

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 21st, New Member Social

Feb 26th, Monthly Meeting: 9 am Board Meeting, 9:30 Coffee and Socializing, 10 am Meeting, 10:30 am Program

March 13th, Herb Tower Demonstration and Tasting, 4 pm. RSVP to Tina Z.

March 23rd, Telfair In Bloom, Carpool 9:15 at Methodist Church. RSVP to Tina Z.

February 2018

Dear Garden Club Members,
The South is one of the best places to be in spring. In fact Springtime is like a celebration for us and what better reason to celebrate. If you're like me, you're ready to dismiss the cold, welcome in warmer weather, and spend time outside. I admit that I do wait and watch what the groundhogs all over the country are seeing. This year they didn't give us the news we wanted, so I chalked it up to the furry little guys being cranky. I don't even care what the Farmer's Almanac predicts. I'm ready for Springtime and I hope you are too!

If you're new to Savannah, I hope you venture out and see how this beautiful city transforms in the spring. Our club will be providing a few opportunities for you to take part in Springtime in Savannah, both on and off the island. Carpools will be organized to Telfair in Bloom and NOGS Downtown Garden Tour. Here on the island, we have an Herb Demonstration and Tasting as well as several Done In A Day Projects. Whether you're a veteran member or new member, I invite you to join us in an activity or two this spring. Take time to get to know the new ladies and experience what our club has to offer.

Please share your Springtime photos of gardens and landscape with us or any noteworthy Springtime celebrations we should know about. We can post on our club's Facebook and website. Last but not least, enjoy our beautiful island and the great outdoors. There's no better time than Spring!

Happy Springtime!

*Tina Zipperer,
President*



You're Invited To Join Us



Tuesday, March 13

4 PM

200 Yam Gandy Rd.

Herb Tower Demonstration

And Tasting

Herbs are a hot garden trend these days and they are so easy to grow inside or outside of your home. Sandra Wolf will present a demonstration on how to build your own herb tower. This will be followed up with a tasting. All recipes will include fresh herbs straight from the garden. Enjoy Rosemary & Honey Biscuits, Black Bean & Cilantro Salsa, Herb Sauces and Refreshing Beverages, to name just a few from our herb tasting menu. The following herbs will be available for sale for those who attend. These come in four inch pots and are \$2.00 each. Please include your selection when you R.S.V.P. to: tina@zippererandco.com or 598-0100



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TELFAIR IN BLOOM

Join Landings Garden Club friends on a tour of art and flowers during the Telfair in Bloom event to be held March 22-24 at the Telfair Academy. Twenty two designers will interpret the art with flowers. The art will include works from the Telfair permanent collection as well as paintings from Scenic impressions: Southern Interpretations from Johnson Collection. Three Landings Garden Club members, Anne Gardner, Pat Barry, and Shelby Schavoir, will have their floral arrangements on display. There will be several events held during this festival of art and flowers including an opening party, "Burst into Bloom", featuring a fashion show by Kathi Rich Clothing, and a lecture by popular floral artist Sybil Sylvester, followed by a lunch and a floral workshop. For more information about these special events visit: <https://www.telfair.org/telfair-in-bloom-2018/>.

We will carpool from the Methodist Church at 9:15 AM on Friday, the 23 rd. This carpool will only be for the flower show. Cost is \$20 or \$18 for seniors. Telfair members have free admission. This is payable to the museum the day of event. Please email tina@zippererandco.com or call 598-0100 if you plan on joining us.



DONE IN A DAY PROJECT



Charitable Gifts will provide funds for landscape and garden materials to enhance the CCA Kid's Fishing Lagoon. Angela Devore and Betsey Andersen will organize a group of ladies to participate in the installation which will be scheduled late March. This is an opportunity for New Members to participate in a great project and learn about the material that has been selected for this location. More information will be available at the New Member Social. If you are not familiar with this lagoon, you can access it thru the fire department parking lot off of Westcross or Log Landing Rd. It is a wonderful place to take children and enjoy another setting that our island has to offer. CCA provides a variety of activities for both children and

adults. The organization is grateful for our contribution and will visit us at our April meeting.

LOOK OUT FOR THE DAFFODILS

Our club thanks Maddie Harwood, Jean Deitch, and Linda Stephens for planting fifty daffodil bulbs at Sunset Park, as part of the Garden Club of Georgia Plant America project. We can't wait till they bloom!



FEBRUARY PROGRAM



Please join us for our monthly meeting!

Dennis Hutton will present a talk on the benefits of gardening. Research has proven that garden-based learning helps with nutrition awareness, environmental awareness, health, and wellness.

In addition, our hospitality committee will treat us to a St. Patrick's Day table of sweets and savories. One lucky member will have the luck of the Irish and take home a door prize!



Please bring your own coffee mug to the meetings to cut down on the waste we produce!

GARDEN INSPIRATIONS



Riverbanks Botanical Gardens in Columbia, SC is listed in the top ten gardens to inspire, by Horticulture Magazine. This botanical garden has 4200 species of native and exotic plants. Like most botanical gardens, something is always blooming. Daffodils and tulips are the show stoppers for March, and followed by an incredible display of roses in April. A two and a half hour drive from Savannah makes this garden an easy day trip.



Macon, Georgia is known as the “Cherry Blossom Capital of the World” and hosts the International Cherry Blossom Festival March 16 th -25 th . Enjoy the beauty of over 300,000 Yoshino Cherry trees. For a list of events visit:

<https://cherryblossom.com>



Joiner Daylily Gardens will reopen in May. This family owned and operated business since 1962 offers award winning daylilies. A visit to the website is a feast for the eyes. <https://www.joinerdaylilygardens.com> Located at 2269 GA HWY 119 N. in Pembroke, GA. This is a short drive and well worth it for the daylily enthusiast or any garden obsessed traveler.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome these new members!



Susan Heath, her husband Dennis, and white lab Mickey came to the Landings about 2½ years ago from a much colder climate in the state of Pennsylvania. They at first decided to try us out by renting for a year and later decided this was the right spot for them. Now they are rehabbing their new home. At the young age of 18 Susan began her long-time career in computers. This was a new field for a woman but she persevered all these years and just retired 1 month ago. She met her computer software savvy husband from the United Kingdom along the way and they have travelled the world with their jobs. They are both retired now and have graced the Bocce courts frequently. Susan is also an avid photographer and hopes to pursue her talents with landscaping and animal photo projects. We thank Mr. Dennis for his building assistance recently on the gazebo at the Sparrow Field

Pollinator Garden. After living in NY and not even knowing her neighbors Susan commented that the Landings offers both she and Dennis a sense of community and they plan to stay and enjoy.

Submitted by Vicky Kramer



Did you know that 2 of our members shared a home? Well, not at the same time. It just so happens that when **Judy Davis** and her husband, Frank, decided to leave the Landings after 17 years, they sold their home to Janet and Bob Murphy. Well, fortunately for us, two years ago the Davises decided to return to the Landings. Judy, who was a master gardener, was familiar with crinum lilies so she was attracted to our September meeting and decided to join LGC. Gardening seems to be the perfect outlet for Judy's nurturing side (she's a nurse by profession) and her design side (having moved several times and renovated houses/gardens). "Digging in the dirt" is relaxing and fun. The Davises seem to have a real sense of timing as well, since they were on the Queen Mary as Irma hit our island in October 2017. Of particular interest to Judy at this time as an addition to her garden are Louisiana and Siberian Iris. Anxious to get involved in LGC and to connect with new

people, Judy has already worked at the Serenity Garden at Memorial Hospital. We look forward to getting to know Judy and we welcome her to our club.

Submitted by Diane Ingram

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

The committee will be collecting donations for the Georgia Regional Hospital (hotel toiletries and men's clothing), PetFix (used towels and blankets), and the Ronald McDonald House (pop tabs and hotel toiletries) at the February meeting of the garden club. Please continue to collect these items, and we will deliver them to the agencies through the year. Thank you!

Barbara Martin, Community Service Co-Chair



LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, January 22, 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 new member Pam Patterson. Treasurer Maggie Richard gave the treasurer's report. Current total balance in the operating and ways and means account is \$18,139.53. Previously undistributed funds that had built up in the Ways and Means account have been earmarked by the Executive Board for distribution in the near future. The recipients designated are the following:

Named Scholarship (to honor Linda Sue Babcock)	\$1000
Burke-Day Memorial ramp at the Garden Club of Georgia headquarters	\$150
Done in a Day project at Bethesda	\$1000
Telfair in Bloom	\$300
Arbor Day Tree Planting	\$100
CCA Fish Pond beautification	\$1500

The above allocations are separate from the 2018 Charitable Donations which will be determined in February.

Donna Nicol will bring cards to the February meeting for the membership to sign for Linda Sue Babcock who has moved to Colorado.

The next special event is a horticulture chat on February 1 at the home of Jayne Rogers. The event is limited to 20 members. The horticulture committee briefly discussed the care of perennials such as ginger and flax lilies that were affected by the freezing weather.

Nancy Strobel sold tickets for the raffle of the arrangement made by Donna Slappey.

Peggy Schilly acknowledged the hostesses for this month's meeting: Lynn Barnard, Farideh Heidary, Jean Holland, Dottie Kirkland, and Shelby Schavoir.

Pat Barry recognized and thanked the gate decorating teams.

Pat Sunshine introduced the guests at this meeting: Connie Gescheidt, Debbie Breslin, Laura and Richard Lacher, Mariana Schmitt and Marybeth Kromnisky. Recent new members were also introduced and given garden gloves: Melissa Peters, Susan Heath, Marianne Gardner, Betsy Anderson, Pam Patterson,

and Kathy Collura.

Those signed up for the basket-weaving workshop were reminded to give their checks to the treasurer. Those who want to purchase raffle tickets for the Garden Club of Georgia's fundraiser should see Dixie Diffenderfer - \$5 for one or \$20 for 5 tickets.

Leslee Bowler, legislative chairperson, reported that the clearing of timber along the interstates is an effort to prevent fatal accidents. The state is allegedly talking to the DOT about planting wildflowers in the cleared areas.

Program chairperson Nancy Rosenthal introduced Dr. Clark Alexander who presented information about the development of the Georgia Coast and current research about sea level rise.

Submitted by Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary

HAPPY

St. Patrick's Day

