

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



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April 2017

Dear Garden Club Members,

It's hard to believe our last meeting is this month. The old saying "time flies when you're having fun" is certainly appropriate for my first year as president. Indeed it has been fun and exciting. I'm so proud of what you all have accomplished. It was a record year for bow sales and they can't wait to get started this summer. The newly formed container garden committee has drawn attention thru out our club as well as the community. Our after hour workshops were a success and we have more planned for next year! Last but not least our Flower Show showcased members' talent and it was the event of the year for Landings Residents. Every committee gave 100% this year. One might ask, "How can we top this?" We will! We are an organization with members that have diverse backgrounds, experience, education, and talent. More importantly we want to share, engage, and participate.

If asked what has been my favorite thing about this year, I would say the excitement and energy in the club. Welcoming new members to our club is fantastic. Taking your suggestions and making them a reality is gratifying. Getting to know as many of you as possible is wonderful, and I'm still working on that. As you can tell, it's hard for me to pinpoint one favorite thing. I suppose I can sum it up by saying that it's all of YOU that are my favorite thing and who have made this year special. I can't thank you enough. No matter what committee you work with or whether you have attended two meetings or all of them, you are a part of an incredible garden club.

Many members will remain active on committees that work during the summer. I know a few members who will leave town and seek cooler weather and many of you have trips planned. Whatever you do and wherever you go, I hope you will take in the beauty of landscape, gardens, and everything nature has to offer. Please check your emails for garden club updates and summer activities.

Safe travels, keep cool, and have a fabulous summer!

Kind Regards,

Tina Zipperer, President

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24th Monday Meeting

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

April 28-30th Savannah Orchid Show

at Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens.
Visit coastalgeorgiabg.org for more info.

April 29th Rose Festival at Savannah Botanical Garden on Eisenhower Ave.

May 11th NEW MEMBER Meet and Greet
4-6 pm, Delegal dockside. All new members
are welcome to attend



JOIN US!

The Landings Garden Club's Lady's Lunch and Installation of Officers

Monday, April 24th, 9:30 AM at the Messiah Lutheran Church

RSVP 598-0100 or tina@zippererandco.com

Our program will include a **plant swap**. So please bring one or more to share. Our horticulture experts and members, Irene Thornley and Sandra Wolf will be on hand to discuss gardening and answer our questions. This is our year end meeting and we hope everyone can attend. See you there.

YEARBOOK

Corrections requested! Please submit any yearbook corrections to Margaret Hunter, mjhunter2491@gmail.com Margaret works on the yearbook during the summer. It is important that you send any change to Margaret even if you have given the change to someone else. Thank you in advance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Georgia Garden Week is April 16th – 22nd, and the Community Service Committee will be placing flower arrangements at the Ronald McDonald House, Hospice House, and The Marshes to celebrate and advertise the event. The committee members would like to use flowers from the garden club members' gardens, so if you have flowers in bloom during this week and wouldn't mind cutting a few, please let one of us know. Thank you.
Barbara Martin and Meg Schreck Community Service Co-Chairs

WEBSITE

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



Please bring your own coffee mug to cut down on waste!!



SPARROW FIELD

The Pollinator Berm at Sparrow Field is looking like a garden now thanks to the efforts of the volunteer team, many of whom are members of the Landings Garden Club. We have 95+ species of plants to attract nearly 200 documented species of pollinators. The plant and pollinator lists are available on the Skidaway Audubon website <http://www.skidawayaudubon.org/projects/sparrow-field/>. Find the lists in the submenu to the right on the page. Over the past few months the volunteer team has doubled from the previous years, making the work load easier and definitely more fun! Knowing that some of these wonderful gardeners fly North for the summer, we encourage anyone staying on the island to drop by on Friday mornings, or any other time, to pull a few weeds and to enjoy the blooms, butterflies, birds and bees.



Our loyal team includes Pat Barry, Shirley Brown, Karen Burroughs, Hannah Burtnik, Fitz Clarke, Dawn Cordo and Vince Cordo (the amazing carpenter), Angela Devore, Linda Elliott, Diane Gustafson, Sue Hamlet, Sandy Hunter, Dottie Kirkland, Peggy Miller, Al Mullins (Champion butterfly netter), Jayne Rogers, Michael Robertson, and Elaine Witbeck.



Shirley Brown, Sparrow Field Volunteer Coordinator

WAYS AND MEANS

We would like to remind members to save those great shopping bags for our holiday bow sales. Save them from exotic and local shopping trips you take over the summer. Thanks.

Maggie Richards and Dottie Kirkland, Ways and Means Co-chairs



MEMBERSHIP



Linda Rich of Peregrine Crossing has lived at the Landings for over 14 years. She grew up in Evansville, Indiana where she was a member of her first garden club and has lived in several places including Portland and the Chicago area. In Portland she volunteered at the Oregon Zoo as a Zoo Guide taking small animals offsite to presentations in schools and care facilities. In Chicago, she earned a Master Gardener certification while volunteering at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Linda and her husband Jim, who is the Association President this year, have a home on the Palmetto golf course that borders their property. They share their home with two loving dachshunds and are part of a doggie play group called “The Landings Longdogs”. Look for them walking to support the Humane Society on the annual walk at the Landings. Her current gardening project is dealing with some invasive species and “roots” in the yard. She served as President of the Landlovers Green Thumb Club for two years. Her volunteer activities have also taken her to downtown Savannah to work at the lovely garden of the historic Owens Thomas House.

Among some of Linda’s activities are golf, bunco and working on volunteer activities that raise money for cancer research. She chaired the LWGA Golfing For A Cure tournament last year which benefits the Anderson Cancer Center at Memorial Health University Hospital. Linda is involved in the tournament this year as an advisor. Welcome to the Landings Garden Club, Linda!



Susan Danner, who grew up in Augusta, is brand new to the Landings and to the Landings Garden Club. She has been a resident since December and has hit the ground running with activities and learning about Savannah by taking advantage of The Learning Center courses and touring the many historic sites of Savannah as well as getting involved in New Neighbors activities.

Susan and husband, Richard, who is a retired builder, moved here after 30+ years in Atlanta and live on Old South Lane. She was invited to join the Garden Club by Margaret Hunter, who is her neighbor. Their lovely home overlooks a lagoon that is peaceful and serene. Susan enjoys the safety of the Landings and lack of traffic (compared to Atlanta) that she finds here in Savannah. Susan’s career path has taken her from teaching Special Education in Augusta, GA to manager of the Medical Records Department of a Greenville SC hospital to Health Information Management consulting and starting her own small company. She is keeping her feet wet by continuing a contract with Emory University Hospital in that field.

This is the first time that Susan has been a member of a garden club and she hopes to learn lots about our special gardening “rules” on the coast of Georgia. Her hobbies include biking, reading, needlepoint, and world travel with her hubby. Welcome to paradise and the Landings Garden Club, Susan!

Donna Nichol, Membership Co-chair



Kathy Collura is a Midwesterner. She was raised in Nebraska and is a graduate of the University of Nebraska where she met her husband, Sam. Kathy and Sam have lived in the Landings less than a year having moved here from Atlanta. During the short time that they have been here they have created a lovely home with beautiful landscaping. Their home is situated on the Romerly Marsh overlooking Adams Creek. Kathy is aware of the environmental issues facing our area and wants to learn about maintaining the integrity of the coastline and gardening in the southeast. Kathy and Sam have a daughter living in New Haven, Connecticut and a son in Austin, Texas. She enjoys bicycling and gardening and still makes time to continue her profession as an independent management consultant, which she has been doing for the past 12 years. Before that, she was a consultant and partner at the global HR consulting firm Hewitt Associates, for 23 years. Her clients have included many Fortune 500 companies.

The Landings Garden Club looks forward to having Kathy as an active member of our organization. We extend a warm welcome to Kathy.



Hannah (rhymes w/ Donna) was born on Panay Island in the Philippines. Her parents migrated to New Jersey where her father received his PHD in education. Hannah and 4 of her 5 brothers stayed with her maternal grandparents in their ancestral home in Banga. She and her brothers joined their parents when she was a teenager. After graduating from Glassboro State (Rowan University) Hannah worked in the garment industry. In the Big Apple she met her future husband, Brian. While raising two daughters she later ran a catering business and received certification as a Landscape Designer from The New York Botanical Gardens. She is involved with Special Pops, loves to cook and knit. She expresses her artistic side with mosaic art and stained glass creations. She and Brian enjoy competitive sailing and are members of the Rhodes 19 and Skidaway Island Boating Clubs. Her tomboy side comes out with loving to play tennis, bocce, and rolling a 219 game with The Landings Bowling League. AND she is the USTA Women's League coordinator for 18 and older. Hannah doesn't mind getting a little dirt under her nails as she has a plot at The Farm. She is

raising tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, and basil. WOW! Soon she'll have a vegetable stand. An exhausting welcome to Hannah Burtnik.

Pat Sunshine, Membership Co-chair

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 27, 2017

President Tina Zipperer called to order The Landings Garden Club meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church at 9:30 am with 56 members present and 5 guests. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Tina Zipperer; the Collect was read by Dottie Kirkland; the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Petal Pusher were approved as published.

Treasurer Maddie Harwood provided the financial report via the printouts on each table. The balance in the checking account on 2/28/17 was \$12,482.61.

Tina explained that the meeting time had been moved up so that members could attend a memorial service for Bob Scheuermann, husband of Marie, a long-time member. Corresponding secretary Donna Nicol reported that a sympathy card was sent to the Scheuermann family. A card was also sent to Linda Sue Babcock who is rehabbing at Savannah Square after a fall.

Tina announced that volunteers are needed for the NOGS garden tour on April 21-22 and for the Savannah Botanical Garden spring garden tour. A field trip to Bethesda Academy is scheduled for Monday April 3, 2017, followed by lunch at Fiori's.

The following guests were introduced: Alyce Braun, Kathy Sorvillo, Kathy Silbert, Hannah Bartnik, and Jeff Adams. Hostesses were Seekie Drysdale, Karen Foulkes, Meg Milller, Janet Morley, and Marty Campbell.

June Palmer supplied the floral arrangement for the raffle which was won by Nancy Rosenthal.

The April meeting is the catered spring luncheon and the plant swap – “Bring one to take one.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Judy Sweeterman introduced the new members who were presented with garden gloves: Haydee Toedtman, Kathy Collura, Karen Burroughs, Susan Danner, and Linda Rich who was absent.

Horticulture Committee – Irene Thornton reminded members that the April meeting is a plant swap and that you must bring one to take one. She encouraged members to grow their own plants.

Nominating Committee – Margaret Hunter presented the slate of officers for the next year.

President - Tina Zipperer

Vice President – Diane Ingram

Treasurer – Maggie Richard

Recording Secretary – Shirley Brown

Corresponding Secretary – Donna Nicol

Maddie Harwood made a motion to accept the slate of officers. The vote to accept was unanimous.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

PROGRAM

Liz Lubrani, the Outreach and Development Coordinator for the Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden, presented “Cooking with Herbs and Edible Plants.”

Submitted by Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary