

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 22nd, Monday Meeting

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

March 7th, Causeway Clean-up Meet at
the Smith's parking lot at 8am

March 10th, Petal Pusher Deadline

**March 16th, GLORIOSA (A GCA Flower
Show)** on Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
at the Charles H. Morris Center

February 2016

Dear Garden Club Members,

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



Thanks to your commitment to our goals, many organizations will be receiving a very special Valentine this year: a check to support conservation,

education and the beauty of nature. The money we make through our dues and bow and bulb sales we are investing to make our world better.

Oranges, Lemons and Limes: those tasty beauties. We'll learn how to plant and successfully grow them when Jocelyn and Larry Driver speak to us at our next meeting.

Last week, summer left us once again, leaving us cold and damp with time indoors to plan. While you're under that fuzzy throw musing, consider improving your mind and, perhaps, your social life. The University of Georgia Agricultural Extension offers a Master Gardening Course each year. We have about twenty members who are active Master Gardeners, helping with clean up and restoration projects around our coastal area as well as working at Sparrow Field. They also have great speakers and good parties.

We have a number of skilled Floral Designers and Flower Show Judges in our ranks. You may want to join them. Through the Garden Club of Georgia, we have access to gardening workshops and flower arranging seminars. They are a fun way to become more proficient in gardening, hone your artistic talents and meet like-minded gardeners. Floral Design competitions are held around the state and, if you're into it, all over the country.

See you on the 22nd to learn, meet our new members and review the 2016-2018 slate of officers.

Margaret Hunter

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 Jan 25, 2016. Anyone who would like to receive a copy, please email mkwills@aol.com and I will mail one to you. Remember your 2016 membership form and fee is due this month. Please mail or tube them to Marcia Wills at 38 Cotton Crossing.
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

We are sorry to learn that long time member Bette Feingold and her husband will be moving to Asheville, N.C. at the end of February. Our best wishes go out to them. Don't forget payment of the 2016-17 membership dues. Please tube or mail to treasurer, Marcia Wills, at 38 Cotton Crossing.

Say "Hello" to our four newest members!



Marilyn Sztuk: Born in Syracuse, New York, Marilyn moved to The Landings from Morristown, New Jersey. In 2004, Marilyn, her husband, her brother and sister-in-law purchased a patio home to determine if this indeed would be a place to retire to or use as a winter getaway. When her brother and sister-in-law bought a home of their own in The Landings, Marilyn and her husband were encouraged to buy a home nearby and became full-time residents in 2014. Marilyn hasn't been a garden club member anywhere else; in fact, she states her family gets a laugh about her joining the garden club as she is well known for killing her plants. But she has an interest in overcoming that tendency and was encouraged to join The Landings Garden Club by Donna Slappey. Marilyn works with The 100, in addition to enjoying cooking, organization, quilting, and learning golf and Mahjong.



Meg Schreck: Meg and her husband are Savannah natives who moved into The Landings 2 years ago. They are delighted by the green spaces, the water views, the trails for walking and biking, and the variety of birds that reside on Skidaway Island. Bluebirds seem to be a special favorite; Meg's husband, Peter makes bluebird birdhouses and they participate in bluebird counting. Meg has never been a member of a garden club before as she feels she hasn't been very successful with gardening in the past. While volunteering at the Humane Society Thrift Store, Meg became friends with Barbara Martin who suggested she check out The Landings Garden Club. In addition to her volunteer work, Meg has craft work interests such as greeting card creations and an amazing embroidered tablecloth. Her lovely granddaughters in Athens are a top priority!



Judy Barquist: Judy has been a resident of The Landings about 18 years. While living in Long Island, New York, close friends showed Judy and her husband information about the home they were moving to at The Landings. Though they looked at other coastal communities as they drove down from New York, nothing appealed to them as much as The Landings. Judy keeps busy with golf and bridge as well as gardening. She was a member of a garden club while living in Long Island. Flowering plants are her favorites and she is fortunate to have a fenced area to (attempt to) dissuade deer from munching on the plants. There is a lovely collection of bird feeders just outside her window and Judy enjoys watching a variety of birds, including Painted Buntings that visit her frequently.



Janis Encapera: Janis was born in Pennsylvania, but has lived in Detroit, Michigan and, primarily in Baltimore, Maryland. Her parents lived in The Landings and after many visits here, Janis and her husband decided to buy a home 11 years ago, becoming a full-time resident about 3 ½ years ago. Though she's an enthusiastic gardener, Janis has never joined a garden club before. She states that the variety of programs offered by The Landings Garden Club influenced her decision to join. Janis is particularly passionate about the course she has developed, Eti-kit, during which she instructs young girls in etiquette. The sessions are held at the Pink House and cover not only proper place setting of a 5-course meal, but self-confidence, self-awareness, and respect for self and others. The course is especially popular with Girl Scout troops; there is a Girl Scout merit badge given for completion of the course.

