

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

March 2015

Dear Club Members,



I thought this was a very long winter but I just checked last year's President's letter and I find the temperature was 41 on the same date. And I remember the squirrels were ripping apart the window boxes planted with geraniums, hastily burying their nuts, just like this year.

Sadly, our lovely State Garden Club President, Suzanne Wheeler, passed away on February 28th after a short bout with cancer. She dedicated her life to "Scattering Joy" while visiting almost all the state's garden clubs and districts.

This month's program features Norman Winter from the Coastal Botanical Gardens, who will speak on "Deer Resistant Flowers". Norman is an award winning author, speaker, columnist and radio and TV personality. I expect to pick up some good tips on what to plant this year. I hope to see you on the 23rd!

Leslee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE OFFERS SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2015/2016

Your Nominating Committee has met and presents the following slate of officers for the new year:

Margaret Hunter – President, Tina Zipperer – Vice President, Marcia Wills – Treasurer, Jayne Rogers – Recording Secretary, Susan Otter – Corresponding Secretary

This slate will be voted on at the April meeting

Susan Otter, Nominating Committee Chairman

OUR LAST MEETING

Please highlight April 27 on your calendar as our last meeting for this year. It is the occasion of our luncheon and installation of officers for the coming 2015 - 2016 season. As has been done in the past, all those attending should plan on bringing a salad or dessert to share.

Judy Sweeterman, Hospitality Chair

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 23rd, Monday Meeting

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

Apr. 6th, Causeway Cleanup

Meet at Smith's parking lot at 8 AM

Apr. 10th, Deadline for Petal Pusher

Apr. 13th, Trip to Bethesda

Apr. 15-17, GCG Convention at Jekyll Island

Apr. 17-18 NOGS Tour

Apr. 27th, Final Meeting and Lunch

CONGRATULATIONS

Club member **Shirley Brown** has received the “**Skidaway Audubon Environmental Stewardship Award**”! Shirley works tirelessly to coordinate volunteers for the Monarch Health Project at the Sparrow Field, as well as managing the maintenance and planting on the Pollinator Berm. Congratulations Shirley!

GEORGIA'S COASTAL MAGIC

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
April 15, 16 & 17, 2015 ~ Jekyll Island, Georgia

The Oleander District, of which the Landings Garden Club is a member, invites you to attend the annual meeting of The Garden Club of Georgia at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. If you have never been to a garden club state convention, consider attending this year while it is being held in our own backyard! You can attend the entire event or pick and choose the day or days you would like to participate. Here is a synopsis of what will be happening;

On Wednesday April 15 the convention kicks off with a 90 minute Jekyll Island Historic District Tram Tour. “Our Wild Birds from the Backyard to the Beach” workshop, led by Lydia Thompson, will also be provided in the afternoon.

Wednesday night’s coastal dinner, a Low Country Boil, will feature keynote speaker Paul Medders with the DNR whose program is “Explore Coastal Georgia.”

Thursday morning April 16 each district will hold a breakfast. Get to know your fellow members of our Oleander district. Lunch will feature Dr. Terry Norton of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. The luncheon will be followed by a tour of the turtle center. An afternoon workshop will be provided by GCG members giving flower arranging tips for your home use. Thursday night is the annual awards banquet.

Friday morning April 17 there will be a workshop with Jenny Hoffner from Conservation Strategies for American Rivers titled “Strategic Planning for Georgia’s Water.” The convention ends with a luncheon honoring state life members and the state officers’ installation.

Everyday there will be shopping with wonderful vendors!

For more information contact Lisa Hall: hall7796@bellsouth.net or 598-9504. For full details visit the Garden Club of Georgia website; <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/>

END OF YEAR TRIP TO BETHESDA

The William H. Ford, Sr. Museum and Visitors Center at Bethesda Academy opened in 2013. There is 2,200 square feet of exhibition space devoted to Bethesda’s rich history. You can enjoy interactive exhibits, photographs, videos, oral histories and artifacts that tell the story of this Academy’s past, present, and future. Learn how this part of Georgia history has evolved from an orphanage into an innovative school for boys in grades 6 to 12. We will have a guided tour through the museum after which we will tour the grounds. Our cost of \$8 helps provide financial aid for Bethesda students.

