



THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 27th Monday Meeting

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

March 6th, Causeway Clean-up

Meet at the Bank of America parking lot at
7:45am

March 10th, Petal Pusher Deadline

March 12th Daylight Savings time begins

March 20th First day of Spring

February 2017

Dear Garden Club Members,

It is such a pleasure to be writing this month's letter for The Petal Pusher. Words can't describe the pride I felt Thursday, February 9th, and the pride I feel today. This letter gives me a chance to let everyone know! Congratulations to our club for putting on one of the best events The Landings has ever seen. Our club's talent was on display for all to see.

The flower arrangements were a work of art and the orchid arrangements showed creativity like no other. The ladies that worked at the event were gracious representatives for our club. Members collectively gave out five hundred invitations. That's called teamwork and what a great team we have. The event turned into the place everyone wanted to be that day and didn't want to leave! That's a sign of a good time and an event we all look forward to having again and again!

February is always a transitional month for me. I finish up with the holidays, try to keep those New Year resolutions alive, and start planning for the spring. Of course there's Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, and Mardi Gras. It's amazing how busy the month is. However, this February was a little different than usual. Once the ground hog saw his shadow I knew there was only one week 'till the show. After it was over, it was hard to think of anything else. Red roses, chocolate, and champagne could hardly top it. I had my Valentine's Day a week early! By the time we have our meeting I think I will be down from the clouds, but the pride I feel will still be there. There's some of you that might think being president is a big job. For me it's been an adventure. I want to thank all of you for making this adventure one of the best I've ever had. You all are one fantastic group!

See you at February meeting and
Mardi Gras Celebration!

Tina Zipperer, President

FEBRUARY PROGRAM



Join us at our February meeting and Mardi Gras celebration! We will be celebrating like the folks in New Orleans! The program will be provided by Kara Day, a biologist from Department of Natural Resource. We will learn about our neighborhood spiders and snakes. You won't want to miss this meeting!

WORTH THE DRIVE

Middleton Place Charleston, SC,
Feb. 7th - Mar. 18th

Camellia Walks every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Details are on the website at
<http://www.middletonplace.org>

Massie Lane Gardens Fort Valley, GA
Feb. 25th-26th
Camellia Show

Gibbs Gardens Ball Ground, GA
Mar. 1st - April 15th
Daffodil Season!

COMMUNITY SERVICE



At our next meeting will have a table set up by the sign-in area for donations for the three agencies that we continue to support this year. Please bring your pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House, your travel-size toiletries for Georgia Regional Hospital, and any old towels or blankets for the Humane Society's PetFix program to the December meeting. Georgia Regional Hospital would also appreciate any donations of men's clothing in large sizes. This includes shirts, trousers, and jackets.
Barbara Martin, Community Service Co-Chair



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!!



YOU ARE INVITED

The Camellia Waxing workshop to be held February 23 (Thursday) at Nancy Strobel's home at 48 Shellwind Drive beginning at 4 pm has a few openings.

Please contact Donna Nicol dkn777@aol.com to reserve a spot. The cost is \$7.50 and can be tubed to Donna at 23 Franklin Creek Rd South.

Camellia specialist Debby Odom (co-owner of Gene's Nursery) will demonstrate the process and you will then be waxing several camellias for yourself. Bring camellias with a two inch stem attached. If you do not have any to bring, others will be supplying plenty for you to use. *Just let us know.* The workshop is limited to 20 members. Beverages and snacks will be provided.



LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 23, 2017

President Tina Zipperer called to order The Landings Garden Club meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church at 10:08 am with 59 members present and 3 guests. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Tina Zipperer; the Collect was read; the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Petal Pusher were approved as published. Corresponding secretary Donna Nicol requested that members let her know about members who should receive sympathy or get well cards. Maddie Harwood, treasurer, reported a balance on the last statement is \$15,568.47, with \$2500 in the reserve account.

Tina announced that the special event "Blooming with Art," a flower and art show in collaboration with Color by 12, will be held at the Plantation Club on February 9, 2017 from 4:30-7 pm. Fourteen arrangers will interpret the artists' works. Art will be for sale and there will be a silent auction for the flower arrangements. Purchases may be made by cash, check or credit card. There are two sponsors for the event which will feature a cash bar and passed hors d'oeuvres.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways and Means – Dottie Kirkland reported that all 866 bows sold. Gross sales were \$11,001.99 with a profit of \$8213.97. She reminded members that the bows are made during the summer months, so consider your availability in signing up for the activity.

Membership – Pat Sunshine welcomed new members Joan Christensen, Linda Elliott and Mary Wydysh. Guests were Mike Klovon, Linda Rich and Ann Otjen. Vicky Kramer encouraged members to sign up for the membership committee. She stated 12 people are needed including some with computer skills for keeping the membership log.

Causeway Cleanup – Nancy Rosenthal announced that the next Causeway Cleanup is February 6th.

Community Service – Barbara Martin reminded members of ongoing community service projects. Georgia Regional needs toiletries and clothing for discharges. The Spay/Neuter clinic needs towels and blankets for the pets. Collecting tabs from drink cans is an ongoing project with the Ronald McDonald House. A new hands-on project in the works is a garden plot to raise vegetables for Emmaus House and flowers for cut arrangements for Hospice House.

Container Gardens: It was noted that the container gardens project was left off the membership form. Member made write in that activity if they wish to work with that project.

Horticulture Committee: Members are encouraged to sign up for a Waxing Camellias workshop scheduled for 2/23/2017. Donna Nicol reminded members that the workshop, limited to 20 members, will be at the home of Nancy Strobel, 48 Shellwind Drive. Bring your own flowers. There is a fee of \$7.50 for the workshop. Sandra Wolf shared information on the Billbergia nutans plant known also as Queen's Tears or Friendship plant. This plant which spreads by runners will grow indoors or outdoors.

Birds and Conservation: Linda Sue Babcock reminded members to clean their hummingbird feeders and fill them for the over-wintering residents. Habitat: Dixie Diffenderfer reported that 50 applications have been sent in for the designation of Backyard Habitat.

Sparrow Field Pollinator Berm: Shirley Brown recognized new member Dawn Cordo for the volunteer contributions of her and her husband in building 3 trellises at the Sparrow Field Pollinator Berm. Members

were invited to join the Friday morning work parties at this site that is the recent recipient of the Butterfly Conservation award from the Oleander District of the Garden Club of Georgia.

Tina thanked the Hospitality Hostesses Bev Fochman, Joan Hutzler, Kay Osborn, Judy Sweeterman and Marcia Wills for the refreshments, and Nancy Strobel for the centerpiece. She recognized Sally Jones for her work with the email blasts and the website, and Sue Hamlet for putting together the Petal Pusher.

The floral arrangement was won by Sally Jones in the monthly raffle.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:02.

PROGRAM

Nancy Strobel introduced Meredith Devendorf who presented the program "The Life and Times of Melon Bluff Plantation." The 2200-acre site in Midway in Liberty County is a Georgia Historic Site and Nature Conservancy. It is open for tours on Sunday afternoons. More information can be found at <http://www.dunhamfarms.com>

