

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 28th, Monday Meeting

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

April 4th, Causeway Clean-up Meet at the
Smith's parking lot at 8am

April 10th, Petal Pusher Deadline

**April 13-14th, Garden Club of Georgia 88th
Annual Convention**

Macon Marriott City Center

March 2016

Dear Garden Club Members,

Spring has finally arrived, with the azaleas putting on a wonderful show. And an interesting collection of knees and ankles are now on display around the island. My orchids actually made it through the winter and are growing again.

But, will they ever bloom? Gail Matthews of Live Oak Orchids, our March 28th speaker, will reveal the secrets to healthy, blooming orchids. And, she'll be bringing an array of lovely plants to purchase.

BE PREPARED TO SPLURGE!

On April 18th we're going on a real field trip. The Landings Garden Club volunteers who maintain the Berm and the Monarch project at Sparrow Field on our island will host a tour of Sparrow Field for our April 18th Field Trip. We will see what they are accomplishing to save the endangered Monarch Butterfly and the myriad of pollinators that help maintain our ecosystem. The Field and Berm will be in bloom and abuzz with butterflies, birds and insects. Parking is limited on Bartram Road, so we'll meet at 9:30 to carpool from the Lutheran Church. The Sparrow Field is large area. Golf carts will be available.

If enough members are interested, we can make reservations at Marshwood for lunch/brunch after the field trip. Non-club members may use a credit card. We will have a signup sheet for the tour and lunch at the March meeting.

Especial thanks to: all of you who have invited your friends and neighbors to join our Club, and to all who make that first meeting a friendly one for each new member. We've added eleven members since the first of the year. They are all ready to be valuable volunteers to keep our projects and our club thriving.

See you all on the 28th.

Have a happy Easter!

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 Feb 22, 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!!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee: Jean Holland, Barbara Martin, Pat Sunshine, Tina Zipperer, Margaret Hunter, Susan Otter are pleased to present the following slate of officers for 2016/2017:

President: Tina Zipperer
Vice President: Jayne Rodgers
Treasurer: Maddie Harwood
Recording Secretary: Shirley Brown
Corresponding Secretary: Donna Nicol

Susan Otter, Nominating Committee Chair

Happy
St. Patrick's Day



2016 State Convention: "Gardening Passion"

You are invited to attend The Garden Club of Georgia's 88th Annual Convention April 13-14, 2016, at the Macon Marriott City Center. Dogwood District is passionately planning an entertaining 24 hours of fun and education, beginning with several workshops Wednesday afternoon. The Awards Banquet will be Wednesday evening, with a business meeting planned for Thursday morning. The Life Member Luncheon will conclude the 2016 convention.



Nurturing Gardening Passion

Three workshops will carry out the "**Nurturing the Passion**" theme. Dr. Wilf Nicholls, Director, State Botanical Garden of Georgia, will share the latest plans for the Children's Garden. Tommy Alden, owner of County Line Nursery, Byron, GA will present Camellias: A Southern Treasure. Johnnie Berry, Georgia director of the African Violet Society of America, will discuss everything you want to know about African Violets. And don't forget the wonderful vendors who provide for your shopping pleasure.

A special guest at the convention will be Nancy L. Hargroves, First Vice-President of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., who will join GCG President Martha Price in presenting awards at the Awards Banquet Wednesday evening. Please join us for a memorable experience. Registration forms are provided in the link below.

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TELFAIR IN BLOOM

Telfair Academy Guild is excited to announce the inaugural Telfair in Bloom taking place April 14-17, 2016 at Telfair Museums in Historic Downtown Savannah. We look forward to having you as part of our festival of flowers and art!

An Evening in Bloom

Thursday, April 14, 6:30–8:30 pm at the Telfair Academy. Tickets are \$85. Guests will preview the lavish arrangements and paired artworks, while also enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres created with a floral touch.

Lecture by Lindsey Taylor and Luncheon in the Garden

Friday, April 15, 10:30 am at the Jepson Center.

Tickets to the lecture and luncheon \$75, lecture only is \$50.

