

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 23, 2017 Monday Meeting

8:30 Board Meeting, 9 to 10 am Coffee and committee information stations, 10 am General meeting, 10:45 Program

Feb 4th, Coastal Georgia Botanical

Garden Fish Fry and Wild Game Supper at 6 pm

Feb 6th, Causeway Clean-up Meet at the Bank of America parking lot at 7:45 am

Feb 9th, Blooming With Art

Plantation Ballroom 4-6:30 pm, Please bring friends and family

Feb 10th, Petal Pusher Deadline

Feb 23rd, Waxing Camellias after hours workshop, 4 pm at Nancy Strobel's home. Sign up at the January meeting.

January 2017

Dear Fellow Garden Club Members,
The New Year is here and like many people I make my resolutions and a list of goals I want to achieve. My list includes the usual things that tend to repeat themselves year after year including exercise, weight loss, and taking time for myself. That list hangs in the air like Spanish moss in the trees. It's there, just not always manageable.

This year I'm moving on to my next list of goals for the New Year with The Landings Garden Club at the top. Now this is a list of goals that can and will be achieved. It is going to be a great year for our club! It has been an amazing four months since we kicked off our garden club year and we have only just begun. While drafting my goals for the club I looked back on what we have accomplished and the fun we have had. WOW and I mean WOW! If I was capable, I would put together a year in review and we would have our own YouTube video. Imagine the views and likes.

Videos and pictures are a great way to reminisce, but they can't begin to measure our accomplishments or replace the experience itself. So, I invite everyone to attend the January meeting and visit with our committee chairs. These ladies will be available to answer questions and let you know the opportunities and fun that await you so you can decide what you would like to take part in. Please take advantage of this informative and social time beginning at 9 am prior to our meeting at 10 am. We will have coffee, sweets, and a whole lotta socializing with the friendliest ladies on Skidaway. See you there!

Happy New Year!

Tina Zipperer, President



LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB FLOWER AND ART SHOW

Our Landings Garden Club is excited to host a very special event *Blooming with Art*.

We are hoping for 100 percent participation from our members! On Thursday February 9th, thirteen of our most talented flower arrangers will exhibit their creative flair and skill as each one interprets an art work with an arrangement of fresh flowers. The artists who are collaborating with the floral designers are Landings residents belonging to the Color By Twelve group. Five Club members will display orchids presented in an artful manner, and all will be available to Club members and the public through a silent auction.

How can you participate? Please come and bring a spouse, friend or neighbor! Better yet, bring more than one guest! Invitations will be passed out at our January meeting and we hope each of you will offer one to a friend! There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash/member bar and music by Don Read to make this a very special evening. By attending and bringing a guest, you will be applauding the floral designs of our fellow Garden Club friends who are so generously offering their creative designs for the whole Landings community to enjoy! Please come and enjoy a fabulous evening of flowers and friends!

Blooming with Art

Thursday, February 9, 4 - 6:30 pm

Plantation Ball Room

Music by Don Read

JANUARY PROGRAM

"The Life and Times of Melon Bluff Plantation" with Laura Devendorf. Laura and her daughter have preserved their 2200 acre family plantation in Midway as a Georgia Historic Site and Nature Conservancy. The farm's history reflects the story of Coastal Georgia from its founding as a colony to modern times.

WAYS AND MEANS



From the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU** to every member for your encouragement and support of the holiday bow sale. What a successful year! We sold 881 beautiful bows and ended the season with no inventory left over. Demand was so strong this year that we had to add a last minute bow making session to replenish supply for our last two sale days! Our total income for bow sales this year was

11,001.99.... expenses were \$2,788.02 for a profit of \$8,213.97.



A reminder for 2017.....please save and pass along any of your nice, large shopping bags for the Ways & Means bow sale in November. We are happy to collect them any time you bring them to a meeting.

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



You are invited

“Waxing Camellias”

*Make the Beauty last with a gentle waxing. Please join us at our next special event
February 23rd at 4pm, at the home of Nancy Strobel, 48 Shellwind Drive.*

Look for sign-up at our January meeting. This work shop will be limited to 20 members.

Bring your own flowers. Beverages and snacks will be provided. There is a \$7.50 fee.



