

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
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Dear Garden Club Members,

Over the course of the last two years I have seen our club grow in membership. With that growth came change. It was inevitable that our powerhouse of women would challenge the status quo and seek out new projects and develop new committees. You identified the needs of our community and how to fulfill them. Your enthusiasm can not be measured. Our club members have put in hundreds of volunteer hours, shared their talents, and will no doubt continue on this journey.

“Something For Everyone” was a slogan I adopted. Our garden club has such a diverse group of women, it was important to have a variety of offerings. I promised that whether you are an avid gardener, new gardener, or simply a lover of gardens, we would have something for you. Also a club our size has many needs to continue to operate and some of those needs have nothing to do with gardening. We tapped into your backgrounds, identified your talents, recognized your interests, and brought our ladies together to establish ourselves as one of the largest garden clubs in Georgia and we are on the move!

It has been a privilege to serve as President for this club that continues to grow and move forward with new plans. I am thankful for the support, willingness, and excitement that you all shared with me. Congratulations on all of the club’s achievements and continued success.

Kind Regards,

Tina Zipperer, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 19th, Trustees Garden Club Flower Show 2-5pm The Charles Morris Center at the Trustees Garden

April 23rd, Monday Meeting
9:30 Social, 10 Meeting and Installation of officers, 11 Ladies’ Luncheon RSVP to 598-0100 or tina@zippererandco.com

April 28th, Rose Festival and Plant Sale, 10am –2pm, Savannah Botanical Garden on Eisenhower

May 5th Landlovers Green Thumb Garden Tour, 10am-3pm. Ticket info at landlovers.com

May 14th, Sunset Social and Plant Swap, 4pm at 200 Yam Gandy. Lite bites, refreshments and plants. RSVP to Tina at 598-0100 or tina@zippererandco.com





SAVE THE DATES!

Monday, April 23rd

End of the year luncheon and installation of officers.

9:30 Coffee Social 10:00 Meeting 11:00 Luncheon

RSVP to Tina at tina@zippererandco.com or 598-0100

Monday, May 14th

Sunset Social and Plant Swap, 4:00 @ [200 Yam Gandy Rd](#)

Plants not required for you to attend.

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AWARDS

Tina and Diane attended the Garden Club of Georgia State Convention and brought home the following awards:

- First Place Website Award
- First Place Publications-Newsletter Award
- First Place Civic improvement Award
- First Place Holiday Decoration Award
- First Place Butterfly Conservation Award
- First Place Garden Week in Georgia Award

Thank you all for participating in all our activities that led to these awards. A special thank you goes to Barbara Martin, Awards Chair for her work on applying for the awards.

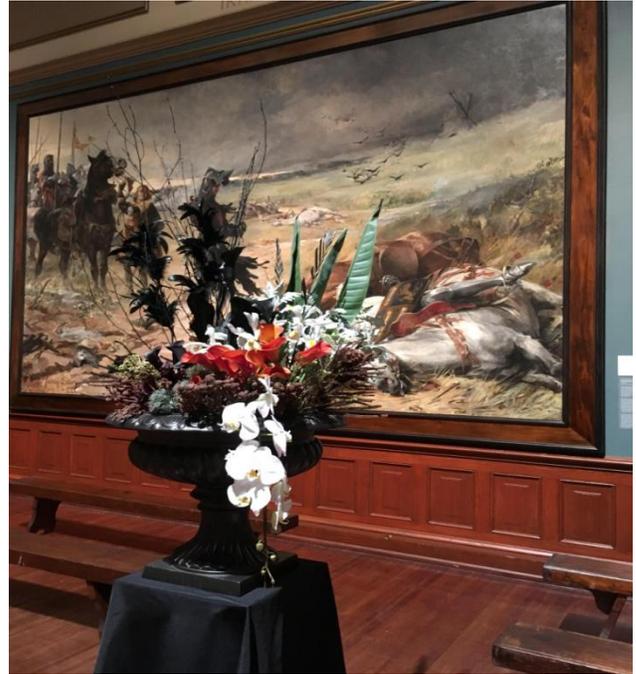


TELFAIR IN BLOOM

A group of members gathered for carpool and attended Telfair In Bloom. It was a feast for the eyes. They concluded their outing with lunch at The Gryphon Tea Room. Look out for more activities to come.



Ann Gardener and Judy Carini, *The Garden Umbrella* by Frederick Carl Frieseke



Cleve Zipperer, *The Black Prince at Crecy* by Julian Russell Story



Pat Barry, *Young Man with a Pink Shirt* by Olga Bonanska



Shelby Schavoir, *Snow-Capped River* by George Wesley Bellows

HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP



The Herb Tower demonstration was another successful after hours workshop. All attendees enjoyed learning about the steps in constructing an herb tower. A special thanks to Sandra Wolfe for sharing her knowledge and talents. Members enjoyed the tasting of several appetizers and dishes made with fresh herbs.

DONE IN A DAY PROJECT

Congratulations to these ladies (and one gentleman) pictured at the Childrens Fishing Lagoon. Stop by and see the lovely plants they put in.



SERENITY GARDEN



The Serenity Garden is hearing the birds singing a "thank you" for their new feeders. Thanks to Maggie Richard and Maddie Harwood for the bird feeders, Pat Wolters for bird seed and the manager of Birds Unlimited Craig McEwan for a discount on all. This is truly a wonderful addition to the garden.

Submitted by Vickie Kramer, Serenity Garden Co-chair

BIRDS AND CONSERVATION

Where Have All the Thickets Gone? Marking the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, this Year of the Bird focuses on ways we can improve environments for the many species of our colorful feathered neighbors. Scott Weidensaul, in an article published on the Audubon.org web site (<http://www.audubon.org/news/how-one-underappreciated-habitat-boon-birds>), raises the question of where have all the thickets gone? These brushy, tangled areas that provide homes and food for countless birds are quickly disappearing from our landscapes, bulldozed by developers or cleared by homeowners who want pristine yards or an unobstructed view.



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed the creation of the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge encompassing 15,000 acres in the Northeast. This shrubby environment is critical all across the country for birds like Brown Thrashers, Eastern Towhees, warblers, cardinals, chickadees and more.

Seeing a beautiful male Eastern Towhee scratching under a bird feeder next to an azalea thicket reminded me how important it is to plant native shrubs, grasses and vines. Don't be timid about leaving some wild areas in the landscape where birds can hide and build nests and raise their young. You will be rewarded with endless songs and chatter.

Submitted by Shirley Brown, Birds and Conservation Committee Co-chair

MEMBERSHIP



We welcome new member **Lisa Olson**. Lisa and her husband Kevin moved to the Landings two and a half years ago. They are enjoying the many activities at The Landings. Six Golf Courses! For Kevin, what could better! They are kept busy with Newcomers Club where they participate in the many activities. Lisa writes delightful and informative articles for L9GA in the TWATL. She volunteered for The Landings Flea Market Market and for the Savannah Golf Championship tournament held here in March (at times in the rain). On top of all that she plays golf, pickle ball and bocce. In earlier years Lisa and Kevin skied in Michigan and Colorado.

Now, they have traded in their ski poles for golf clubs. While living in Michigan she worked in IT management. Later, they moved to North Carolina where she worked for 19 years at Parke Davis Pharmaceutical, helping with compliance with FDA

regulations. With all of her activities here she was a bit reluctant to join the Garden Club, but at her first visit she found warmth and welcoming from our members. We are happy to have Lisa as a new member.

Submitted by Pat Sunshine Membership Committee Chair

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, March 26, 2018

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club at Messiah Lutheran Church was called to order by President Tina Zipperer at 10 a.m. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Collect was read by Shirley Brown. The minutes were approved as printed in the Petal Pusher. The budget for 2018-2019 will be emailed to the membership and voted on at the April meeting.

Members working on the CCA Done in a Day project at the Kids' Fishing Lagoon planted 150-175 plants to enhance the site. The Herb Tower workshop on March 13 was well attended and participants went away with beautiful herbs to plant.

The Bethesda Done in a Day project is scheduled for 3/27. The Garden Club of Savannah sponsors the annual NOGS garden tour On April 13-14. LGC will NOT be carpooling to the event on Saturday April 14. Members are encouraged to attend on their own.

The Rose Festival at Savannah Botanical Gardens on Eisenhower is scheduled for April 28.

Tina announced a Sunset Social and Plant Swap at her house on Monday May 14 at 4 pm. You do not have to bring a plant to attend.

Center pieces on the tables are available for \$7; raffle tickets are for sale for the gardening cart arrangement by Pat Sunshine.

Pat Sunshine welcomed guests Georgia Klautzer and Stephanie Corley. Fifty-eight members were in attendance. Hostesses for the meeting were Karen Foulkes, Judy Maugh, Meg Schreck, Janet Morley, and Peggy Schilly.

Birds and Conservation note – Shirley Brown referred members to the short article in the Petal Pusher announcing the Year of the Bird sponsored by 4 notable conservation organizations. Belinda Winters reminded members in a horticultural minute that now is the time to cut back the dead foliage on the tuberous plants and fertilize for new growth. She also requested volunteers to docent on May 5 for the Green Thumb Club Garden tour.

Donna Nicol, the chair of the nominating committee, introduced the slate of officers for 1018-19 and opened nominations from the floor. Accepted were President, Diane Ingram; vice President, Jane Golz; recording secretary, Shirley Brown; corresponding secretary, Pat Sunshine. The committee will consider nominations for treasurer.

The winner of the raffle for the centerpiece was Karen Foulkes.

The program, Birds of Prey, was presented by naturalist Michelle Kerey from Oatland Island.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Brown Recording Secretary