

# THE PETAL PUSHER

## NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB



*Beautification,  
Conservation, Education*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Landings Garden Club Meeting**

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup> “Seeking Eden” presentation and lunch meeting at the Plantation Club**

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Oleander District Annual Meeting, Plantation Club**

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Blooming in Art, Plantation Club**

### **Summer 2018**

Hello to all of you,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and join me in looking forward to a fun new year in Landings Garden Club. Before we move on to introductions, allow me to say thank you to

Tina Z for being an energetic, motivating, and productive president for the past two years. THANK YOU, TINA from all of us!

As I sit here on the patio considering what I should write in this letter my attention is captured by something else. That seems to happen a lot these days. Although I don't have the beautiful views that some of you have, I am always taken aback by the beauty of our island. I am amazed by the wildlife which makes the lagoon home; whether it is the red winged black bird which dive-bombs our dog Jellybean, or the egrets being chased by the red-winged blackbirds while soaring high in the sky, or 18 turtles lined up classroom style on the bank of the lagoon. Every time I come across the bridge I am reminded how blest we all are to live surrounded by all of this natural beauty!



I thought this egret was really fun, until he left me a gift! Thank goodness, Jon the power washer was scheduled the next day. The geckos always amuse me as they “skitter along” and change colors. This one appeared to be trying to make up his mind about something. I took the picture of the tree frogs to text to my granddaughter and asked her how many she saw. As you can see, I'm pretty easily entertained when it comes to wildlife!



Getting down to business, I'm including a listing below of our new board members, background information on our club and how we fit into the hierarchy of affiliation with Garden Club of Georgia and National Garden Club. Last but not least I have tried to give you some thoughts about the opportunities inherent in belonging to an affiliated/federated club.

More than half of our members responded to a brief online survey in May. We received valuable ideas for programs and field trips, several of which have been included in the coming year's calendar. There was a preference to keep our business meetings to 30 minutes, which is our goal next year. The survey asked about the best time of day for our periodic workshops—and feedback was that members don't have a clear preference—so we'll continue to vary the times. We were pleased to hear that members think we have about the right amount of communications and that our club communications are well-read. Many thanks to those who responded to survey, we appreciate your input! Thank you to Kathy Collura, our Publicity chair, for synthesizing the results of the survey!

Although we are still in the planning stages, this is going to be a great year! Be sure to mark your calendars now for Monday, October 15th (not our regular meeting date). This will be our special ticketed meeting this year where the author of the just-published book *SEEKING EDEN* will present an enjoyable and educational program. It's a beautiful book and the perfect gift for any gardener. Better yet share our meeting with a friend. As last year, we will offer tickets to our club members and their guests first, and then we will open the event to other garden clubs and organizations in the community. So start thinking now about all the people you are going to invite. This book and the "lecture" will appeal to history buffs, architects, landscape enthusiasts as well as gardeners. Of course, we will have a yummy lunch!

Have a great summer with family and friends. Be safe. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

*Diane Ingram*  
*2018-2019 President*



## **LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB BOARD**

Below is the new 2018-2019 board. I am very grateful that these women for being willing to give of their time and talent. With an exciting new year before us, we have many chairmen who are new in their positions and some are new to the club. These ladies are working diligently this summer to bring you interesting programs, activities, field trips and day trips. Whatever your interest—there is something for everyone! So we hope you will plan to be ENGAGED in your garden club!

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

*President-* Diane Ingram

*Vice President-* Jane Golz

*Treasurer-* Sharon Lundin

*Recording Secretary-* Shirley Brown

*Corresponding Secretary-* Pat Sunshine

*Past President-* Tina Zipperer

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

*Awards-* Stephanie Corley and Marie DeAngelis

*Birds and Conservation-* Jean Deitch

*Charitable Gifts-* Sharon Lundin

*Community Service-* Barbara Martin and Meg Schreck

*Design-* Marybeth Krovisky

*Gate Decorating-* Dottie Kirkland

*Horticulture-* Betsey Andersen

*Hospitality-* Nancy Strobel

*Membership* Janet Murphy, Donna Nicol and Pat Costanzo

*Newsletter Editor-* Sue Hamlet

*Parliamentarian-* Edith Teifeld

*Programs-* Diane Ingram and Jane Golz

*Publicity-* Kathy Collura

*Ways and Means-* Marianne Gardner and Donna Slappey

*Yearbook-* Susan Heath

## **Special Committee Chairs**

*Serenity Garden-* Diane Gustafson and Vicky Kramer

*Container Gardens-* Pat Barry and Connie Gescheidt

*Blooming with Art 2019-* Heidi Lieberman

*Done in a Day-* Belinda Winters

*Village Library-* Linda Rich and Marge Young

*GA Garden Club Liaison-* Dixie Diffenderfer

*Legislative Action-* Leslee Bowler

*Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs Representative-* Nancy Rosenthal

*Website and Social Media-* Sally Jones and Susan Heath

A reminder, all of these committees can still use additional people. So if you are a member who has not signed up for a committee, please contact Diane Ingram at [diingram@bellsouth.net](mailto:diingram@bellsouth.net) or 912-660-8493.

### ***WHAT IS AN AFFILIATED GARDEN CLUB?***

The Landings Garden Club is affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. which is recognized as the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. Established in 1929, NGC promotes gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility among its eight regions. We are part of the Deep South Region and the convention for this group of garden clubs will be at Jekyll Island in 2019. LGC member Lisa Hall is co-chair for this meeting.

This year Garden Club of Georgia is 90 years old! After 12 ladies in Athens, GA formed the first garden club in the USA in 1891, the concept of garden clubs spread quickly and clubs throughout the state were brought together in 1928. At that time there were 29 member clubs compared to the 363 member clubs we have today. The first major project of GCG was highway beautification. Back then individual member dues were 5 cents whereas today we pay \$10 per member to the state organization. What this organization has accomplished over the past 90 years is truly amazing! Those 12 ladies could not have imagined how their quest for Beautification, Conservation, and Education would influence future generations. Happy 90th GCG! Lisa Hall is protocol chairman for Garden Club of Georgia.

We are part of the Oleander District of GCG, one of seven districts throughout the state. LGC member Lisa Hall is District Secretary. Dixie Diffenderfer is District Chair for Special Projects-Plant America and Leslee Bowler is District Legislative Chair. We are well represented at the District level. Mark your calendars for October 18, 2018 when the Oleander District Annual Meeting will be right here at the Plantation Club.

In addition, Landings Garden Club belongs to the Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs which meets quarterly and supports the botanical garden on Eisenhower with our dues of \$3 per member. Nancy Rosenthal represents our club on this council. Be sure to visit the beautiful little garden rooms and rose garden at the botanical garden!

Landings Garden Club was founded October 22, 1986 with 27 women in attendance. Over the years this club has made and continues to make great contributions to our community and the greater Savannah area and now boasts 120 members. Don't miss a "walk down memory lane" on our outstandingly beautiful website where the story of many of these projects is captured. I particularly wanted to bring to your attention three places on our island which have been enhanced by our contributions.

In 2002, an American Liberty Elm Tree was planted to honor victims of 9/11/2001. This tree is located near Lagoon 58, off Sounding Point Retreat in Oakridge.



In 2007 LGC installed the Blue Star Memorial Marker in front of the Landings Association building as a tribute to the Armed Forces of America.



On Arbor Day we planted a High Tower Live Oak at Moon River Overlook.



All year our club is working to enhance our community through Container Gardening at The Landings Clubs, gardening at the Village Library, maintaining the Serenity Garden at Memorial Hospital, improving the landscaping at Bethesda and CCA Kids Lagoon and the way we are able to finance all of these projects is through our sale of **HOLIDAY BOWS**. Your club is working diligently to live up to our mission statement of Beautification, Conservation, Education. Be proud of your accomplishments and share the LGC story!

### **WHY DO WE BELONG TO A STATE AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION?**

The affiliation of LGC with state and national clubs increases our resources for fulfilling our mission statement of Beautification, Conservation, Education. When you visit the websites of these organizations, you find written information regarding gardening, floral arranging, conservation, etc. You also find courses available to you as a member where you can pursue your interests in depth. Belonging to an affiliated/federated club also offers support to officers, so the leadership of the club has an understanding of how to meet the goals of the organization. In addition, member clubs are encouraged to be active, energetic, working clubs through the awards system and other supportive events, i.e. regularly scheduled meetings where “best practices” can be shared. All in all, affiliation offers our members great opportunities for growth.



**Please remember** – When you shop on Amazon you can help our club raise funds for all our projects by going to [landingsgardenclub.com](http://landingsgardenclub.com) and clicking the picture you see here to access Amazon.com website.

### **BETHESDA DONE IN A DAY PROJECT**

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, a group of Landings Garden Club members took post-hole diggers, shovels, rakes, etc. and went to work on 2 garden beds at Bethesda Academy. The academy had prepared one area by bringing in top soil to fill in a low spot where rain water collected, so the digging was easy. We added more plants to the area around the Whitefield Chapel where we had done some planting last Fall. We installed 36 plants in about 2 hours and had time to pull weeds and clean up beds in the Courtyard. Later, Zipperer & Co. installed the two six-foot Emerald Green Arbovitae and spread the mulch. Now when visitors enter the circle drive, they are greeted by nice landscaping around the lamp post—a much needed improvement.

We all enjoyed sharing the cool morning, doing something worthwhile and making new friends. It was time well-spent in a beautiful, peaceful setting.

Pictured below are Pam Patterson, Angela Devore, Jane Golz, Diane Ingram, Sharon Lundin, Hannah Burtnik, Connie Gescheidt, Pat Wolthers, Joanne Bovey.





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

### **LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, April 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 Shirley Brown. The program speaker David DeVore of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) discussed the activities of that organization which has been a recipient of a \$1500 Charitable Gift from the Landings Garden Club to landscape the pavilion at the Kids Fishing Lagoon. The business meeting followed the program. The minutes were approved as printed in the Petal Pusher.

Diane Ingram presented the treasurer's report: current operating balance \$4041.54; Ways and Means \$7378.83; Total \$13,921.01. The budget for 2017-18 was presented and approved by membership. Anyone with expenditures outstanding should see Diane Ingram.

Help is needed for Hospitality for the next year. Sign-up sheets are on the tables.

Kathy Collura announced that a short survey will be emailed to membership. Please reply.

There will be a special program planned for October 15 with the authors of Seeking Eden, a book published by University of Georgia Press. The book is an update of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century Garden History of Georgia, 1733-1933 published by Peachtree Garden Club. Four Savannah gardens are featured in the update.

Lisa Hall presented Tina, the outgoing President with a copy of Seeking Eden.

Nancy Rosenthal, the representative to the Savannah Botanical Gardens, announced that The Rose Festival and plant sale at the Gardens on Eisenhower is scheduled for April 28.

Pat Sunshine reported that the LGC has 36 new members this year. Guests today included Karen Feeny and Stephanie Corley as well as Cleve Zipperer and Tina's daughter Ashley Rauls. Seventy-three members were in attendance.

Leslee Bowler reported on the Georgia legislative action related to conservation issues: tire recycle fees, coal ash and soil testing.

Shirley Brown directed members to an article in the Petal Pusher relating to preserving thickets for our birds.

Barbara Martin presented the awards the LGC received from the state and the district at the state convention. The Landings Garden Club received First Place for the following: Butterfly Conservation, Civic Improvement (Serenity Garden at Memorial Hospital), Holiday Decorations, Garden Week in Georgia, Newsletter, Website. Butterfly Conservation also received Second Place in the Deep South Garden Club Awards. Six states competed for these awards. The Yearbook received Third Place.

The plants on the table are for sale for \$5. The floral arrangements available by raffle were made by Pat Barry and Marie Scheuermann. Tina thanked Peggy Schilly and Janet Morley for their work heading the Hospitality Committee this year.

Tina announced the Sunset Social/ Plant Swap to be held on May 14 at 200 Yam Gandy Road at 4 p.m. You do not have to bring a plant to participate.

Remarks from Tina about her tenure as President preceded the Installation of officers for the 2017-18 year, conducted by Irene Thornley. The officers are President Diane Ingram, Vice President Jane Golz, Recording Secretary Shirley Brown, Treasurer Sharon Lundin, Corresponding Secretary Pat Sunshine. After the installation, Diane Ingram made remarks thanking Tina for her work and highlighting the events leading to growth of the club.

The meeting was adjourned after the raffle drawings, won by Pat Sunshine and Connie Gescheidt. The end-of-the-year luncheon followed.

Submitted by Shirley Brown Recording Secretary