STEWARDSHIP GROUPS SUPPORT AUTHOR'S VISIT



Restoring Nature's Relationships at Home will be the subject of a presentation by noted lecturer and author Dr. Doug Tallamy to The Landings community on Sunday, January 22, at 2:30-4 p.m. in the Plantation Club ballroom.

His presentation is particularly timely as residents, the association and the club make choices about what trees and plants to replace some of what was destroyed on our properties in the September and October storms.

Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens is Tallamy's best known work. Published by Timber Press in 2007, it earned him the

Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association.

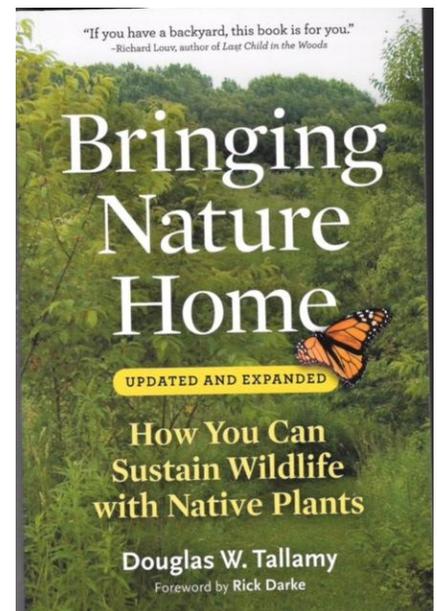
Funding to bring Dr. Tallamy here comes from a coalition of environmental stewardship groups -- Skidaway Audubon, Ogeechee Audubon, The Green Thumb Club, **The Landings Garden Club** and Coastal Conservation Association. His talk is a community outreach event for Sustainable Skidaway, the effort to have The Landings certified as a Sustainable Community by Audubon International. There is no charge to attend.

Landings resident and frequent TWATL contributor Jayne M. Rogers said, "My garden mentor, a British octogenarian with over 50 years of garden reading, writing and experience, exclaimed to me that *Bringing Nature Home* was the most important garden book she had ever read, and strongly recommended that I go hear Dr. Tallamy speak. I did, and it changed my outlook on how I garden. His message is important to anyone who tends a garden and everyone who cares about our connection to Nature."

An entomologist who has taught for 35 years at the University of Delaware, Dr. Tallamy is passionate in making the case for the importance of insects in our ecosystems.

A world without insects is a world without humans. And insect populations have declined 45% globally since 1974. In his presentation on January 22, Dr. Tallamy will illustrate how specialized relationships between animals and plants are the norm in nature rather than the exception. It is specialized relationships that provide our birds with insects and berries that disperse our bloodroot seeds that pollinate our goldenrod, and so on. Plants that evolved in concert with local animals provide for their needs better than plants that evolved elsewhere. Tallamy will explain why this is so, why specialized food relationships determine the stability and complexity of the local food webs that support animal diversity; why our yards and gardens are essential parts of the ecosystems that sustain us; how we can use our residential landscapes to connect the isolated habitat fragments around us and produce valuable ecosystem services, and what we can do to make our landscapes living ecosystems once again.

Dr. Tallamy comes to The Landings following a one-day seminar on January 21 in Richmond Hill, Open the Garden Gate, hosted by Coastal Wildscapes. For more information about that event, the roster of important speakers and to register, please go to coastalwildscapes.org.



MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new members Karen Burroughs, Joan Christensen, and Sandra Hunter. We will have more about them in our next Petal Pusher. Learn about Linda Elliott and Mary Wydysh below.



Linda Elliott and her husband, Tim, are spending their fourth summer at The Landings. They hail from Ontario, Canada where their two sons are busy with work and study. Traveling with their two dogs, Linda and Tim make the long journey between here and Canada a couple of times a year, enjoying the winters here and summers in Ontario. Linda, a hydrogeologist with a master degree in engineering and hydrogeology worked with an international environmental testing and consulting company before retiring. She had fun creating the web site for our Bocce League here at the Landings. It is because of her we are able to go on line to register and keep track of the events, games and scores of our over 600 bocce players in the adult mixed league. Not only does she play bocce, but she bowls and golfs as well. In her spare time she creates stained glass and works in her gardens here and in Canada. Linda looks forward

to expanding her knowledge of the environment of the southern part of North America. We look forward to getting to know her and we welcome her to our club.