Patron tickets \$125, includes priority seating for the Lecture/Floral demonstration and recognition in the program. Manhattan based garden designer, floral stylist, and writer Lindsey Taylor will present a lecture and floral demonstration, entitled The Art of Inspiration: Surprising Ways of Seeing Art in Blooms. Taylor has served as garden editor at Garden Design and Martha Stewart Living, and is a contributor to the Wall Street Journal "Off-Duty" section and T: The New York Times Style Magazine. She co-founded the Evergreen Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to urban renewal and green spaces in Toronto, her hometown. Her presentation will be followed by Luncheon in the Garden, a uniquely flower-filled repast.

Lecture and Café à la Rose

Saturday, April 16, 10am, Jepson Center Tickets \$35

Local cinema lecturer Keller Jones will share her insights and enthusiasm for flowers in film in a presentation, Magnolias, Roses and Dahlias: The Power of Flowers in Film. Take one last view of the flowers while enjoying Café à la Rose and floral scented treats.

Children's activities for young budding artists will also be going on throughout the day.

Tickets may be reserved on line at Telfair.org/Events

MEMBERSHIP

Please say "Hello" to our newest members!



the plans for its landscaping.

Jatta Hamilton (the J is pronounced like a Y) was born in Helsinki, Finland. After being an exchange student in Michigan, she decided to return to the U.S. to attend college. There she met her husband. Jatta has lived in Germany and Austria as well as in Michigan. Fifteen years ago, Jatta and her husband were introduced to The Landings by friends who were living here. They revisited The Landings till they decided to move here permanently in January of 2015. Gardening is certainly an active interest of hers, including composting and amending the soil, and keeping a plot at Skidaway Farms. Though having been a member of a garden club in Michigan, things are so different when gardening here that she feels she needs to relearn, and states "There is so much information at The Landings Garden Club". Jatta is also involved in taking yoga class and traveling. But of a primary concern at this time is the new home she and her husband are building on the island ... and, of course,



home. She is involved in many activities including being the manager of the children's section of the Village Library, a board member of the Nor'Easter Club, and a member of TAG. She and Bob enjoy attending concerts by the Savannah Philharmonic. She also enjoys SCAD events, archiving family history items, reading, and working in her yard. Janet deserves all our sympathy as she prepares to start an extensive remodeling of her kitchen.

Janet Murphy lived in the Beltway area of Virginia until marrying and moving to Connecticut and then on to Boston. Though she enjoyed living in those areas, the northern winters turned the Murphys into 'snowbirds'. While driving back from a visit to friends on Amelia Island in 2006, Janet and her husband stopped by Savannah and ended up spending five days. Her husband Bob liked the area for the golfing and Janet was interested in the historical and cultural offerings of the area. They both liked the warmth of Savannah in February. They made The Landings their permanent home in 2012. Janet has been a garden club member in West Harford, CT, as well as in Boston, MA. Tina Zipperer encouraged her to join The Landings Garden Club. Janet all ready knew several of our members and definitely needed inspiration and instruction on caring for the landscaping around their



Beverly Fochtman is originally from Long Island, NY, and moved to the Landings a year and a half ago from Peachtree City outside Atlanta. Knowing that they wanted to remain in Georgia, Bev and her husband decided to look along the coast line, hoping to find a saltwater location. They had been active in boating when living up north. Her husband saw an ad for The Landings in a golf magazine, and they're very happy they checked it out. Bev states "It's beautiful"! Though Bev hasn't been a garden club member before, she has two neighbors who are members of The Landings Garden Club. Bev is interested in learning what plants are native to this area. Bev has been busy with repairs and remodeling projects for her home, taking her dog, Bernadette on the walking trails and to the

dog park. She and her husband are members of Carefree Boating and are looking forward to enjoying time on the boat again. She also gets a lot of enjoyment in the volunteer work she does at her church.



Joan Hutzler was originally from New York City but has moved quite a lot. She jokingly referred to the term “high-class migrant worker”. Prior to moving to The Landings fifteen years ago, she was living in Malvern, Pennsylvania. She and her husband had been visiting Hilton Head when they heard about The Landings and decided to visit. Joan was impressed by the low-key feel of The Landings. As a person who likes to keep her days full, Joan plays bridge, takes classes at The Learning Center and has done extensive traveling. Joan has been a garden club member in the past and had taken many courses in gardening over the years. She is especially interested in learning how to deal with the type of soil when gardening in this area.

Jan Smart, Membership Chair

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPARROW FIELD?

There's a lot of planting and transplanting of going on at the Sparrow Field these days. Thanks in part to the \$300.00 grant received from our Landings Garden Club we are planting beds along the berm with native and exotic perennials and colorful annual plants. We are also having a compost bin built and landscape timber edging installed. We thank the charitable giving committee for this grant! It is being put to good use.



Shirley Brown and Sue Hamlet, Sparrow Field Co-chairs

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- FEB 22, 2015

The General Meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Margaret Hunter at 10:02 am. There were 66 people in attendance; 45 members and 14 guests were signed in. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Nancy Strobel, a Past LGC President read the Collect.

President's Remarks: President Margaret Hunter called for approval of the January minutes as printed in The Petal Pusher. They stand as approved. Margaret reminded members that we can contribute to the Club by buying through Amazon. If you click on the symbol (on Petal Pushers) before making an on line purchase, a percentage comes back to the club.

Corresponding Secretary: Susan Otter announced the Nominating Committee's (Jean Holland, Barbara Martin, Pat Sunshine, Tina Zipperer, Margaret Hunter, Susan Otter) Slate of Officers 2016-2017 that will be voted on next month:
President: Tina Zipperer

Vice President: Jayne Rogers

Treasurer, Maddie Harwood

Recording Secretary, Shirley Brown

Corresponding Secretary, Donna Nicol.

Treasurer's Report: Marcia Wills directed attention to the Treasurer's Report January 25, 2016 - February 21, 2016 on each table. Any questions should be directed to Marcia.

By Law Changes: Lisa Hall called for a vote for By Law amendments. After detailing the changes, a voice vote was taken and all in attendance approved. Lisa thanked her committee: Margaret Hunter, Leslie Bowler, Sandra Wolfe, Margie Hardesty.

Causeway Clean Up: Nancy Strobel reminded the membership again of her retirement from chairing this project after almost 10 years and gave an impassioned plea for another member to come forward to take on this project, which has been a main project of the club. Nancy Rosenthal made a suggestion that it could be chaired by two or three members. Five members raised their hands to volunteer to continue to head up this project. Anne Dauray thanked Nancy for her huge contribution to beautifying our Island both inside and outside the gate. Margaret Hunter also thanked Nancy for her hard work on Causeway Clean Up.

Membership: Pat Sunshine welcomed guests at our meeting: Janet Protz, Michele Nygro, Sherron Gladden, Nancy Echlin, Beth Mowry, Nancy and Jack Green, Amy Collings, Michelle Earley, Haydee Toedtman, Beverly Footman, Sally Headley, and Mary Routh. Pat introduced and welcomed two new members: Jatta Hamilton and Janet Murphy. She presented them with garden gloves.

Birds & Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock has reported that the birds are coming back. Goldfinches are coming in droves. Blue birds and purple martins are looking for homes. Hummingbirds will begin to pass through on their way to nest up North. They come back in June.

Design: Maureen Treat thanked Pat Sunshine for the beautiful silk door arrangement which was raffled at the meeting and won by new member, Janet Murphy.

Telfair In Bloom: Margie Hardesty announced Telfair In Bloom, April 14 - 16. Dates and costs of party, lectures and luncheon were announced and can be found on the Telfair web site. Five of our members will be doing floral designs: Pat Berry, Janis Encapara, Anne Gardner, Val Hamilton, Shelby Schavoir and Donna Slappey.

Community Service: Barbara Martin detailed information on the three community projects: Georgia Regional Hospital, a state sponsored Mental Health facility needing toiletries and garden advice along with garden supplies and mens' clothing. Pop Tops, a collection of pop tops for Ronald MacDonald House. Pet Fix, a low-cost spay and neutering project which needs towels.

Ways & Means: Club members are asked to save nice shopping bags for the Bow sales next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.

Program: Donna Nicol introduced the speaker, Larry Driver and his wife Jocelyn from Rose Dhu Nurseries. The program addressed the fine points of growing citrus trees.

Jayne Rogers, Recording Secretary