellent, but after the plant takes up the nutrients, the effect lasts from 6 to 18 months (or so the bottle claims.) I bought 2 more bottles (1 tablet per bush/25 tablets per bottle/ \$11.99 per bottle) and put them in the roots of every azalea bush I have (about 25) along with a few other plants that the deer like to munch – hostas, cannas, etc. So far so good. The new leaves on my azaleas have come out and grown and the deer have left them alone for a month. Four deer wandered through my front yard last week and didn’t even stop to taste an azalea. I am happy! Peggy Marting

From the desk of.....”

Peggy Marting..... Want deer protection for your plants? I’ve found the answer – It’s a product called Plant Saver! Read my article to the left for details.

Leslee Bowler.....Are moles digging up your lawn? We found that dropping an Ex-lax chocolate in an active tunnel stops the tunneling and puts the mole on the “run”!

Linda Sue.....Let me know if you have hummingbirds in your yard. We are tracking them!

Don't forget to bring your Pop - Tops!

DECISION MADE FOR NOONEY MEMORIAL

Your Board discussed a variety of ways to use the \$1,000 gift John Nooney gave us in honor of his wife and former member of our Garden Club, Brigitta. By unanimous decision it was decided to have Landings artist Phyllis Tildes do a painting of a photograph of Brigitta's gardens. It will be approximately 18 x 24 inch oil painting and will hang in the Landings Library. This photograph, to your right, will be shown at the November 28th meeting.



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



CAUSEWAY CLEAN UP

Our next causeway cleanup will be on Monday, December 2nd. 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

BY-LAW CHANGE

– We will be voting on a By-laws change to Article IV Section 2 at our November 18, 2013 meeting. The change will need a two-third majority of members present to pass.

Article IV, Section 2 now reads "Annual dues for the Active members shall be \$40.00 and shall be payable in February". The change that the Landings Garden Club Board of Directors voted for at their October 28, 2013 meeting reads: "*The 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 the LGC in October, November or December shall be \$20.00 and payable at time of application*". Jan Kemp, Parliamentarian

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The bows have been made, and the bulbs have been delivered from Holland to Kay Osborn's house, so we are all set for our major fundraiser of the Bows and Bulbs. We start off selling at The Artisan Market on November 16th. This year we are also adding amaryllis bulbs in bud, and we're hoping they will be a big seller. We still need volunteers to work at the Village Pharmacy on Saturday, November 30th, and on Monday, December 2nd. Please think about giving two hours or more of your time to help us with this sale. We will be circulating the sign-up sheet at the November meeting with the hopes of filling the shifts for these two days.



Leslee Bowler did a great job decorating the three mailboxes that have been placed at Smith Brothers, the Library, and the Village Pharmacy. Please remind your friends and neighbors that we're taking orders for bows and bulbs, and that the order forms will be in the mailboxes until November 22nd. After the 22nd, the mailboxes will remain in place as a holiday decoration to remind everyone about the Garden Club's Bow and Bulb sale.

Thank you to all of the garden club members who have worked so hard with this activity. Many women have spent a lot of hours making bows, and I just hope it's been as much fun for all of you as it has for Maggie and me. See you at the fountain, selling bows and bulbs, gloves, and bulbs in bud.

Barbara Martin and Maggie Richard, Co-Chairs

GA. REGIONAL HOSPITAL - COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please consider contributing to GA Regional Hospital. **Bring your donation to the November 18th meeting or drop it off to Priss Wentworth at 1 Vestry Lane.**

Their Christmas Wish List includes:

Clothing:

(Med-4XL; Med-3XL Men)

Jeans/Pants

T-shirts (No alcohol/drug references, inappropriate language)

Sweaters

Shorts

Long sleeve Polo shirts

Gloves

Winter Hats

Baseball Caps (No Metal)

Socks/Underwear/Bras (No Underwire)

Personal Care Items

Shampoo/Conditioner

Body Wash

Deodorant (No Aerosol or Spray Cans)

Toothpaste

Body Lotion

Elastic Hairbands (No Metal Pieces)

Giftwrapping Items (no wrapping paper)

Gift Bags

Gift Tissue Paper

Christmas Cards

Christmas Bows & Ribbon

Miscellaneous Gifts:

Drawing pads/Composition Books (No Wire Bound)

Stationary

Radios (No antennas, no hanging straps)

Playing Cards

Watches (No Metal)

Calling Cards

Puzzles

Word Search/Crossword books

Unit/Programming Items:

Movies (DVD; G, PG only)

Compact Discs (No Parental Advisory)

Paperback Books (No Romance or Religious Themes)

Board Games

Crayons/Markers (Thick Markers only, no colored pencils)

WII Games (No violence or Parental Advisory)

Nail polish and remover (No acetone)

"MEMBER CONCERNS".

Sally Johnson is recovering from surgery and wants to thank everyone who has sent cards and expressed concern.

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB RECEIVES DISTRICT AWARD FOR THE

2ND YEAR IN A ROW!



The SHIRLEY M. LEWIS AWARD, presented to the club or group of clubs that accomplish the most in the ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD is given with a certificate and this bird statue. This is a synopsis of our winning application. In the first years of this club's existence, the members initiated efforts for litter control within the community and on the busy thoroughfare leading to Skidaway Island. For more than 20 years, club members have committed to the Adopt-A-Highway program sponsored by the Georgia Department of Transportation, monthly filling 25 or more bags with trash picked up along the three mile causeway. With initiative by this club and assistance of the Garden Club of Georgia, in 2005 The Landings was the first community in the state designated as a wildlife habitat by the DNR.

LGC has spearheaded a native plant trail to encourage residents to select native specimen plants and in conjunction with the Skidaway Audubon Society have worked in planting and expanding a 3-acre area as a gathering spot for many species of birds, butterflies and insects. With funds raised by the successful annual sale of Christmas bows, financial assistance has been given to Arbor Day projects, plantings at the community library, a butterfly garden at the Skidaway State Park, the Savannah Tree Foundation, the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Garden as well as a new community garden named Skidaway Farms. Congratulations to all of us! Keep up the good work! Lisa Hall, Awards chairman

SACGC - HOLIDAYS AT THE REINHARD HOUSE!

A "Decorate the Reinhard House for the Holidays" will be held on Friday, November 29, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please bring your ideas and materials to make our 1840's farmhouse look festive for the holiday season. We will use natural materials fashioned in the style of the period, place, and time. We do need to remind all of our wonderful volunteers to remember to place plastic under the trees and not to damage the walls or mantles by making holes or lasting marks.

There will also be an Open House at the Reinhard House and Botanical Gardens on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8. Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p. m. on both days. Visitors will be able to enjoy the beautiful decorations, tour both the house and the gardens, and enjoy delicious refreshments. A nominal charge of five dollars per person will go towards the upkeep of the property.

Docents are needed to greet guests, give tours, and serve refreshments. To volunteer as a docent and to ask further questions, please contact Chair, Pat Ryan at 898-8373 or 695-5745 or email her at pryangarden@att.net. You may also contact Council President, Rosalind Brady at 656-2968 or jbrady692@comcast.net

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

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

OCTOBER 2013 MEETING



Floral Design by Anne Dauray



Nancy is admiring the Shirley M. Lewis award that has been awarded to The Landings Garden Club for 2 years in a row!

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MINUTES OF 10/28/2013 GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Leslee Bowler at 10:00 AM. There were 44 members and 5 guests present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Barby Townsend read the Collect. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published.

President's Remarks:

Leslee welcomed new members. She noted that we won a First Place Award for Environmental Awareness. Details would be given by our Awards chair. She encouraged all members to get their children or grandchildren involved in a poster and poetry contest. Submissions must be made to the District by December 1st.

Corresponding Secretary:

Susan Otter sent a get well card Sally Johnson. She also sent a note to Paul Kersten telling him a brick for his wife, Evelyn, was placed at the Botanical Garden. He responded with a note of thanks and gave details of the memorial service to be held on November 9th.

Treasurer's Report:

Kay Osborn reported that after total expenses of \$786.10 from September 23-October 28 the balances in our accounts are as follows:

SunTrust Checking: \$8,225.70 Sea Island Bank CD: \$4,024.31 Totalling: \$12,250.01

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Pat Sunshine introduced new members: *Mary Jane Rainey, Maggie Richards, and Maureen Treat*. They were given a welcoming gift.

Guests present were: Beth Mowry, Seekie Drysdale, Chris Anders, Bev Sturtz, and Peggy Hedeman.

Awards:

Lisa Hall announced that we **again** received the Shirley M. Lewis Environmental Awareness Award from the Oleander District for 2013. It recognizes our work in making the Landings environment clean and safe for wildlife and human inhabitants. A small carved wren will be shared equally by Nancy Strobel and Linda Sue Babcock for their leadership in earning this award.

Birds & Conservation:

Linda Sue Babcock mentioned we should be on the lookout for hummingbirds. Please call her if you see any and report the location. Records are kept of locations and dates. Also, she noted that the purple salvia blooming now, particularly at the Sparrow Field, are quite lovely.

Causeway Cleanup:

Nancy Stobel reported a good turnout for the October pickup. She mentioned that the job was made more difficult because the state mowers did their job early/thus there was more scattered litter. The next cleanup will be Monday, Nov. 4. Please meet at Smith's at 8:00 a.m..

Community Service:

Priss Wentworth requested items for GA Regional Hospital. Please bring them to the next meeting.

Hospitality:

Peggy Schilly acknowledged the hostesses for the day: Peggy Schilly, Kay Osborn, Pat Barry, Barby Townsend, and Sonia Oram.

Design:

Meg Bremer thanked Ann Dauray for the beautiful table centerpiece which was won by Seekie Drysdale.

Ways & Means:

Maggie Richard passed out sign up sheets for the "Bulbs and Bows" sale. She said the time slots are 2 hours in duration and 24 people have signed up. There are still 20 time slots that need a volunteer.

GCG Liaison:

Dixie Diffenderfer encouraged members to have high schoolers enter an essay contest. Prize is \$1,000. Deadline is December 1st. Call her for subject and other details.

SACGC:

Nancy Rosenthal informed the membership about two classes that will take place at the Botanical Gardens. The first is on November 5th about Orchids. The next is a "Make and Take" Thanksgiving centerpiece, on November 25th. Cost is \$18.00 and has limited space. Contact BettyAnn at 912-352-1552 to make reservations.

Other Business:

Minute for Charitable Gifts:

Lisa Hall talked about how the money we give to scholarships affects the lives of Georgia students pursuing a degree in horticulture related fields. Last year the Garden Club of Georgia gave \$66,000 to 22 students.

The Garden Club of Georgia's annual fundraiser for Historic Preservation will be held in Savannah on February 27th. Members are encouraged to buy tickets early for the luncheon and program. Noted horticulturist Dean Norton from Mt. Vernon, VA is the guest speaker. Contact Lisa Hall for tickets.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Program:

Edith Teifeld introduced Jane Fishman, noted author and columnist. The program was titled: "The Dirt on Jane".

Karen Angers, Recording Secretary