Welcome to these new members!

Pat Sunshine and Jan Smart, Membership Co-Chairs

WAYS AND MEANS

Please save any nice, heavy duty shopping bags for us to use at next year's Bow and Bulb sale. We will collect them in the fall. Thank-you for supporting our club!

Dottie Kirkland, Ways and Means Co-chair



Trustees' Garden Club Flower Show "GLORIOSA"

Trustees' Garden Club invites the public to GLORIOSA "Trustees' Garden," (A GCA Flower Show) on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Charles H. Morris Center, 10 East Broad Street, Savannah, Georgia. Admission to the flower show is free of charge.

Guests may purchase a \$25.00 ticket for a 10:30 a.m. address from noted author, lecturer, garden connoisseur, former magazine editor and television host/producer Bettie Bearden Pardee. With a background that has focused on the essence of style in the richly diverse lives of tastemakers, Mrs. Pardee is the author of several successful lifestyle books. Her latest, **Living Newport: Houses, People, Style** will be available for purchase. Guests may also purchase a \$20.00 ticket for a GLORIOSA boxed lunch to dine in or take away after the speaker. Both tickets may be purchased at www.trusteesgardenclub.com. The deadline for boxed lunch purchases is March 7. For more information, please contact Mary Meade Sipple, GLORIOSA Publicity Chairman, mmsip@bellsouth.net or call [912.667.4824](tel:912.667.4824).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPARROW FIELD?

In recognition of "Invasive Species Awareness Week", Feb 21 through Feb 27, we have some info on invasive plants for you. Why should we care about invasive plants? According to a study by James Hanula and Scott Horn of USDA Forestry Commission, bee *numbers increased 10 times* after an infestation of invasive Chinese Privet was removed from a Georgia forest. And we know that 2/3 of all our food is attributable to bees.

The definition of Invasive Species is "a plant or animal that has been introduced, accidentally or intentionally, and aggressively competes with and displaces local native communities; normally having no native enemies to limit reproduction and spread." An invasive plant is non-native and very hardy. It is adaptable, and can reproduce and survive without tending. To a gardener this sounds great, and we may think that an invasive plant isn't aggressive in the home garden, but the problem comes in when birds or small mammals eat the fruit and spread seed into neighboring forests or fields.

2015 Dirt Dozen list of invasive plants in Georgia-

- 12 Cogongrass
- 11 English Ivy and Chinese Wisteria in a tie
- 10 Mimosa
- 9 Exotic Rose (Our state flower is an invasive species!)
- 8 Chinese Tallow Tree
- 7 Non-native Olive
- 6 Japanese Climbing Fern
- 5 Kudzu
- 4 Non-native Lespedeza
- 3 Chinaberry
- 2 Nepalese Browntop

And in 1st place, seen in the photo to the right engulfing a man is
1 Non-native Privet

The recommendation from the Dept. of Forestry is don't plant invasive plants, and remove those you may already have.

If you want to see photos of these and other invasive plants go to <http://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/index.html>. To find out what to plant instead of an invasive plant please visit the native plant search engine here: <http://ecoscapescapes.bugwood.org/>

Sue Hamlet/ Sparrow Field Co-chair



Photo by David J. Moorhead, UGA, Bugwood.org

CLERMONT LEE REMEMBERED BY LINDA SUE BABCOCK

The following letter, written by our member Linda Sue Babcock, was published in the Letters to the Editor in the Savannah Morning News on Jan 30, 2016.

Clermont Lee Remembered
January 2016

Katie Martin wrote about landscape architect Clermont Lee designing the gardens for the Girl Scout birthplace in the 1950s. She was in her late 80's and had retired when the Landings Garden Club ladies contacted her to help in choosing native plants for their Native Plant Trail which was a part of their new Nature Trail. She was a lovely, gracious lady, who invited us to her home and showed us all her many lists of native plants that she had researched on all the surrounding islands.

Clermont Lee gave us some samples from her yard to transplant but her supply was limited for her yard was once a slag bed for the horse drawn trolley car that went from Savannah to Sandfly and on to the Isle of Hope. We invited her out to the Landings to see our 2 1/2 mile trail and her good friend Elliot Edwards was kind enough to bring her. In 2005, the Grand Opening of the Nature Trail finally held with Clermont and Elliot part of the celebration. It was a pleasure to know her and to receive her help.

Thank you for remembering Clermont Lee.
Linda Sue Babcock
Landings Garden Club

FROM TRILBY DUNCAN

The following is from a newspaper clipping found in the late Trilby Duncan's flower arranging supplies.

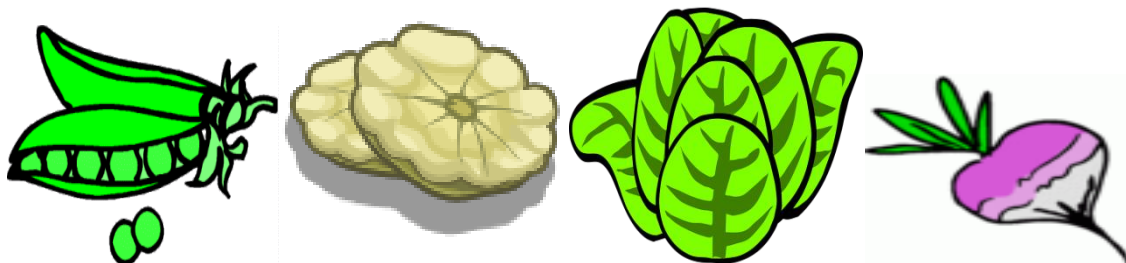
"For your garden club meeting may I suggest:

First plant five rows of peas: presence, promptness, preparation, purity, and perseverance.

Next to these plant three rows of squash: squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.

Then plant 5 rows of lettuce: Let us be faithful to duty. Let us be loyal and unselfish. Let us be true to obligations. Let us obey rules and regulations. Let us love one another.

No garden is complete, of course, without turnips: Turn up for the meetings. Turn up with a smile. Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile."



LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- JAN 25th, 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 2 guests present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Collect was read by Past President, Barbara Paul. President's Remarks: Margaret Hunter called for approval of the November 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Jan Smart welcomed two guests: Bev Fochtman and Mal Welch. New members names were announced: Angela Devore, Judy Barquist, Margy Hatch, Jatta Hamilton, Meg Schreck, and Janis Encapera.

Causeway Clean Up: Nancy Strobel announced her intention to resign as the leader of the Causeway Clean Up effective at the end of her term. She has been champion of this cause for many years. The next Causeway Clean-up Day is February 1st, and helpers will be meeting at the old Smith's parking lot at 8 a.m.

Horticulture: Irene Thornley showed the group her ginger lily blooms. Max Duncan, husband of the late Trilby Duncan, has generously donated some of his wife's flower arranging tools and props. Irene invited anyone interested to please help themselves. She ended by telling her creeping fig story.

Birds & Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock thanked the LGC for her recent Life Membership honor. She reported that the winter birds, including robins, will be coming through. Red breasted mergansers will be spotted, and the hummingbirds are still around. A member announced that she had spotted her first cedar waxwing.

Parliamentarian: Lisa Hall announced that, working with a small group, recommendations will be made for a by-law change. The bylaw committee suggests we change the nominating process so a slate of candidates is brought forward in February, voted on in March and installed at the April meeting.

Ways and Means: Maggie Richard suggested that the wonderful newspaper clipping found in the Duncans' flower arranging bag, should be printed in the newsletter. She asked that members save nice shopping bags for the bow sale next year. She thanked everyone who contributed to the Bow Sale success. There were 250 volunteer hours totaled. 656 bows were sold. 130 bulbs were sold. 17 pairs of garden gloves were sold. The sales group was blessed with good weather. 40% of the proceeds were made using a credit or debit card. The rest was in cash and check. The credit card fee was \$100.00 \$9,709.00 was total revenue for the sale.

Leslee Bowler: One of the recipients of the charitable gifts (\$500.00) is Bethesda School for Boys. They need tools and gloves, and contributions of unwanted and slightly used tools and gloves are gladly accepted. They can be taken to Leslie who will see that they get to the Bethesda School.

Hospitality: Janet Morley thanked the hostesses for the January meeting, and thanked Maureen Treat for the flower arrangement. Diane Gustafson won the flower arrangement.

Gate Decorating: Pat Barry appreciated the great December weather for the plan to decorate The Landings' gates for Christmas. Her committee went through the old decorations and weeded out broken and tired garlands. New lights and storage tubs were purchased. Tim Cook, Security for the Landings, paid for the additions. The storage area now looks good and is better organized. Pat welcomed special guest Mal Welch, Skidaway Audubon, whose yard was designed by Thomas Angell the speaker today.

Sparrow Field: Sue Hamlet asked for helpers to germinate the native milkweed seeds to be planted at the Sparrow Field. They have already been cold treated and scarified. The seeds will need a warm spot and should be planted the first week in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am. Donna Nicol introduced the speaker, Thomas Angell, "Balancing Civilization and Wilderness in Your Landscape".

Jayne Rogers, Recording Secretary