

# Petal Pusher



The  
Landings  
Garden  
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February Special Event

The Horticulture Committee is working on an event for February. Watch for details in the new year.

### Spring Field Trip

Educational/Historical tour to Ossabaw Island. Details will be released in the spring, pending the status of the virus, etc.

*Dear Members,*

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2020. I don't think anyone will ever forget this year for so many reasons, most of all the Covid-19 virus. It has dramatically changed the way we lived for most of the year. The vaccine is finally on its way for inoculations to start across the country and hopefully we will be back to our normal by early summer. There is finally a light at the end of the tunnel!

Even though restrictions prevented us from having our regular meetings, we were able to organize some socially distanced activities such as the Bonsai workshop, lecture and tour with Stan Gray at the Georgia Botanical Garden organized by Gayle Ridway.

The Fall Fling hosted by the Done In A Day committee headed by Tina Zipperer, Maddie Hardwood and Dee Robertson had so many offerings that I had to go back home to get more money. Needless to say, my golf cart was loaded with fresh vegetables from the Farm Truck, some bows, some honey, a new cookbook, a gourd birdhouse and some yummy scones!

With the Holiday season upon us, I enjoy seeing all the decorations and lights as I drive and ride my bike around the community. I particularly take pleasure in seeing all the wonderful Garden Club bows on mailboxes, wreaths, and doors. The Way and Means Committee has done another outstanding job in creating and selling the bows this year. The Gate Decorations committee with Nancy Strobel and Janis Encapera did their magic decorating all the different gates in the community featuring our signature bows.

The New Year will here before we know it and I wish everyone love, health and joy this season and into 2021.

*Hannah*



# Awards Awards Awards

Submitted by Stephanie Corley, Awards Chair



Even though we were far apart this year, we managed to keep rather busy. Special thanks go to all our committees for their hard work surviving a very difficult year. We received three awards from the Oleander District in October.

- Nelle Pope Horticulture Award
- Martha Miller Butterfly Award
- All StarAward for the most awards applied for or won –  
**for the 3rd year in a row!**

I am proud to report that we were able to apply for 12 Garden Club of Georgia Awards. Good Luck to all our applicants!!

#4 Bird Award - The Gourd Project; Growing Houses for Birds

#10 Garden Therapy – Serenity Garden

#13 Civic Improvement - Library Gardens

#14 Horticulture Achievement - Combined Events for 2020

#37 Publications - Petal Pusher Newsletter

#46 Public Relations – Landings Club Containers

#49 Holiday Decorations – Landings Gate Decorations  
(due 2/1/21)

#51 Butterfly Conservations – Sparrow Field

#53 Website

#53A Social Media

#60 Garden Week – Floral Arrangements to Club

#61 Arbor Day – Magnolia Planted at Moon River

Remember everyone, we cannot win these awards without your input. So, keep those pictures and committee updates coming.



## Holiday Bows Sold Out!

**Submitted by Mary McBride, Karen Duncan, and Allison Smith**

Your Bow Sales Committee thanks all who volunteered to sell and to all who bought our holiday bows. Due to the unprecedented response, we stopped the sales early, as our inventory including 18 Bow Wreaths were sold out!

The newest patterns, including those in silver, tartan, and red with lime green trim sold out the fastest -- they were gone before Thanksgiving.

Holiday Bows Sale is an annual fundraiser for the Garden Club to help sustain its endeavors such as conservation and beautification all over the island as well as other club projects.

With our thanks. See you next year!



## Sparrow Field Fall Report

**Submitted by Dawn Cordo**



The weekly buzz of activity from the many dedicated and hardworking volunteers at Sparrow Field concluded November 7. Plants were trimmed back, pine straw laid, and some trees thinned. The Berm is ready for winter.

I am thankful for the wonderful volunteer's eagerness to jump in and do what was asked, their persistence through some hot days, their tolerance of social distancing, and their comfort in looking different when they concluded versus than when they stated!

Although the volunteers are taking a break from their dedication, work is continuing. The base of the new retaining wall has been laid and should be completed shortly. The Club has mowed their field and the piles of tree stumps are being moved and consolidated.

Nature notices and so does the community!

# Horticulture News and Ideas

## Submitted by Pam Patterson, Horticulture Chair

The wonderful thing about all of our gardens, plants and trees is hope for the next season. We always have something to look forward to from tiny seeds germinating to beautiful Camellia blossoms to changes in our shrubs and trees here on our island. Little miracles every day! If you have to replace one of your plants in your garden, think about adding a native plant. It is very easy to find a list on the internet.

Now is a good time to look in to starting seeds of your own. You won't believe how many things you can grow that are not available in our local stores. It's very easy and empowering with very little money spent. You can easily see how to do it on You tube or through a gardening book. Once you see how easy it is to grow a whole tray of Foxglove you will never pay \$15.00 for one little plant again. Deer won't touch it – which brings me an immense feeling of satisfaction. They won't touch Helleborus either. I do purchase those from local Nurseries.



Foxglove seedlings

I have gone a little overboard with seed purchases this fall to say the least. Prairie Moon Nursery has seeds for native plants. In my feverish desire to have every bee and butterfly in my yard when I walk outside in the mornings during the spring through the fall, I have ordered several (several? How about 14?) host plant as well as nectar plant seed packets. You can also order bare root plants as well as plants from that company. I started some Rue at the end of August. It is an herb that Swallowtail butterflies will lay their eggs on. That is a pretty hardy herb, although it may give a rash to some people. I'm willing to take the risk. I will not have enough space to plant all of the seedlings from those packets, so I will share with our own Pollinator Berm and others.

In the early spring, you can plant Larkspur and Nigella in the garden from seed. Deer are not interested in those. What a joy it is to walk out in your yard and see those beautiful flowers in the spring.

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## Horticulture News, cont.

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And if you still have some free time, you can explore gardening clothes. This is one of my favorite pass times. There is a company in the UK called Carrier Company that makes gardening clothes. Floret's (Erin Benzakein) current blog is full of companies to order gardening pants, boots, aprons, and a really cool belt to wear while gardening so you can keep up with your clippers. Who wants to look at cocktail dresses when you could order some of this cool stuff to wear every day and experience nature at it's best right here in our Maritime forest environment?!?



I would show you a picture of my studio right now full of foxglove and Pipevine fimbriata seedlings (seeds given to me from my good friend Penny LeBlanc) under my grow light, presents to wrap, half made Christmas Elves, and various bits of nature, but I could never live that down.

Please enjoy your Holiday Season – Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. Remember and marvel that each day is a gift.

*"In all of things of nature there is something of the marvelous"*  
- ARISTOTLE

And PS: My husband Cam's Trident Maple Bonsai tree has YELLOW leaves!!!!!!

## Urn Angels

### Submitted by Pat Barry

The Urn Angels continued to work on just available planters that were not subject to pre-Covid-19 restrictions. Most were unavailable to be planted and maintained because of Landings Club remodeling and off-site storage of large planters until the various projects were expected to be completed in 2019-2020. When the Covid-19 Pandemic eventually affected everyone, we were forced to curtail most of our efforts planting and maintaining Urns. Some facility closures demanded that we plant Xeric type plants to at least present an attractive and welcoming atmosphere surrounding virtually empty Urns and where access was limited. We used very large Foxtail Ferns, (*Asparagus Densiflorus Meyersii*). We salvaged some very lovely Silver Dichondra argentea, which happily cascades down the planters.

We can work while maintaining a safe “social distancing by reducing our volunteers and number of planters. We tend to select plants that lend themselves to active textures and some blossoms for interest. We did not have one huge planting day but instead intermittently filling in plants as they decline. We currently have approximately 15 planters instead of over 30 that we continue to groom and plant. Our planters are strategically located where they will be seen and enjoyed and not where access is limited because of the Virus.

Thank You!



## Yearbooks

*An yearbook will be published in January. While we don't have the ability to plan events during the pandemic, we will be including this year's roster, club by-laws, and budget.*

# Treasurer's Report

## Submitted by Sharon Lundin

Monthly Detail Summary Report from May 1, 2020 thru November 30, 2020				
	Operations Acct.	Ways & Means Acct.	Reserve Acct.	Total
Beginning Balance as of October 31, 2020	\$6,232.85	\$5,427.00	\$2,501.24	= \$14,161.09
<b>Revenue:</b>				
OP - Birds & Cons. (Gourd Sales)	\$380.00			
OP - Birds & Cons. (Donation-J. Deitch)	\$207.46			
W&M - Bow Sales		\$2,530.00		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$587.46</b>	<b>\$2,530.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>= \$3,117.46</b>
<b>Expense:</b>				
OP - Birds & Cons. (Gourds)	\$429.78			
OP - GCG Dues	\$5.00			
OP - Membership Dues (Correction)	\$20.00			
W&M - Bow Supplies		\$438.71		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$454.78</b>	<b>\$438.71</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>= \$893.49</b>
Ending Balance as of November 30, 2020	\$6,365.53	\$7,518.29	\$2,501.24	\$16,385.06

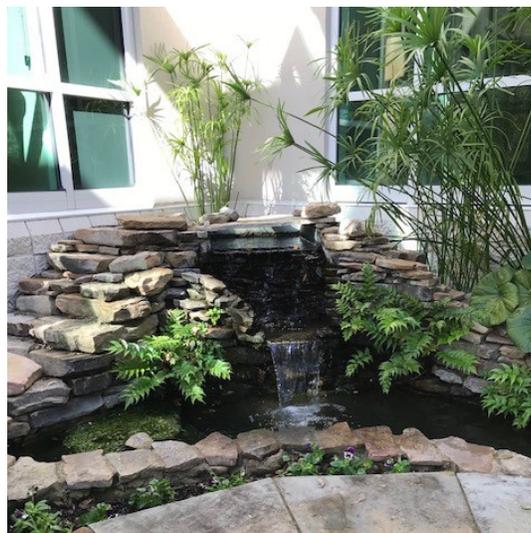
### Fall Fling



# Serenity Garden Update

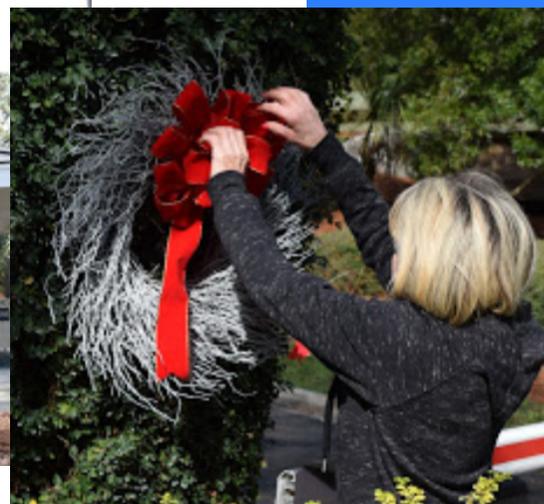
## Submitted by Vicky Kramer

As many of you know we have been unable to access the Serenity Garden due to heavy construction which has 10 foot fences blocking our entrance. Recently management invited us to enter through the hospital and traverse through the infusion room to get to the garden.



This week Sisters, Diane, Angela and Jean did a major pruning and clean up. As soon as the construction is completed we will be able to continue to maintain the garden. We have plans for adding some additional plantings but have to wait our entrance. It is amazing how the garden has thrived without any irrigation and attention for almost 11 months.

## Gate Decorating



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EVERY FRIDAY  
9:00 - 1:00  
VIA ZOOM  
COURSE FEE: \$275**

## **Garden Club of Georgia Publications** **Planting and Nurturing, October 2020; Landscape Design**

Link to GCG Website found [here](#).