

# THE PETAL PUSHER

## NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



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Conservation, Education*

### October 2016

Dear Garden Club Members,

The Landings Garden Club is proud to be celebrating our 30th anniversary this month. For thirty years our club members have combined their talent, experience, and dedication to build one of the strongest garden clubs. Committees have been established over the years to serve the needs of the club as well as the community. The members that chair and serve on these committees are passionate about what they do and are incredibly successful. We keep our minds open and are always thinking of ways to enhance our neighborhood and give back to the community. After all, that is what we do best.

As president this year, one of my goals was for the club to offer something for everyone. I wanted to spark interest in longtime members that told me they had done it all, and to assure the newer members they had joined a club that catered to everyone's interest. I also wanted to reach out to each member by phone extending a personal invitation to our anniversary celebration. With that said you're probably wondering why you haven't received a call. In all my planning and scheduling I never anticipated penciling in hurricane Matthew in my book.

Please except this letter as my personal invitation to each and every one of you. I hope that all of you can attend our Anniversary Celebration. As we celebrate our club, we will also celebrate our lives and our community. It is the strength of our club and members that will help make our island beautiful again. We will also find additional ways to give back to the community in the months to come. Please call me if I can personally be of help to you and your family.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Anniversary Celebration!

*Tina Zipperer, President*

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Oct 24th, Anniversary Celebration  
at Plantation Club**

9:30 am Social, 10am Presentation,  
11am Brunch

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Oleander District Fall  
Meeting** Statesboro, GA

**Nov 7th, Causeway Clean-up**

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

**Nov 21st: Petal Pusher Deadline**

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Holiday Lights** begin at  
the Coastal Georgia Botanical  
Gardens and run through Christmas  
Eve

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Monday Meeting**

9:30 coffee, 10am general meeting,  
10:45 Holiday Project





## **THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

On October 22, 1986, twenty-seven women joined together for the first meeting of The Landings Garden Club. Today the club has 94 members and is a member of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the National Garden Club, Inc. which is recognized as the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. Four of the original founding members that are still members today are Joan Ross, Marguerite Weisemann, Sandra Wolf, and Lib Yingling.

Over the years, The Landings Garden Club has established committees that organize projects benefiting the community. In the past, members have provided educational programs to preschools and maintained landscape at St. Luke's Place. Since 1987, year-round gifts of toiletries and clothing have been donated to patients at Georgia Regional Hospital and that continues to be an ongoing project. Members have worked on enhancing the public library at the mall, and plantings in Pinpoint to honor Clarence Thomas. These are just to name a few projects the club has participated in outside of our neighborhood.

One of the club's most significant contributions to our community was the Nature Trail on Skidaway Island. The club purchased plants and established a two and a half mile native plant trail. This project won first place in the National Garden Club Award for conservation category. With the award came a \$1,000.00 prize. Following that The Department of Natural Resources designated The Landings "The First Planned Community to attain certification in the Community Wildlife Project". The Causeway Cleanup which was established in 1991 continues to clean the two mile roadway leading onto Skidaway. The club has received numerous awards over the years for this ongoing project. This committee stands strong in their efforts and promotes volunteerism in the community by inviting all residents to participate.

Our club's focus on Skidaway means countless volunteer hours, dedication, and passion. The results have been the success of projects that include the butterfly garden and Sparrow Field, a project of Skidaway Audubon. These projects are year around and involve a community wide effort. Our club continues to lead the way and receive recognition and awards for our work. However, we haven't stopped here. We decided the Village Library needed our touch, so we adopted the installation and maintenance of the entrance planters. This too requires year around efforts. Last but not least our most recent project is our community container gardens committee. These members decided the club's planters needed our touch and expertise. Add this to our list of numerous projects and accomplishments of the club.

Many of our projects require funding which is made possible by the Ways and Means Committee. Each year this committee makes and sells hundreds of bows. The proceeds not only fund our projects, but it allows the club to allocate thousands of dollars to charitable giving. Past recipients of this money include Savannah Tree Foundation, Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, and Coastal Wildscapes, just to name a few.

The members are to be commended on all of your accomplishments, dedication, and volunteer hours.  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB!**

## DATE TO REMEMBER



Our [December meeting is Monday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>](#). Please join fellow members and guests for a hands-on Holiday workshop. Choose between creating a pair of candlestick decorations or an 8 1/2 tabletop wreath. Supplies, inspiration and instruction provided. Bring your own scissors and hand clippers! Hope you can join us!

## WEBSITE

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



***Please remember to bring your own coffee mug to the meeting to reduce waste and pollution!!***

## WAYS AND MEANS

We are really looking forward to a successful sale of the over 700 bows that were made this summer. The sales dates will begin Nov 5th at the Artisan's Market followed by sales at The Village on Nov 14, 18, 21, 26, 28, and Dec 2, 5, 9. Some of you bought bows at our September meeting and you will have another chance to get the bows of your choice at our 30th anniversary celebration on Oct. 24 at the Plantation Club. As always we accept cash, checks and credit cards.



Anyone wishing to help sell our beautiful bows on any of the above dates, please plan to sign up for a sales time.....please bring your calendars. Also, if you have large paper shopping bags that you have accumulated over the summer, we will be collecting them on the 24th.

Thanks for all your support of our yearly club fundraiser.

*Maggie Richards and Dottie Kirkland Ways and Means Committee Co-chairs*



## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members Dawn Cordo and Marie DeAngelis!



