

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 16th, Monday Meeting

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

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

Jan 10th, Petal Pusher Deadline

November 2015

Dear Fellow Garden Club Members,

On Halloween I slipped, most gracefully, and hit my head. Forced to rest quietly for a few days, I thought about gardening: all the pruning I need to do, but also how healing gardening can be. Prior to an illness 19 years ago, I'd never been a gardener.

While recovering from encephalitis, for months I was too weak to resume work. My husband said, "Go out and sit in the sun for a while, it'll be good for you". So I sat on steps on a hillside and noted the sloping ground beside me would be perfect for a rock garden. Years and many boulders later, my rock garden of daphne, camellia, hellebore, epimedium, bluebell, bleeding heart, yellow archangel, toad lily, confederate jasmine and ferns was wonderful.

So as we invite friends and newcomers to our club, we are sharing friendship, learning, and the restorative power of gardening. And, to lift your own spirits: buy a bag of daffodil bulbs, put them in the refrigerator, and plant them before the January meeting. Springtime joy!

Very special thanks to Sally Jones for sorting out the audio/visual equipment at the church and keeping the website humming. She and Sue Hamlet are our electronic geniuses. The rest of you are just very special folks.

See you on the 16th.

Margaret Hunter

NOVEMBER PROGRAM



Our program on Nov 16th will be participative! Caroline Holder is a Georgia Master Gardener experienced in floral and landscape design. She will lead us in the design and construction of our very own holiday floral arrangement. So in addition to bringing a small container you should bring scissors and any items from your yard (flowers, foliage, grasses, ivy, pinecones, etc) that could be used in your arrangement. This will be a fun program!

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 October 26, 2015. Anyone who would like to receive a copy, please email mkwills@aol.com and I will mail one to you.

Marcia Wills, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP



I am pleased to introduce you to our newest Landings Garden Club member, Angela Devore. Angela and her husband Dave moved from Ohio to The Landings six years ago. Before they were even thinking of retiring, a neighbor in Ohio gave them a brochure for The Landings; oddly enough, at least 2 other people on separate occasions also gave recommendations for The Landings as a retirement spot for Angela and Dave. It seems to have been fate. After their Ohio friends had moved to The Landings, Angela and her husband were able to visit them, and that must have sealed the deal.

One of a family of 7 children, Angela was born in the Akron, Ohio area. Since marrying Dave, she has also lived in Nashville, TN; Louisville, KY; and the Cincinnati, OH area. Besides raising two sons, Angela has worked as a school teacher and as a travel agent. While living in Hudson, OH, she belonged to a garden club.

Angela states that being in New Neighbors was a great introduction to Savannah. She keeps very busy with activities like book club, playing Canasta, Bocce, Mah Jongg, and gardening. Volunteering is another important interest in Angela's life; she is involved in TAG fund-raising, visiting an Alzheimer's facility to sing and tell bible stories to the residents, and gardening at the Nuns' Home with a Master Gardeners' group. Recently, she joined her husband in the L.O.V.E. Mentoring program. In fact, it was on the recommendation of the Master Gardeners that Angela looked into The Landings Garden Club. Of particular interest to Angela's is to complete the Master Gardener certification program...but I'm wondering where she'll find the time!

Jan Smart Membership Chair



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!!



WAYS AND MEANS

Thank-you members! We are pleased to report brisk sales of Christmas bows to our members at recent meetings and use of the "Square" seems to be a success. We are excited to participate in the Artisan's Market sale at Plantation Club on Saturday, November 14 where we will have bows, boxed Amaryllis bulbs and gloves available. Sales will open to the public at The Village fountain beginning Friday, Nov 20; Monday, Nov 23; Monday, Nov 30; Friday, Dec 4; Friday Dec 11 and Monday, Dec 14.



Eager VOLUNTEERS are still needed for sales shifts during the above dates. PLEASE bring your calendars to our Nov 16th meeting so you can sign up to help us sell all these beautiful bows and bulbs!

Maggie Richard and Dottie Kirkland, Ways and Means Co-Chairs



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- Set 28, 2015

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Margaret Hunter at 10:02 am. There were 45 members present and 5 guests present. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Collect was read by Anne Dauray. Anne told us that the club was formed in 1986, and subsequently joined the Federated Club in 1987. In 1988 Dorie Creasman wrote the Collect and it has been recited ever since.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marcia Wills referred to the Treasurer's Report on the meeting tables. The Statement of Revenue and Expense for 9/24/15 - 10/25/15 reported Suntrust Checking of \$5,916.91 and Suntrust Savings of \$2,500.04 with total assets reported at \$8,419.95. She asked that expenses be submitted to her, with appropriate paper work to accompany the request.

Committee Reports:

Causeway Cleanup: Nancy Strobel announced that the Clean Up will take place next Monday. If it rains, the following Monday will be the rain date.

Membership: Jan Smart announced that we have a new member, Angela DeVore. Brochures for new members have been updated, and they were passed around. Membership is continuing to contact members who have an active membership but are not showing up. Guests at the meeting were introduced by Pat Sunshine: Betsy Evans, Judy Barquist, Margy Hatch, Joan Hutzler, Janis Encaper.

Horticulture: Irene Thornley gave us a lesson on tropism. The show and tell included aloe, Christmas cactus and euphorbia. Irene showed us how these plants could be propagated easily.

Birds & Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock reported that hummingbirds are still in our area. The birds at the Rookery seem to have gone to other lagoons. Hooded mergansers will be arriving in November.

Ways & Means: Maggie Richard and Dottie Kirkland have begun to sell bows to members; credit cards are accepted. They asked that members sign up for a 2 hour shift to sell the bows and amaryllis bulbs in the Village. They will have a booth at the Artisan Show at Plantation on November 14th. No bulbs in bud will be sold this year as delivery date and pricing are uncertain.

Design: Maureen Treat announced the winner of the floral arrangement raffle, and explained the metal can tabs that are collected for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House. Our goal is to collect enough tabs to fund a family for one night, which would require \$10.00 of tabs, which are \$.52 per pound. Our club has collected 8 1/2 lbs. toward our goal.

Hospitality: Judy Sweeterman thanked those that provided food for the hospitality table: Dottie Kirkland, Sandy Randolph and Lynn Barnard.

President's Remarks: Margaret Hunter thanked Pat Barry and Donna Nicol whose committee is doing an inventory of the materials used for the Landings gate decorations in preparation of Christmas decorating. She also thanked the ladies taking care of the Village Library plantings.

Awards: Lisa Hall announced that the Landings GC is the winner of the Martha Miller Butterfly Award which was presented at the annual Oleander District meeting (District includes 61 clubs and 1800 members). Shirley Brown was presented with the trophy which she will keep at her home for one year. She thanked those involved with the Sparrow Field project: Sue Hamlet, Elaine Witbeck, Diane Gustafson and Dottie Kirkland. Lisa Hall also reminded members about the other awards with cash prizes that are given, particularly those for children.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. Rosalind Brady introduced the speaker, Dr. Barbara Phillips whose program was entitled, "Apis mellifera, the honeybee".

Jayne Rogers, Recording Secretary