Pat Sunshine, Membership Co-chair



Mary Wydysh moved to The Landings four years ago after having spent the majority of her life in the western New York area. She and her husband Charlie, chose to move to The Landings after visiting friends who live here. Mary and Charlie felt that The Landings could be their home as in addition to liking the people of The Landings, Charlie enjoyed the golfing and Mary found the people of Savannah to be warm and genuine. When she's not gardening, Mary spends time reading and is involved in handcrafts such as beading and cross-stitch needlework. And since coming to The Landings, she has taken up golfing also. In her free time during her last 15 years in Buffalo, Mary created a garden of perennials, learning the importance of working the soil and dealing with the after-effects of the long, cold winters. Upon moving to The Landings, she has discovered (as most of us have) that gardening

isn't the same here. Though she had never been a member of a garden club before, she decided to join The Landings Garden Club to find out what works, what doesn't work, and...what can be done about the deer! (We'll break it to her gently about the deer.)

Jan Smart, Membership Co-chair

POLLINATOR BERM AT SPARROW FIELD



Remember, our work parties meet at the Berm on Fridays at 9 am. The Berm is located off Bartram Road across from N. Pettrigrew Road in Marshwood. We will weed, trim and count monarch larvae. Bring your tools, bug spray, sunscreen and drinking water. We look forward to seeing you there!

Shirley Brown, Sparrow Field Coordinator

AWARDS

This month the Awards Committee will be applying for the Holiday Decorations Award to recognize all the hard work the women of the club have done with the bow fundraiser and the decorating of the community's gates and gatehouses. In November we submitted four additional applications to recognize other activities performed by women of this club.

Barbara Martin, Awards Committee Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE



If you have any of the following items at home, please remember to bring them to the meeting so we can distribute them to the following agencies:

Pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House,

Travel toiletries and men's shirts, jackets and pants for the residents at Georgia Regional Hospital,

Old towels and blankets for the animals at PetFix.



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 -> then our club will collect a referral fee for purchases you make at Amazon!



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

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING, December 5, 2016

President Tina Zipperer called to order The Landings Garden Club meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church at 10:06 am with 44 members present and 4 guests. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Tina Zipperer. And The Collect was read by Lisa Hall. 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 \$8,051.96.

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. Thirteen arrangers will interpret the artists' works. Art will be for sale and there will be a silent auction for the flower arrangements.

Skidaway Audubon and Sustainable Skidaway are sponsoring a program by renowned entomologist, naturalist and author Douglas Tallamy on January 22, 2017 from 2:30-4 pm at Plantation Club. The LGC Board approved a \$300 donation to help with expenses for the speaker. There is no charge for the lecture.

Members are encouraged to sign up for a camellia workshop scheduled for 2/23/2017. The workshop is limited to 20 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways and Means – The committee reported \$9000 in sales with 2 more sale dates and very few bows left.

Awards – Barbara Martin presented the Martha Miller Butterfly Conservation award from the Oleander District of the Garden Club of Georgia to Shirley Brown of the Sparrow Field Pollinator Berm Garden. This is the second consecutive year for the club to receive the award. Barbara recognized and thanked the volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

Membership – Pat Sunshine welcomed new members Dawn Corde and Sandy Hunter.

Holiday Gate Decoration – Pat Barry reported that all the holiday decorations at the gates have been completed and thanked all the volunteers who worked on that project.

Causeway Cleanup – Nancy Rosenthal announced that Causeway cleanup date for December and January have been changed due to the holidays. Volunteers should meet in the Village at 8 am to get equipment and assignments on December 12th and on January 9th .

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.

Legislative Action - Leslee Bowler highlighted the 2016 Dirty Dozen Report. Georgia's well water is threatened by the dumping of coal ash in landfills. Details of this pollution, particularly at the Broadhurst Landfill in Jessup, can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/noashatall/>.

A garden tool set is being offered today at silent auction was won by Jayne Rogers.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The program was a hands-on holiday decoration workshop, led by floral designer Liz McGough and Linda Stephens. (Check the website for pictures of the activity and creations: www.thelandingsgardenclub.com)

Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary