

# THE PETAL PUSHER

## NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,  
Conservation, Education*

### March 2018

Dear Garden Club Members,

Spring is here and Savannah is in full bloom. I hope you all are making room in your busy schedules to enjoy what nature has to offer, especially on our beautiful island. Everyday something new is blooming and it's amazing how many of the plants survived the winter. I know we're all eager to freshen up our gardens and landscape.

Our club is also eager to go out and plant and we are on the move this spring. Done in the day projects are underway as well as standing committee projects. If you need more information about what we are working on, do not hesitate to contact me and I will direct you to the different chairs and team leaders. New members should keep an eye out for emails regarding Done in a Day Projects. Remember there is something for everyone to be involved in.

There is still time to sign up to carpool to Telfair in Bloom and the NOGS garden tour. Three garden club members, Anne Gardner, Pat Barry, and Shelby Schavoir as well as my husband will have floral arrangements on display at Telfair in Bloom. You may email or call me if you would like to carpool to either event. Last but not least, there is the Landlovers Green Thumb Club Garden Tour here in The Landings. It's a wonderful tour that showcases a variety of outdoor spaces at six private homes. Landings Garden Club member Belinda Winters and I have our gardens included in the tour. Belinda has a fabulous view that is the backdrop for her beautiful mix of flowers, plants, and a one of a kind driveway that is a must see. My husband promises several new additions in our gardens, including a collection of flowers brought in just for the tour. Refreshments will be offered to attendees at my home.

Hope to see y'all there.

Happy Easter,

*Tina Zipperer, President*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 26th, Monday Meeting, 9:00am**  
Board Meeting, 9:30am Coffee, 10am  
General Meeting, 10:45am Program

**March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Coastal Georgia  
Botanical Garden Plant Sale**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> NOGS Garden Tour, Carpool**  
11:30 am from Methodist Church. RSVP to  
Tina Z. Tea at 2 pm, and we return by 4 pm

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline** for submissions to  
Petal Pusher

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> End of year monthly meeting,  
installation of officers and Ladies'  
Lunch.** 9:00 am Board Meeting, 9:30 am  
Coffee, 10 am General Meeting, Program  
and installation of officers, 11 am Lunch



## **MARCH PROGRAM**



Our March program promises to be a “wild” time!

The mission of the **Oatland Island Wildlife Center of Savannah** is to provide guests with memorable experiences to help them make stronger connections to the natural world. They do this through education in a safe and fun environment. Our March program will be presented by an Oatland Island wildlife naturalist who will bring several birds for demonstration. Please join us in the discussion and presentation of birds common to our area.

*Pictured is an Eastern Screech Owl*

## **BIRDS AND CONSERVATION**



Blue-grey Gnatcatcher  
Photo by Fitz Clarke

## **2018 is the Year of the Bird**

The National Audubon Society, National Geographic, BirdLife International and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology have joined to make 2018 a yearlong celebration of birds. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). While this legislation has saved countless birds' lives, new and serious threats are surfacing including attacks on the act itself. The above organizations have devised simple but meaningful actions for each month that concerned citizens can take to improve conditions for migratory birds.

The featured action for March is just what gardeners have ordered: Grow Native Plants. Bird-friendly landscaping provides food, saves water, provides shelter, and fights climate change according to Marina Richie, writing for National Audubon. So, what should we plant? Audubon has a native plant database indexed according to zip code. Follow this link to see what is suggested for our island:

<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>.

Each of the sponsoring organizations have a wealth of information focusing on activities for the Year of the Bird. Type the names of the organizations into your search engine to find out more.

*Shirley Brown, Birds and Conservation Co-chair*

## **HORTICULTURE**

The **Horticulture Chat** previously scheduled for February will be held on Thursday, April 12th from 4 - 6 p.m. Anyone who had signed up will have a spot. Please contact Sandra Wolf or Jayne Rogers if you weren't on the original list but would like to come. The Horticulture Chat requires no research, no expertise or knowledge, just a desire to get together with other Landings Garden Club members who love to talk about anything garden related! A subject will be introduced and then we will all have a chance to opine or ask questions.

*Submitted by Jane Rogers*



## **SERENITY GARDEN**

A heartfelt "Thanks" to all of you that have volunteered your service thus far at the Serenity Garden:

Pat Barry, Shirley Brown, Hannah Burtnik, Judy Davis, Jean Deitch, Anne Guira, Diane Gustafson, Margaret Hunter, Al Mullins, Dottie Kirkland, Vicky Kramer, Sharon Lundin, Donna Nicol, Meg Schreck, Nancy Strobel, Belinda Winter, Elaine Witbeck, and Kay Osborne.

*Vicky Kramer and Pat Barry, Serenity Garden Co-chairs*

## **MEMBERSHIP**



After 30+ years in Sunnyvale, California, Florida native *Marianne Gardner* and her husband Bob, ended their search for their "choice" place to retire by moving to The Landings in 2016. Marianne is a graduate of Georgia Tech and a retired aerospace engineer of Lockheed Martin. She continues to be a part-time financial planner. The Gardners are excited to be where it is warm (yes they love the summer heat!) and have been pleasantly surprised about how easily they were able to integrate into the community. Marianne is learning to play golf and is trying to learn as much as she can about Savannah. They just completed a cruise through the Panama Canal over the holidays. After leaving their beautiful landscaping in California, they have done considerable work on their landscaping here. Marianne is not especially fond of the "pine cone lawn" look. She is looking forward to learning about options for planting in our Savannah conditions in order to achieve deer-resistant color, texture, and fragrance in her garden. She is also looking forward to doing some floral arrangement workshops and working on our Ways and Means committee making bows! Marianne we are glad you chose the Landings Garden Club!

*Submitted by Diane Ingram*



*June Klavon* and her husband Michael will be moving into their new home soon. Although new to the Landings, June has called Savannah home for thirty years. She grew up in Warner Robins and was a classmate of Sonny Purdue, who was the 81 st Governor of Georgia. She had different careers including flight attendant, real estate agent, and she also worked for the U.S. Government. She and Michael have been married six years and have three sons between the two of them. One of June's sons is a retired Lt. Col. and is now a hospital administrator in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Her other son is a veterinarian in Australia. This newlywed couple enjoys traveling, gardening, and going to the gym together. They also volunteer at the American Legion. They look forward to becoming fulltime residents so they can go on long walks with their dog. Welcome June!

*Submitted by Tina Zipperer*



*Marybeth Krovisky* is no stranger to garden clubs. She is past president of her garden club back home and was the district secretary. When looking for a garden club to join, she specifically chose the Landings Garden Club because it is a federated club. When she retired from her nursing career, she joined her garden club to make friends and because everyone has similar interests. "Federated clubs are appealing because of the education they provide, philanthropic goals, and field trips" says Marybeth. Her club sponsored an Art in Bloom at her local museum which gave Marybeth a chance to show her talent and creative designs as a floral arranger. Although she is quick to say she prefers participating in flower shows that are not judged. She loves a pretty yard and recently had hers renovated. Of course, she enjoys arranging flowers for her home and using material from her own garden. We look forward to Marybeth sharing her talents with our club.

*Submitted by Tina Zipperer*

## **SPARROW FIELD POLLINATOR GARDEN**

On the left, Belinda Winters and Sandy Hunter show off the new lady bug shelter. Right, Jim Guerard is using his drone to take aerial pictures of the Sparrow Field Pollinator Garden for mapping purposes as Sue Hamlet and Shirley Brown look on.



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Last month Meg Schreck and I made deliveries of pull tabs and toiletries to the Ronald McDonald House and Georgia Regional Hospital. As you can see from the photos, everyone was extremely happy to receive the generous donations from our garden club women. I am shown with the Georgia Regional Hospital Program Manager. Meg was greeted at the Ronald McDonald House by Willow the therapy dog. Please continue to bring in your unused travel toiletries for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House and for the residents of Georgia Regional. They are needed and greatly appreciated. Just a reminder that the contest between garden clubs for the most donated pull tabs ends March 31 st. Last year's winner collected 1,128 lbs of tabs. That's a lot of soft drinks and...beer?? So drink up and donate!

*Barbara Martin, Community Service Co-Chair*



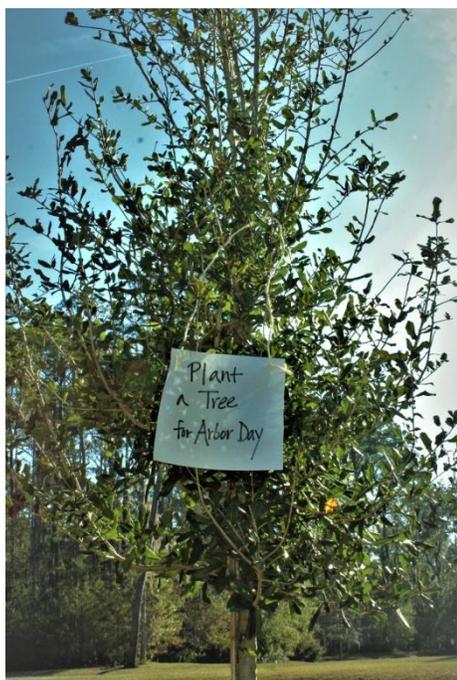
## CONTAINER GARDENS

Here is a photo of our committee members showing off their new aprons. *Photo by Dawn Cordo*



## ARBOR DAY ACTIVITES

The Landings Garden Club purchased and planted a Boardwalk Live Oak at the Moonriver Overlook on Arbor Day, which is February 16 in Georgia. The planting crew pictured left-to-right are Tina Zipperer, Kathy Collura and Jane Golz. *Photos by Dawn Cordo.*





*Saturday, May 5, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

Green Thumb Garden Club presents it's much anticipated Garden Tour on Saturday, May 5, 2018. *Garden Spaces in Nature's Oasis* showcases gardens lovingly tended by gardeners who appreciate the life and beauty of our island...Nature's Oasis.

Share the delights of these fabulous gardens, representing various lifestyles while caring for nature unique to our island. Let the gardens awaken your senses to nature's beauty! These garden spaces feed the mind, body, and soul of creatures great and small who are part of Nature's Oasis we call home!

**Tickets \$25**

\*\$20 for Volunteers

It takes many volunteers to make fundraising events such as the Garden Tour possible.

If you are willing to help or if you need more information contact either Chair:

Belinda Winters [winters.belinda2@gmail.com](mailto:winters.belinda2@gmail.com) 912-661-3142

Reenie Herrick [reenieherrick@gmail.com](mailto:reenieherrick@gmail.com) 858-531-7970

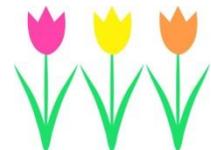
To order your Ticket now, please print out the Ticket Order Form online at [www.landingslandlovers.com](http://www.landingslandlovers.com).

Checks for \$25 per ticket must be received NO LATER than April 30.

Mail/Tube checks to either Chair:

Reenie Herrick (858-531-7970) 3 Cuthbert Lane (MW)

Belinda Winters (912-661-3142) 6 Fore Royal Circle (PL)



## **LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, February 23, 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 Belinda Winters. The minutes were approved as printed in the Petal Pusher. Donna Nicol circulated a card for Linda Sue Babcock for signing by members. Linda Sue, a long-time member has moved to Colorado.

Treasurer Maggie Richard gave the treasurer's report. The general account balance is \$9,548.92. The Reserve account has a balance of \$2,500.28. The Ways and Means account balance is \$11, 666.01. As reported last month, \$4400 from previously undistributed Ways and Means funds has now been allocated for distribution.

Daffodils were recently planted at Sunset Park by Maddie Harwood, Linda Stephens and Jean Deitch as part of the Georgia Garden Club Plant America project. On Arbor Day, Tina Zipperer, Kathy Collura and Jane Golz planted a native Boardwalk Oak at the Moon River Overlook.

Tina announced that the Herb Tower Workshop has been moved from the April date as listed in the Yearbook to March 13. Herb orders can be placed ahead of time.

The Garden Club of Savannah sponsors the annual NOGS garden tour On April13-14. L GC will be carpooling to the event on Saturday April 14.

The Shamrocks on the tables will be sold for \$6. Purple Hyacinths are \$2. Raffle tickets are \$2 for 3 tickets.

Lisa Hall announced that HR158 is a constitutional amendment to assure that fees collected go to what they are appropriated for rather than to the general fund.

Telfair in Bloom is scheduled for March 22-24. Club members Anne Gardner, Pat Barry and Shelby Schavoir along with Cleve Zipperer will be making arrangements for the show. Members will be carpooling on Friday 3/23. This event is a fundraiser for the museum. Raffle tickets are available: \$25 for 6 tickets.

Joan Christenson for the horticultural committee talked about daffodils. The best time to plant the bulbs is October. They can be expected to bloom in late February and they are deer resistant.

Vicky Kramer and Pat Barry thanked the members who had worked to revive the Serenity Garden at Memorial Hospital. The "Serenity Sisters" recognized were Pat Barry, Shirley Brown, Hannah Burtnik, Judy Davis, Jean Deitch, Anne Guira, Diane Gustafson, Margaret Hunter, Dottie Kirkland, Vicky Kramer, Sharon Lundin, Donna Nicol, Meg Schreck, Nancy Strobel, Belinda Winters, Elaine Witbeck, plus Al Mullins. Kay Osborn donated a birdbath.

Belinda Winters requested volunteers to docent on May 5 for the Green Thumb Club Garden tour.

Hostesses for today's meeting were Barbara Hamlet, Joan Hutzler, Meg Miller, Kay Osborn and Donna Slappey.

Sixty-nine members and three guests were in attendance. The guests today were Vicky Parris, Lisa Olson, and Yvonne Hemphill. The most recent new member is Connie Gescheidt.

Donna Nicol, the chair of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 1018-19: President, Diane Ingram; vice President, Jane Golz; recording secretary, Shirley Brown; treasurer, Maggie Richard; corresponding secretary, Pat Sunshine. The slate will be voted on in March.

The winner of both the raffle for the centerpiece and the hanging basket was Edith Telfird. The centerpiece was made by Liz McGough.

Edith Telfird introduced the program participants who work with Mixed Greens, an offshoot of the Forsyth Farmers' Market. They create accessible, hospitable spaces for all through their work with community gardens.

*Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary*

