

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

January 2018

Dear Garden Club Members,

The New Year is here and it's that time when many of us make our new year resolutions or a list of what we want to accomplish this year. In my case I review last year's list and try and improve on it. One thing I did add to my list is time to reflect. I think it's important to look at what you accomplished and be proud of it. Perhaps there are things that need minor changes, but certainly still worth a bit of praise.

I'm sure nobody in the club would be surprised that I had a separate list that was just for garden club. It wasn't what I referred to as resolutions, but more of a wish list. I must be honest and tell you this list had a lot more stars on it than my personal list. It was so much easier to plan an activity then get on the treadmill. Long meetings with Vice President, Diane Ingram always included lunch. That was much more fun than organizing my office. I can easily sum up my wish list for the club the past year in three words: Enjoyment, Success, and Growth and those are the same for this year.

I have taken time to reflect on the accomplishments of our club and I am so proud of all of us. We are not the club who has just a few people leading the way. We are all leading the way in some form, whether it's chairing a committee or volunteering for a committee. I can only hope that you all are experiencing the enjoyment and fun so many of our activities provide. Last, I can't be happier about the growth in membership. Here's to 2018 and my last four months as President. I have a few more activities to announce for our Enjoyment, a project that is sure to be a Success, and I have no doubt we will continue to Grow. We are one heck of a garden club!

Warm Wishes,

Tina Zipperer, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 22nd, Monday Meeting, 9:00am
Board Meeting, 9:30am Coffee, 10am
General Meeting, 10:45am Program

**February 7, Downtown Garden Club
Fundraiser, Herbilicious.** 10am -12pm at
the Fahm Center

Feb 1st Horticultural Chat, 3pm

Feb 10th Deadline for submissions to Petal
Pusher

Feb 15th Sweetgrass Basket Making with
Yvonne Grovner



JANUARY PROGRAM



At our January meeting Dr. Clark Alexander will discuss causes and impacts of rising tides in the coastal empire. Dr. Alexander holds the position of Director at the University of Georgia's Skidaway Institute of Oceanography on the Skidaway Marine Science campus and is a Professor in the Department of Marine Sciences on the UGA-Athens campus. He previously served as the Director of Georgia Southern University's Applied Coastal Research Laboratory. He joined the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography in 1989 and received his graduate degrees from North Carolina State University. His general research focus is on understanding sedimentary processes in estuarine, coastal and continental margin environments, using field and GIS-based techniques. His recent projects have focused on barrier island erosion patterns and coastal hazards in the southeastern US.

Nancy Rosenthal, Program Co-chair

HORTICULTURE CHAT

Thursday, February 1st, 3 p.m., 3 Black Hawk Trail

Join us for an afternoon garden chat. No preparation needed! No project to sign on for! The event will be just an hour or so of enjoying your garden friends and a chat by the fire about a garden topic (TBD). Limited to 20 members, sign up at January Meeting or email Sandra Wolf or Jayne Rogers.

Submitted by Jane Roger



WAYS & MEANS



We are delighted to report a very successful bow making and bow sales season this year. A great big "thank you!" to the many ladies who crafted, transported, sold and purchased the beautiful bows for our yearly fundraiser. We are grateful for the many hours of volunteer time you so willingly gave to this project. Much fun was had as we made our way through all those rolls of ribbon at Maggie's house!

THANK YOU MAGGIE. We couldn't have done it without you.

Dottie Kirkland, Ways and Means Co-chair

LINDA SUE HAS MOVED



Our long time member, friend and 'bird lady', Linda Sue Babcock, has moved to assisted living in Colorado Springs, CO. She is adjusting well to her new place and would love to hear from her garden club friends. Her new contact information is:

Linda Sue Babcock
Liberty Heights
Apt. 503
12105 Ambassador Drive
Colorado Springs CO
80921
Phone (912)-257-6457

SERENITY GARDEN



As you can see the Serenity Garden was really perking until it caught that awful cold recently. Fortunately, we have the best experts to diagnose and properly treat to get it back to its beautiful state. Thanks to the recent volunteers;

November: Hannah Burtnik and Margaret Hunter

December: Sharon Lundin and Judy Davis

January 2018: Jean Deitch and Ann Gardner

Each month a team of 2 take charge of maintaining the garden around the 1st and the 15th of the month.

Presently I am seeking volunteers for July, August, September and October. Pat or I will meet you there for your first visit. If you would like to participate please notify me at vlynnk@bellsouth.net.

Submitted by Vicky Kramer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We will again have a table set up for the January meeting to collect your donations to The Ronald McDonald House (pop tabs and unopened hotel toiletries), Georgia Regional Hospital (unopened hotel toiletries, men's clothing), and PetFix (towels and blankets). Your donations are always needed, and put to good use by the recipients.

Barbara Martin, Community Service Co-Chair



GARDEN NOTES

The storm of 2018 was not kind to our beautiful landscape and gardens. We look outside and are dreaming of springtime and blooming flowers. It might be tempting to remove the plants that appear dead, but don't rush to judgement. Many plants can be cut back and will flourish in the spring. However, it's not too early to make a garden and landscape plan and prepare your gardens. Planting seed boxes now will allow for growth over the next eight weeks which is needed to grow from seed to transplant size for certain vegetables like peppers and eggplants. Before planting herbs, investigate which might be better purchased as a plant rather than seed. Rosemary and French tarragon come to mind. Did you plant your bulbs yet? You can find them in all the plant departments now. The internet is a valuable resource, but be mindful of our climate and the weather forecast. We are all looking forward to the first day of spring which is Tuesday, March 20th.



LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, December 4, 2017

The General meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Tina Zipperer at 10:08 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church. Tina led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Collect was read by Pat Barry. Tina thanked Sue Hamlet for her work as editor of the Petal Pusher and recommended the newsletter to members as a good source for information about what is going on in the club. The minutes were approved as printed in the Petal Pusher. Tina reported a general ledger balance of \$11,607.04. Pat Sunshine welcomed 7 guests: Kathy Sorvillo, Joyce Raffel, Sherry Schneidewin, Marybeth Kronisby, Betsey Anderson, Deborah Cattano, and Pat Hackrey. New members Susan Heath, Marie Gardner and Glenda Ganem were introduced and welcomed to the club.

Tina introduced the officers: Vice President Diane Ingram, Treasurer Maggie Richard, Recording Secretary Shirley Brown, Corresponding Secretary Donna Nicol, and Parliamentarian Lisa Hall. Peggy Schilly a hostess for today's meeting thanked her co-hostesses – Jean Ahrens, Joan Christensen, Margy Hatch, Haydee Toedtman.

The committee chairs reported on the status of the on-going projects of the Garden Club and thanked those volunteering on the committees.

Christmas Bows - Dottie Kirkland reported that Christmas bow sales have grossed \$8907 with two more sale days scheduled. December 1 was a record day with \$1700 in sales.

Container Gardens - co- chairs Pat Barry and Diane Gustafson reported that fall planting was done in November. The containers will be changed 3 times a year and maintained by the committee volunteers as scheduled.

Serenity Garden at the Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial Health University Medical Center- co-chairs Pat Barry and Vicky Kramer reported that the garden has been planted and is ready for maintenance. Teams of two are established who will tend the garden the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. Five more volunteers are needed to complete the schedule.

Library Garden – co-chairs Diane Gustafson and Linda Rich. Replanting has been completed after a roofing project at the library damaged some of the plants.

Done in a Day projects – Tina Zipperer thanked those who participated in the decorating activities at John Wesley chapel. Diane Ingram thanked those who participated in the staging of the courtyard for an event at Bethesda Academy and the subsequent planting near the Chapel.

Birds and Conservation – chair Belinda Winters promoted the Pollinator Berm at Sparrow Field as a site for bird watching and encouraged those interested in gardening for pollinators to join other club volunteers in maintaining the garden at that location.

Horticulture – Sandra Wolf reported on the success of the Begonia workshop held at Skidaway Farms on November 9th. She also gave a brief lesson on how to grow paperwhites.

Legislative Committee – Leslee Bowler reported on the “Dirty Dozen” businesses in Georgia that are continuing to pollute our environment. She supplied the email contacts for our legislators.

Special program – Barbara Martin announced that a workshop for making a Sweetgrass basket will be held on February 15th. The 3-hour program will cost \$40. Mrs. Yvonne Grovner from Sapelo Island will supply the tools and materials and guide us through the weaving process.

Garden Club of Georgia – Dixie Diffenderfer announced the cash raffle fund-raiser sponsored by the Garden Club of Georgia. A single ticket is \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. The prizes are \$1000, \$500, and \$250.

Amazon partner – Sally Jones reminded club members to use the link on the website for a referral fee for the club when ordering from Amazon.

Program - Nancy Rosenthal introduced Cathy Belford, floral designer, who guided members through the process of making a floral arrangement for the holidays.

Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary

