



The Landings Garden Club

Beautification. Conservation. Education

THE PETAL PUSHER NEWSLETTER OF THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB

DECEMBER 2018

Happy Holidays Everyone,
As we approach the end of the year, I am amazed. I am amazed at how time flies (the end of 2018 already), amazed at all the activities and projects in which we are involved; and amazed by you members who make all those things happen. Thank you for all you do and how you are making our community better!

Each month, many of you contribute your time and effort to make our meetings special. This month Anne Gardner created a beautiful, sweet centerpiece for the food table. December hostesses who provided lovely goodies were Karen Angers, Dixie Diffenderfer, Beth Larance, Barbara Martin, Melissa Peters, Nancy Rosenthal, Shelby Schavoir, and Marge Young. Five new members introduced themselves to attendees and we welcomed 4 guests (2 joined). Checking in the members were Linda Rich, Marie Temorshuizen, and Anne Guira. Collecting name tags was Lisa Olson. Thank you everyone.

The point here is that it takes all of us working together to make our club successful and you all are doing a great job! It is because of you we are able to do all the projects we do and accomplish our mission of "beautification, conservation, and education". Be sure to read the whole newsletter—we have lots of information for you!

Finally, I am wishing you all the happiest of Holidays as you enjoy friends and family! Be safe as you travel and come back looking forward to a great 2019!

Many blessings to you and yours,

Diane

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 19—Done in a Day project at John Wesley

January 7—Special Event: Georgia Hummingbirds

January 12—Skidaway Audubon Program--Raptors

January 14---New Members Social

January 22---Field Trip: Orchid House at CGBG

January 25---CCA Fish Fry

January 28---General Meeting

February 6---Special Event: Plants for Savannah

February 13---Blooming with Art

February 15---Georgia Arbor Day



BIRDS AND CONSERVATION



A good pair of binoculars is essential to birding so that you can optimally locate the bird you want to observe and distinguish the colors and fine details that make up the birds beauty. Yet knowing what type of binocular to purchase is a mystery to many of us. To solve this mystery we need to understand 2 basic numbers that describe the lens of the binocular. All binocular lens are described by a set of two numbers. The first is its magnification and the second is its field of vision. To illustrate I will use the 10 x 42 lens (good for birding). The first number “10” represents the magnification of the lens or think of it as the bird being 10 times larger. The second number “42” represents the diameter of

the lens; that is 42 mm. The larger the size of the lens, the greater the field of vision or the more light that comes in through the lens improving visibility in low light conditions such as dusk or dawn. Therefore, a good magnification for birding binoculars is either 8 or 10 as the image is crisp and stable, while a 42 mm or larger lens is best for low light conditions. Other considerations include weight of binoculars, price point and where you will be birding. Also, with advances in technology you can now wear glasses while viewing through binoculars (no need to move them on and off your face). You can purchase binoculars that have one or two focusing knobs, I recommend a one focusing knob binocular. A two knob binocular will slow you down when trying to best view the bird.d may have flown.

The two stores in Savannah that carry birding binoculars are Wild Birds Unlimited and Bass Pro Shops. When looking at binoculars ask lots of questions and test as many different models as possible. Look for crispness and clear color in the image. Tell the sales people that you will be purchasing binoculars for birding. Other considerations when making your purchase should include: waterproofing, multi-coating HD lens, fog proofing, weight of binoculars and very important, the manufacturers warranty and customer service.

Good binoculars can start at \$150.00 and go up to \$1,500.00. Again, take your time and consider where and how you will be birding. Look at the accessories to lighten your load. Keep in mind that 8 x 32 are considered compact binoculars; 10 x 42 are midsize and 20 x 50 are professional. Relax, and remember watching gorgeous feathered creatures visit our Island is akin to meditation. Breath. Happy Birding!

Jean Deitch, Birds and Conservation Committee Chair

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 unused 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 low-cost spay and neuter clinic. If you have any of these items 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 Chair

CHARITABLE GIFTS

ATTENTION: IT'S TIME!

The Charitable Gifts Committee will be meeting on January 21st. We welcome any recommendations you may have for potential recipients in our annual charitable fund giving. **Please tube or e-mail your recommendations by January 20th** to Sharon Lundin at 7 Log Landing Rd. or shlundin@comcast.net. Thank you!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee will begin meeting in **January** in order to present the slate of officers in February, to vote in March, to install in April. Please consider serving as an officer or a committee chair, then contact Pat Sunshine sunfun318@gmail.com or Jane Golz golzjane@gmail.com

DESIGN COMMITTEE

At the January meeting, Judy Sweeterman will be sharing her creativity with us. Be sure to buy a raffle ticket at the meeting so you can take home the lovely centerpiece.

GATE (UN)DECORATING



Please feel free to help Dottie Kirkland and friends take down the decorations, pack them up, and store them for next year on January 3rd. This is a big job! Many hands makes a big job smaller.

HORTICULTURE



Oh dear, deer! Sure we want to promote the wildlife and the natural beauty here on our island. Yes, the wildlife here does include deer which can become a costly nuisance to homeowners, especially avid gardeners. So how can we protect our treasured garden while understanding that deer are a dear part of nature here, too? Well, we can try to plant more “deer resistant” plants, but the deer don’t seem to read the labels! Even the so-called “deer proof” plants are susceptible to grazing by deer.

Another alternative that seems to deter deer is deer spray. So far, we have not found any spray that works all the time since deer seem to find the fresh new growth or flowering buds and will graze on this regardless. However, we have tried several sprays such as Liquid Fence and Deer Off that do deter deer somewhat if applied regularly. But we find these sprays have very obnoxious odors, which is probably why the deer are not attracted to plants that have been sprayed. Last year, we found Deer Out which is an all natural spray with a minty smell that is much more tolerable to humans yet still unpleasant to our dear deer! (We purchased our Deer Out in concentrate form from amazon.com) Deer Out is our preferred deer spray! We have to apply it to our garden every two weeks in the Spring when all the new growth is happening. Once summer comes, we cut back to spraying once a month. By Fall, we do not spray unless we find an area where the deer are starting to graze again.

To be sure, we will have deer nibbling our new plants and fresh buds from time to time as they make their way around the island. But scheduled spraying with natural ingredients seems to be a way for us to enjoy our garden instead of simply growing a salad for the deer to devour. Since we do want to conserve wildlife on our island, we do have to realize that a few blooms may be sacrificed to hungry deer. In my opinion anyway, a true gardener is only a custodian of nature’s beauty, which includes plants, insects, and other critters...yes, even the dear deer! For more details, you may contact me at winters.belinda2@gmail.com.

Belinda Winters, Horticulture Committee

HOSPITALITY

At the January meeting, our yummy refreshments will be provided by Meg Schreck, Jean Holland, Betsey Andersen, Hannah Burtnik, Janet Morley, Haydee Toedtman, Peggy Schilly, and Jane Golz.

DONE IN A DAY (DID)

We completed our Done In a Day Project which was scheduled for November a little early so that seniors at two resident facilities could enjoy the wreaths all through the month to set the tone for a wonderful Thanksgiving. The Event Coordinator was Angela Devore, who opened her home and created a well-equipped workshop right in her breakfast area! Angela was our instructor, but she impressed upon us that we were to use our own talent and imagination as we each created lovely, unique wreaths. We made five Fall Hanging Wreaths for Marsh View Senior Living and one Table Wreath for Spanish Oaks Retreat. Later that afternoon, Angela delivered the wreaths. Shown in the picture below are Angela Devore, Shirley Brown, Jean Deitch, Sharon Lundin, Lynn Barnard, Janet Morley, and Belinda Winters.



December Done In a Day Project is on Wednesday, December 19th. We will go to John Wesley Villas to conduct a workshop where each Resident can create a small floral arrangement for their apartment. The Event Coordinator for this project is Belinda Winters, and several members have already signed up to help. Hopefully, we can share the true spirit of this holiday season with the seniors and all who participate in this project.
Belinda Winters, DID committee chair

MEMBERSHIP

Please plan to pay your dues of \$40 (active) in January. You will receive a membership form via email. Please complete the form and return it with your check to Sharon Lundin, 7 Log Landing Rd. no later than January 31 or you may pay at the January meeting. Checks and completed forms must be submitted together.

Please welcome these new members.

GEORGIA KLAUTZER



Welcome back, Georgia Klautzer! Georgia and her husband came to The Landings serendipitously while visiting Savannah and considering a second home. A woman they briefly met in Savannah recommended that they look at The Landings. They did and purchased a condo in 2003, and lived here for about three years. However, they returned in 2017 after retiring, and purchased a house. They live part-time in St. Louis. Georgia loves cooking and is very active in pickle ball, a book club, mahjong, canasta, bridge, and, in her spare time, volunteers as docent at the Davenport House. Proudly, she related that when she was new to Savannah, she volunteered in an oral history project at Savannah High School. The project developed into a theatrical event, in which the students portrayed the lives of community leaders. It was, subsequently, produced by a local theater group. Georgia is new to gardening in the South and hopes to learn from being a member of The Landings Garden Club. Should we tell her about the deer?

MARIE ULREY



Marie and her husband chose The Landings for a retirement home after looking at golf communities in the Southeast. The 6 golf courses as well as the feel of a real community rather than a resort attracted them here. They have resided here since 2006. Of course the warmer weather compared to Ann Arbor, Michigan was a factor. Marie was a director of clinical research for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. There she led a team that ran studies for drug development. Now that she is retired, Marie is an avid golfer, playing about 4 times a week. She is past Chairwoman of the LWGA. In addition, she plays mahjong, works out at the fitness center, and enjoys reading. She enjoys her 2 year old dog. She and her husband like traveling and usually take two big trips a year. In Michigan, Marie created a perennial garden on her property that she is very proud of. Here she hasn't had good luck and has resorted to planting in pots instead of in the ground. She is a member of the Green Thumb Club.

SUSAN WOODS



Three-year residents of The Landings Susan Woods and her husband Larry, relocated here from Newburgh, Indiana to join their daughters and their families. They were attracted to The Landings because of its beauty and security. Susan's educational background is in Early Childhood Education with a masters degree in Reading. She taught and directed preschool and taught in kindergarten. Susan was also an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Southern Indiana in Early Childhood Education. If you ask Susan "what she is," she will say "a storyteller." She entertains the children from the Skidaway Island Preschool on Tuesday mornings and at other local schools. Her stories are supplemented with puppets, props and

costumes. Drop by the library some Tuesday morning at 10:00 am to see her in action. Susan's interests are diverse. She is also a craftswoman working with broken china to make mosaics, books to make lovely folded book art, and pen and ink to produce interesting sketches. Susan also finds time to participate in the Magpies, two Bible study groups, Cure Childhood Cancer Organization, and LOVE, to list only a few organizations. She enjoyed gardening in Indiana but finds it a difficult activity here because of the deer and climate. Hopefully, her involvement with TLGC will convince her that gardening is worth the effort.

KAREN DUNCAN



Karen and her husband Doug moved to The Landings 18 months ago after an extensive search for a retirement community. They chose The Landings because of the lifestyle, weather and it's financial stability. After graduating from Ohio's Ashland University with a major in fashion, she worked in New York City in advertising. Her next adventure was to found her own lifestyle publication, called *Matters Magazine*, which went on to a 28 year success and continues in circulation today after being sold by Karen. Besides living in New York and growing up in Pittsburgh, she resided in New Jersey. Karen is a member of New Neighbors, where she chairs the Chef Secrets. She manages the publicity for the Landlovers Flea Market and is active with local fundraising endeavors. She plays golf, mahjong and belongs to a book club. Karen has enjoyed gardening having learned from both her mother and grandmother. She is very eager to absorb knowledge about gardening in Savannah.

JACKIE HOLLOWAY



Jackie and her husband Rex, previously from Michigan, looked across our country for a retirement community. They selected The Landings because of its beauty, privacy, many golf courses and their fondness of downtown Savannah. Both Jackie and Rex retired from the medical community. She worked as a nurse for 40 years, and he as a physician. They were both golfers before medical events prevented them from continuing that hobby. Now Jackie enjoys quilting and needlepoint. But her passion is gardening. In Michigan, she was proud of a beautiful rose garden she created. On Skidaway, she has redesigned her property of almost an acre. She enjoys digging in the dirt and has learned what she can and cannot plant to get along with the deer. Hopefully, she will share this knowledge with the membership.

MARY McBRIDE



Mary and her husband, Dean Philippo moved to The Landings about 18 months ago from Mount Kisco, N.Y. Mary and Dean were a sales team for office product companies in N.Y. Five years ago, a friend recommended they visit and they did – several times – and were impressed by the friendliness of the people. Her husband being an avid golfer, was attracted by the six golf courses and they both were happy to be moving closer to family in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Now that they have settled into life here, Mary is taking up golf. She also enjoys working at Second Harvest. Mary is new to gardening and hopes to learn what to do and what not to do from being a member of The Landings Garden Club.

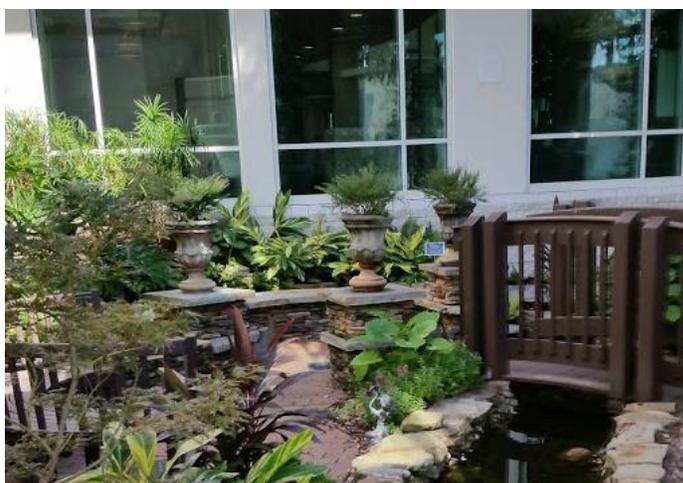
JANUARY PROGRAM



On January 28 th, our program is entitled “Plastic Pollution on the Georgia Coast” which will be presented by Dr. Jay Brandes, a professor at Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. He will be talking about the two year study he is leading to determine the extent of microplastics in our coastal waters. Please join us for an enlightening presentation.

SERENITY GARDEN

The Serenity Garden at the Cancer Institute at Memorial Health is striving beautifully after a very cold frozen winter where many plants had to be cut to the ground. Two Garden Club volunteers maintain the garden twice each month.



BLOOMING WITH ART

We are making preparations for Blooming with Art. Please sign up with Heidi Lieberman at Heidilieberman@live.com to serve as a docent. This is a really fun evening!

VILLAGE LIBRARY

The plantings at the Village Library have been refreshed for winter and are under the watchful eye of Linda Rich and Marge Young and their committee.

DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL MEETING

This year we have a rare opportunity because our regional meeting, as part of The National Garden Club, Inc. is at Jekyll Island March 11-13, 2019. Since there are 7 states in our region, it will be several years before the meeting will be back in Georgia. Make your plans now to attend.

SAVANNAH AREA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

This council supports the Savannah Botanical Garden (on Eisenhower) along with Friends of Savannah Botanical Garden. Please consider joining the Friends group as they try to preserve this asset to our city. Contact Nancy Rosenthal nrosent892@aol.com for details. Belle Miller “Patti” King passed away on Dec. 8th at the age of 95. She was a “founding Mother” of the Botanical Garden on Eisenhower.



Additionally, in 2001 she did the installation of officers including Dixie Diffenderfer as president of TLGC.

OLEANDER DISTRICT

The fall Oleander Leaflets, newsletter for the district, may be accessed on line at <https://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/olfa18.pdf>. There are lots of pictures of the annual district meeting in October at Plantation Club.

SKIDAWAY AUDUBON

Skidaway Audubon is forming a membership group to be known as ***Friends of Skidaway Audubon***. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Dawn Cordo geannettecordo@gmail.com or Susan Heath sanddheath@gmail.com.

DECEMBER MEETING



THE LANDINGS CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES, December 3, 2018

The Landings Garden Club board meeting was called to order by President Diane Ingram at 9:00 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Old Business – Committee reports

Bows – Sales continuing in the Village with 500 bows left to sell

Horticulture – Betsey Andersen reported that the field trip to Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens was very informative for those who attended. The next scheduled field trip is January 22, 2019 to the Orchid House at CGBG.

Informal Garden tours at the homes of Belinda Winters and Kathy Collura gave members an opportunity to see works in progress. Attendees suggested that the club plan more such activities.

Done in a Day – Holiday Wreaths were made and delivered to Marshview. An activity with residents at John Wesley Villas is scheduled for December 19th.

Newsletter – Deadline for articles is December 10.

Birds and Conservation – An article on selecting binoculars for bird watching will be printed in the Petal Pusher.

Blooming with Art – Artists and designers have been paired for the February 13 th event.

Serenity Garden – Fall planting and mulching has been done. Maintenance is ongoing with volunteers as scheduled.

Gate Decorating – Gate decorating is completed. Take down is January 3 rd. A signup sheet will be available at the general meeting for additional volunteers.

Awards – Susan Heath is to check on posting to the Garden Club's Facebook page.

Community Service – Reminder to donate towels and toiletries.

Charitable Gifts – The committee will meet in January to select recipients.

GA Garden Club Liaison – Dixie Diffenderfer reported that the Deep South Region convention will be held at Jekyll Island March 11-13.

Savannah Area Council – Nancy Rosenthal reminded that the council operates the Savannah Botanical Garden on Eisenhower.

Website – the website is ending the association with Amazon.

New Business

Treasurer's report – Diane Ingram reported \$2500.76 in the Reserve account; \$4,528.74 in the Operations account; \$8253.11 in the Ways and Means account for a balance of \$15,282.61.

The Board agreed by voice vote to permit membership forms for Skidaway Audubon to be distributed at the general meeting. Going forward such requests will be considered based on the purview of the Club.

Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, December 3, 2018

The general meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Diane Ingram 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. The Treasurer's report lists \$2500.76 in the Reserve Account; \$4528.74 in the Operations Account; \$8253.11 in the Ways and Means Account. Total Balance \$15,282.61.

President's report:

Charitable gifts designations are due January 12st.

Dues for the next Garden Club year (May 2019-April 2020) are due in January to accommodate submitting the dues to the Garden Club of Georgia by March.

Committee sign-ups for next year will also be made in January. Anyone who wants to chair a committee should contact Jane Golz.

There will be a new group – Scenic Chatham- Scenic America – relating to enforcing codes.

Membership signup forms for Friends of Skidaway Audubon are available.

Upcoming events:

Done in a Day – Holiday Floral workshop on December 19 at 1 pm at John Wesley Villas.

Birds and Conservation – special event – Georgia Hummingbirds - January 7th at 10:30 at Messiah Lutheran Church.

New Members Social – Home of Diane Ingram January 14th 4-6 pm.

Field Trip – Orchid House at Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden, January 22nd, 9:15-11:30.

General meeting January 28th : “Plastics Pollution on the Georgia Coast”.

Blooming with Art February 13th – docents needed; signup sheets available.

New members were introduced by Diane Ingram and each introduced themselves by answering scripted questions. The Club welcomes Joy Howard, Karen Duncan, Gayle Ridgway, and Sandra Frank.

Three guests were in attendance: Missy Goulard, Susan Barton, and Pat Haines.

Bow sales in the Village continue. A large wreath of 14 red bows was raffled. It was won by Kathy Collura.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

The program was a workshop to make a holiday centerpiece.

Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary

