



# The Landings Garden Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

## The Petal Pusher Newsletter

### October 2019

This morning I witnessed a magical sunrise over the eastern marsh. Soon we will witness the fall glow of the marsh as the sun rides low in the sky and the grass turns from kelly green to a dull tawny bronze.

I can't imagine ever tiring of the majesty of the live oaks dripping with Spanish Moss or the sparkling blue water trapped between the marsh grasses. Gardening can mean different things to different people. Our club is blessed to have activities that embrace our unique island surroundings; whether beautifying our communities, learning about our water ecosystem, or building a children's garden to expose young minds to the passion of all things planted...there is something for everyone. Be sure and visit our website and mark your calendars with our many upcoming events. Happy Halloween!

*Jane Goltz, President*

### Dates to Remember

#### See website for details

**October 22:** Field Trip to Chatham Nurseries [Eventbrite Sign Up link here](#)

**November 4:** Special Event: Underground Water System Speaker: Sean Burgess from TLA 6:30 PM, Messiah Lutheran, [Eventbrite Sign up link here](#)

**November 5:** Special Event: Evolving Marsh Garden Tour, 10am at 18 Middle Marsh Retreat

**December 2:** General Meeting 9:30 AM, Messiah Lutheran Holiday Centerpieces. Please bring your own container and \$5/person for supplies [Eventbrite sign up link here](#)



## Holiday Bow Sales 2019

Meet this adorable and young Landings resident, four-year-old Lanier Williams, who posed for several photos that will help with annual holiday bow promotions. Sales are now in full swing! Thanks to so many of you who have already signed up for a shift of selling in the Village. We still have just a few spots to fill, and if you can help out please email Karen Duncan at [khome44@gmail.com](mailto:khome44@gmail.com)

SPOTS AVAILABLE ARE:

Saturday, November 15, the afternoon (1-4) shifts;  
Friday, November 29 both the morning (10-1) and afternoon (1-4) shifts; Saturday, November 30th both the morning (10-1) and the afternoon (1-4) shifts;  
Monday, December 2 the afternoon shift (1-4); Monday, December 9 the afternoon shift (1-4) and Saturday, December 14 both the morning (10-1) and the afternoon (1-4) shifts.

This annual fundraiser is so very important to our Garden Club as it provides the funds needed for our Beautification and Conservation projects. We sure appreciate everyone's help. Thank you.

*Submitted by Karen Duncan, Bow Sales and Marketing Committee*



## Hesse Children's Garden

The Done In A Day Committee is pleased to announce the completion of the Hesse School Children's Garden. This garden is set in a courtyard that allows for the students and teachers to utilize it as an outdoor classroom. They have already begun enjoying this space at lunch and break time. The teachers intend on creating lesson plans about bees and butterflies, as well as sustainability. Additional plantings will continue as the seasons change, which will include vegetables and wild flowers. In our committee's efforts to transfer the upkeep of the garden to those at the school, we have started a new garden club for the parents and teachers at the school. The Landings Garden Club will act as the Mentor Club for The Hesse K-8 Garden Club. This club is now registered with The Garden Club of GA.! This is the first club we have mentored and we look forward to watching them grow. It would not have been possible without the generous contribution of plant material by Oelschigs Nursery. We are also thankful for the time Cleve Zipperer and the employees of Zipperer and Co. have given us. Lastly, a special thank you for the ladies on the committee that withstood the heat in order to complete the installation and maintain the garden during the transition. It's a fabulous garden for this school and the future programs that will evolve from it for the students are endless.

*Submitted by  
Tina  
Zipperer*





## Birds and Conservation

The Garden Club of Georgia initiated the Community Wildlife Project 10 years ago in conjunction with Ga DNR. The program began with Backyard Certification; it included noting specific wildlife in our backyards, food provided by plants or feeders, water sources, bird houses, identification of tree cavities for nesting along with aquatic habitats for reptiles and amphibians. Sounds like Skidaway Island at its best! This program has expanded its line-up of certifications to include Hummingbird Havens, Native Plants, Backyard Nest Boxes and Winter Wildlife Wonderlands. Dixie Diffenderfer spearheaded this project within The Landings Garden Club for many years and brought this project to where we are today. Going forward, Jill Rubin will take us into the next phase as GCG adds elements that will qualify our members for new bird and conservation recognition. We will be working with other Skidaway Island community groups to further expand into our neighborhoods and the greater community for further GCG recognition. Dixie will continue to be a part of this endeavor as she has a body of knowledge that is imperative to our ongoing success.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources keeps a repository of all GCG backyard project certifications. Once a yard has been certified it will not need to be re-certified unless the property is sold. The owners of Backyard Wildlife Certified yards can purchase signage and discreetly display the signage on their property. With each added certification a sticker for Hummingbird Haven, Native Plants and/or Backyard Nesting Boxes can be purchased and added to the yard signage; and in the near future the Winter Wildlife Wonderland sticker will become available.

You need only read the blog Next-door Neighbor to know that here on Skidaway Island we have a variety of snakes, lizards, frogs, squirrels, raccoons and butterflies in abundance and that's just in our front yards! We attend programming about protecting our terrapin turtles, learn about keeping bats in their place and the many lagoons and their uses. We watch the migration of birds as we golf, afterwards trying to see where the fox has taken our golf balls. We don't need to travel 50 miles to see a variety of birds, we can move to the next lagoon. Our garden club members regularly request native plants from our local Nurseries and our Landscape Architects.

Do we make our own hummingbird nectar? Of course we do! We are conscience of the seed we feed to our birds (no hulls and hot!), we mount bluebird boxes everywhere and some members compost while actively working to keep invasive Island wildlife at bay and out of our homes because at night its Wild Kingdom on Skidaway Island. This project is made for us; all we have to do is document and send it in.

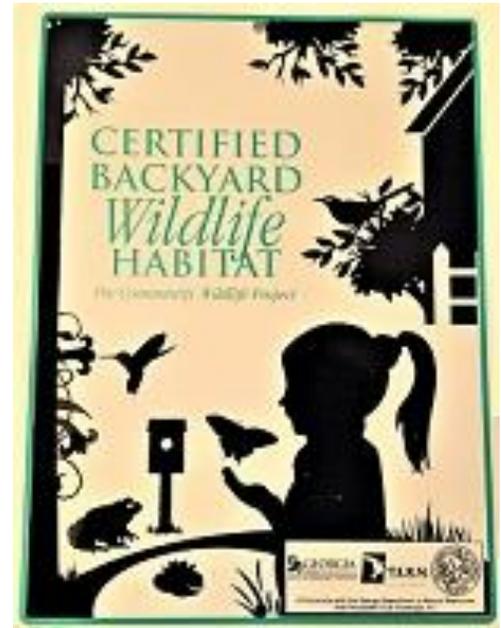
I invite everyone to go online to <https://gardenclub.uga.edu/cwp.html> and review this program. At our November meeting, we will have a display with applications to participate in this project as we continue to provide natural plantings, nectar and seed for the wildlife with whom we coexist. We are helping our community, our environment and our planet. Join us as we add to the participation in this wonderful state wide project.

*Submitted by Jean Deitch, Birds and Conservation Chair*

## In Memory

We are saddened to learn of the recent passing of our past President, Barbara Paull. Barbara was one of the early organizers of The Landings Garden Club and benefactor of the Serenity Garden at the Anderson Cancer Center of Memorial Health University.

For those wishing to send condolences to her sons, the mailing addresses are below:



Scott and Karen Pickard  
1409 King Arthur Blvd.  
Alexandria, LA. 71303

Randy and Kate Pickard  
2315 Lindenleaf Dr.  
Glenview, IL. 60023

## Bethesda Work Day



On September 30th, 9 TLGC members met at Bethesda Academy to bring cheer to some of the garden beds in time for their Homecoming Celebration. We were met with lots of signs cheering on the Blazers for their football game. Our next work day will be October 28th. We would welcome more ladies to join our committee. If you are interested or have questions, please contact: Diane Ingram, [diingram@bellsouth.net](mailto:diingram@bellsouth.net).

*Submitted by Diane Ingram,  
Bethesda Committee*



## Horticulture

The Horticulture Committee has been busy setting up programs that we hope everyone will enjoy. We are tailoring this years programs to Skidaway Island and what works here with regards to gardening. We'll visit gardens here on the Island and visit nurseries that sell plants that will work on the Island. We hope to be a gardening resource for all our new transplants. Plants are so different down here, seasons are very different down here and the summer is seriously hot and dry.

We started our year in June with a wonderful visit to Pam Patterson's pollinator garden. Her garden is set up with different rooms, each with their own plants - shade, sun, plants started from seedlings, and the beautiful bonsai garden that her husband grows and maintains.

On Monday, many of us were treated to a wonderful tour of the Sparrow Field Pollinator Garden by Dawn Cordo and Shirley Brown. Those ladies and men have done a beautiful job building trellises and netting and fencing various plants. So much was still in bloom - salvias, sage, coneflowers, aloe (who knew aloe plants flowered). There were butterflies and caterpillars everywhere.



After that, a group of us went down to Skidaway Farm where Jane Kollman gave us a tour of all things interesting at the Farm - okra, salvias, butterflies galore, bees, kale, lettuces... We also had a demonstration of how to use an oya pot to conserve water and how to make compost tea. A great time was had by all and so much new information was shared amongst the gardeners.



Tuesday, we had another treat of a visit to Janis Encapera's garden. It was a true delight. Beautiful trees with spanish moss overlooking a lagoon, ferns, palms everywhere. She has incorporated an outdoor living area within her garden. It is truly an oasis in her backyard.



Our next outing will be to Thompson Nursery where they specialize in native plants and a visit to Chatham Nursery on October 22nd. Please consider joining us for a fun day. Meet at 9:00am at the Methodist Church to carpool. Back by 3:00pm. Contact Betsey Andersen for more information.  
*Submitted by Betsey Andersen, Horticulture Committee Chair*

## Membership



Please welcome new member Sally Dunphy!  
Sally Dunphy and her husband, Brian, moved to The Landings from The Woodlands, Texas, in September, 2018. They were attracted to The Landings because of the amenities and beauty of the community and the very welcoming reception they received from residents.

Sally was a banker in her early career and, for the past sixteen years, has run her own promotional products company. Through their careers, Sally and Brian have lived in such diverse places as southern California, Wyoming, and Alaska. Now they are particularly enjoying their roles as grandparents but lament that their three young grandsons live so far away in Boston and Laguna Niguel.

Since moving here, Sally has actively participated in as many New Neighbors and Landlovers events as possible and in other volunteer opportunities in the community. She enjoys tennis, pickleball, sailing, book club, and mahjong, and is thinking of getting back into

golf. She and her husband are looking forward to resuming their international travels once their home renovations are complete.

Sally loves gardening and hopes to have a thriving local garden once she figures out how to outwit the local deer population. We wish her luck!

*Submitted by Janet Murphy and Pat Costanzo, Membership Committee*

## **Reminders**

**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.



## **The SACGC Botanical Garden Fall Plant and Rummage Sale**

1388 Eisenhower Drive, Saturday October 26, 9:00-2:00

Free Parking - Rain or Shine

For Info: [lpwscanman@comcast.net](mailto:lpwscanman@comcast.net)

### **Beautiful Fall Flowers and Plants, Day Lilies and Huge Rummage Sale in Farmhouse**

The Farmhouse will be open the week before to accept donations for the Rummage Sale. No clothing please! Everything left after the sale will be go to the Humane Society. Please price your items and drop them off from October 21-25 at the Farmhouse. Someone will be there to accept the items from 11:30 -1:30. You can also contact Nancy Rosenthal (912 598-0411) for pick-up. We would also like to have your pass-along plants to sell. They can be left by the shed. If you would like to Volunteer, call 912-355-3883 and we will return your call.

## **New Newsletters posted on our website:**

For Garden's Sakes - Oleandar Leaflet's September Special Edition

## **Holiday Gate Decorating**

The holidays will soon be upon us so it is time to think about helping with the decorations of the gates in The Landings. We will be putting together teams for each location with intent to decorate on Monday afternoon, December 2nd, weather permitting. If you would like to help, please contact Jane Golz ([golzjane@gmail.com](mailto:golzjane@gmail.com)) to be added to the list.

## **Heritage Luncheon**

More than 140 attendees enjoyed a great lecture by Dr. Robin Williams about the incredible history of trees and green spaces to the development of Savannah. The room was decorated by lovely centerpieces designed by Donna Slappey and executed by her team of designers. Hannah Burtnik gave a really great synopsis of the club aided by a beautiful Power Point created by Stephanie Corley. Karen Duncan and her bow sales team had a beautiful display of holiday bows for sale in the lobby. We will be posting more photos of the event on our website under "About Us" and "Photo Archive" section.



## Oleander Awards

The annual Oleander District meeting was held October 15 th in Rincon, GA. We were proud to receive 3 District awards:

Mary Helen Ray Beautification & Historic Preservation Award for our work at Bethesda Academy.  
District Awards All Star for the club that has applied for and/or won the greatest number of GCG, DS, and NGC awards.

Sara Lewis Award to the individual who has accomplished achievement in the field of horticulture- awarded to our very own Betsey Andersen.

We also were one of 5 clubs to receive the Standard of Excellence award for the President's report, and Certificate of Appreciation for Commitment to Historic Preservation (also for Bethesda). Congratulations to all who worked on these amazing projects and a special thanks to Stephanie Corley for so expertly submitting the applications!



## Trustee Garden Greenery Sale Flyer



### Trustees' Garden Club 2019 Greenery Sale

Trustees' Garden Club is selling holiday wreaths, garlands, topiaries, flowers and bows. In addition to Georgia Olive Farms Chef's Blend Extra Virgin Olive Oil, we will be offering Georgia Pecans wrapped in a burlap bag suitable for gift-giving. Please place your order on-line at [www.trusteegardenclub.com](http://www.trusteegardenclub.com). Orders must be placed by Friday, October 18. Corporate Orders will be delivered on Monday, December 2. Orders without flowers may be picked up on Tuesday, December 2 between 1-3pm. Orders that include flowers may be picked up on Wednesday, December 3 between 11am-2pm. All orders may be picked up at Wormsloe Historic Site. Delivery may be requested on orders over \$250.00 within a 25-mile radius of Savannah. Visit [www.trusteegardenclub.com](http://www.trusteegardenclub.com) to see the variety of products we offer and to place an order!

### Landings Garden Club General Meeting, September 23, 2019

Jane Goltz, President, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Nancy Rosenthal introduced our program speaker, John Davis of John Davis Florist in Savannah. Mr. Davis presented "Tricks of the Trade," and showed us details of creating beautiful and long-lasting floral arrangements.

After a short break, Jane Goltz called the business meeting to order at 11:05. There were sign-up sheets

throughout the room for Bow Sales, Container Gardens, Heritage Luncheon, and the Serenity Garden. Next were the Pledge to the Flag, the "Collect" prayer, and approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report- Sharon Lundin- As of 9-23-19, our Operations Balance is \$6,643.22 and the Total Balance is \$15,643.22.

President's Report- Jane Golz- Jane introduced the Officers, Committee Chairs, and Liaison Representatives. She stated that we need helpers for Bow Sales (including sign -ups for 3-hour shifts from everyone), the Heritage Luncheon, and Container Gardens. We also need donations for the rummage sale and the Reinhard Farmhouse at Savannah Botanical Gardens. Susan Heath and Stephanie Corley created and are managing our new web site.

We begin to collect dues in January for the calendar year.

Date Reminders-

October 2-Board Meeting at 4 p.m. at Delegal Marina

October 7- Special tour of the Berm Garden and the Skidaway Community Garden.

October 14 - Heritage Luncheon- Dr. Robin Williams from SCAD will speak on "The History and Significance of Savannah's Trees and Green Spaces".

November 4 - Sean Burgess will speak on the "Secret Underground System of the Landings".

December 2- General Meeting.

Birds and Conservation- Jean Deitch- Focus this year is on conservation. The first program will be on October 7 at the Berm and the community farm.

Horticulture- Pam Patterson and Betsy Anderson- this year, there will be 9 visits to members' gardens, camellia tours, and programs on composting and special pots for efficient watering.

Hospitality- We are moving away from the use of plastic and styrofoam. Members are encouraged to bring their own coffee cups.

*Submitted by Kathy Jacobs, Recording Secretary*

