



The Landings Garden Club

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THE PETAL PUSHER NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

April 2019

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that this is my last president's letter. I want you all to know that I have considered it a privilege to serve as your president over the past year. I have been blessed with a great, hard-working and congenial board. They have dedicated many hours to planning and delivering fun and educational events for you.

Thank you to Tina Zipperer for helping to prepare me for this year and always being available to help in any way I needed. Then, there is Jane Golz who has been my tech consultant, my media consultant and my right hand. She has tried to bring me into the 21 st century. Susan Heath did a superb job in refining and producing our yearbook and continues to manage our website and social media. The jobs which are soooo necessary but get little glory—Shirley Brown as recording secretary, Pat Sunshine as corresponding secretary and Sharon Lundin as treasurer---thank you for ensuring that all went smoothly. Serving as our publicity chair, Kathy Collura was instrumental in making all of our public events successful by begging local print media to promote our events. Keeping our club informed on a monthly basis, Sue Hamlet, whether here or in Chicago, has edited, enhanced and produced our award-winning newsletter. Speaking of awards, Stephanie Corley dedicated a lot of time to generating award applications with detailed documentation and pictures and representing our projects in a way that wins. Dixie Diffenderfer, Leslee Bowler and Nancy Rosenthal kept us apprised of what was happening at the District level, in the Legislature and at the Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs, respectively---many ebasts actually came from these ladies! Our Parliamentarian, Edith Teifeld, was always there to give me a little "Edith nudge".

The Ways and Means Chairs, Donna Slaphey and Marianne Gardner, did a great job keeping our costs in line and producing lots of bows.

Their work enabled us to be able to give thousands of dollars to charitable organizations. Dottie Kirkland also brightened our Holidays with Gate Decorations that beautified our entrances. Jean Deitch and Betsey Andersen provided us with useful information at each meeting and planned special event opportunities for Birds and Conservation and Horticulture. As Community Service Chairs, Barbara Martin and Meg Schreck encouraged us to make donations to projects we continue to support. Belinda Winters coordinated our Done in a Day events where our members brought cheer to people and places through items they created or by "dig-

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Fresh Farm Vegetables
available Weekly;
Tuesday 12-4pm
Messiah Lutheran Church
Thursday 3-5pm
Bethesda Farm**

**April 16-18—Garden Club of
Georgia State Convention,
Columbus Georgia**

**April 21-27---Garden Week in
Georgia**

**April 22---LGC Meeting
Board Meeting 9AM
Social 9:30,
General Meeting 10AM**

**April 26-27---NOGS Garden
Tour**

**May 2---Morning Glory Gar-
den Club, Hinesville
Native and Nearly Native
Plants**

**May 4---SACGC
Rose Festival and Plant Sale**

**May 20---Plant Swap at Tina
Zipperer's, 200 Yam Gandy**

ging in the dirt". Pat Barry and Connie Gescheidt led the Container Gardens at the Landings Club where they added beauty to our environment. Diane Gustafson and Vicky Kramer organized the work at the Serenity Garden and continue to provide a respite for patients and loved ones in need of a peaceful place. Linda Rich and Marge Young made the entrance to the library look bright and welcoming all year. Heidi Lieberman chaired our Blooming with Art this year with great aplomb and with the help of other board members who stepped up when I could not be there.

Each month, before you arrive, there is an army of women who arrive early to make sure that our meetings are friendly, fun social events for you. Marybeth Krovisky and her contributing designers provided lucky raffle winners with beautiful arrangements to take home. Nancy Strobel and her fantastic sources of goodies have lavished us with lovely refreshments this year. Donna Nicol, Janet Murphy, and Pat Costanzo arrived early each month to prepare to greet members and provide name tags and to make visitors feel welcome so they want to join TLGC.

Thank you to all these ladies for their willingness to give of their time and talent! I had no idea, when I accepted this position, what life had in store with Chip's serious health issues and my lack of mobility but it was these wonderful women who made sure that the business of TLGC continued. Thank you for the privilege to serve. It has been my sincere pleasure.

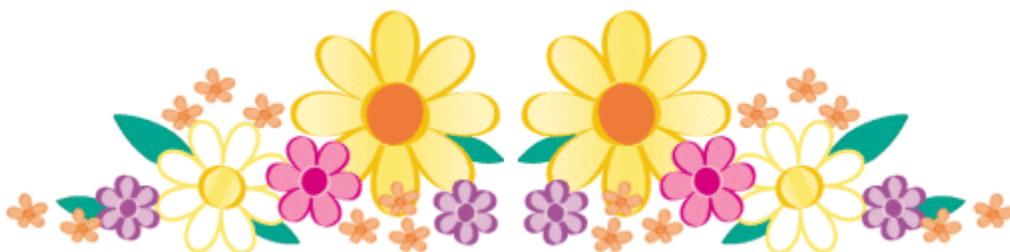
Currently, your incoming president, Jane Golz, is working diligently to put together impressive experiences for you for next year. I wish Jane and her board great success!

Our meeting this month is our last of the year and therefore we will celebrate with a light lunch. We are installing our new officers, voting on the budget, being visited by our Oleander District Officers and we will have a great program about flowering plants we can grow here. I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!

With gratitude,

Diane

Thank You



For Your Kindness

Thank you does not begin to express my gratitude for the kindness which all of you have showed Chip and me over the past month. You provided meals, sent cards, did follow-up emails on my condition, called and text. All of this thoughtfulness really did make with my being "out of commission" easier to handle. Again, thank you!

Diane

The Landings Garden Club, Inc.

Charitable Gifts for 2018-2019

Actual	Budget	
		Garden Club of Georgia
\$25.00		State Botanical Garden of Athens
\$100.00		Children's Garden of SBG in Athens
\$25.00		Atlanta Botanical Gardens
\$25.00		Cherokee Garden Library
\$25.00		Founders Memorial Garden
\$100.00		Historic Preservation
\$25.00		Land Trust: Marshall Forest
\$100.00		Natural Disaster Support
\$100.00		Roadside Beautification
\$25.00		State Parks & Public Lands
\$25.00		Blue Star Marker Restoration Fund
\$25.00		Garden Therapy Fund
\$100.00		C. Burke Day, Jr. Memorial Fund
\$25.00		Friends of The State Botanical Garden (\$25)
\$25.00		GCG State Headquarters
\$68.00		NGC - Penny Pines Donation
<u>\$818.00</u>	\$818.00	Total - Budget Specific
\$250.00		Arbor Day - Sparrow Field Maple Trees
\$1,000.00		GCG Named Scholarship-Tina & Cleve Zipperer
\$75.00		Garden Week in Georgia (3rd week in April)
\$500.00		Orphaned Bird Care
\$500.00		Safe Shelter - Children's Garden
\$500.00		Savannan Area Council Garden Clubs (min. \$250)
\$500.00		Skidaway Audubon - Sparrow Field
\$500.00		Skidaway Audubon - Program Sponsorship
\$300.00		Skidaway Audubon - Turtle Project
\$250.00		Skidaway Farm - Children's Garden
\$300.00		UGA Marine Ext. - J. Wolf Trail Project
<u>\$4,675.00</u>	\$3,750.00	Total - Budget Non-Specific
	\$1,082.00	Excess Funds
<u>\$5,493.00</u>	<u>\$5,650.00</u>	Total

Sharon Lundin, Treasurer
as of 4/22/2019

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Committee will continue to collect old towels for the surgery patients at PetFix, pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and unused hotel toiletries for the patients at Georgia Regional and the families that are staying at Ronald's house while their children are receiving treatment at Memorial Hospital.

Thank you for all of your donations.

Barbara Martin, Community Service Chair



SERENITY GARDEN

Sue Hamlet is hard at work preparing the Serenity Garden for Spring.

Vickie Kramer, Serenity Garden Chair



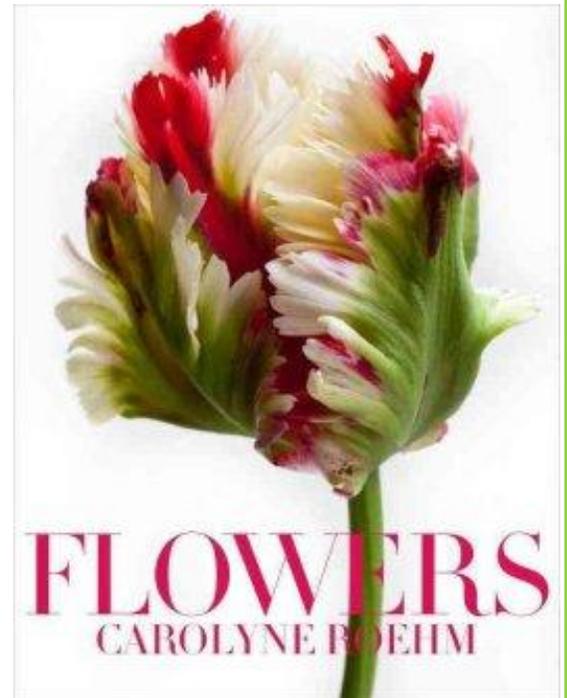
ANNUAL PLANT SWAP AND GARDEN SOCIAL

Mark your calendar for our annual plant swap on May 20th from 4pm to 6pm, at the home of Tina Zipperer, 200 Yam Gandy. This will be a fun, informal way to greet other members as you admire fellow members' contributions and vie for additions to your garden. For more information contact Betsey Andersen.

HORTICULTURE

On March 13th, the Horticulture Committee welcomed Landings Garden Club members to attend our second Horticulture Chat. The purpose is to bring together members who are especially interested in horticulture to talk about selected subjects of interest. On this day, members were asked to bring their favorite garden book and discuss why it was chosen. Books from the classic, "Onward and Upward in the Garden" by Katharine S. White to the glossy, large coffee table book "Flowers" by Carolyne Roehm were shown. Four special books of note (Home: Celebrating Autumn and Winter by Jill Helmer, Wildflower Folklore by Laura C. Martin, Timeless Landscape Design by Mary Palmer Dargan and Hugh Dargan, and Forever Green by Mario Nievera) were chosen because the authors were all close neighbors of the member who brought them! Somehow each book brought up interesting questions about our own gardens and general gardening questions. We all benefitted from the questions and felt especially grateful to have the experience of some long time residents of both Savannah and our Island to help answer them! This sharing of ideas and pondering over horticulture was a wonderful way to spend the afternoon as we all anticipated the coming of Spring and more time in the garden!

Jayne Rogers, Horticulture Committee



OUTDOOR CATS

Recently, my sister and I were discussing the dietary needs of cats and if there is a reason that cats eat birds. (Not that either of us are cat owners at this point in our lives, but we previously owned cats and obviously we don't pay for long distance calling). My sister maintained that there is a dietary reason that cats supplement their meals by eating birds (akin to clay eating or chewing ice as an indicator of anemia). I had no idea; however, I keep reading articles about the carnage wrecked on the bird population by the destructive behavior of these aloof loving furry creatures we welcome into our homes. So where does the truth lay? To my dismay, I could not find a nutritional reason for cats to eat birds; there is no literature that indicated birds supply any mineral needed in a cats diet. As it turns out, Commercial cat foods contain all the vitamins and minerals needed to assist in the health of cats. And, as we all know, eating a variety of foods usually fulfills the nutritional needs of all species. I did learn that there are several global movements trying to control cat populations:

1. Trap-Neuter-Return programs cut down the number of feral cats
2. limiting current cat populations to indoor environments only
3. not allowing new cats to come into the current population thereby eventually removing cats from the environment and ecosystem.

Here in lies the problem, when you remove one species from the ecosystem the result is an uptick in the population of another species to expand into the vacuum created. From my reading, cats generally capture birds that are weakened, sick, hungry or unable to fly out of harms way. Birds are small prey and not so easily caught. Amsterdam Island, in the Indian Ocean, removed all cats from the Island only to have the mice and rats eat the birds. When cats digestive excrements were examined, bird parts make up a small volume of the debris found. And yes, cats do consume small or fledgling birds and bird eggs; as do raccoons, opossums, red

fox, dogs, larger birds and other wildlife. To remove one species from our environment to preserve or increase the bird population is a short sighted conservation of our ecosystem. Man is recognized as the greatest destroyer of habitats and food sources for birds and all other wildlife; making this a whole other topic for discussion. We live in a complex ecosystem. The one-cat and one-bird argument is not sound, cats will more likely eat garbage before they eat birds because garbage doesn't fly away. Cats are indeed opportunistic feeders; they will wait for a rodent to come to them before chasing a flying bird. Cats have lived indoors as we know them today for less than 100 years. Feeding, caring and loving cats has been shown to lower blood pressure and give purpose to our lives. So maybe, we just need to relax. Please Note: Chatham County regulations as well as The Landings Covenants require all pets (whatever they are) to be vaccinated and up to date on all required shots. All pets are restricted to the owners' yard unless leashed or in recognized pet area such as the dog park. Keeping pets safe, thereby keeping the public safe, is the objective of these rules.

Jean Dietch, Birds and Conservation

REMINDERS

As a follow-up to our meeting last month about plastics, please bring your own coffee cup to reduce the number of plastic cups we are putting into the environment.

Also, please remember to silence your cell phone before the meeting begins.



MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome these new members!



Dianne Wergley and her husband, Al, relocated here in October of 2017 from Fairfax County, Virginia. They and their children had been visiting Dianne's parents at The Landings since 1994 and decided in 2015 to purchase a land lot and build a house on it. Dianne graduated from the College of William and Mary in Virginia with a degree in Business and retired to be a "full-time mom" when her first son was born. Since moving here, she has joined New Neighbors, Landlovers, Green Thumb, Friends of Skidaway Audubon, and our garden club. She has learned to play Mahjong and pickle ball, participates in line dancing at the club, and volunteers as a monitor on the Bluebird Trail. Dianne enjoys walking around the island, looking at all the beautiful landscaping, and learning about Southern Gardening! She is a busy lady.



Pat Haines and her husband, Chris, were familiar with The Landings before moving here recently from outside Buffalo, NY. They had visited their daughter who lives in Charleston, SC, and friends who live in The Landings. The number of outdoor activities available because of the moderate weather impressed them. They enjoy biking, kayaking, walking and more. The opportunity to meet people and make new friends through New Neighbors also encouraged them to choose The Landings as their retirement home. Pat and Chris owned a 100-year-old family insurance business (Pat is an accountant) that they sold to begin their retirement. Pat also taught yoga and landscaped their 4.5-acre residence, and won a landscaping award given by the Chamber of Commerce. They have lived here about several months and are presently very involved with renovations to their new home. Very soon Pat plans to get involved with volunteer work and, of course, gardening.



Yvonne Hemphill and her husband Jack, moved to The Landings in 2016 from New Hampshire where they had lived for the previous twenty-eight years. Her husband loves to golf so they were drawn to The Landings because of the many courses, the beauty and peacefulness here, and the proximity to downtown Savannah. Yvonne was born and raised in Kentucky. She majored in History and Psychology in college and worked for the water company in their area. She was a stay-at-home mom as she raised their three children. Since moving to The Landings, she volunteers at the Humane Society and proctors licensure tests given to professionals. She enjoys her two dogs, a lab and a Jack Russell. She has served on the New Neighbors Historic Tours Committee. And, although her husband has always been the gardener in the family, she is now planning to get involved with their landscaping efforts.

Janet Murphy and Pat Costanzo, Membership Committee Co-Chairs



DONE IN A DAY UGA AQUARIUM PROJECT



Connie Gescheidt, Pat Haines, Georgia Klauzer, Janet Morley, Diane Gustafson, Sue Hamlet, Dottie Kirkland, and Meg Schreck installed shrubs around some signage at the Skidaway Island Institute.

DONE IN A DAY SPARROW FIELD POLLINATOR GARDEN PROJECT

The March 20th Done in a Day Project at the Sparrow Field brought out Landings Garden Club volunteers to spread pine straw mulch. Pictured left to right are Dawn Cordo, Diane Gustafson, Shirley Brown, Joan Hutzler, Joanne Bovey, and Belinda Winters behind the camera



"Native Plants And Nearly Native"

Exhibit

Sponsored by

Morning Glory Garden Club

Partnering with Hinesville Arts Council



Opening Reception

Thursday, May 2

5:00 until 7:00 PM

Hinesville Area Arts Council

102 Commerce St

Hinesville GA 31313



@ Bradwell Park also on Commerce St

Native plant vendors

Displays: Forestry Agent and County Extension Agent

Exhibit will depict all aspects of native plants &

Morning Glory GC's history including using natural plant materials for décor.

Open the month May but the first day Reception will be phenomenal!!

SKIDAWAY AUDUBON

Friends of Skidaway Audubon will be bringing David Mizejewski to speak about "Saving Pollinators One Garden at a Time" on Sunday, May 5, 2019, in the Plantation Ballroom from 3-5pm. TLGC Board has approved a \$500 donation to this event.

Mr. Mizejewski is a National Wildlife Federation naturalist and television host noted for his energetic and informative talks on "Saving Pollinators in our Gardens". David will discuss the most important pollinators and their role in maintaining a healthy and vibrant ecosystem. He will also cover some of the reasons for the recent decline in their populations. After his talk, Mr. Mizejewski will be available to sign his most recent book "Attracting Birds, Butterflies and other Backyard Wildlife" an expanded 2nd edition. The new edition includes 17 projects with step-by-step instructions to give back to nature.





The Savannah Area Council of
Garden Clubs & Botanical Garden
1388 Eisenhower Drive

Presents the:

Annual Rose Festival

Saturday, May 4th

9 am - 2 pm



Plant, Rose, and Daylily Sale

Artists and Crafters

Garden Tours, Ask a Master Gardener

& Children's Activities

Free Admission & Free Parking!

For info call 912-346-4770 or email
sacgc1388@botanical.comcastbiz.net

The Landings Garden Club General Meeting, March 25, 2019

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by Vice President Jane Golz at 10:00 a.m. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance and The Collect in unison.

The minutes were approved as published in The Petal Pusher. Sharon Lundin Presented the Treasurer's report: Reserve account \$2500.82; Operation account \$7613.90; Ways and Means \$9497.50; Total Balance \$19,612.22.

Lisa Hall presented the slate of officers nominated and opened nominations from the floor. The nominees were accepted by voice vote: President, Jane Golz; Vice President, Hannah Burtnik; Recording Secretary, Kathy Jacobs; Treasurer, Sharon Lundin; corresponding secretary, Pat Sunshine.

President's report:

Committees for next year will have a chair and an "ascending" chair to facilitate smooth transitioning.

There will be a Done in a Day project in April at the Skidaway Institute. No date is set yet.

March hostesses were thanked: Karen Foulkes, Meg Schreck, Jane Golz, Sue Hamlet, June Palmer, Maddie Harwood, Beth Larance, Sharon Lundin. Today's floral arrangement for the raffle was designed by Seekie Drysdale. Nancy Rosenthal and Marybeth Krovisky sold raffle tickets. The raffle was won by Marjatta Hamilton

New Members: Sandy Parshall; Guests: Sally Dunfee, Kathy Jones, Vicki Menke, Diane Patterson.

Upcoming events:

3/28-31 – Savannah Home and Garden Tour

3/28 – "Wildlife in the Landings," a talk by Sean Burgess at Messiah Lutheran Church at 6:30

4/9 – garden tour, home of Sandra Wolf

4/16-18 – Garden Club of Georgia Annual Convention at Columbus, Georgia

4/21-27 – Garden Week in Georgia

5/4 - Savannah Council of Garden Clubs Rose Festival and Plant Sale at Savannah Botanical Garden on Eisenhower

Committee Reports:

Birds and Conservation – Jean Deitch spoke about collecting pet fur or cotton lint and putting it out in net bags for birds to use for nesting material. Betsey Anderson announced the horticulture tour at Sandra Wolf's Garden 6 Marmaduke Lane on April 9th from 10-11:30. Pat Sunshine reported that Lisa Olsen had been in an accident and is recovering and that President Diane Ingram is recuperating from hip surgery at home.

The April 22nd meeting Will be on Flowering plants in the Landings, presented by Shane Sexton, the Horticultural Manager at Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Jean Deitch introduced Garrett Jones from Wilderness Southeast who spoke about Host Plants, the beneficial "weeds" in our gardens.

Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary