

APRIL 2021

Petal Pusher



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 11th
11 AM
Palmetto Clubhouse
See website to register [here](#).

Garden Tour

Monday, May 10th
Penny LeBlanc's Garden
Sign up [HERE](#)

Garden Tour

Tuesday, June 8th
Jenny Carlisle's Garden
Sign Up released next month.

Dear Members,

Spring is in full bloom; flowers, weeds, one and all. Even though we did not meet at all this past year, we have a lot to be grateful. We are planning a wonderful Spring Luncheon on May 11th so we can end this incredibly challenging year on a high note. We will install the 2021-2022 Board, celebrate the awards the club received and honor Sandra Wolf, a longtime member who recently passed away.

In addition, the floral design committee is putting together beautiful centerpieces that will be available for purchase and we will have our annual plant swap. I hope to see you all there, and guests are welcome. I am excited to finally wear some lipstick!

Hannah



Awards Sweep!

Submitted by Stephanie Corley, Awards Chair

Congratulations are in order for all our hard working Committee Chairs and member volunteers. We have much to be proud of especially from a year that was half cancelled. We applied for a total of 12 to the Garden Club of Georgia and received 11 - 1st place awards!! This year's awards are listed below. The asterisk next to four of the awards indicates that GCG has submitted them for award consideration at the National Garden Club. Quite an achievement.

Gourd Bird House Project		1st GCG & 1st DSR
Serenity Garden		1st GCG & 1st DSR
Library Garden & Containers	**	1st GCG & 1st DSR
Sparrow Field Pollinator Garden		1st GCG & 1st DSR
Horticulture Achievement		1st GCG & 2nd DSR
Arbor Day		1st GCG
Petal Pusher **		1st GCG
Containers at Landings Clubhouses		1st GCG
Holiday Gate Decorations		1st GCG
LGC Website **		1st GCG & State Overall Winner
LGC Facebook Page	**	1st GCG

Additionally, many of our on-going projects receive awards year after year, a true testament to the commitment of our Club leadership and members. Again congratulations to all !!

Plant Swap Spring Luncheon May 11th

Please bring your labeled plants to the spring luncheon. We will set up an area outside Palmetto clubhouse to swap your plants with other members.



Ways and Means - Bow Making

Submitted by Dottie Kirkland and Shirley Brown

Ways and Means Bow Making Co-Chairs

Bow-making sessions are currently on scheduled on Monday afternoons through May 24th from 2-4 at 2 Brooks Lane. Many thanks to Bowmakers Diane Gustafson, Dottie Kirkland, Meg Schreck, Susie Fusco, Sandy Randolph, Belinda Winters, and Angela DeVore, for gathering to craft ribbon.

With the independent contributions from Lisa Olson, Dawn Cordo and Elayne Lane, we have made about 1/3 of the projected bow inventory for 2021. Barbara Martin and Meg joined Dottie and me to count, price and store the bows. If we can continue this pace, we might be able to have the summer off!

Our great sales guru Mary McBride joined the group at my house for a session. She was just going to "watch," but ended up lending a hand with the red bows. We expect her back next week for conversation and laughter and to work with the plaid.

If you would like to help build the inventory for the Holiday Sale, contact Dottie Kirkland at dezinerdot@aol.com or Shirley Brown at sabatsav@comcast.net.

