



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

March 2020

After a morning of distressing world news, I jumped on my bike and enjoyed a nice ride around the island. After 30 months here, I am still awed by the beauty that surrounds us. To coin my mom's favorite term, we are all "lucky ducks" living in paradise.

I hope you all are able to gain calm and joy from your surroundings and have chance to play in your garden as you reconnect with mother nature and witness the beautiful life cycle on Skidaway.

We unfortunately need to cancel our March meeting because Messiah Lutheran is cancelling all outside events in their meeting hall.

At present we will assume that our garden tours and field trips are still happening. For updates I will send out any changes through emails. Remember also that our website and facebook page are always a great spot to find the latest garden club news.

Stay healthy and happy

Jane

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY

The Petal Pusher Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Monday, March 23rd

General Meeting

CANCELLED

Tuesday, March 31st

"A Landscaper's Dream"

Tour of Hannah Burnik's garden

5 Pennefeather Lane

10 –11:30 AM

Saturday, April 11th

Field Trip to Woodlanders Nursery

Aiken, GA. Carpool from Methodist

Church. See Horticulture article for

details.

Tuesday, April 14th

"Jayne's Garden"

Tour of Jayne Roger's garden

3 Black Hawk Trail

10-11:30 AM

Saturday, April 18th

Earth Day Celebration & Plant

Swap, 200 Yam Gandy Rd.

10 AM – 2 PM,

Tuesday, April 21st

Field Trip, Coastal Botanical

Gardens, "Rivers of Iris" 9am-12pm

Carpool from United Methodist

Church

Monday, April 27th

General Meeting

9 AM Board Meeting

9:30 AM Coffee and Socializing

10 AM General Meeting

Program "Ogeechee Riverkeeper

Conservation"

Earth Day 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, April 18th 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
200 Yam Gandy Rd

The Done In A Day Committee invites you to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day at Tina Zipperer's home. Skidaway Audubon will join us to make this *the* outdoor event of the Spring and will sell To-Go-Gardens to help you establish a pollinator garden. They will also be selling raffle tickets for a firepit. Proceeds from raffle to continue enhancements at the Sparrow Field.

We will open up our club's annual plant swap* to the entire Landings Community. Our horticulture committee will be on hand to answer questions and educate residents about various plants and growing tips. Betsy Andersen will also be on hand to show us how to make compost tea for our gardens. Strawberry plants will also be sold to raise additional money for Done In A Day projects. Check out the Z Hive (Tina's new bee community!) and see what's buzzing.

Don't forget to visit with Debbie Odom of Genes Nursery, and learn how to make tea from your garden plants.



Did you know you can grow your own tea in your home garden? It's easy with **Camellia sinensis** Tea Plants

Meet Debbie Odom ~ The Tea Gardener

Debbie is a horticulturist with over 30 years in the plant industry and is one of the owners and the grower at Gene's Nursery. She has enjoyed growing and making her own tea from her home garden for years. She can help you learn about this exciting shrub and how it can go from garden to cup!



*Plant Swap Details:

No swapping of plants is required to attend. However, if you participate please drop off your plants on Friday the 17th between 4 and 6 PM or Saturday between 8 and 9 AM.

~~~~~ **Member Only Reception** ~~~~~ 10 AM to 2 PM

Garden Club Members are invited to mix and mingle on Tina's back porch. Refreshments will be served up by garden club hostesses Dottie And Diane. Herb orders will be available for pick up.

Please RSVP to: tina@zippererandco.com or text to 912-658-2622

Herbs for Sale

Stay posted for news about herb plant sales through the garden club in April. We will have order forms at our March meeting and herbs must be picked up on April 18 th at Earth Day Celebration.



Birds and Conservation

Many of us buy no-hull bird seed so that we feed the birds and not the wildlife in our yards. This past Fall I purchased a bag of hot peppered bird seed to dissuade the squirrels from eating my expensive no-hull bird food. Squirrels, like many mammals, will not eat hot spicy food because they can taste the capsaicin and it burns their mouths; however, birds do not have the same heat receptors in their mouths so they can eat hot peppered seed with no consequences and they do so without bothersome invading squirrels or rodents. Add to this, we live in a semi-tropical climate and so a problem presented that was completely unexpected. I store my no-hull bird food in an airtight metal container, but because I put seed on hold while trying out the new hot stuff the older bird food sat for 3 additional months. When I opened the container, the seed was encased in a thick web (sides, bottom and top of container). I did not see anything crawling or flying so I bagged and tied the seed in a trash bag and disposed of it, I then washed the container with soapy water and let it dry in the sun. Apparently, it is not uncommon to find moths or weevils in bird seeds, which is why bird seed should be used within a couple of months in the warmer seasons and 3-4 months in the winter. The internet says that the larvae of these insects can be killed if you freeze your seed for approximately 72 hours. Airtight containers should always be used for storage and preferably out of the house as bird food can be the source of an infestation of weevils or moths in the food pantry or even upholstery.



I was completely unfamiliar with this aspect of “wild kingdom” and of course my enquiring mind wanted to know what was living in my bird seed. Turns out the Indianmeal Moth creates a silk web similar to tent worms and the larvae is found frequently in bird seed and pet food. This was most likely the culprit; however, Grainery, Rice Weevils, Maize Weevils, Bird Seed Moths and their larvae also infest our bird seed supply. None of these insects nor their larvae bother the birds; infestation of our homes and food is what we want to avoid. If you find moving insects in seed or pet food, dispose of it outside your home then clean and vacuum the area thoroughly (also clean vacuum cleaner thoroughly) and do not ever spray insect killer on bird seed or pet food. Notate date of opening bird seed and use it in the bird feeders, the birds will consume all of it! Offering birds a variety of seeds can always be supplemented with native plants around our homes. The adventures on our Island continue. Happy Birding!

Submitted by Jean Deitch, Birds and Conservation

March Budget

	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	\$10,038.20	\$11,871.00	\$0.18 =	\$21,909.38
Expense	\$9,631.99	\$8,780.13	\$0.00 =	\$18,412.12
Ending Balance as of March 24, 2020	\$7,535.14	\$11,409.99	\$2,501.06 =	\$21,446.19

2020-2021 Proposed Budget

The budget for the 2020-2021 year will be approved by vote at our March general meeting. We keep two books; the first is "Ways and Means" and details the monies made through bow sales that is then distributed for community projects and supporting GCG charities. The second is our operating budget; monies gathered from dues that pay for our club expense and events. Please review below and send any questions to our Treasurer, Sharon Lundin, shlundin@comcast.net.

Proposed Ways and Means Budget 2020-2021

Revenue:			
	Ways & Means Sales		\$11,423.00
	Total Revenue		\$11,423.00
Expense:			
	Charitable Gifts:		
	Garden Club of Georgia	\$823.00	
	Other	\$3,550.00	
			\$4,373.00
	Civic Beautification		
	Bethesda	\$500.00	
	CCA - Kids' Pond	\$50.00	
	Done in a Day	\$1,800.00	
	Gate Decoration	\$50.00	
	Flower Show	\$1,000.00	
	Library	\$300.00	
	Serenity Garden	\$50.00	
	Sparrow Field	\$300.00	
	Ways & Means Supplies	\$3,000.00	
			\$7,050.00
	Total Expense		\$11,423.00

Proposed Operations Budget 2020-2021

Revenue:			
Dues (based on 130 members)	\$	5,200.00	
Heritage Luncheon	\$	-	
Misc.	\$	50.00	
Raffle	\$	350.00	
		Total Revenue	\$ 5,600.00
Expense - General:			
Banking	\$	50.00	
GCG Convention	\$	125.00	
GCG Dues	\$	1,300.00	
GA Non-profit State Annual Fee	\$	30.00	
Insurance	\$	425.00	
Meeting Room Rental	\$	350.00	
Misc.	\$	100.00	
New Member Welcome Events	\$	200.00	
Officer's Expenses	\$	100.00	
Post Office Box Rental	\$	100.00	
President's Gift	\$	150.00	
President's Events	\$	200.00	
Printing	\$	50.00	
Programs	\$	730.00	
Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs Dues	\$	390.00	
		Total Expense - General	\$ 4,300.00
Expense - Committee			
Awards	\$	100.00	
Birds & Conservation	\$	200.00	
Design	\$	200.00	
Horticulture	\$	50.00	
Hospitality	\$	100.00	
Membership (i.e. Name Tags)	\$	100.00	
Website & Social Media	\$	150.00	
Yearbook	\$	400.00	
		Total Expense - Committee	\$ 1,300.00
		Total Expense	\$ 5,600.00

Reminder

Please- Remember to bring your own coffee cup to the meetings. Help cut down on the waste we generate!