Marie DeAngelis arrived at The Landings almost two years ago from Connecticut. She has a Ph.D. in education and was an administrative educator for 27 years. Her love of gardening began in her twenties, inherited from her parents and grandparents. She misses her dozens of hydrangea bushes in her yard with their magnificent blue blooms but loves Savannah's crepe myrtles, gardenias, caladium and magnolias. She is in awe of the birds on her lagoon. Marie enjoys learning about Savannah and does not hesitate to visit new (old) places and to take tours that the New Neighbors organization schedules. One of her concerns about living on the coast was the possibility of evacuating because of a pending storm. That concern has now been overcome or at least dealt with by taking a recent and unexpected visit to Dublin, GA. She now calls the Landings home. Welcome Marie!



Dawn Cordo and her husband, Vince, moved to The Landings a year and a half ago. After retiring in 2012 they spent some time in Hilton Head and from there discovered The Landings. Dawn had grown up in the wilds of Northern New Jersey where she spent days outside in the hills, watching deer, birds, wild turkeys and building tree houses with her brother. The Landings was a perfect fit, with lots of trees and animal life and still a sense of community. Dawn graduated from Elmira College and taught Physical Education for two years, then got her master in Special Education and taught at a school for handicapped children. She is now working with the Diamond Back Terrapin group on Skidaway Island. Vince is also involved in gardening and their landscape is filled with a variety of plantings such as banana trees, shrubbery and seasonal flowers. He built a wagon which now is loaded with pumpkins, mums and bales of straw. Dawn is looking forward to learning the ropes of gardening here in the south and we are happy to have her in our club. Welcome, Dawn!

*Pat Sunshine and Donna Nicols, Membership Committee Co-Chairs*



## **THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

President Tina Zipperer called to order The Landings Garden Club meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church at 10:00 am with 55 members present, 13 guests and 3 new members added. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited although the flag was missing. The Collect was read by Judith Barquist. Corresponding secretary Donna Nicol requested that members let her know about members who should receive sympathy or get well cards. The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the Petal Pusher. Maddie Harwood gave the treasurer's report and requested that anyone with questions see her personally. Copies of the report were on the tables.

Tina Zipperer announced that the October meeting will be an Anniversary Party. The Landings Garden Club is 30 years old. Invitations will be mailed. RSVP is required and the cost is \$25 for the brunch. Checks made out to the Landings Garden Club can be given to Maddie at the break.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Container Gardens** – This is a new committee created this past summer to assist with the beautification of the club houses. Pat Barry and Diane Gustafson chair the committee. They reported that the containers at Oakridge, Franklin Creek, and Marshwood have been planted and are being maintained by volunteers.

**Yearbook** – Tina thanked Margaret Hunter for her work in getting the 2016-2017 yearbook published. Yearbooks were distributed at check-in.

**Website** – Tina thanked Sally Jones for her work to update the LGC website [www.thelandingsgardenclub.com](http://www.thelandingsgardenclub.com). Sally is also responsible for the email blasts to the members.

**Newsletter** – Tina thanked Sue Hamlet for her work with the Petal Pusher.

**Programs** – Nancy Strobel and Edith Teifeld chair the programs committee. The program descriptions, hostesses and floral design assignments are printed in the Yearbook. Nancy Strobel reported that the plans for the field trip to the Atlanta Botanical Garden and Gibbs Gardens have been finalized.

Tina thanked Donna Slappey and Marie Scheuermann for the Floral Decorations offered as raffle prizes. She acknowledged Dottie Kirkland and Maggie Richard for their hours spent decorating the tables with the Christmas bow theme. Tina announced the Special Event "Blooming with Art" that is scheduled for February 9, 2017. This will be a flower and art show in conjunction with local artists. Another special event "Orchid Rescue" is scheduled for November 10, 2016. Sign-up sheets are available for this program that is limited to 20 members.

**Sparrow Field** – Shirley Brown reported that the monarch projects are continuing at the Pollinator Berm and referred members to the article in the Petal Pusher. She reminded members that all milkweed should be cut back in November to encourage the monarchs to migrate rather than overwinter. She cited the need for more volunteers to help maintain the garden. Work parties are scheduled for Friday mornings at 9 o'clock.

**Awards** – Barbara Martin said she will be contacting the committee chairs of the various projects for assistance in completing the applications for regional and state Garden Club awards.

**Causeway Cleanup** – Nancy Rosenthal announced that October 3 will be the first Causeway cleanup of the year. Volunteers should meet in the Village at 8 am to get equipment and assignments. Nancy also made a request for memberships and donations to the Savannah Botanical Garden on Eisenhower.

**Hospitality** – Judy Sweetermen thanked hostesses for today's meeting: Karen Angers, Lynn Barnard, Dixie Diffenderfer, Anne Gardner, and Maddie Harwood.

**Membership** – Pat Sunshine welcomed 13 guests and 3 new members. The club has 95 members with 55 present today.

**Community Service** – Barbara Martin directed members' attention to the display 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** – Leslee Bowler announced a project for assisting garden clubs in Louisiana rebuild gardens that were destroyed in the flooding. Donations were requested.

**Birds and Conservation** – Linda Sue Babcock reported that we will be seeing many migratory birds soon. Dixie Diffenderfer passed out a survey for the Backyard Wildlife Habitation Project.

**Horticulture** – Irene Thornley shared a display of bromeliads, and pointed out that Spanish moss is a bromeliad.

**Ways and Means** – Dottie Kirkland and Maggie Richard thanked the bow makers who created 720 red Christmas bows. Sign-up sheets are available for volunteers to sell bows in the village. Bows will be for sale after the meeting. The raffle was won by Dottie Kirkland and Margaret Hunter.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Tina Zipperer introduced Norman Winter, the Garden Guru, who presented a program on creating container gardens.

*Shirley Brown/ Recording Secretary*