

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

June 2017

Dear Ladies,

This is our first summer edition of The Petal Pusher. I would like to thank Sue Hamlet for offering to publish it and thank the ladies that have contributed to it. It seemed so odd to go five months without communication or activities. I know there are members away during the summer, however we want to offer fun in the sun for those of us that stay and beat the heat.

There are many members working thru out the summer on committees. A special thank you to those ladies that do so. So many plans are in the works for our upcoming year. I hope you all spread the word and invite friends to visit and join our club. With that said, our first summer get together is Thursday, June 15th. The details are on next page so Please Read On!!

Enjoy your time with family, friends, and travels. I can't wait to see you and hear all about your fun times and adventures. See you soon!

Tina Zipperer,

President



MEET THE AUTHOR

You are invited to **“Meet the Author”** on Thursday, June 15th, at 4 PM.

The Landings Garden Club is pleased to welcome Christina Kelly who is a Landings resident and author.



Christina will join us on the porch at Delegal to chat about her book (or anything we want), before she leaves for her summer book tour.

- 4-6 pm wine and cheese.
- Members can bring a guest.
- Christina will sign copies of her book. If you have already purchased one, just bring it to the gathering. Books will also be available for purchase the day of the event.
- Hope you will join the fun!

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!



WAYS AND MEANS

Ways and means co-chairs, Maggie Richard and Dottie Kirkland send best wishes for a happy summer. At the garden club event being held at the Delegal porch on Thursday, June 15 at 4 pm we will meet Christina Kelly, a Landings resident who will tell us about her new book, "Good Karma". It is here that we will introduce and have for sale [new Stars and Stripes Patriotic Bows](#). Please bring cash or checks, as we won't be able to use the Square for your credit cards.

We are very excited about this introduction prior to July 4th, and hope you will come out to hear our resident author and check out our bows! For those members staying in town and wishing to help make bows, we will be starting in June with dates to be announced by email. Be on the lookout! We anticipate it to be a fun and productive summer. Also, we encourage you to save those shopping bags and give them to one of us anytime it is convenient for you.

Dottie Kirkland, Ways and Means Co-chair



COMMUNITY SERVICE

We will continue to collect donations over the summer for three agencies that we support. 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. 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



Landings Garden Club Plant Swap April 2017

One of the best parts of being a gardener is sharing your beautiful plants with friends. When I view a new plant in my garden that I got at the Plant Swap the Landings Garden Club had at our April meeting, my thoughts take me back to a wonderful time shared with good friends. Please enjoy some snapshots taken at the Plant Swap. From the smiles on faces, you can see everyone was thrilled with their new plants. Next comes the joy of finding that perfect spot in the garden to show off these new treasures!

Sandra Wolf, Horticulture Chair, Belinda Winters, Committee Member

*Photos by Belinda Winters



Huge smiles!



More Smiles



Lots of swaps



Quite a Selection



Perusing the Plants



A Good Time for All!

Container Garden Committee

April showers were not abundant this year but May flowers were planted abundantly by our Container Garden Committee headed by Diane Gustafson and Pat Barry. These containers, originally planted by the Landings Club itself, were not being maintained well and were often seen with no plants at all. Diane got a brainstorm. Why couldn't the Landing Garden Club (LGC) take charge of planting and maintaining these containers? She presented this idea to the LGC and it was readily accepted. This was the beginning of The Container Project that rescued 28 planters located at Marshwood Clubhouse, Deer Creek Clubhouse, Oakridge Fitness Center, Franklin Creek Tennis Center, and a 306 square feet concrete wall garden at Franklin Creek Pool. The LGC committee chairs designed the plantings for each setting and chose the plants from those available seasonally at Oelschig Nursery (a wholesaler). The Landings Club provides the funds for purchasing the plants and some maintenance services. The container committee members contribute many hours sweating, or doing what we call "glistening in Georgia," during our hot, humid summers. These volunteers can often be seen planting, pruning and deadheading to keep these planters looking lovely all summer long until it is time to make way for fall's abundance.



