



The Landings Garden Club

Beautification. Conservation. Education

The Petal Pusher Newsletter

September 2019

Happy Fall Y'all!

It's been a productive summer for our club, and many of our committee members have worked behind the scenes. Whether you are a veteran or relatively new to the club, there are so many ways that you can stay busy experiencing beautification, conservation, and education with a dynamic, fun loving group of gardeners.

I urge you to visit our website and review what's in store for the next year. I look forward to seeing you all at our first general meeting on Monday, September 23rd at Messiah Lutheran Church from 9:30 – 11:30, and hope you and your friends will join us at the Heritage Luncheon on Monday, October 14th from 9AM – Noon. Details for these events are below.

I look forward to engaging with all of you in the coming year,

Jane Golz, President

Dates to Remember

See website for details

Sept. 23 General Meeting
(no Board Meeting)
9:30 Coffee, 10:00 Meeting

Sept. 24 Special Event
"Berm to Farm"

Sept. 30 Bethesda Service Event

Oct. 2 Done In a Day
Door Décor for Seniors

Oct. 5 Done In a Day
Hesse School

Oct. 8 Special Event
Garden Wonderland (tour)

Oct. 14 October Meeting /
Heritage Luncheon



Heritage Luncheon, Monday, October 14th, 9 AM - Noon

Our fourth annual Heritage Luncheon is fast approaching. Please join us for a fascinating morning learning about the development of the Savannah Squares and why green spaces are so important to cities. Dr. Robin Williams is the Chair of the Architectural History Department at SCAD and an engaging speaker. Tickets are \$35 and registration forms may be found on our website.

**FOREST CITY:
THE HISTORY AND
SIGNIFICANCE OF
SAVANNAH'S TREES
AND GREEN SPACES**

2019 HERITAGE LUNCHEON

Monday, October 14, 2019, 9:00 AM - Noon
PLANTATION BALLROOM, THE LANDINGS, SKIDAWAY ISLAND, GA



Dr. Robin Williams, Chair of Architectural History at SCAD, is well known for his engaging presentations about Savannah. Few cities in America have been more significantly shaped by trees than our own. Don't miss this educational and entertaining Garden Club event!

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Visit thelandingsgardenclub.com to order tickets. \$35/person.
Registration closes October 6th or when capacity is reached.

New Website

Thanks to the incredible time and talent of Susan Heath, and aided by similar talents of Stephanie Corley, our website has had an amazing transformation this month. Be sure and visit <https://thelandingsgardenclub.com/> and spend a few minutes exploring this wonderful resource. You will notice a live and updated calendar of events that scrolls down the right side of the Home Page. You will also find all the content of our former website neatly arranged, including older photos and newsletters.

September Program



Our speaker for September is florist John Davis, a Savannahian. John became interested in floral design at age 16, following the death of his father. He wanted to give his mother flowers and keep his father's grave site covered with them as well. By the time he was 19, he was making arrangements for customers out of his home. Later that year (1988), he purchased a small shop in the heart of Savannah and there has been no stopping him. For the last thirty years, John has created amazing designs using local seasonal flowers, and plants from all over the world, for the enjoyment of his many happy customers.

John has provided beautiful and creative designs for weddings, religious ceremonies, parties, corporate events and many other local venues over the years. He wants only to make his customers happy and for all to have fun, especially

himself. His presentation will include some interesting tricks of the trade.

Submitted by Nancy Rosenthal, Program Committee

Holiday Bow Sales 2019



New Bow Chairpersons, Karen Duncan and Mary McBride will be set up and ready to welcome volunteers at the opening September 23 meeting. Please sign up for a shift to help sell all our gorgeous bows; we have many dates to choose from in November and December so bring your calendar to find a time that suits you. And at our September 23 there will be an opportunity to buy a stunning Bow Wreath, made of bows from previous seasons inventory. They are all different and beautiful and a bargain! But there are only a few, so come with CASH or your CHECK BOOK for the best selection! This annual fundraiser is so very important to our Garden Club as it provides the funds needed for our Beautification and Conservation projects. Everyone's help is needed. Thanks!

Submitted by Karen Duncan and Mary McBride, Bow Sales and Marketing Committee

Bow Making



The 2019 Holiday Bow-Making is complete with 406 brand new bows ready to decorate Mailboxes, Wreaths, Doors, Trees and Golf carts in our Landings community. Twenty-four committee members set to work in June to create this beautiful new inventory. You can choose from ten new ribbon patterns, as well as from patterns from the 2018 offerings. The Marketing and Sales Chairs are eager to jump start the season with offering bows for sale at the fall Garden Club meetings and at other island events over the next several weeks. One very special 20-yard double ribbon bow will await a lucky recipient. Stay tuned.

This bow, crafted by Sandy Randolph, features Rudolph Plaid and Anisha Forest Green. Smaller bows with this combination are also available. The Bow Sale is the Club's primary fund raiser allowing us to support various charitable entities in our community.

Submitted by Shirley Brown, Bow Making Committee Co-chair

Yearbooks Are Here

The 2019-2020 Yearbooks are available and will be distributed at our first meeting on September 23rd . If you will not be available to pick on up that day, please contact Susan Heath, sanddheath@gmail.com, or 267-795-8692.

Blessing of the Gardeners

Saturday, September 21st , 4:30 PM, Church Courtyard.

On September 21, St. Peter's Episcopal Church is sponsoring a Blessing of the Gardeners, based on the ancient autumn equinox celebration of the year's abundance and asking for blessing of our efforts to protect and cultivate our gardens and the coastal environment. It is a brief outdoor service of blessing followed by sharing of food and music. Master Gardeners will be on hand to give tips to newcomers about successful gardening on our island. Attendees may bring produce, plants and seeds from their garden, gloves and tools to bless. We also have space for gardening books to share and a playground with games for children.



We live in a high tech world where we grow food by hydroponics and we use high tech irrigation systems to conserve water in our yards, but we still use watering cans and preserve the simple meditative practice of hand watering our plants; we talk to them, encourage them and reassure them of their beauty. We are dazzled by the surprising flowers and foliage they produce and the insects, birds and pollinators they attract. Leisure time is a privilege that we enjoy and our gardens reflect that. We have abundant choices but we still should consider the ancient use of rain barrels, aromatic herb borders to deter wildlife, olla pots, and even floating gardens. While these practices are intriguing, we are challenged by our environment and time requirements in our decisions to incorporate them or not.

The symbiosis of human life, wildlife and plant life is the environmental cycle in which we live; it may not always be done in equal parts but we strive for a balance in our coexistence so that all can thrive. Conservation and preservation is a mindset of cooperation and stewardship; it is not a contest but it is, indeed, a challenge!
Submitted by Jean Deitch, Birds and Conservation Chair

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.



Membership

Please welcome this new member!



JEAN HOLZINGER

Jean and her husband, Jim, bought a second home at The Landings in 1995. Jim had previously purchased two lots here in 1978. At the time, Jean and Jim were living in New Jersey. They have moved from their original home and downsized to a townhouse here at The Landings and spend their summers on Cape Cod. Prior to retiring, Jean was a Vice President for Bank of America. Her responsibilities included commercial lending and new business development. She and her husband have five children residing in other states.

Since retiring and moving to The Landings, Jean plays golf and Mah jongg and belongs to TAG. She is a knowledgeable gardener and is involved in an interesting community project. Both here and on Cape Cod, she is part of a group of neighbors who get together regularly to plant and cleanup the common areas in their townhouse complex. On

Cape Cod, their townhouse is one of five together, and the group has made one continuous perennial flower garden with a couple of bird houses along the back of all the units so everyone can enjoy the garden. Sounds lovely!

Janet Murphy and Pat Costanzo, Membership Committee Co-Chairs

Newsletters on Website

Please see our website for the most current issues of publications, including the September/October "Keeping in Touch" from NGC, and the September issue of "Planting and Nurturing" from GCG.

Oleander District Fall Meeting

If you'd like to attend the fall meeting for the Oleander district, please see the website for more information here. The meeting is Tuesday, October 15 th in Rincon, GA.



Bethesda Committee



The Bethesda Committee met first on July 29 for a brief orientation and some of us stayed to work. We met again on August 26 when we pulled weeds and trimmed overgrown plants. Pictured are Angela Devore (on the left) and Joy Howard (right) removing Spanish moss from trees at Bethesda Academy.

Our next meeting is on September 30 when we will do more trimming and planting. Please contact Diane Ingram, diingram@bellsouth.net, if you would like to join us on the 30th for about 2 hours---but be careful because you just might fall in love with this wonderful historic property! Hoping to see you on the 30th!

Submitted by Diane Ingram, Bethesda Committee

Landings Garden Club General Meeting, April 22, 2019

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. Sharon Lundin Presented the Treasurer's report: Reserve account \$2500.88; Operation account \$7554.90; Ways and Means \$8464.61 Total Balance \$18520.39.

The proposed Budget was approved by voice vote.

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 Plant swap/social on May 20th at the home of Tina Zipperer.

Pat Sunshine reported that Lisa Olsen is recovering from her accident and that Lisa Hall is ill.

Upcoming events:

4/24 – Planting flowers at the sundial at Bethesda, 10 a.m.

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

5/5 – Friends of Skidaway Audubon and The Landings Garden Club speaker event at Plantation Club 4-6 with David Mizejewski from the National Wildlife Federation.

5/20 – Plant swap at the home of Tina Zipperer, 4-6 p.m. Sign up to order herbs.

President's report:

New members and Guests were recognized. New members included Jean Holzinger, Sally Dunphy and Sandi Parshall. Leslie Mathews was a guest. Charter member Sandra Wolf was recognized along with the Past Presidents in attendance: Edith Teifeld, Nancy Strobel, Anne Guira, Judy Sweeterman, Leslee

Bowler, Margaret Hunter and Tina Zipper. Lisa Hall, who is ill, is also a past president.

Diane thanked the hostesses for today's lunch: Anne Guira, Margy Hatch, Marge Young, June Klavon, Nancy Strobel, Dixie Diffenderfer, Hannah Burtnik, and Betsy Anderson.

Stephanie Corley presented the awards from the Garden Club of Georgia, The Deep South Region, and the Oleander District to the Committee Chairs. See the awards in the table below.

Diane thanked the Board members for their help with the activities of the club and offered a special thanks to Jane Golz for her assistance while as Diane recovered from surgery.

Installation of officers:

The officers for 2019-2010 were installed by June Thomas and Mary Ogden, Director and Co-Director of the Oleander District of the Garden Club of Georgia. The officers are President Jane Golz, Vice-president Hannah Burtnik, Treasurer Sharon Lundin, Recording Secretary Kathy Jacobs, and Corresponding Secretary Pat Sunshine. The incoming President presented Diane with gifts and thanked her for her service to the club. New committees will have an organizational meeting in May.

The business meeting was adjourned and Nancy Rosenthal introduced the program presenter Shane Sexton, the Horticultural Manager at Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden.

Lunch followed the program.

2018-2019 Landings Garden Club Awards

Garden Club of Georgia (GCG) – Deep South Region (DSR) – Oleander District (OD)

#	Name	Award	Description	Committee Chair
13	Civic Improvement	1 st GCG 2 nd DSR	Serenity Garden at Anderson Cancer Center	Diane Gustafson, Vicky Kramer & Serenity Sisters
16	Yearbook	1 st GCG 2 nd DSR	Printed Yearbook	Susan Heath
37	Publications Newsletter	1 st GCG	Petal Pusher	Sue Hamlet
41	Herb Award	1 st GCG OD	Herb Tower Presentation (OD award included all horticulture events)	Sandra Wolf & Tina Zipperer
46	Public Relations	1 st GCG 2 nd DSR	Landings Club Containers & Gardens	Pat Berry, Connie Gescheidt & Urn Angels
49	Holiday Decorations	1 st GCG	Christmas Gate Decorating	Dottie Kirkland
51	Butterfly Conservation	1 st GCG 2 nd DSR	Sparrow Field Pollinator Garden	Belinda Winters
53	Website	1 st GCG	Web Site Operation (also Best Overall Site)	Sally Jones, Susan Heath
60	Garden Week in Georgia	1 st GCG	Floral Arrangements to the Marshes, Skidaway Institute Plantings	Tina Zipperer
61	Arbor Day	1 st GCG	Tree Planting at Moon River Overlook	Tina Zipperer
	Louise Stewart Membership	OD	Membership growth in a year	
	All Star Club	OD		

Submitted by Shirley Brown, Recording Secretary