

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
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April 2016

Dear Garden Club Members,

We are ready to wrap up this year with some fun, good food and ideas for garden tours for this summer and fall.

On April 18th we will meet at the Methodist Church parking lot and carpool to tour the Sparrow Field Berm on Bartram Road. Golf carts will be available. Our LGC Master Gardeners, who will conduct the tour, have helped transform the old Landings Club Sod Farm into a site suitable for the LGC/UGA Monarch Butterfly Study of Monarch decline, old fashioned gourd housing for Purple Martins, and a delightful habitat for a wide range of birds and pollinators. If you're interested, Fitz Clark is willing to share his intimate photographs of the birds, plants and insects of the berm with our members. After the tour we'll meet at Oakridge for lunch.

April 25th will mark our Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers. The program, Worth the Drive, will highlight beautiful gardens within a few hours' drive of Savannah. We will have a catered light brunch of finger sandwiches and fruit and dessert provided by our hostesses.

This meal will replace the members' potluck salad and dessert luncheon of the past few years. In addition to our floral design raffle, we'll have blooming plant center pieces you may bid on. This is our final meeting for the year; a good time for committee chairs to talk with their members and make plans for summer projects (like bows and the yearbook) and next year.

Thank you all for helping make this a good year for growth and learning for our Club. Our programs have been excellent, our members have warmly greeted visitors and invited friends to join, our hostesses have provided delicious treats to share with our coffee and strong ladies have stayed after each meeting to make sure we leave the fellowship hall in good order. What a wonderful group. No wonder we've added so many new members this year!

See you at the Berm on the 18th!

Margaret Hunter



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 25th, Monday Meeting, Annual Luncheon and Installation of Officers

9 am Board Meeting, 9:30 Coffee, 10 General meeting, 10:45 Program

April 18th, Sparrow Field Tour

Meet at Methodist Church at 9:30 am

April 22nd & 23rd, NOGS Tour Historic Savannah

May 14th, Green Thumb Garden Tour

May 14th, Cassina Garden Club Garden tour St Simons/Sea Island

May 2nd, Causeway Clean-up Meet at the Smith's parking lot at 8am

May 4th, Ryan Gainey at the Floribunda Lunch and Learn 11 am to 2 pm, Downtown Garden Club

WEBSITE

Please continue supporting green projects through the Landings Garden Club website. (www.thelandingsgardenclub.com) Click here before you shop -> and our club will collect a referral fee for purchases you make at Amazon!



TREASURER REPORT

A detailed financial statement was presented at the membership meeting on March 28, 2016. Anyone who would like to receive a copy, please email mkwills@aol.com and I will mail one to you. The members must approve a budget for the 2016-2017 year at the meeting on April 28, 2016. A copy of the budget approved by the board at the March meeting will be emailed to members by April 15, 2016. Those without email addresses will receive a paper copy.

Marcia Wills, Treasurer



Please remember to bring your own coffee cup to reduce waste!!

SAVE THOSE POP CAN TABS!

SUPPORT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE WITH YOUR CAN TABS!!!



Tabs are collected by all 7 districts of the Garden Club of Georgia and turned over to the Ronald McDonald House to purchase supplies for families with hospitalized children temporarily staying there. Landings Garden Club members please get your tabs to the meeting. Many thanks for your support of this worthwhile project!!



MEMBERSHIP

Please say “Hello” to our newest members!



Heidi Lieberman was a lifelong resident of New York prior to her move to The Landings. Summer trips to a family home in Summerville, South Carolina, and family vacations to Hilton Head familiarized her to this region, prompting Heidi and her husband, Paul, to consider this area for their new home. Looking at their home it seems more likely that they had lived here for years rather than only seven weeks! Heidi states that she loves Savannah. She and Paul took three Discovery Packages in The Landings before purchasing their home. They appreciate being surrounded by nature, and spend time outdoors golfing and taking their dog, Addie, to the dog park. Though she has never been a garden club member in the past, Heidi joined The Landings Garden Club to learn more about what works and what doesn't in our Skidaway Island gardens.

Besides gardening, Heidi enjoys the creative process in activities such as crewel work and cooking. She and Paul are also involved in the Emergent Savannah organization. Welcome Heidi!

Sally Headley wears many hats. She was raised in the beautiful blue grass state of Kentucky where her father was a thoroughbred breeder. Sally bred the champion, Silent Screen. In Lexington she heads The Headley Company Real Estate and in Stratford, Ontario, Sally's Place Hospitality Suites. In her spare time she has served on the boards of several charities in Lexington and Louisville, including Women's Equity Action League, YMCA, and Big Sisters, just to mention a few. Sally moved to The Landings six years ago and is in the process of creating a beautiful backyard surrounding the swimming pool. Here is “Sally's Place”.



She has an array of flowering shrubs, perennials, and annuals. Grapefruit, orange, and peach trees grace one end of the pool. Gardenias, roses, and camellias are among the azaleas that provide the border for the blue bird houses. However, much to Sally's distress, squatters have taken up residence in some of the blue bird houses. Sally's love of gardening comes from her grandmother who taught her to love things of grace. And that is what she is creating at her home here in The Landings. Welcome to the Landings Garden Club, Sally.

Pat Sunshine and Jan Smart, Membership Co-Chairs

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPARROW FIELD?

Spring is here and we are very happy with the recent progress at the Berm. With support from LGC, and Skidaway Audubon many new perennials have been planted. This past winter was mild and flowers planted in previous years are coming back strong. We have a fabulous new irrigation system, which eliminates bursting and leaking soaker hoses, and an attractive landscape timber edging along the entire length of the garden. We have received help from a growing number of volunteers who are interested in the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project research, as well as learning about other pollinators, their larva, host plants and nectar plants. Our compost bins are up and cooking! Soon we will have our own soil amendment, making us more self sustaining. The Sparrow Field team looks forward to seeing you all on April 18th!

As you may have heard our good friend and one of Sparrow Field's original founders Fitz Clark is ill. Fitz is a tireless advocate of the Berm, a citizen scientist, and photographer par excellence. We wish him a speedy recovery! Enjoy some of his photos below.



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

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 28, 2015

The General Meeting of The Landings Garden Club was called to order at 10:02 am by President Margaret Hunter. There were 44 members and 4 guests present. The head count was 50. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Collect was read by Past President, Anne Guira.

President's Remarks: Margaret Hunter called for approval of the February minutes as printed in the Petal Pusher. The Minutes were approved to stand.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the Treasurer's Report was placed at each table. Marcia Wills referred to the Charitable Gifts contributions made by our Club. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

President's Remarks: Margaret Hunter reminded Members to always check the Landings Garden Club web site and please read the Petal Pusher for all up to date information. She announced the Georgia State Annual meeting to be held April 13-14. Margaret introduced Maureen Mezei from the Green Thumb Club who announced their upcoming Garden tour at the Landings. Margaret called on Shirley Brown who spoke about the exciting times at Sparrow Field. Fitz Clark just documented a butterfly and larvae that he has been searching for years, the American Lady Butterfly. Everyone is looking forward to Spring migration and our tour at Sparrow Field next month. There is still no Chairman for the Causeway Clean Up. Nancy Rosenthal will try to put together a committee of 3 people to co-chair the committee. Tina Zipperer and Margaret Hunter plan to promote the Causeway at the Spring Fling to get more participation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Pat Sunshine introduced the guests attending our meeting today: Joan Morrissett, Maureen Mezei, Heidi Liberman, and Camille O'Neill. Jan Smart introduced a new member, Beverly Fochtman.

Horticulture: Irene Thornley announced that the High tide is up by 2 inches since she moved here 10 years ago. The azaleas do not look good because of the warm winter. Our zone is now thought to be 9, rather than the previous 8b, which means we can now grow sub tropical plants.

Vice President: Tina Zipperer announced the Strawberry Supper fund raiser at CGBG on April 17th. All are invited and asked to support.

Hospitality: Judy Sweeterman said that a sign up to help with Hospitality will be available at the next meeting.

Community Service: Barbara Martin will continue to collect trowels, towels and garden tools at the meetings.

Announcements: Lisa Hall announced the upcoming Telfair In Bloom, April 14-16. Some of our members will be floral arranging for this event. Meg Miller announced that she was contributing many containers for future centerpieces for meetings, and arrangers were welcome to take them home.

Birds & Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock thanked the Club for the contribution to the State Park to buy plants for the Butterfly Station. She placed a potted plumbago at the park and immediately a butterfly was upon it. Linda reminded us that red flowers are planted to attract hummingbirds in particular. Humming birds are arriving now.

Corresponding Secretary: Susan Otter presented the slate of officers for 2016-2017 as reported in the Minutes last month. Margaret Hunter called for a vote and the slate was voted in unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am Rosalind Brady introduced the speaker, Gail Matthews, "Orchids."

Jayne Rogers, Recording Secretary