

THE PETAL PUSHER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,
Conservation, Education*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 25th, Monday Meeting and Brunch

8:30 Board Meeting, 9:00 Coffee and Socializing, 9:30 Meeting, 10:15 Program and Brunch. 12:00 Optional Workshop

**Oct. 6th, Tour of Oelschigs Nursery
Carpool leaves Methodist Church at 9:30.**

Oct. 19th, The Berm at 4:00 After Hours Social and Hands On Workshop. Join the Birds and Conversation Committee and learn about the butterflies' life cycle, habitat, and conservation.

**Oct. 23rd, Monthly Meeting
You don't want to miss this! After a short meeting we will tour three members' gardens and finish at Tina Z's for brunch and unveiling of the bows. This is a celebration for Ways and Means committee.**

Sept 2017

Dear Garden Club Members,

On behalf of the 2017-2018 Landings Garden Club Board, I'd like to welcome everyone to another great year. Those of you that have recently joined, welcome to the club and thank you for joining. For returning members, I plan on keeping things fun and exciting and make sure there is "Something For Everyone". This is my official slogan for the year. Everyone seems to adopt one these days, so I thought I will too.

You might be asking yourself how I am going to achieve this. This club has dedicated committees that have worked throughout the summer planning activities, workshops, and field trips. There is not a single month that we do not have something special going on outside of our monthly meeting. I hope you all are keeping up with the email blasts that go out. We are announcing the details of upcoming events as they start happening immediately. Please make note of the details so you don't miss out. I encourage you to take part in as many activities as possible. It's a great way to get to know other members.

Please remember we promote Beautification, Conservation, and Education. Our activities revolve around one or all. We are a powerhouse of dedicated smart women who give to our community as well. Proceeds from our bow sales allow us to give to other organizations that serve the community in various ways. Please keep this in mind when that committee unveils their beautiful bows at the October meeting and brunch. We want to celebrate their success. To sum things up, we are a strong network of women who inspire each other. We provide encouragement to one another and never settle for status quo. As I go into my second year as President, I am as excited as I was last year and so honored to lead this organization. I want to continue to inspire all of you to be involved and encourage others to join our amazing group of ladies. I'm always open to new ideas and hope you will share yours with me. That's how we keep things moving forward. Last but not least, we are social butterflies. You will undoubtedly make new friends within our group. As I always say, volunteering has it's rewards.

Tina Zipperer, President

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



Jenks Farmer, nationally-known Crinum expert, will entertain and educate members in September. Members and their guests are in for a treat on September 25, when Crinum lily expert, Jenks Farmer, who is also a nationally known plantsman, author and speaker, will be the featured presenter at The Landings Garden Club's September 25, 2017 meeting in The Plantation Club ballroom.

Jenk's entertaining presentation, "Crinum Lilies, Queens of the Southern Garden", will be followed by a planting and propagation demonstration. Crinums are known for their variety, beauty, longevity and ability to thrive in many growing conditions, including those found on Skidaway.

Even if you aren't a serious gardener, you will enjoy Jenk's down-to-earth stories and beautiful photos. He's presented lectures and master classes for groups as varied as the Smithsonian, Wave Hill in the

Bronx, the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, many Master Gardener clubs, the Epcot International Flower Show, and The U.S. Association of Zoological Horticulture.

His writing has been published in scientific journals and popular magazines including Organic Gardening and Horticulture. Jenks is the author of "Deep Rooted Wisdom: Lessons Learned from Generations of Gardeners", published by Timber Press in 2014 and he will sell and sign copies of this book after the meeting. Rare Crinums from Jenk's South Carolina Lily Farm also will be available at the meeting.

This meeting includes a brunch and reservations are required. To register: Send your name, email and phone number along with a check for \$35 made out to "The Landings Garden Club" to 2 Salt Meadow Court, Savannah, GA 31411" Registration deadline: September 15, 2017.

Kathy Collura, Programs Committee

FIELD TRIP SAPELO ISLAND



Join us for a trip to an island community only accessible by boat. Invite a friend and board the bus bright and early on November 2, 2017 for a trip to Sapelo Island. We will motor coach from The Landings to Meridian, Ga. where we will take the ferry to the island. On the island, we will board a bus for a narrated tour of this last bastion of regional history, Gullah culture and the ecology of a barrier island. Our day will end with wine and hors d'oeuvres in Historic Darien before our ride home. The cost is \$85.00 per person including bus, tour, lunch, wine sipping. This will be a fun day with minimal walking but a lot of on and off the bus on the island. The ferry has outdoor and indoor seating. So come prepared to have a good time!

This trip does have limited seating so please reserve your seat by **Sept. 25th**. **Guests are invited.** Please see below for details and **please print the reservation form attached and tube with your check.**

Click here to open the registration form: [LGC Sapelo Trip.docx](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB TRIP TO SAPELO ISLAND

7:00 AM Motorcoach will depart promptly from Skidaway Island United Methodist Church parking lot.

We cannot wait for anyone who is late due to the ferry schedule.

8:30 AM Arrive in Meridian, Ga. to catch ferry for Sapelo

9:00 AM Arrive in Sapelo and meet our guide, one of the 48 residents of the community and direct descendant of African-American slaves. Tour includes slave cabins, tabby ruins of French estate, Nanny Goat Beach, Sapelo Lighthouse, and R.J. Reynolds Mansion grounds (possible interior tour dependent on bookings).

11:30AM Southern comfort lunch of baked chicken, salad, mac and cheese, desert, tea or lemonade

12:30PM Free time to walk the beach, explore and take pictures of natural beauty.

2:30PM Ferry departs

3:15PM Arrive Historic Darien for wine/appetizers at Waterfront Wine and gourmet Shop (non- alcoholic beverage also available). Stroll through downtown and take in the views.

4:30PM Board bus to return

6:00PM Bus arrives back at The Landings.

Please address questions to Diane Ingram@diingram@bellsouth.net.

FIELD TRIP TO OELSCHIG NURSERY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

Oelschig Nursery is the Southeast's oldest nursery. It is a Savannah tradition within the horticulture business since 1982. By the 1900's it was the first U.S. producer of field grown roses and the world's largest shipper of rubber plant cuttings. Fourth generation family business owner Kurt Oelschig now runs the company. Terry Beasley, sales manager for over forty years will take us through the greenhouses and answer all of our questions. There is no cost to attend. We will carpool from The Methodist Church at 9:30 am with tour beginning at 10 am. Lunch is optional and all are welcome to go to Marshwood Club when we return. Please RSVP by Oct. 1st to Tina Z. tina@zippererandco.com or 598-0100.

WAYS AND MEANS

We are happy to report that we are nearing completion of Holiday Bow making for 2017.

Such a talented and dedicated group of ladies have met weekly and made in excess of 800 bows with only a few more to go! We've had a great time while being productive.

Bows will be for sale at the Artisans Fair on September 30th, located outside Plantation Azalea Room, 10 am - 4 pm. **REMINDER:** Please bring your calendar to our first

garden club meeting on Monday, Sept 25th, where you can sign up for a preferred date/time to sell beautiful bows. Note the following dates for bow sales. November 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 25, 27 and December 1, and 4. There will be 3 shifts each date.

Shifts are 10-12 pm, 12-2 pm and 2-4 pm. There's lots of opportunity for those who like to sell to do so! A big THANK YOU to all who have worked at making bows this Summer!

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



COMMUNITY SERVICE



As in previous years, we will continue to collect items for three of our local agencies that provide services to our community. Georgia Regional Hospital is a state-funded facility that provides 24-hour care to mentally ill adults and individuals with developmental disabilities. The hotel toiletries we collect on some of our travels are used as incentives, gifts, and prizes for the residents. These toiletries are highly valued items, so please donate any soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc., that you've collected on your travels. Some of these toiletries will also be donated to the Ronald McDonald House for the families who are staying there. We will also continue to support the Ronald McDonald House with our collection of pop-tops. Last year we began collecting old towels and blankets for the Humane Society's new low-cost spay and neuter clinic. If you have old towels or blankets that are no longer serving your purpose, please donate them so they can find a new life comforting animals recuperating from surgery. We will have a table set up by the sign-in area for your donations at every meeting. Thank you!

Barbara Martin, Community Service Co-Chair

AWARDS

This year we hope to continue our tradition of receiving awards in recognition of the outstanding work the women of this garden club perform throughout the year. Last year our club won First Place for: Holiday Decorations, led by Pat Barry; Website, created and maintained by Sally Jones; Newsletter, edited by Sue Hamlet; Public Relations, led by Pat Barry and Diane Gustafson for the container project; and for Litter Control under the direction of Nancy Rosenthal. Our first application for this year will be for the Butterfly Conservation Award for which we won second place last year. We will be applying for additional awards this year that reflect the ongoing commitment of our garden club to preserve and protect our environment through the many club projects we support.

Barbara Martin, Awards Committee

LIBRARY GARDEN



The Library Garden has been part of the Landings Garden Club service projects for many years. We want to thank all of our volunteers who have done a magnificent job taking care of this beautiful garden through our many long hot summers. We plant them every Spring and Fall and receive much praise for such special work. We hope that some of our new members would like to join us in such a worthwhile project. It is a wonderful way to keep our Island beautiful. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Diane Gustafson and Karen Burroughs, Library Garden Committee

SPARROW FIELD



The gazebo project at the Pollinator Berm Garden at Sparrow Field is coming to fruition. In the last month the volunteers have seen the delivery of the kit from Amish Country Gazebos, the laying of a foundation by Zipperer and Company, and the beginnings of construction by volunteers Vince Cordo and Dennis Heath. The Berm Gardeners are looking forward to a ribbon-cutting celebration in October to showcase the evolving bird and insect-friendly site populated by a predominance of native plants. Stay tuned! *Shirley Brown, Sparrow Field Coordinator*

THANK YOU

Dear Ladies of the Landings Garden Club,
I just want you to know that my family and I appreciate all the love and support you have shown us since July 1st, when our house burned. I won't list names because I don't want to overlook anyone, but you were there with delicious meals, clothes, shoes and "necessities." Several of you offered your guest rooms and we enjoyed a couple weeks at a "snow bird's" home as we waited for a rental. You fostered plants from my yard and deck and planted a beautiful courtyard at the rental house. You took us out for meals, and provided me activities for stress relief like bow-making. And you were there with hugs and words of encouragement. I feel very blessed to be a part of an organization of genuinely caring women who have a mission of reaching out to this community in so many ways.
Thank you, Thank You, Thank you!
Shirley Brown

The Southeastern Citrus Expo, Coming to Savannah, Georgia

November 17 & 18, 2017

Friday, November 17th Activities

Optional Friday Tours:

Franklin Farms, Statesboro, GA 2:00 PM

John Trask's Citrus Grove, St. Helena Island, SC, 2:00 PM

Savannah Back Yard citrus orchard, 212 Oxford Dr.

1:00-5:00 PM

Self-guided Friday Tours:

Plantings at Armstrong State University

Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens.



Citruholics Banquet, Friday 6:00 PM, Sweet Potatoes Kitchen, 6825 Waters Ave, Savannah

Saturday, November 18th Activities

Saturday's conference sessions will be held at the beautiful Skidaway Island State Park, which borders Georgia's intracoastal waterway

\$5 parking fee for most vehicles.

\$10 per person registration at the door

Landings Garden Club members who volunteer at the conference will be admitted free of charge!

8:00 AM-5:00 PM: Confirmed speakers include:

Mike Barwald on the history of Flying Dragon Citrus Nursery, Jacksonville, FL

Lindy Savelle of the Georgia Citrus Association on the progress with commercial citrus growing in Georgia

Jamie Burrow of the University of Florida on citrus greening and other citrus growing challenges

Billy Renz on the commercial citrus groves of Franklin Farms in Statesboro

A panel of experts will share experiences and provide advice to us home growers.

There will also be **Plant Sales; Citrus Fruit Contest; Raffle.**

Post-Expo: Experts available for help, time to network and socialize, snacks and beverages provided

Box Lunch from Jason's Deli: \$10, beef or turkey on focaccia or vegetarian wrap, sides, beverages, dessert, gluten-free upon request. Lunches must be ordered in advance by November 15 and paid for at the door.

If you grow citrus or want to learn how, mark your calendars and watch for updates on the Southeastern Citrus Expo Facebook page about the conference schedule, as well as more information about tours, vendors and the citrus fruit contest.

Expo Questions: Contact Marj Schneider. To be added to an email list for further information, to order lunch, to volunteer or if you want to be a vendor at this year's expo: marjschneider@bellsouth.net or call Marj at [912-352-1415](tel:912-352-1415).

MEMBERSHIP



Susie Fusco moved to The Landings 12 years ago after she retired as regional manager of the northeast corridor for Seagrams & Sons. The quiet picturesque low country was a welcomed change. Since moving south she worked part time for 7 years as a sales associate for Kitchenware. She joined a group that monitors the bird houses for the David Scott Blue Bird Program on the golf courses, and is an avid boatman. She can easily handle a 22 foot Sea Ray and with her "Sea Sisters" travels to the many eating spots and beaches along our coast line. She is on the social committee of the Skidaway Island Boating Club and belongs to the Carefree Boating entity. She has been a member of bow making committee this summer and helps with the care of the urns at Oakridge. For those who first meet Susie they may fear that they are seeing double, do not despair. Our own Sandy Randolph is her twin sister. I asked Susie how she felt about people commenting on the identical twin thing and she said she wouldn't have it any other way. They have always been best buddies and enjoy the responses that they receive. Can you imagine how many tricks they have played on family and acquaintances? We welcome Susie and look forward to having her as a member of our club.



Kathy Jacobs and her husband, Norman, are no strangers to The Landings. They have had a get-away home at The Landings for 16 years. When they found their dream home on a large lagoon in Deer Creek they decided to pull up stakes in Atlanta and move East permanently. They saw their prospective new home the first day it went on the market, made an offer and voila, a new home at the Landings. The wall of glass gives them a panoramic view of nature and a variety of birds seeking nourishment from the feeders they have provided. Wild life abounds. They even see a bobcat, which keeps Athena, their Scottie, on her toes. Kathy and Norm lived in Atlanta from 1973. There, they raised their three children; a son who is professor of Forestry at Perdue University, a daughter who attended SCAD and is a professor of photography at Atlanta Art Institute and a son who works in hardscape construction in Oregon. Norm was a practicing physician in Atlanta and Kathy was an elementary school teacher. She is also an accomplished equestrian and has competed with her daughter in dressage. She enjoys trail riding and the outdoors. She loves cooking and for twelve years took cooking lessons from, Ursula, a well known chef of Atlanta. Since his retirement, Norman gives her a hand in the kitchen and is cultivating his own culinary skills. Kathy loves gardening and finds Savannah's soil so different from Atlanta's hard and rocky temperament. She had to sling a pick ax in Atlanta to soften up the Georgia clay. She has already signed up for the horticulture and birds and conservation committees. We welcome Kathy, and we look forward to her being an asset to our club.

Pat Sunshine, Membership Committee

LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, April 24, 2017

President Tina Zipperer called to order The Landings Garden Club meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church at 10:04 am with 61 members present and 1 guest. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Tina Zipperer; the Collect was read by Janis Encapera; the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Petal Pusher were approved as published. Tina thanked those who helped put the meeting together and especially Jayne Rogers and Maddie Harwood who are leaving the executive Board.

She also recognized Sue Hamlet for her work with the Petal Pusher and Sally Jones for the email blasts and web site.

Tina reminded members that the community service committee would be continuing to collect can tabs, toiletries and clothing over the summer.

The calla lilies on the tables will be available for sale for \$10.

Treasurer Maddie Harwood provided the financial report via the printouts on each table. The balance in the checking account on 3/31/17 was \$14,814.62.

Guest Cathy Jacobs was introduced by Susan Danner, herself a new member.

Hostesses for this meeting were Beth Larance, Heidi Lieberman, Judy Maugh, Linda Stephens, Edwina Walker, and Shirley Brown.

Floral arrangements were creations by Diane Ingram and Marie Scheuermann.

Parliamentarian Lisa Hall presented the awards from the Garden Club of Georgia. That organization is composed of 364 clubs with over 10,000 members. Clubs are categorized according to size, and awards are distributed according to those categories. The Landings Garden Club received the following awards:

Holiday Decorations 1 st Place Pat Barry

Publications (Web Site) 1 st Place Sally Jones

Newsletter 1 st Place Sue Hamlet

Butterfly Conservation 2 nd Place Shirley Brown

Containers 1 st Place Pat Barry, Diane Gustafson

Litter and Pollution Control 1 st Place Nancy Rosenthal, Nancy Strobel

In addition to awards from the Garden Club of Georgia, these rewards were received from the Deep South Region which is made up of garden clubs in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee:

Butterfly Conservation 1 st Place Shirley Brown

Containers 2 nd Place Pat Barry, Diane Gustafson

Litter and Pollution Control 1 st Place Nancy Rosenthal, Nancy Strobel

Lisa explained that an important function of the state garden club is promoting beautification, conservation and education. This year the Garden Club of Georgia awarded 50 scholarships, totaling \$72,000 to individuals who pursuing horticultural fields of study in college. One such scholarship is a \$1000 scholarship named in honor of Sally Jones for her work with the Landings Garden Club. Lisa reminded members that a Federated garden club requires its member clubs to adhere to a Standard of Excellence meeting minimum goals in attendance,

dues, goals, activities, etc. Life memberships in the Garden Club of Georgia are awarded as scholarship donations to the organization. Receiving life memberships this year were Barbara Paull, Irene Thornley, Sally Jones, Shirley Brown, Anne Dauray, and Dixie Diffenderfer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Containers – Pat Barry and Diana Gustafson thanked the group of volunteers who are managing the containers at the various clubs. The spring changeover is ongoing.

Pollinator Garden at Sparrow Field – Shirley Brown thanked her team of volunteers and reported that flowers are blooming and weeds are growing. She urged club members to come out on Friday mornings to work “for an hour or a bucket of weeds.”

Community Service – Meg Schreck, Barbara Martin, Diane Ingram, and Dottie Kirkland celebrated Garden Week by taking fresh flower arrangements to the Ronald McDonald House and to The Marshes. The Raffle collected \$76.

The business meeting ended with the installation of Officers for 2017-2018, conducted by Irene Thornley

Officers installed are the following:

President - Tina Zipperer

Vice President – Diane Ingram

Treasurer – Maggie Richard

Recording Secretary – Shirley Brown

Corresponding Secretary – Donna Nicol

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

PROGRAM

Plant Swap coordinated by Irene Thornley and Sandra Wolf.

The meeting concluded with a luncheon.

Submitted by Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary

