

# THE PETAL PUSHER

## NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,  
Conservation, Education*

### Oct 2017

Dear Garden Club Members,

Our year is off to an amazing start. There is so much news to share and so many things we have to be proud of. I would like to begin by welcoming the fourteen new members that have joined us since the first meeting and welcome the two new members that joined us during the summer. We are a club that is committed to educating and engaging all members and look forward to these ladies having an opportunity to take part in all we have to offer.

The first meeting was a great way to involve the community and it was a success! I've had so many nice notes and emails. Our committee tables were so impressive. Guests were amazed at the number of projects we are involved in. Thank you to all that worked on the event and set up. So, how do we top that? We're going to host another event! The October meeting is sure to be a member pleaser. Whether you're an avid gardener or you just want to spend time with the garden gals of The Landings, you're going to love touring our member gardens. Cooler weather has been ordered, a champagne brunch will be served, and beautiful bows will put you in the holiday spirit.

As we approach the holiday season, we all can find things to be thankful for. During hectic times I often stop and take time to make a list of those things that I'm thankful for and I challenge myself to fill up a page or two. It's a feel good exercise for me. The list always begins with my daughter Ashley. I include a few things like ready to bake piecrusts and hair color. I know the last two items aren't really important in the grand scheme of things, but I am thankful for them. Last year I added The Landings Garden Club to my list. I've said it many times that this club is the best experience I have had with a volunteer organization. I love the diversity of the members, the challenges, achievements of the club, and of course the fun and social times. I am thankful to be part of this organization and to be the president one more year. I would be thankful if we all join together to make it a year to remember. See y'all at the October meeting and brunch!

*Tina Zipperer, President*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Oct 23rd, Monday Meeting, Garden Tour, Brunch.** 9:00 Coffee and Socializing, 9:30 Meeting, 10:00 Member Garden Tour, 11:00 Brunch at last garden

**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Trip to Sapelo Island**

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, Begonia Propagation Workshop** at Skidaway Farm 4pm.

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Camellia Show at Coastal Botanical Garden 10am.**

Carpool info to be announced.

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Meeting.**

Date change due to holidays. Hands on floral demonstration and workshop.

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Club Crawl 4pm.**

Cocktails and dinner optional.



# Landings Garden Club's Monthly Meeting and Brunch



*Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*9 am coffee and 9:30 meeting*

*Messiah Lutheran Church*

*Followed by garden tour and brunch.*

*Please R.S.V.P. to:*

*Janet Morley: [brucemjanetc@comcast.net](mailto:brucemjanetc@comcast.net)*



## **WAYS AND MEANS**

Summer has come and gone and we thank the talented team of ladies who met regularly to craft beautiful bows for our yearly fundraiser. We had a great time too!! Bow sales will begin at our next meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Tina Zipperer, 200 Yam Gandy, where we will gather for a lovely brunch after our meeting and the tour of member's gardens. Bows will be for sale to YOU, our members, before we kick off the season at the Village. For your convenience, payment may be by check, cash or credit card!



We will have sign-up sheets for each sale date at the Village Fountain so you may choose your preferred time to sell. Please take time to plan your calendar to include selling these beautiful bows!! Yes, we would love to have more shopping bags so keep collecting them. Thank you!

*Maggie Richard and Dottie Kirkland, Ways and Means co-chairs*



Please remember to bring your own coffee mug to our meetings. This small act will help us create LESS WASTE and keep our environment beautiful.

## MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome these new members.



**Gail Jordan** hails from Kentucky. Growing up in Lexington and later, upon marrying her husband, she lived and raised her family for 30 years in Louisville. They came to Savannah on a vacation and ended up buying a home at the Landings. Their first home was a patio home, but upon retirement, they moved to a larger home. Gail learned to garden from her Grandmother who was an accomplished gardener. Gail recalls that her Grandmother could grow just about anything. She remembers her Grandmother's method of propagating roses beneath Mason jars. She also knew the medicinal properties of plants. Gail was surprised not to be able to grow some of her Kentucky favorites, such as lilac and peonies here, and has learned much about the flora and fauna of Skidaway Island over the years. Gail has a passion for the bees and butterflies. Besides golf, Gail enjoys canasta and mah jong, and has taken up crochet again, as she has wonderful twin grand babies to stitch for now! We welcome Gail to the Landings Garden Club. Knowing that she shares the same love of bees and butterflies and plants as our members, we are very excited to have her among us again!

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**Kerry Ufford** grew up in the Finger Lakes area of Western New York State and moved to Rhode Island after college where she remained until her move to Savannah with her husband, John, almost 4 years ago. With a former career in the hotel industry and interior design, she has brought her passion for design with her to her new home. A strong interest in architecture and the landscape will surely come to bear as she continues to implement her ideas in her new home. Both her Mother and Grandmother were amazing gardeners. Kerry recalls her Mother bringing lily of the valley and mint from her Southern Virginia home to her new home in the North, and then to Kerry's Rhode Island home where it thrived. Kerry plays golf and is a gourmet cook. She recently co-chaired the New Neighbors Chef's Secret group, bringing new neighbors to fascinating venues to further their culinary education. She now co chairs the Social

events for New Neighbors at the Landings. We welcome Kerry to the Landings Garden Club with open arms and green thumbs; we understand she has a green thumb of her own, as she explained her unorthodox way of growing basil - and it worked!!

*Submitted by Jayne Rogers*





## 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 December meeting of the garden club. Please continue to collect these items, and we will deliver them to the agencies in December.

This year we are expanding our outreach to the Ronald McDonald House Charity (RMHC) to include more than the pop tabs and toiletries we are currently donating. At every RM House, this charity provides services for families that include home-cooked meals, private bedrooms, and playrooms for children. Please check out the wish list on the RMHC website ([rmhccoastalempire.org](http://rmhccoastalempire.org)) to see some of the items that are needed to continue to operate these houses. Perhaps we can do more this year to support these families in need.

*Barbara Martin, Community Service Co-Chair*



*Landings Garden Club  
Party at The Berm*



**CANCELLED**

Sadly, we have opted to cancel *THE PARTY AT THE BERM* because the Sparrow Field is an active work area for storm debris cleanup. With the trucks, a mulcher and scrap processing equipment along with the mountains of mulch, the area is not conducive to a garden tour at this time. We regret any inconvenience to your schedules.



Privacy

*Remember as you start your holiday shopping, our club earns funds that support our many community projects when you click this link on our website and shop on Amazon!*

## HORTICULTURE AFTER HOURS

*Thursday, November 9, 4 PM*



*Gardeners learn by trowel and error!*

*Come and learn how to propagate new plants! Meet us at Skidaway Farm, sit under the pavilion and enjoy a glass of lemonade while your Garden Club friends from the Horticulture Committee show you tried and true ways of making new plants. We will use unusual begonias and outdoor begonias to show you simple ways to make more plants. We will discuss other methods of propagation for the experienced gardener as well. There is some seating at the Farm but you might bring along a folding chair if you please!*

*Sign up at the October meeting,  
or call Sandra at 598-1349, or Jayne at 335-7586.*

*Everyone is welcome!*

*See you at the Skidaway Farm!*

### ***A Serenity Garden at the Anderson Cancer Institute, Memorial Health University***

The "Serenity Garden" is located to the left of the entrance to the Institute. It is visible inside from the waiting room as well as the infusion rooms on the first and second floors. There is access from the outside as well. We encourage you to stop and take a look if you are in that area. A member of the Garden Club, Vicky Kramer was approached by the Operations Director at the ACI. As an active volunteer, Vicky and her husband are familiar faces on the floor of the infusion area. The garden although quite lovely, had fallen on neglect and became overgrown, desperate for some tender loving care. When news of Vicky belonging to a garden club at the Landings became well known, a plea to her for help from the hospital staff was immediate. She enlisted the help of other members of the garden club and the notion of caring for "Serenity" as a club project was initiated.

The framework of the garden is excellent, with benches, a moon bridge, waterfall, lush vegetation, and live fish that are at home in a small stream. The Landings Garden Club board had Vicky and Pat Barry make a presentation to describe in depth possibilities for the garden and the club to become partners. A small group from the garden club made a visit to groom and clean the area. We filled almost 15 refuse bags with debris for disposal. The improvement was remarkable and deeply appreciated by staff and patients alike.

This volunteer opportunity is still in the early stages of development. The hospital has given us the use of a credit card with the value of \$500.00 to spend on additional flowering plants and any additional enhancements. We are looking forward to including Landings Garden Club involvement with those interested very soon. There will be ample notice to you when that time arrives.

*Submitted by Pat Barry*

### ***YIKES, WHAT'S THIS WEED?***



*Chamberbitter- Phyllanthus urinaria* is a growing problem in Georgia gardens. Have you been noticing a small mimosa-like weed in your gardens? This tropical herb goes by many common names; chamberbitter, mimosa weed, stonebreaker, and leaf flower. Some Asian countries use it to treat kidney stones, hence the stonebreaker name. Chamberbitter is a warm season invasive annual herb. It reproduces by yellow ball-like seeds underneath the leaves that explode when ripe dispersing thousands of seeds. Pre-emergents applied twice in early spring can only help control it as can herbicides. The best results come from hand pulling the entire plant and immediately disposing it in plastic. The practice of keeping 2-4" of mulch on your garden beds is always a good weed deterrent. May your weeds be gone!

*Submitted by Karen Burroughs*





## ***URN PROJECT***

The Landings Garden Club in cooperation and funding from the Landings Club, select, plant, and maintain 27 large urns located throughout the property. We change the arrangements seasonally twice per year. Teams of volunteers from our club, along with a team captain for each location keep this project alive and thriving. It takes over 30 members to groom and water these lovely decorated urns located at Marshwood, Deer Creek, the Franklin Creek Tennis Ctr., Oakridge Fitness Ctr., and the pool at Franklin Creek. Strong and lasting relationships have developed between team members and the many residents who are so very enthusiastic about the beauty and cheer the urns give to all.

The original idea came from our own member, Diane Gustafson. She and her husband, Ben, stroll through the Franklin Creek Tennis Complex on most evenings. Diane noticed these large, magnificent urns falling into neglect throughout the property. A meeting with Stephen Freund quickly allowed her vision for enlisting inclusion of the Landings Garden Club to become a reality. With approval from our president and board we became "Urn Angels" and have completed almost 2 full years of caring for these grand concrete planters.

Diane asked fellow member, Pat Barry to co-chair the project and select the flowers and plant material for the two change-outs per year. Pat works in tandem with Josh Heidt, the Superintendent of Landscaping for the Landings Club. He is instrumental in assistance between the nursery and delivery during the busy 2 or 3 days it takes to get everything planted. His attentive and friendly staff have always been generous with their time and willingness to help.

We encourage you to take notice as we approach our Fall installation. Think about volunteering and being thanked countless times by admiring and curious residents as they pass. More than likely a friendly conversation will ensue and just that alone should bring a smile to one's face. Any questions? Please contact Diane or Pat at: [gustafsonbd@gmail.com](mailto:gustafsonbd@gmail.com) or [pat@home31411.com](mailto:pat@home31411.com)



*Pat Barry, Urn Committee Co-chair*

## **LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, September 25, 2017**

President Tina Zipperer called to order The Landings Garden Club meeting at the Plantation Club Ballroom at 10:00 am with 48 members present and 52 guests. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Tina Zipperer; an opening prayer was offered by Dottie Kirkland; the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Petal Pusher were approved as published. Maggie Richard gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$12,587.90.

Tina encouraged all to visit the displays highlighting the activities of the club's committees and to see the variety of projects and to sign up for participation. Founding members present, Mary Prellwitz and Kathy Younkins, were introduced. Pat Sunshine introduced the new members Tina Gilbert, Heidi Sedman, Susie Fusco, and Cathy Jacobs. Tina thanked Kathy Cullura for her publicity articles for today's program and Jayne Rogers for her TWATL articles.

Tina announced the following upcoming activities of the club:

The Serenity Garden project at Memorial Health.

Tour of Sapelo Island on November 2 (registration deadline 9/27)

Artisans Market at Plantation Club on 9/30. Bows will be available for sale.

Tour of Oelschig Nursery 10/6

Workshop/Party at the Pollinator Berm 10/19 at 4pm

Savannah Botanical Gardens on Eisenhower 10/21 – plant sale

Container Gardens - an ongoing project

Tina announced that the orchids on the table are for sale. She thanked the officers for their participation and support. The business meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

### **PROGRAM**

Kathy Cullura introduced Jenks Farmer, an authority on crinum lilies, and a noted garden designer. Following his presentation, members and guests enjoyed a brunch, which was followed by a session led by Farmer on propagation of crinum lilies.

*Submitted by Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary*

