



THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

September 2013

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Beautification, Conservation, Education

Dear Friends,

As many of you (especially past presidents) know, when you accept the office of President of the Garden Club you are invited to workshops and seminars, receive newsletters, articles, etc. from local, state and national garden groups. All to help you understand the organization you are now an important part of and whose mission statement is: *Beautification, Conservation, Education*.

I learned that Georgia is the birthplace of the first garden club in America! Twelve ladies in Athens GA in January 1891 organized the first club. 122 years ago and now countless clubs later we continue the work these women imagined. Interestingly, it was three ladies in Savannah who founded the Savannah Tree Foundation in 1982. As Marian Wright Edelman says, “*We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily difference we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee*”. Or, more succinctly put by Erma Bombeck, “*Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart*”.

Two of the most important issues for a president is making and keeping members and presenting programs of interest. Your Membership and Programs Committees have taken these words to heart and will do their best to welcome everyone, new and old, and entertain, educate, and make you glad you came to your first Garden Club meeting this fall.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 23rd! *Leslee*

PS – Bring a friend!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 23rd Monday Meeting.

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

October 5th Plant Sale

Sale 8-3at SACGC, call Pat @898-8373
to help or donate

October 10th Petal Pusher deadline

October 14th Causeway Cleanup.

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

October 28th Monday Meeting.

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

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Causeway Cleanup

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Historian

Claudette Engvall

GCG Liaison

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SEPTEMBER 23rd MEMBERSHIP MEETING – DESIGNING YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENT

Presentation and hands on workshop with Helen Marshall of Visual Accents

We are pleased to welcome Helen Marshall to our first meeting of the year, “Designing Your Own Arrangement”. Helen is a past SACGC President and is a member of The Garden Club of Savannah. She is co-owner of Visual Accents, a staging and interior design company.

This presentation and hands on demonstration is a wonderful opportunity to create a lovely fall arrangement. See what you can do with plant material from your gardens and yard!

The following is a list of suggested items you will need for this meeting.

- Container or vase suitable for a centerpiece
- Presoaked oasis
- Scissors or small clippers to cut plant material
- Assorted plant material and/or flowers from your garden

Note: We will share our material. Purple Fountain Grass, Stomanthe, and Variegated Ginger will be supplied as a common material that we will build our design around.

Please email any questions you may have to: tina@zippererland.com .

Tina Zipperer
Programs Co-Chair



GIFT RECEIVED IN HONOR OF MEMBER

As many of you know we lost a beloved garden club member, Brigitta Nooney, in June 2012. Brigitta’s husband, John, has sent us \$1,000 to memorialize her because as he remembers in his letter, “for Gitta, the Garden Club was the most important part of her life (more than golf).”

The Board is considering the best way to honor Brigitta’s memory and will advise the membership when a decision has been made.

Leslee Bowler

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS WIN NATIONAL AND STATE AWARDS

FOR 2012-2013 WORK

National Garden Clubs, Inc. has awarded the Landings Garden Club a certificate of commendation for our website: www.thelandingsgardenclub.com!!!!



We earned the following awards from The Garden Club of Georgia:

<i>Website</i>	-	First Place
<i>Newsletter</i>	-	Second Place
<i>Yearbook</i>	-	Second Place
<i>Litter/Pollution control</i>	-	Third Place
<i>Achievement of Goals</i>	-	Standard of Excellence

We also won ***the Oleander District Environmental Awareness Award*** for accomplishments in the area of environmental protection and education. We competed with 70 others clubs in our District. Congratulations to us all for the continued hard work!

Lisa Hall
Awards Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome our most recent new members, Edwina Walker, Eloise Melton and Maggie Richard, to our garden club. Our membership continues to grow and we look forward to the opportunities to be of service to others and our community. We encourage members to bring friends to our monthly meetings so they can become acquainted with our fellowship and programs that we offer each month.

Pat Sunshine
Membership Co-Chair



CAUSEWAY CLEAN UP

The very first causeway cleanup for this year will be Monday, October 14, 2013. We'd love a great turnout to clean up everything that has been collecting since May. I'll be at Smith's parking lot at or about 8:00 AM to greet you all with a huge welcome. Wear your boots and we'll have a successful morning!

Nancy Strobel

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Donations Needed for Georgia Regional Hospital which treats Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities

Individual toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand lotion, shampoo, etc., new and used clean clothing in large sizes, for both men and women, such as underwear, socks, etc. are always in need. As you travel please save your motel toiletries.

Priss Wentworth will be collecting these items for distribution at each Garden Club meeting. Further questions contact Priss at 598-0720.

It's been a long hot and humid
Please bring them to our September
take to the District meeting!"



summer, so there must be many 'flip-tops !!
meeting. We should have quite a number to

Meg Bremer

CAMELLIAS



For questions on camellias go to www.camelliaweb.com. This site is full of information covering the care and culture as well as preservation and propagation and much more.

NEWSLETTER

In an effort to make the Petal Pusher more appealing and informative, I encourage everyone to send me photos of Garden Cub 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 lrbarnd@bellsouth.net Thanks! Lynn Barnard



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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 or
11 Stargrass Retreat.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Cherry Blossom Centerpiece by Shelby Schavoir



New Executive Board is Sworn In

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES – April 23, 2013

The April Meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Anne Guira at 9:40am. Anne led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Sandra Wolf read the Collect.

There were no additions or corrections to the March Meeting Minutes as found in the Petal Pusher. Anne called for a vote and the minutes were approved as published.

Membership Report - Anne welcomed one guest and one new member, Karen Schuewith and Maggie Richard.

Treasurer's Report - Kay Osborn reported that in March we had income of \$48 and total expenses of \$13,210.48 including \$3,720 given in Charitable Gifts. That left a balance of \$8,913.37 in the checking account and \$4,018.63 in the Sea Island Bank CD. Kay stated that the budget for 2013-14 was published in the March Petal Pusher. Anne called for a motion to approve the budget. The motion was made and seconded. A voice vote was called for and the budget passed.

Kay read several Thank you notes, one from Jane Kollman, Coordinator of the Children's Gardens at Skidaway Farms for our gift to their Fund, one from Pat Wolters for our gift to Orphaned Bird Care, and one from Ann Fenstermacher for our gift to the Chinese Tallow Tree Removal Project.

Anne announced that Southbridge will hold a Garden Tour on May 18th. She also read a Thank you note from Bob Fogarty for our gift of new plantings to the Village Library as well as one from the Savannah Tree Foundation for our gift to them.

Committee Reports:

Birds and Conservation – Linda Sue Babcock reported that warblers and painted buntings are making their way through our area right now.

Causeway Clean-up – Nancy Strobel reported that last month's clean-up day was cancelled due to rain, however, she re-scheduled it for the following Monday and had a very good group of people show to clean up. She thanked everyone and said she may try this again on rainy days in the future. She reminded us that our final Causeway clean-up will be May 6th.

Community Service – Priss Wentworth was not present, but Anne Guira stated that Priss has a new contact person at Georgia Regional Hospital and that she just delivered a large bag of toiletries and clothing to them.

Design – Anne Gardner announced that the flowering Phlox on each table were done by Shelby Schavoir and that they were for sale for \$10 each. Shelby also made the cherry blossom arrangement on the food table which will be raffled off.

Ways and Means – Leslee Bowler reported that we are still selling garden gloves for \$7.00/pair in sizes small and medium in a rainbow of colors. Summer workshops to make bows will begin in July.

Garden Club of Georgia – Lisa Hall reported that she attended the Garden Club of Georgia meeting and received the “Standard of Excellence” award for our club. This award is given to a club which has met a high set of standards for participation in local, regional and state activities as well as publications, meetings and horticultural activities. Lisa also announced that the GCG gave away \$63,000 in scholarships last year to students pursuing studies in the horticultural area. Over \$20,000 of the \$63,000 came from the sale of calendars.

Publicity – Vicky Kramer will do an article for the TWATL on the Club’s contribution to the Village Library’s new plantings.

Programs – Regarding last month’s program on Organic Farming, Leslee Bowler stated that, although she greatly appreciated our speaker’s views regarding organic gardening and genetically altered seeds, the Wall Street Journal had an article regarding Monsanto that presented the other side of the story with regard to world hunger. Contact Leslee if you would like information on this.

Other Business:

Irene Thornley read our slate of officers for the 2013-14 year and they are as follows:

President – Leslee Bowler

Vice President – Kathy Zmijewski

Recording Secretary – Karen Angers

Corresponding Secretary – Susan Otter

Treasurer – Kay Osborn

A motion was made and seconded to accept the above slate of officers. With no objections, a vote was called for and the slate was accepted. Irene then duly installed each officer and read the duties of each office. She reminded all officers that they are obliged to follow the by-laws of our organization.

Liz McGough won the table arrangement raffle drawing.

Muffin King expressed concern over the number of trees removed from the Marshwood golf course. She was told the Landings Tree Policy dictates diseased trees and trees blocking sunlight to turf will be removed.

Sally Jones took pictures of the newly elected officers and committee chairwomen. Leslee presented Anne Guira with a lovely container garden in appreciation for her year of service to the club as its president.

The meeting was adjourned and a program regarding Bonsai entitled “What ... clip my roots?” was presented by Barbara Tennant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Marting for Jan Kemp, Recording Secretary