



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

The Petal Pusher Newsletter

December 2019

Tis the season to be.... THANKFUL!

I know thanksgiving is behind us but I have to add a big wow and applause to our marvelous Bow Ladies and their incredible team of volunteers who sold out of bows for the first time in our club's history. That's right, there are exactly zero bows going back into boxes for next year. Thank you to Mary McBride and Karen Duncan and all the volunteers who manned the table in the village this last month.

We have many exciting things in the new year; a new members social; our first evening general meeting (January 27th), and an amazing full day field trip to see Magnolia Plantation in March (details below). Be sure and check our website or your yearbook for any details of upcoming events.

Joy to you and your loved ones during this festive time of year!

Jane Golz, President



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 14

4 PM, New Member Social,
Invitations emailed this week

Monday, January 27

5 PM Board Meeting
5:30 Refreshments and small bites
6:00 General Meeting
6:30 Program "New and Under-Used
Plant Materials"

Tuesday, February 11

Field Trip to Armstrong Arboretum
9 AM – Noon, Eventbrite Sign up here:
[Click here](#)

Monday, February 24

9 AM Board Meeting
9:30 Coffee and Socializing
10 AM General Meeting
10:30 Program "Human Nature; A
Paradigm of Change"

Monday, March 2

Field Trip to Magnolia Plantation,
Charleston
7:45 AM to 6 PM
Registration/ Details below

Spring Field Trip to Charleston

Please grab a friend and join us for a lovely day at Magnolia Plantation in Charleston. The cost of the tour is \$80 per person and includes transport on a coach bus, a box lunch, and admission to Magnolia Plantation, a tour of the house, and a guided tour on the Nature Tram. We will also have access (weather and time permitting) to two other attractions including the Nature Boat which runs along the banks of the Ashley River, Audubon Swamp Tour which includes beautiful dykes, boardwalks, and bridges, or Slave Cabins and guided tour of life on the plantation. Your reservation and check must be received by January 30th . The Reservation form is attached and also found on our website. To see additional photos please visit <https://www.magnoliaplantation.com/>.



REGISTRATION FORM

Must be received by Thursday, January 30th at 8 PM.

One form is required for each attendee.

Members and non-members are welcome!

General Information: Attendees must meet at the parking lot of Skidaway United Methodist Church by 7:45 AM on March 3rd. We will drive by coach bus to Charleston where we will spend the day at beautiful Magnolia Plantation. The drive is just over two hours. We will tour the historic house, take the Nature Tram, and have access to two other attractions pending weather; the Nature Boat, Audubon Swamp, or Slave Cabins. Included in your admission is a box lunch with bottled water. Please include your meal request below. We will board the bus in the afternoon with intent to return to the church parking lot by 6 PM.

Cost per person inclusive of bus, entry fees, gratuities, and lunch: \$80

The Landings Garden Club

2020 Spring Field Trip

March 3, 2020

Magnolia Plantation, Charleston SC

Name _____ **Member** _____

Non Member _____

Cell Phone _____ **Email** _____

Lunch Selection...please choose one:

_____ **Sandwich** (served on a fresh baked croissant with lettuce and tomato on the side, and boxed lunch includes potato salad and a small dessert. Please choose type of sandwich:

_____ Chicken Salad _____ Turkey with Cheese _____ Ham with Cheese _____

_____ **Vegetarian;** Spinach wrap with lettuce, carrots, red onion, artichoke hearts, cucumbers and baby tomatoes. Serves with a side of balsamic, potato salad and cookie.

_____ **Gluten Free;** Salad with lettuce, tomato, cucumbers, carrots, cranberries, pine nuts, boiled eggs, topped with cheese. Served with a side of balsamic, gluten free potato chips and 3-bean salad.

To reserve your spot, this form with your check for \$80 made payable to The Landings Garden Club must be received by January 30th at 8PM. Please mail or tube to Jane Golz, 7 Blackbeard Lane, Savannah GA. 31411. You will receive an email confirmation when your reservation is received. Should our minimum attendance of 40 people not be attained we will return your check to you.

Space is limited to 55; first come, first serve.

Refunds are not available after the 30th .

For any questions, please phone Jane Golz, 704-641-4467.

St. Peter's Annual Plant Sale

Pre-order Plants January 5 -27 from St. Peter's Church Annual Market.

The annual MARKET@3 West Ridge Rd is a fundraiser to help non-profits serving at-risk children and youth in Savannah. This year's proceeds will benefit CASA- Court Appointed Special Advocates and CCAC-Coastal Children's Advocacy Center. The Market's Plant Committee offers you an opportunity to pre-order a wide assortment of early Spring plants including multiple colors of annuals and popular deer-resistant bedding plants.

This pre-sale gives you a wide array of colors in quantities you want. Pre-sales are offered January 5-27. The Market, held February 11-13, also includes a plant sale in smaller volume with similar and additional varieties.

By January 5, 2020 the website stpeterssavannah.org will have a selection "Plants" on the home page which will let you select the order form as an Excel file, order form as a PDF, or the plant photo flyer as a PDF. If this seems too complicated or you need more information, contact Kate Kastner katekastner@icloud.com to receive files directly.

Plant pickup is at St Peter's, 3 West Ridge Rd, on Tuesday February 11, 6-7 pm or Wednesday, February 12, 10am- 1 pm.

Bow Sales

Bow Sales have been stellar this season, well exceeding the goals! We have ~~all but sold out~~ COMPLETELY SOLD OUT !!! of the inventory from this season and previous years. We are so appreciative of the support from the club members through these many weeks of selling.

Submitted by Mary McBride and Karen Duncan

Photo One from left to right: Karen and Mary selling bows at a Merrill Lynch reception. Merrill Lynch has been just fabulous to host our supplies and have been amazing allowing us to come and go at all hours of their work day! The Garden Club truly owes them our gratitude for being such willing and wonderful supporters.

Photo Two: A satisfied customer and his son at a Saturday Bow sales day in the village.

Photo Three: Our TWATL Cover girl, Lanier, showing off one of our gorgeous bows!



Birds and Conservation

Going forward with a “new” community project is the perfect time to reflect on our past. It turns out our greatest resources are our “Gardner Sisters” and the archived Petal Pusher Bulletins on our website. Birds and Conservation resurrected the Backyard Certification project with a goal of Community Certification for wildlife sustainability. The Garden Club of Georgia describes the Community Certification as “an in-depth, multi-faceted program intended to educate the community while creating a diverse and large-scale habitat for wildlife”. Our garden club is working with Skidaway Audubon and Green Thumb towards a wildlife sustainable designation on a national level as this is beneficial to our Island, our community and our homes. It turns out The Landings Garden Club applied for, met all criteria and was awarded the first Community Certification designation in Georgia in 2004! We are registered with The Garden Club of Georgia and Georgia Department of Natural Resources, as a Certified Community.

We thought we were expanding a great project, turns out our “Sisters” already did that and more. With every new generation comes insights, ways of looking at our community, challenges that ebb and flow with the environment. How much change has taken place in 15 years? A lot; we are all much more tech savy, connected to phones, internet and Siri/Alexa. We have electric cars (beyond golf carts) and “smart” everything. But much stays the same as gardening, by nature, is a slow meditative process. Gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists all active people are the community attracted to this Island; not just now but from its inception. Our Garden Club has a history of women who are committed to learning about native wildlife and plants and encouraging their use in our gardens, documenting bird migration, providing water and food for migratory birds and insects, building and maintaining brush and rock piles for wildlife habitats. We have not thought of something new but rather we carry on a legacy of sustaining our amazing Island.

Our leadership and active membership continue to care for our native community as our population increases. We bump up against sharing space with more people, more wildlife and environmental concerns. We have had 3 Mandatory Evacuations in 5 years. Tropical Storm Mathew took out not only a huge amount of wildlife habitats but also scattered the beehive on our island. Between increased population and weather, we lost natural habitats in shrubbery, Purple Martin homes, pollinators at Skidaway Farms along with several hundred trees. While GCG and Ga DNR do not require re-certification of our community, 15 years is a good place to reassess. At heart we continue to find that our long-time club members are smart, forward thinking, environmentally protective women who continue to guide us in our pursuit of life among the wildlife at The Landings. The various other organizations that work for our betterment all remind us that we are in this together, no matter the group we represent. And for all future projects we envision but find have already been done by “Garden Sisters”, I say Thank you!

Submitted by Jean Deitch

Field Trip to Gene’s Nursery

Last week about 20 LGC members went to Gene’s Nursery over on Whitefield Ave. Gene Phillips is known as the “Camellia Man” in this area. He has been growing them his whole life as his father owned the nursery before him and started growing camellias. There are so many different varieties of camellias - some flowers are dahlia-like, some peony-like, some are doubles like roses. Camellias can be tall and upright, low and mounding or tree shaped. Gene’s has them all.

A few basic things to remember about camellias:

1. dappled shade is best as full sun can be too harsh
2. they like to be planted in sandy, well draining soil with some bark that retains moisture
3. when planting a camellia, don’t plant too deep. Keep the base about 1 inch above the soil line or you will smother the plant.
4. Use Bio Tone Starter when planting - it helps the roots develop and take hold



5. Feeding Camellias - feed with Holly Tone by Espoma in February, May and Sept. or late winter, early summer and early fall. If you plant a camellia in the sun, feed it twice as much. One of Gene's favorite camellias is Early Autumn – it is easy to grow and it blooms from September to March. It's a great variety for a container on your patio. Visit Gene's on Friday or Saturdays and he will show you some beautiful plants (that you can't resist).

Submitted by Betsey Anderson



Holiday Workshop / Done in a Day

Residents at Legacy of Savannah Quarters enjoyed a holiday arrangement workshop hosted by Done in a Day members. It was led by our talented floral arranger Donna Slappey who was assisted by Hannah Burtnik, Jean Austin, and Tina Zipperer. The residents couldn't wait to get started and before we knew it they had created beautiful holiday arrangements! This is the third year a floral workshop has been held at a senior community and it's always a hit!

Submitted by Tina Zipperer



Cards sold at Botanical Garden Beautiful 4 x 5 fold-over notecards featuring photography by John Alexander are available at the Reinhardt House at the Botanical Garden. 8 cards for \$10; all proceeds go to the Reinhardt House.



History of the 1840 Reinhard Farmhouse and Botanical Garden

The Reinhard House is a circa 1840 farmhouse, built of heart pine with gingerbread trim. Originally located on 12 acres known as the Reinhard Farm, this house was moved twice to make room for Hillcrest Cemetery and the Truman Parkway. It is a rare example of rural architecture and one of only two pre-Civil War Farmhouses in the Savannah area. The Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., which sponsors the Botanical Garden, was instrumental in land acquisition to create the garden and in saving the farmhouse from destruction. The Farmhouse was moved to its present location at 1388 Eisenhower in 1992. The land was provided by Chatham County. Structurally, the house was in good condition. It took nine months for the restoration to be completed.



The Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. is a non-profit organization consisting of 12 garden clubs that are part of the Oleander District of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. The Botanical Garden consists of 10 acres which include magnificent rose gardens, as well as many other gardens: fall, winter, herb, children's, vegetable, camellia, perennial, shade and fern. Nature trails surround a lovely pond. There is an amphitheater and archaeological study site. The Wildlife Federations have recognized the Botanical Garden as an official wildlife habitat. It is a lovely site for small weddings and the farmhouse is used for meetings, small social gatherings and other events. It is also a beautiful place for family photo shoots. The house itself is in need of repair due to

its age. Individual donations are needed in order to accomplish this restoration. Please consider giving your support by sending a donation and joining Friends of the Garden. More information about how to become a friend and about the house and gardens can be found at: <https://www.savannahbotanical.org/>

Submitted by Nancy Rosenthal

National Garden Club has some lovely gifts on their website including holiday ornaments and a beautiful calendar. www.gardenclub.org

Garden Club Publications

The December issue of "Planting and Nurturing" is available on the Garden Club of Georgia website, <https://gardenclub.uga.edu/>.

Membership

Please welcome these new members.

HOLLY KENREICH



Having lived in Savannah for over thirty years, Holly and her husband, Ed, knew they wanted to retire to The Landings. They were drawn here by the biking trails, walking paths and other amenities that are available. Holly was a runner and biker, competing in marathons and triathlons. She is now enjoying hiking on the many trails that wind through The Landings. Holly is also an avid reader and a beginner knitter. Holly is new to serious gardening and looks forward to learning more about various types of grasses. Do deer eat grasses?

FRANCES JOHNSON



My husband Randy, and I, both native Floridians, came up to Georgia on a Discovery Package in the spring of 2018. Randy grew up in Coral Gables and I in Jacksonville, but we called Tampa home for 37 years. We had been looking to find a place where we would both like to retire. The Landings fit perfectly. We made an offer on our house here as soon as we returned home to Florida. We moved here permanently in November of 2018. Randy, passed away in August from a rare lung disease that we didn't know he had until this past May... I am navigating my new normal...

I am an attorney, a civil litigation trial attorney, and will be retiring at the end of 2019, and I am most excited to leave the courtroom behind me! I love gardening, and just being outside is wonderful (minus the bugs and humidity). I haven't had much time for hobbies, but I am so looking forward to finding some! The challenges here for gardening are the deer and a well that has too much iron! I love flowering plants but so do my four-legged friends.

I am learning what will grow in the soil here and what might survive a deer buffet!

PATRICIA (PATTI) SMALL



Patti and Al have always loved the Low Country and learned about The Landings in 1974 at a presentation in their home in New Jersey. So moving here had been on their radar for a long time. When they had the opportunity to relocate in 2016, they knew just where to go. Who can resist six golf courses, resident friends, endless activities, proximity to historic Savannah, and great weather?

Patti was an administrative assistant in a family business and also worked at an insurance agency. She is currently working part time at The Landings Company as a receptionist and at St. James School in the after school program. She loves golf, “needlework of all kinds,” working in the yard, and, last but not least, spending time with her four grandsons.

She belonged to a garden club “in her early married life” that focused on arrangement of plants and cut flowers. In New Jersey, she had a large yard to manage. Here she has a smaller yard that is mostly naturalized – attracting many butterflies and hummingbirds. She and Al are still trying to figure out what works best with “heat, salty irrigation, etc.” (I assume she means deer!)

SARA SANDS



Sara moved to The Landings six years ago from Laguna Beach, CA, where she worked as a surgical registered nurse and grew roses. She chose this southeastern location for a change of location and new adventures. Since moving here, Sara spends her time playing tennis, golf, and knitting. She also volunteers with St. Joseph Candler Foundation to raise funds to provide scholarships for student nurses.

Sara developed her love of flowers from her grandmother in Wisconsin. Her special love is roses. At one time she had 75 different rose bushes in her garden. She is trying to find a way to grow roses here in spite of the deer.



LINDA DILLARD



When Linda and her husband Ron, began looking for a retirement community, they visited multiple places along the East Coast from Florida to the Outer Banks but were drawn to The Landings because they were very familiar with its many amenities having visited her sister who has lived here since 1987. They owned two houses here before moving permanently in 2017.

Linda's career was in physician recruitment. In Ohio, she was VP of Physician Recruiting and Corporate Development for a major hospital system. She also worked for Cardinal Health. The Dillards have four children and are expecting their thirteenth grandchild in May.

Linda has many hobbies – cooking and entertaining, bowling, boating and bocce to name a few. But gardening is her favorite. She has a double garden plot at Skidaway Farms and serves on the Board of Directors. She enjoys working outside in her yard as well as arranging both live and paper flowers.

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB				
Treasurer's Report from May 1, 2019 thru December 2, 2019				
	Operations Acct.	Ways & Means Acct.	Reserve Acct.	Total
Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2019	\$7,128.93	\$8,319.12	\$2,500.88 =	\$17,948.93
Revenue	\$5,510.20	\$4,325.00	\$0.06 =	\$9,835.26
Expense	\$7,170.74	\$2,796.58	\$0.00 =	\$9,967.32
Ending Balance as of December 2, 2019	\$5,468.39	\$9,847.54	\$2,500.94 =	\$17,816.87
Sharon Lundin				
Treasurer				

Landings Garden Club General Meeting, December 2, 2019

President Jane Golz called the meeting to order at 10:05. This was followed by the Pledge to the Flag, the Collect prayer, and Treasurer Sharon Lundin's report.

Mrs. Golz welcomed all our new members and guests. Sixty-seven people are attending today.

We are selling Garden Club of Georgia raffle tickets for \$5 each. The drawing will be March 26.

Holiday bows are still available; tell your families and friends.

Tuesday, January 14 is the New Members Social from 4-6.

Monday, March 2 is the Spring Field Trip to Magnolia Plantation near Charleston.

Tuesday, December 3 is the tour of Gene's Nursery starting at 10 am. We will learn about camellias and hydrangeas.

Birds and Conservation- Jill Rubin discussed the Community Wildlife Project's Certification through the Garden Clubs of Georgia and Georgia DNR as well as Community certification from National Wildlife Federation.

Legislative Action- Leslie Bowler- Georgia Water Coalition issued its "Dirty Dozen" for the eighth year. Call or write your legislator.

Community Collection- We are collecting at each meeting towels, cloths, pop tops from aluminum cans, toiletries, and men's clothing and shoes for local charities.

Our next meeting is Monday, January 27, when Tim Drake from The Greenery on Hilton Head will present "New and Under-Used Plant Materials; Adding Color, Texture, and Drama to Your Garden". This will be our second evening meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30. Today's activity is members making holiday centerpieces from the greenery and flowers provided.

Submitted by Kathy Jacobs, Recording Secretary

