

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

October 2013

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Fellow Garden Club Members, You will receive this newsletter as we approach the beginning of our selling season. As usual, our premier will be the Artesian Market on November 16th. We have

been very successful at this event in the past and if we have some inventory of the new “Amaryllis in bud” to sell, we should do very well again.



If you haven't already signed up to sell at the fountain please consider doing so or volunteer to deliver orders. Order forms will be inside decorated mailboxes at

Smith's, the Library and the Pharmacy. We're anxious to see how this new marketing tool works. If it is successful it will radically cut down on our labor intensive job of putting flyers in tubes.

Last year we donated \$500 to the Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund. Part of our mission statement is Education and we should be proud of the donation we make. In fact we earned a Patron of Scholarships Award this year because of our donations. You will hear more about this at the October meeting when Lisa Hall gives our “Minute for Charitable Gifts”.

Anonymous quote: *“Volunteers aren't paid..... not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”*

Our program this month is none other than Savannah's Jane Fishman. What will she talk about? Come and bring friends – it should be a very entertaining time. Hope to see you on the 28th!

Leslee

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 28th Monday Meeting

9 am Board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

November 4th Causeway Cleanup

Meet at Smiths at 8 am

November 5th, SACGC: Live Oak Orchids presents a program. Cost is \$5. Call Betty Ann @ 352-1552 for information.

November 10th Petal Pusher deadline

November 18th Monday Meeting

9 am board, 9:30 coffee, 10 am general meeting, 10:45 program

November 25th, SACGC: Make a Thanksgiving centerpiece. Cost is \$18. Call Betty Ann @ 352-1552 for information.

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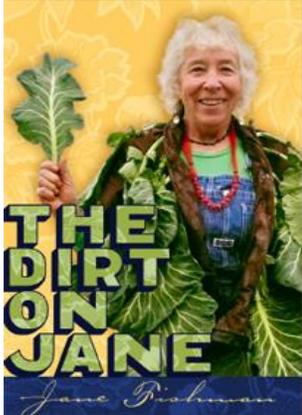
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BOARD NOTES

To keep the membership better informed about Board actions, a report from the most recent meeting follows: Twenty members of the new board met for the first time last month. After introductions were made, discussion revolved around the best way to honor Brigitta Nooney using the \$1000 gift from her husband.



OCTOBER PROGRAM

Longtime columnist and author, Jane Fishman, otherwise known as Savannah's "Grand Dame of Gardeners", will speak about her latest book, entitled The Dirt on Jane. Her life has been as varied and interesting as her written word. Don't miss meeting this adopted daughter of the South. There will be laughs and surprises. Edith Teifeld, Programs Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIP

We are delighted to have three new members joining our club at the October meeting. **Maureen Treat** is a retired nurse from Baltimore Md. She and her husband, Ray, have been traveling between Baltimore and Savannah since 1996 and have now planted stakes permanently in Savannah. **Mary Jane Rainey** is a retired music teacher and artist. Some of her work has been featured in The Skinny. Mary Jane and her husband, Joe, are longtime residents of The Landings. **Margaret Hunter** was a management consultant. She and her husband, Al, moved here in December from Cumming, Ga. where she became a master gardener. We welcome them to Landings Garden Club. Pat Sunshine, Co-Chair

MEMBER CONCERNS

I am sad to report that Evelyn Kersten passed away on September 20th. Evelyn was our President from March 1994 to February 1995. A brick with her name will be placed in the SAGC garden on Eisenhower. Susan Otter, Corresponding Secretary

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, November 4th. 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



WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

November and December are vital months for the Ways and Means Committee, because the Bulbs-and-Bows Sale is the Garden Club's primary fund-raising opportunity. Please join this extremely important effort by volunteering your time and energy.

At our September 23rd meeting we circulated the sign-up sheet for sales at the Village fountain and we have 26 of the 48 shifts filled - with some members volunteering for more than one shift. We will send the sign-up sheets around again at the October 28th meeting with the goal of having all empty slots filled. **We are most in need of volunteers for the dates of December 13th and 16th.**



Barbara Martin and Maggie Richard

We will kick off our sales at the Artisan Market on Saturday, November 16th. The following Friday will be the first sale day at the Village fountain. For the first time we are offering amaryllis "in bud". These will only be sold in the Village. We anticipate a good response from buyers who need blooming plants for holiday parties or gifts. Also, check out our Garden Club mailboxes at Smith's, the library and the pharmacy.

Barbara Martin and Maggie Richard, Co-Chairs



Sarah Bowler, Leslee's granddaughter, creating a poster for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy owl contest.

CHILDREN'S CONTESTS: GET YOUR KIDS/GRANDKIDS INVOLVED IN GARDENING!

Here's a way to involve our kids and grandkids in our gardening club activities and if they win they go to Washington D.C.! There are **two poster (11 x 17) contests**: Smokey the Bear and Woodsy Owl. The artists must include the applicable message: either "Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires" or "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land". The judges are looking for a poster that has a bold and simple design. So, let's see if our kids from 1st to 5th grade can compete and win a prize.

Entries are due by December 1st.

OR: For our budding poets: There is a **poetry contest** for K through 9th grade, Special Ed K through 9th grade. The theme for all ages is "Protecting and Conserving Our Natural Resources". Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems or Haiku. Cash prizes.

Both of these youth contests may be entered by your grandchild living in another state. I have all the details. *Leslee*



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Speaker Helen Marshall led us in a 'hands on' demonstration for creating a fall centerpiece. Helen is the owner of Visual Accents, a design firm, and a past SACGC President. She is a member of the Garden Club of Savannah and The Heritage Garden Club. She is a master gardener.



GA. REGIONAL HOSPITAL - COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please bring any of the following items to the October meeting so that they may be distributed to the residents. Items most needed are: Playing cards, puzzles, felt markers, small Kleenex, note pads, toiletries, children's books and stuffed animals, visors and hats, new large and x-large underwear and socks, and new t shirts. Thank you! Priss Wentworth, Chairman

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NEWSLETTER

In an effort to make the Petal Pusher more appealing and informative, I encourage everyone to send me photos of Garden Club members participating in our many activities. It's easy - 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 lbarnard@bellsouth.net. Thanks! Lynn Barnard, Chairman

CORRECTION TO THE APRIL 23, 213 MEETING MINUTES

Under Treasurer's Report the first sentence **should** read: Kay Osborn reported that in March we had income of \$48 and total expenses of \$4,297.11, including \$3,720 given in Charitable Gifts.

MINUTES OF 9/23/2013 GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by the President, Leslee Bowler, at 10:00 AM. There were 46 members and 6 guests present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Collect was read by Ann Guira. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with a correction to the April 2013 Treasurer's report.

President's Remarks: Leslee welcomed the group back after the summer break. She noted that committees have been active during the summer and that we will soon be gearing up to sell bows and bulbs. She also mentioned that there will be a new part of every meeting this year called, "Minute for Charitable Gifts". A member will tell the group about one of the organizations that benefits from our fund raising efforts.

Corresponding Secretary: Susan Otter acknowledged thank you notes she received. Also mentioned was the notice of the recent death of Evelyn Kersten, a former Garden Club President.

Treasurer's Report: Kay Osborn reported that as of September 23, 2013 we have a current balance of \$8,874.49 in our SUNTRUST Checking Account. Our June 1, 2013 SEA ISLAND BANK CD balance is \$4,024.31. Total funds for our Club are currently: \$12,898.80.

Committee Reports:

Yearbook: Lisa Hall reported that club membership books are now available. She reminded us to look at the programs and awards listed. Also, please note that the November, 2013 meeting date has changed to Nov. 18 (due to Thanksgiving). The membership booklet also now contains a Calendar of Related Events in our area.

The State Garden Club calendars, available for purchase, provide funds for state scholarships. She will be able to pick up the calendars for us at the district meeting on Oct. 22 so place your order soon.

Awards: Lisa Hall announced that we won First Place in the website competition. Out of 6200 garden clubs Sally Jones' work earned our club first place - quite an achievement and something to be quite proud of. Sally Jones received a round of applause. We won 2nd place for our newsletter, 2nd place for our Yearbook, 3rd place for Litter and Pollution Control and we also received a Patron of Scholarship Award.

Birds & Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock told us that this is migration time. She noted that males leave first, then females and the young. The experimental wildflower field we contributed to in the Sparrow Field was not

successful because of invasive, uncontrollable weeds. However, there is quite a display of hummingbirds. The Ogeechee Canal area also attracts hummingbirds at this time.

Causeway Cleanup: Nancy Strobel was not present but it was reported to meet at the usual place on Mon. October 14.

Charitable Gifts and Horticulture: Irene Thornley gave us a report about the Savannah Tree Foundation and its history. Primarily their focus is to preserve the great oak trees. She mentioned the Foundation was formed in 1983 after serious problems seemed to threaten the "Candler Oak" at Drayton and E. Gaston St. The Savannah Law School in 2012 adopted a service project focusing on saving that Oak. She noted that the damage done to trees in our area is largely done by insects promoted thru improper trimming.

Design/Flip Tops: Meg Bremer reported that she has a new box for the flip tops. The State of GA collected 1 ton of tops which benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses.

GA Regional Hospital: Leslee reported that the Petal Pusher will have a list of needed items for residents. Please bring them to our next meeting. Priss Wentworth is our liaison.

Hospitality: Judy Sweeterman thanked hostesses Meg Bremer, Farideh Heidary, Muffin King, Doris Kane, & Jean Wrenn for their food and Liz McGough for her lovely table centerpiece which was won by Lisa Hall.

Library: Jan Kemp reported that the evergreens at the front entrance died over the summer. These planters will be replanted seasonally. If members notice dying plants - please notify her and action will be taken.

Membership: Pat Sunshine introduced six guests: *Margaret Hunter, Mary Jane Rainey, Maureen Treat, Diane Ryan, Diane Gustafson, and Barbra Cutroneo*

New Business: Leslee announced that the Board will decide how the \$1,000 gift from John Nooney, in honor of Brigetta, will be used. Also, she said the Gibbs Gardens north of Atlanta is worth a visit. The Augusta Peek-A-Boo garden tour has 10 gardens for viewing on October 4th and 5th.

Ways & Means: Co-Chairs - Barbara Martin and Maggie Richard announced that decorated 'mailboxes' will be placed at Smiths and the Village Pharmacy. They will contain order forms for bows and bulbs. Volunteers are needed to help make bows. A sign-up sheet was passed for members to sell bows/bulbs at the Village fountain.

SCGC: Nancy Rosenthal mentioned the Sat. October 5 annual sale at the Botanical Gardens.

Program: Tina Zipperer introduced our speaker, Helen Marshall who gave a program on "What Can You Find in Your Yard for a Great Fall Design".

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Karen Angers, Recording Secretary