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THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

January 2015

Dear Fellow Garden Club Members,

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Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were filled with happy times shared with family and friends. Weren't the last two months challenging, busy and fun? Workshops were held producing almost a record number of bows, some bow makers worked on their own, we had almost perfect weather for selling at the fountain, and members came through when we needed to deplete our supply of bulbs. Thank you all for your efforts in contributing to another successful fundraising campaign and especially Barb and Maggie, our Ways and Means Chairmen, as they again "got bows made and bows sold". I am grateful for their commitment to our Club and leading us in raising monies to donate. I also want to thank Maddie Harwood and her Gate Committee Chairmen. Even with construction of gate buildings going on all the gates were decorated for the holidays. Thank you! Our garden club is known to have this responsibility and it is important that our gates are beautiful and welcoming for the holiday season.

This is the time of year we think about who should benefit from our hard work. If you have a particular interest or know of a person or agency who is dedicated to helping our environment through beautification, education or conservation, please put your request in writing/email to Kay Osborn, our Charitable Gifts Chairman. Her committee will consider all requests.

I am looking forward to this year's meetings and programs and I hope you are too! We will start the year off with a wonderful program arranged by Edith Teifeld, entitled "Ray Ellis Paints Flowers" given by Treesa Germany, the Director of the Ray Ellis Gallery.

Leslee

GATE DECORATING

Our club members worked together to beautify our community for the holiday season!

Pictured from left to right are: Diane Gustafson, Shirley Brown, Jan Smart, Donna Nichol, Maddie Harwood.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 26th

Monday meeting:

9 AM Board meeting,
9:30 coffee, 10:00
General meeting, 10:45
Program

Jan. 22nd

Coastal Wildscapes

Program: 9-3 Richmond
Hill City Center

Feb. 2nd

Causeway Pickup:

Meet at Smith's parking
lot at 8 AM



2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES BY FEBRUARY 14TH. 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 must be received by February 14 in order to keep your membership current. You may pay your dues at the January 26th meeting or by mail, or by tube, to Kay Osborn, at 5 Seafarer's Circle. Checks should be made payable to the Landings Garden Club. You can print the renewal form by clicking the link below. **Please pay early** so we do not need to make reminder phone calls. Thanks, in advance, for making the job easier.

<http://www.thelandingsgardenclub.com/resources/2015membershipform%5BB%5D.pdf>

Kay Osborn, Treasurer



Reminder: To be more litter conscious bring our



own coffee cup to our meetings.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Member Services

Member Services Chairman Barbara Campbell wants all members to know about the interesting items you can purchase from or through the NGC website. You will find scarves, pins, calendars, books, plants and even seed packets. Visit the website at www.gardenclub.org to see all the goodies that are available. Once there, click on SHOP!

Lisa Hall, Awards

Send Us Your Garden Photos

Did you know we feature our members' gardens on our website? We also just added a "Gardens We Visit" page that features photos of gardens our members have visited. If you would like your photos included on either of the pages, please send about a dozen jpegs to Sally Jones at sally4th@bellsouth.net.

Click the link below to visit our 'Member Gardens' page:

<http://www.thelandingsgardenclub.com/member-gardens.php>

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Sally Jones, web-master

Say "NO" to Sticky Traps

Are you aware that sticky traps sometimes are placed in your garage when your home is serviced for pests? This may be done to possibly catch cockroaches. Birds, especially Carolina Wrens, also like to explore open garages. Please discuss with your exterminator that sticky traps are not wanted with your service. If a bird does become entangled, please do not try to release it. Instead, take the trap and bird to Orphaned Bird Care (598-9825) where Pat Wolters, a Rehabilitator trained in proper procedure, will rescue it.

WAYS AND MEANS

Thank you Landings Garden Club Members! The Bow and bulb sale for 2014 raised \$3,287.87 to be added to the total charitable contributions of The Landings Garden Club. A special thanks to all who tied a bow, posted information, counted proceeds, sold at the village or purchased gloves, bows and bulbs. The Landings Garden Club is a "working" organization, and we appreciate all of the work and efforts you put into this successful fund raising project.

Maggie Richard and Barbara Martin, Ways and Means Co-Chairs

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

UPDATE FROM MEGAN DESROSIERS (One Hundred Miles Director)



On Dec. 9th Megan wrote me that they have come to an agreement with the EPD (Environmental Protection Agency) regarding the language for the Erosion and Sedimentation Act to restore the marsh buffer. If you remember as of last April a 25 foot buffer of undisturbed vegetation provided for in the Erosion and Sedimentation Act has not been enforced on the salt marsh. On Feb. 18th a bus will be going to Atlanta for Conservation Day and to meet your state legislators and tell them what matters most to you. If you are interested please let me know. This campaign isn't over until a bill passes but Megan is hopeful of a positive outcome. Thanks again to the members who came out in November for our "Marshie"!
Leslee

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome our newest members:



Jan Smart: Jan hails from Illinois. She grew up on a farm where her father raised Shetland ponies. What a lucky girl to have her pick of one hundred ponies to ride. She graduated from Old Dominion University and received a master degree in Physical Therapy. Jan has worked in healthcare in Ohio, Virginia and Georgia. When her husband Jim decided to retire, they were about to settle in Beaufort but saw an article about The Landings in Links Magazine. They moved here in January of 2013. Jan is involved in the Local Outreach Volunteer for Education (L.O.V.E.) program. Dear to her heart is the mentoring of kindergarten and first grade children at a Title One School in Savannah. In her spare time she enjoys quilting and is looking forward to learning about gardening in Savannah.



Mizi Toth: Mitzi is a native Georgian. Born in Perry Georgia, she attended University of Georgia graduating with a major in finance. The majority of her career was focused in banking, but she also been in property management and sales in Vail Colorado. Mitzi and her husband, Mark, who is the Headmaster at St. Andrews School on Wilmington Island, have lived here permanently since 2011. They have one son who is a senior at Michigan State. Mitzi is a docent at the Davenport house and also a volunteer for the Historic Savannah Foundation. She is currently studying for a Savannah Tour Guide license. Her other interests are travel, golf, hiking, biking, yoga and scuba diving. What a busy lady!



Dottie Kirkland: Dottie moved to The Landings from Charlotte N. C. in June 2014. She joins her brother and his wife, Margaret Hunter, our Vice President, and their families who also live here. She grew up in Jasper, Ga. and graduated from University of Georgia with a degree in secondary education. Dottie traveled with her husband who was an officer in the Navy to several ports of call including two assignments in Hawaii. After settling in Charlotte, she spent several years working as a design coordinator for The Home Builders Association. Her forte is home decorating and staging of houses. Dottie was active in The Far Corners Garden Club of Charlotte. She served as president of the Charlotte Club for two years and worked on their many projects and the awards committee.

Pat Sunshine, Membership Chair

PLANT SALE



St Peter's church is having a plant sale in conjunction with The Market in February to raise money for two children's charities. I will have more information at the January meeting and hope that you will want to order some flowering plants.

Margie Hardesty, 598-7753, hhard@bellsouth.net.

Landings Garden Club General Meeting Minutes - November 17, 2014

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Collect was read by Sue Hamlet. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and filed. Kay Osborn/Treasurer. Suntrust Checking balance: \$6,723.26. Sea Island CD Balance is \$4,059.48. Total Funds: \$10,782.74

Committee Reports:

Horticulture – Irene Thornley spoke about the Liberty Elm tree the Garden Club planted on Sounding Point Retreat as a memorial to those lost on 9/11. The brass plaque which had been buried by mowers has been recovered, will be cleaned up and placed back on the tree. She then showed an example of and spoke about Southern bay berries.

Birds/Conservation - Linda Sue Babcock reported that the winter birds are coming back. Look for hooded mergansers and goldfinches.

Gate Decorating – Maddie Harwood reported the gates will be decorated on Monday, Dec 1st at 9:30. Volunteers should meet at the Moon River Gatehouse. They will need about 5 step ladders. After the gates are decorated all are invited back to Maddie's house for coffee.

Ways and Means – Barbara Martin and Maggie Richards said the kickoff of the bow and bulb sale was Saturday, November 15th at the Village and will start Monday, November 24th. The bulbs in bud have not arrived but they hope to have them by November 24th.

Butterfly Tagging – Shirley Brown reported that wasps and bees pollinate as well as butterflies. The group has now tagged 50 Monarch butterflies. They are participating in a Monarch study project and are hopeful to discover what is infecting them. She encouraged everyone to come to the Sparrow Field and watch they catch and tag the insects.

Causeway cleanup – in Nancy Strobel's absence it was announced that the next causeway cleanup will be held Monday, December 1st.

Membership – Pat Sunshine introduced new members: Ann Otjen, Mitzi Toth, Dottie Kirkland and Rosalind Brady. Guest Jan Smart will be joining next month. There were 52 members and 3 guests present. Kathy and Joe Ginett were guests interested in hearing the program as they had erected a bat house in their yard.

Hospitality – Priss Wentworth, Seekie Drysdale, Bette Feingold, Maddie Hart and Barbara Martin were thanked for bringing refreshments.

Design – Maureen Treat thanked Pat Berry who made the lovely arrangement which was won by Donna Nicol.

New Business – President Leslee Bowler announced a photo shoot for “the marshie campaign” will be on Monday, November 24th at Island Lane and Peregrine Xing. Each member will hold a sign with a letter on it spelling out “beauty, wildlife and education”. The Board decided this is why the marshes and wetlands are important to us. We are supporting Megan Desrosiers, Director of One Hundred Miles, and her effort to affect legislation to protect the buffer zone along our salt marshes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 and was followed by the program “Bats in Your Garden...A Good Thing” given by Trina Morris, Wildlife Biologist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

*Susan Otter, Recording Secretary
For Karen Angers*