Sandra Wolf, Horticulture Chair and Belinda Winters, Committee Member

**Photos below by Belinda Winters*



Working at Franklin Creek Pool



Franklin Creek Pool



Franklin Creek Tennis Entrance



Franklin Creek Tennis



Marshwood Entrance



Marshwood Containers



Deer Creek



Oakridge Pool

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, April 24, 2017

President Tina Zipperer called to order The Landings Garden Club meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church at 10:04 am with 61 members present and 1 guest. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Tina Zipperer; the Collect was read by Janis Encapera; the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Petal Pusher were approved as published. Tina thanked those who helped put the meeting together and especially Jayne Rogers and Maddie Harwood who are leaving the executive Board. She also recognized Sue Hamlet for her work with the Petal Pusher and Sally Jones for the email blasts and web site. Tina reminded members that the community service committee would be continuing to collect can tabs, toiletries and clothing over the summer. The calla lilies on the tables will be available for sale for \$10.

Treasurer Maddie Harwood provided the financial report via the printouts on each table. The balance in the checking account on 3/31/17 was \$14,814.62.

Guest Cathy Jacobs was introduced by Susan Danner, herself a new member. Hostesses for this meeting were Beth Larance, Heidi Lieberman, Judy Maugh, Linda Stephens, Edwina Walker, and Shirley Brown. Floral arrangements were creations by Diane Ingram and Marie Scheuermann.

Parliamentarian Lisa Hall presented the awards from the Garden Club of Georgia. That organization is composed of 364 clubs with over 10,000 members. Clubs are categorized according to size, and awards are distributed according to those categories. The Landings Garden Club received the following awards:

Holiday Decorations 1st Place Pat Barry
Publications (Web Site) 1st Place Sally Jones
Newsletter 1st Place Sue Hamlet
Butterfly Conservation 2nd Place Shirley Brown
Containers 1st Place Pat Barry, Diane Gustafson
Litter and Pollution Control 1st Place Nancy Rosenthal, Nancy Strobel

In addition to awards from the Garden Club of Georgia, these rewards were received from the Deep South Region which is made up of garden clubs in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee:

Butterfly Conservation 1st Place Shirley Brown
Containers 2nd Place Pat Barry, Diane Gustafson
Litter and Pollution Control 1st Place Nancy Rosenthal, Nancy Strobel

Lisa explained that an important function of the state garden club is promoting beautification, conservation and education. This year the Garden Club of Georgia awarded 50 scholarships, totaling \$72,000 to individuals who are pursuing horticultural fields of study in college. One such scholarship is a \$1000 scholarship named in honor of Sally Jones for her work with the Landings Garden Club. Lisa reminded members that a Federated garden club requires its member clubs to adhere to a Standard of Excellence meeting minimum goals in attendance, dues, goals, activities, etc. Life memberships in the Garden Club of Georgia are awarded as scholarship donations to the organization. Receiving life memberships this year were Barbara Paull, Irene Thornley, Sally Jones, Shirley Brown, Anne Dauray, and Dixie Diffenderfer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Containers – Pat Barry and Diana Gustafson thanked the group of volunteers who are managing the containers at the various clubs. The spring changeover is ongoing.

Pollinator Garden at Sparrow Field – Shirley Brown thanked her team of volunteers and reported that flowers are blooming and weeds are growing. She urged club members to come out on Friday mornings to work “for an hour or a bucket of weeds.”

Community Service – Meg Schreck, Barbara Martin, Diane Ingram, and Dottie Kirkland celebrated Garden Week by taking fresh flower arrangements to the Ronald McDonald House and to The Marshes.

The Raffle collected \$76.

The business meeting ended with the installation of Officers for 2017-2018, conducted by Irene Thornley. Officers installed are the following:

President - Tina Zipperer

Vice President – Diane Ingram

Treasurer – Maggie Richard

Recording Secretary – Shirley Brown

Corresponding Secretary – Donna Nicol

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

PROGRAM

Plant Swap coordinated by Irene Thornley and Sandra Wolf.

The meeting concluded with a luncheon.

Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary