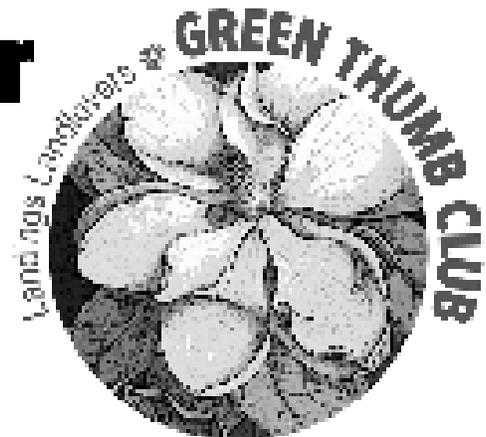
Landlover's Green Thumb Garden Club

Don't miss the Landlover's Green Thumb Garden Club Garden Tour on May 9th. If you are interested in volunteering as a garden docent, please contact katekastner@icloud.com. The tour includes 9 beautiful gardens filled with wonderful landscaping and plants.

2020 Garden Tour

Saturday, May 9, 10am-3pm

***9 Gardens over 5 Locations
plus The Pollinator Garden
and Skidaway Farms***



VOLUNTEER! This event requires more than 60 people on tour day to ensure it runs smoothly. Why not give us about 2 hours of your time, receive a ticket discount, and still have plenty of time to see all the gardens.

Contact: katekastner@icloud.com

Ticket Price: \$30, Volunteers \$20, sold to Landings residents and guests only.

Tickets sold only online through Landloversevents.eventsmart.com

March 1 - April 30 (tickets now on sale!)

Gardening News

Please see the following newsy publications from the Garden Club community:

National Garden Club "Keeping in Touch" March/April Edition

[Click Here](#)

Garden Club of Georgia "Planting and Nurturing" January 2020 Edition

[Click Here](#)

Membership

New Members



Liz Hagen

Liz, her husband Grant and two dogs moved to The Landings about six months ago from Atlanta. They had lived, raised their daughters, and worked there for 24 years. Liz continues to work out of her home selling promotional products. She and Grant were drawn to this area because of its location on the coast and the many activities that The Landings offers. Her hobbies include walking, yoga, tennis, pickleball, kayaking, women's lacrosse and of course, gardening.

Liz is an orchid enthusiast and finds gardening very rewarding and a great way to spend time out-of-doors. She is looking forward to learning about the plants that do well in our coastal habitat.

*Submitted by Janet Murphy and Pat Costanzo
This is an update to a previously published bio.*

Horticulture News

It is a great time to plant some Larkspur or Nigella seeds. You can direct sow them in the dirt. They germinate easily and produce beautiful flowers for spring. They will be done by about mid-June, so this year I am going to try some successive planting by putting more seeds out in late April, so I will still have some flowers after the first batch is dying down. I will let you know how this turns out. It might be too hot by then. Both of these types of flower dry beautifully.

Field Trip!! To: Woodlanders Nursery

When we visited the Arboretum at Armstrong, our brilliant guide Philip Schretter said there is a nursery in Aiken South Carolina where their specialty is native plants. It is called Woodlanders. You can go online, check out their catalogue and see what they have growing. They are having an open house on April 11th, and we are going!! We will leave early since it is a bit of a drive, so you can wear your pajamas if you want. Loungewear is certainly permissible in my book. Just be comfortable. Email Pam at pampattersonjax@gmail.com if you would like to go.

See You Soon!

Submitted by Pam Patterson and Betsey Andersen, Horticulture



The Landings Garden Club General Meeting Minutes, February 24, 2020

President Jane Golz called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Collect were said. Sharon Lundin gave the operations and budget report.

Jane Golz President's report:

- The Named Scholarship of Garden Club of Georgia was made in honor of our member Pat Wolters, wild life activist specializing in orphaned bird care.
- Arbor Day was celebrated by the planting of a Magnolia Tree in Moon River, sponsored by the Zipperer and Co.
- Horticulture program last month with owls and handler included information about how damaging loud blowers are to owl nesting.
- Tina Zipperer reported that 50th Earth Day Celebration will be celebrated at her home, 200 Yam Gandy Rd, on April 18th, 10am to 2pm. Activities will include a plant swap, demonstrations, strawberry tasting, sale of raffle tickets, and lots of fun. The Skidaway Audubon are also invited. A mixer for the The Landings Garden Club members will held on Tina's porch. It was noted that member Pat Barry attended the first earth day 50 years ago in Boston.
- The slate of Officers for Next year were announced: President: Hannah Burtnik, Vice President: Pam Patterson, Treasurer: Sharon Lundin, Recording Secretary: Kathy Jacobs, Corresponding: Secretary: Angela Devore
- New members Diane Benson and Shasta Stone were welcomed by President Jane Golz.
- Jean Deitch / Birds and Conservation reported that she and Pat Wolters will launch a program growing gourds to be turned into bird houses.
- Pam Patterson / Horticulture shared a book that she thought was quite helpful with flower arranging and gardening. Floret Farm's by Erin Benzakein makes a lovely and informative gift for gardeners.
- Jane Golz explained the current needs of SACGC Reinhard House and fundraising through membership. A donation of \$500 would be made to the Reinhard House project if we provide 12 volunteers for "The Fun Run " which is held on Skidaway Island and passes through The Landings on March 31st.
- Hannah Burtnik was surprised to win the raffle drawing for the potted plan, Lysimachia, Waikiki Sunset, procured by Anne Gardner.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 10th - Special Event: Landscaper's Dream at Hannah Burtnik's Garden

Mar.23rd - monthly Meeting - 9:30 am "River Of Iris " Coastal Garden Botanical Garden

Mar. 25 - GCG Annual Convention; " Blossoming in Macon.

Program: Robert Cultry, Certified Arborist, Evergreen Tree "Human Nature; A Paradigm of Change.

72 members in attendance.

Respectively Submitted by Pat Sunshine, Corresponding Secretary