Treasurer's Report

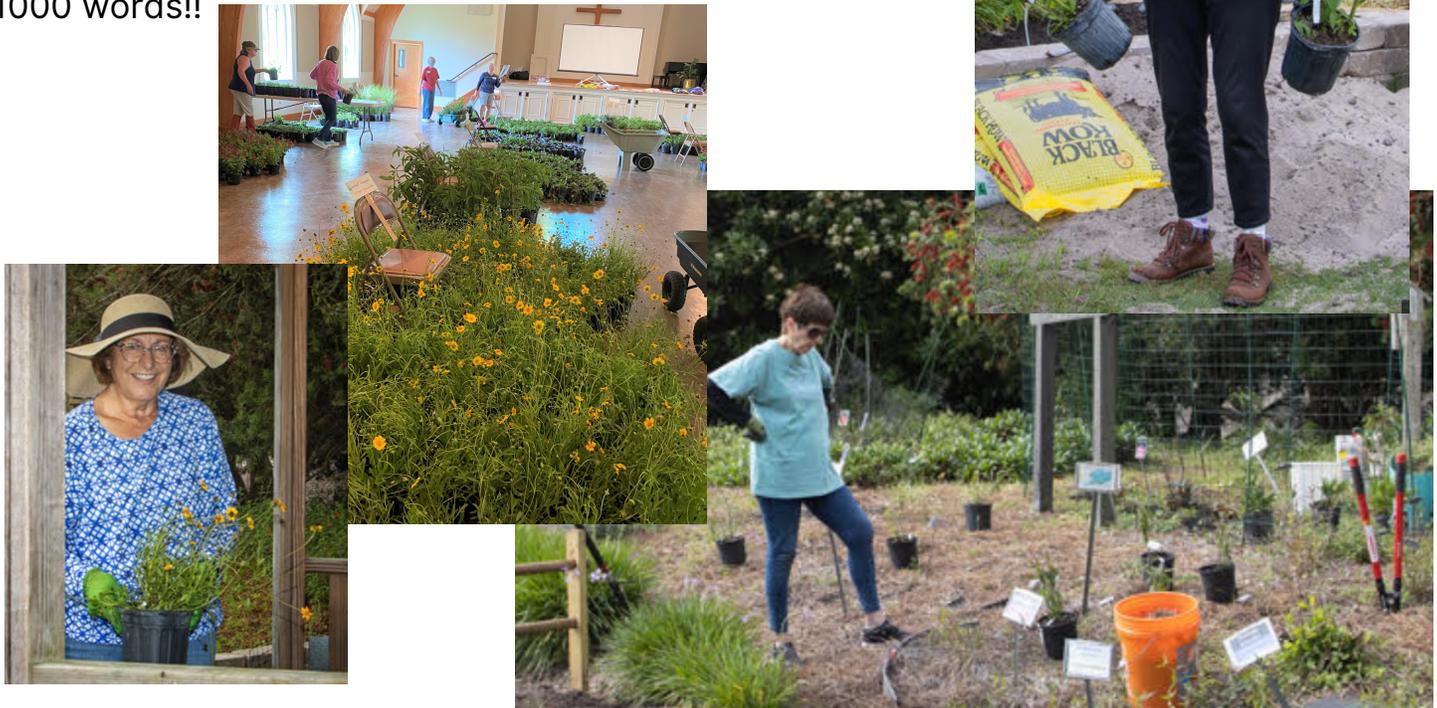
Submitted by Sharon Lundin

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB					
Year-To-Date Summary Report from May 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2021					
	Operations Acct.	Ways & Means Acct.	Reserve Acct.	=	Total
Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2020	\$6,802.23	\$7,105.70	\$2,501.12	=	\$16,409.05
Revenue	\$6,293.46	\$11,064.09	\$0.18	=	\$17,357.73
Expense	\$3,478.21	\$9,364.45	\$0.00	=	\$12,842.66
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2021	\$9,617.48	\$8,805.34	\$2,501.30	=	\$20,924.12

Sparrow Field

Submitted by Dawn Cordo, Chair

Sparrow field is having a Spring Makeover! Prepping then planting of over 150 pollinator perennials is underway. Skidaway Audubon's sale was an intense 3-day event and was extraordinarily successful due to the help of numerous volunteers, many from the LGC. Pictures say 1000 words!!



Horticulture News

Submitted by Pam Patterson, Co-Chair

O.C.G.

Definition: Obsessive Compulsive Gardener; *Noun/adjective/verb*

So, it's SPRING!!! We all have to love it. If you are somewhat of an obsessive gardener, (like me) you just can't wait to get out there in the morning. The first thing I do in the morning is go outside to check on the news of my plants in the garden. A neighbor on a bike stopped by the other day and said she always sees me in my pink robe ..." but where is your coffee?" That comes after the yard tour and is the time for looking at gardens and plants on Instagram. During the day I am either looking at seed catalogues or gardening magazines on breaks from yard work. In the evenings, we watch Monty Don on Gardeners World. I love Brit Box. That is so crazy, isn't it? The Gardening Soul on Instagram has wonderful quotes each day.

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This one that validates that behavior:

“Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity.”

My yard is my happy place. And I do spend time with my family.

*Reports of successes and failures in the seed projects:

I started lots of native perennial seeds from Prairie Moon nursery last fall. I have a whole new appreciation for woody perennials now that I have tried that out. I ordered seeds in October, stored them in the fridge until January, and started some of them under my grow light. I also started some in a gallon milk jug. That worked well and was incredibly easy. You just cut a milk jug in half all the way around except the handle, poke lots of holes in the bottom, put in some seed starting soil, spread out your seeds that have been stratified for the required time, and duct tape it shut. Put it outside on your patio or deck through the winter, and you will soon have some seedlings!



VERBASCUM

*But back to the other plants that I grew under the grow light – that is valuable territory! I can only fit four trays of seeds under it, so I was in a hurry to keep things moving. I ordered a special cloth and hoops to store the seedlings outside. It was my own little hoop row! It worked great.

*I did lose some seedlings to different issues: torrential rainstorm flooded out all but three of my New England Aster planted in the ground. Blue-eyed grass, just planted in pots and put on the deck, never showed up. I did get some nice River Oats to come up, also planted in pots to start, and will plant them soon.

*I did have good luck with Verbascum, so far. See photo#1. I am hoping for some beautiful pink flowers. I also planted Prairie Thistle see photo #2. That is doing well, and I'm anxious for them to mature. I did have pretty good luck with Veronia, most of it planted now.

*I sowed False Aster seeds on February 23 and put them under the grow light. See photo #3. I was disappointed because so few of them germinated. After about four weeks under the light, I took them outside, potted on a few of them and just left the trays on the ground. If you can look carefully, you will see that a ton of seeds have just germinated – eight weeks after they were sowed!!

Horticulture News, cont.



PRAIRIE THISTLE



FALSE ASTER

This is why growing perennials from seed is difficult. It takes a long time. If you want a native perennial, just buy one.

If you try Rudbeckia you will succeed! It also reseeds all over the place. Nicotiana, which is flowering tobacco is incredibly easy and will reseed for years.

There are just too many to talk about, but if you go by and I'm outside, I'll be happy to show you what made it and what failed. I keep a journal with all that info in it.

That is the fun and wonder of the whole process. I love watching the changes in the seasons and growth of different plants. I am still starting seeds for this summer – I just can't live without Verbena Bonariensis.

Next fall, I'm going to try Cardoons. I can't wait.

Now is the time to order bulbs to be planted in January. You can order from Brent and Becky's bulbs, and they will prechill them for you and mail them just in time for planting.

At the end of May, you can cut back your tall perennials – like Salvia Leucothoe and Bee balm if you have it. Things that flower in the fall will still bloom but won't be so tall and hard to manage.

I can go on and on about gardening, so I'm going to end this article now. I suppose it's really more of a blog, but oh well.

This past weekend was the Skidaway Audubon Native plant sale! It was fantastic!!!!

Oakridge Urn Angels

Spring plantings are looking good!



'Shroom Walk

Club members take a walk on the wild side!



Cherokee Garden Library Talk

"The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants"

Cherokee Garden Library Talk with Jennifer Jewell

Wednesday, May 12th, 7:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us on May 12th for a conversation with Jennifer Jewell—host of public radio’s award-winning program and podcast Cultivating Place—as she introduces 75 inspiring women featured in her book, *The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants*. Working in wide-reaching fields that include botany, floral design, landscape architecture, farming, herbalism, and food justice, these influencers are creating change from the ground up. Rich with personal stories and insights, Jewell’s portraits reveal a devotion that transcends age, locale, and background, reminding us of the profound role of green growing things in our world—and our lives.

This virtual event is free and open to the public. *The Earth in Her Hands* is available for purchase online at A Cappella Books.

Welcome New Members

Look for full biographies for our wonderful new members in the next issue of the Petal Pusher!

Dorcas Popp
Kathy Dole
Toni White
Meg Kettlitz
Shanti Stone
Susan Lilley
Karen Schroder
Jenny Carlough
Shirley McCarthy
Diane Benson