If you plan on going April 13th please sign up at the meeting or email me. We will car pool from the Methodist Church parking lot at 9:45. The trip will last about 2 to 2-1/2 hours. We will tour the museum and then, by hay wagon, the grounds and pastures. If it is a beautiful day you may want to pack a lunch and enjoy one of the many pretty places there to sit and eat.

“These people believed in me...they always have. Bethesda has never turned their back on me.”

---John Herdman, Bethesda Alumnus

“Thanks to Bethesda’s supporters I was able to attend a prestigious school like SCAD and now my future looks bright. Without people willing to financially support Bethesda, there would be many young people with a very uncertain future.” ---Gary Byrd, Class of 2008

“Everyone who works here understands the value of family, and that is what we are at Bethesda, a family”. ---Antwain Turner, Campus Chaplain



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

Please bring your tabs to our meetings

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

MEMBER CONCERNS

I am sad to report the death of member Cris Donohue who passed away March 7th. A memorial mass will be said at St. James Church on March 12th at 11 AM.

Susan Otter, Corresponding Secretary

Landings Garden Club General Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Leslee Bowler. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Collect was read by Tina Zipperer.

President's comments:

Leslee asked that any requests for Charitable Donations be given to Kay Osborn by this Friday.

She recognized Jane Rogers, one of our newest members, as a contributing author on garden related articles in the TWATL. A thank you was extended to all members who contacted their legislators regarding the 25 foot buffer legislation currently being considered. The NOGS tour in April has need of volunteers for their garden tours. Members were encouraged to sign up for a fun and interesting afternoon in Savannah. Our end of the year trip this year will be to Bethesda on Monday, April 13th. The cost is \$8.00. The rain date will be April 20th. February minutes were approved as well as the February Treasurer's report.

Additional Business: Lisa Hall talked about the State Convention on Jekyll Island in April. She had raffle tickets available to help defray the costs of the convention.

Rosalind Brady, President of the Savannah Council of Garden Clubs, thanked us for past support of the Botanical Garden on Eisenhower and urged us to continue supporting them.

Treasurer's Report: The report was distributed by Kay Osborn. The SunTrust balance is \$12,521.22.. Sea Island CD balance is \$4,081.78 Total Funds: \$16,603.00

Committee Reports:

Horticulture – Irene Thornley brought cuttings of a ground orchid and explained how it grows. She also suggested using Fresh Market as a source to buy orchids since they bloom well and are a good buy.

Birds/Conservation - Linda Sue Babcock said clorox in a spray container is another way to clean out a nesting blue bird box. Watch out for robins and cedar waxwings eating berries - they can stain your car with the purple droppings.

Membership – 43 members attended today's meeting. Joan Mattson joined the club today.

Hospitality – Thanks to Vicky Kramer for making the coffee and to Edwina Walker and Shelby Schavoir for bringing refreshments.

Design – Thank you to Martie Campbell for her lovely floral arrangement won by Valerie Hamilton.

Ways & Means - Barbara Martin said there are gardening gloves available for \$7.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25. Margaret Hunter introduced our program speaker, Diana Churchill, Author & Ornithologist who spoke on "Feathered Who's Who of the Low Country".

Karen Angers, Recording Secretary

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2015-2016

Approval will be voted on at	the April 27, 2015 General Membership Meeting
Proposed 2015-2016 Budget	
INCOME:	
Dues	3,500.00
Amazon	150.00
Raffles	200.00
Ways & Means Projects	3,200.00
TOTAL INCOME:	7,050.00
GENERAL EXPENSES:	
State Dues (\$10 per member)	900.00
SACGC Dues (\$3 per member)	276.00
Meeting Rental	400.00
Liability Insurance	425.00
GCG Conventions	300.00
Speaker's Honoraria	525.00
President's Gift	150.00
Officers' Expenses	100.00
Memorials & Flowers	150.00
Mail Box Rental	75.00
Arbor Day	68.00
GCG/NCG Projects	150.00
Eisenhower Botanical Gardens	250.00
State Registration	50.00
Special Donations	500.00
Total General Expenses:	4,319.00
STANDING COMMITTEE EXPENSES:	
Awards	30.00
Birds & Conservation	25.00
Civic Beautification - Causeway	50.00
Civic Beautification - Gate Decorating	50.00
Village Library	400.00
Community Service	300.00
Design	150.00
Horticulture	25.00
Hospitality	100.00
Membership	100.00
Newsletter	100.00
Publicity	25.00
Website	25.00
Yearbook	350.00
Total Committee Expenses:	1,730.00
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