

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

April 2015

Dear Garden Club Members,

My two years draw to a close this month. I am so pleased with what we accomplished this year especially regarding the marsh buffer legislation that passed March 27th. This legislation, when signed by Governor Deal, will provide for the protection of our precious salt water marshes with a 25 foot solid land buffer, without the loopholes that were in the bill as

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 27, Monday Meeting

9 AM Board Meeting, 9:30 Coffee,
10 General meeting, 10:45 Program
11:30 Lunch

May 4th, Causeway Clean Up

Meet at Smith's parking lot at 8 AM

Sept. 10th Petal Pusher Deadline



originally drafted. After Megan Derosier's visit in October many of you agreed to participate in our "marshie" publicity photo in November. And that photo was used to demonstrate to our legislators that we care about what happens to our environment, and we will get involved in its protection. The photo made the front cover of One Hundred Miles' Spring newsletter, "The Extra Mile", and an article and the photo is in "The National Gardener" Spring issue. Thank you to everyone who came out for the photo and called or emailed a legislator. It's not over until the bill is signed and April 22nd would be the perfect day to do it (Earth Day)!

We've had two very successful years of fundraising. It takes all of us to get the job done and we give to such a variety of organizations who are worthy of the time and effort we make to create and sell bows and bulbs. A new addition this year is Bethesda Academy who I hope will continue to be a recipient of our generosity.

It's been an honor serving as your President. I know I missed calling on a few people and forgot to announce a few things at the meetings but it can be difficult to fit everything into a half hour meeting. I do appreciate all the help I received from Committee Chairmen – absolutely the best! I am sure you will be delighted with your new President, Margaret Hunter. She comes with experience from Atlanta and she has assembled a great board. I thank all of you for taking on the responsibilities.

Our theme for this year's last meeting and luncheon is, of course, "All About The Marsh". I hope you will come and bring your favorite salad or dessert to share.

Sincerely,

Leslee

APRIL PROGRAM



Sean Burgess of our Public Works Department will be talking about water conservation. Water is one of our most precious natural resources and conserving it remains one of the hottest topics of the day. When the summer sun is sizzling, don't feel like you have to make the decision of running up a high water bill or letting your plants fry. Sean will give us tips to maximize our watering potential while keeping our landscapes looking their best.

WEBSITE

Please continue supporting green projects through the Landings Garden Club website. (www.thelandingsgardenclub.com)



A Reminder. To be more litter conscious bring your



own coffee cup to our meetings.

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB CHAITABLE GIFTS 2014-2015

Recipient:	Amount Given:
Animal Rescue (Robin Gold)	\$200.00
Audubon Sparrow Fields (Addition of milkweed & other pollinator plants)	\$650.00
Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden (Bamboo Farm)	
Roots & Shoots Program (Program for school children)	\$100.00
Bethesda Academy	\$150.00
GCG Scholarship Fund (Named scholarship to student, who lives & attends school in GA, majoring in garden-related subject)	\$1,000.00
Orphaned Bird Care (Pat Wolters)	\$500.00
Roadside Beautification (Planting seeds & bulbs along state roads)	\$100.00
SACGC Botanical Gardens	\$500.00
Savannah Tree Foundation	\$150.00
Skidaway Farms - Children's Garden	\$100.00
Skidaway Island State Park-Butterfly Garden	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$3,700.00

Committee: Kay Osborn, Leslee Bowler, Margaret Hunter, Sally Jones, Barbara Martin, Susan Otter

COMMUNITY SERVICE

When LGC members aren't gardening we travel! About 14 pounds of toiletries from hotels/motels have recently been delivered to Georgia Regional Hospital. These are most appreciated by the patients. Please continue to bring your donations, including clothing, to our meetings.

Mary Stewart and Edwina Walker, Community Service Co-chairs

**Pull and Save Tabs for Ronald
McDonald House**

Please bring your tabs to our meetings

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPARROW FIELD?

We are excited to report the first of the season Monarch was seen on April 1st at the Sparrow Field. No Fooling! This female was observed laying eggs onto a newly acquired *Asclepias tuberosa* "Hello Yellow". On April 8th the first larvae hatched. These tiny caterpillars are only 2mm long but will grow for 10-14 days molting 5 times to reach about 2.75 inches in length. Then they will spin a chrysalis and pupate for 10-14 more days, and at that time adult Monarch butterflies will emerge. We will have many new Monarchs in 3-4 weeks! Spring is indeed the season of renewal.

Sue Hamlet, Sparrow Field Co-chair. Photos by Fitz Clarke



Ways and Means Committee

It's such a pleasure to look in the storage closet, and see only gardening gloves in the committee's inventory. Yes, we made a lot of bows this past year, and once again we sold out ahead of our scheduled sale dates. Thank you again to all the members who made this year another financial success with our fundraiser. If you didn't volunteer this year, please consider joining us next year. We need lots of hands to make this work.



We still have garden gloves in medium and small (and soon in size large), and they will be available at our April meeting. These gloves make wonderful gifts for all the upcoming holidays (Mother and Father's Day, graduates, birthdays). Email us during the summer if you need to replenish your supply.

Barbara Martin and Maggie Richard Co-chairs

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 23, 2015

President Leslee Bowler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the Collect read by Marcia Wills, incoming Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: The balance of our Suntrust Checking Account is \$11,907.21. Our Sea Island CD balance was \$4,085.59. Total Funds total: \$15,992.80. It was decided by the Executive Board to close the CD and combine it with our checking account. Within that CD was a "Contingency/Reserve Fund" that equals \$2500.00. The remainder of the money is for special needs. A special donation of \$150.00 was made to LWGA for the Cancer Tournament.

President's remarks:

Leslee congratulated Shirley Brown on winning the Skidaway Audubon Environmental Stewardship Award. Leslee mentioned that Senate Bill 101, regarding the 25 ft. marsh buffer, is being hotly challenged. The fear is that if it remains as written it endangers much more than just the fish or land issues- we must be vigilant in our pressure to protect our marshes. An open house at the Hyatt Hotel is scheduled for tomorrow evening, Mar. 24 3-7p.m. to answer questions about the possibility of oil and gas development off the Georgia coast. End of year Special Event trip to Bethesda Academy is April 13. If you wish to car-pool meet in the Methodist Church parking lot at 9:45. Bring a bag lunch along if you wish. Cost is \$8.00.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Susan Otter announced the slate of next year's officers: Margaret Hunter, President; Tina Zipperer, Vice President; Marcia Wills, Treasurer; Susan Otter, Corresponding Secretary; Jayne Rogers, Recording Secretary.

Horticulture: Irene Thornley brought two specimens to show us. They were Euphorbia and Rosemary. She explained the characteristics of each and had cuttings to hand out to our members.

Birds and Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock told us painted buntings are here, hummingbirds are also here and will return again in June/July/August so our 'summer migration' is beginning. She also stated that the beautiful white trees blooming now are Bradford Pear.

Causeway Cleanup: Nancy Strobel said the next date is Mon. April 6 (the day after Easter).

Hospitality: Karen Angers thanked today's hostesses: Karen Angers, Pat Sunshine, Maureen Treat, Sandy Randolph, and Karen Foulkes for bringing refreshments. Judy Sweeterman reminded us that next month is the Member Potluck Salad & Dessert Luncheon...please come. We will plan to eat about 11:15 a.m.

Membership: Pat Sunshine welcomed six guests: Jeff Adams, Paulette Hamilton, Murray Hamilton, Linda Tierney-Pufahl, Roy Treat, and Judy Barquist. There were 55 members present.

Floral Arrangement: Today's arrangement was made by Liz McGough and won by Meg Miller.

The February Meeting minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved and filed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Program: Norman Winter, Director, Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens will be speaking about "Deer Resistant Flowers: A Survey Across the South".

Karen Angers, Recording Secretary