

MARCH 2021

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The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden Tour

Monday, April 12th

Anne Gardner's Garden

See page 6 for details.

Ossabaw Island Trip

Wednesday, April 14th

Skidaway Audubon Plant Sale

April, 17th

Annual fundraising event

See page 6 for details.

River of Iris Tour

Tuesday, April 20th

Coastal Botanical Garden tour
with Stan Gray.

Eventbrite sign up available
now: register [here](#).

Garden Tour

Monday, May 10th

Penny LeBlanc's Garden

Garden Tour

Tuesday, June 8th

Jenny Carlisle's Garden

Eventbrite sign ups for
all tours to follow at
later date.

Dear Members,

Did you know that Gardens are the Universal Medicine!

- Gardens provide the context for self-discovery and understanding.
- Gardens are a source of creative inspirations.
- Gardens are great teachers of patience, collaboration, and ecological principles.
- Gardens help to create a sense of place, a celebration of beauty in a chaotic world.

Life has been busy lately (installing wood floors in all our bedrooms), and I have not been able to work in my garden.

But Spring is here, and I hope you will join me in taking some of that Universal Medicine!

Hannah



We are happy to announce the slate of officers for
2021-2022:

President: Hannah Burtnik

Vice President: Pam Patterson

Treasurer: Sharon Lundin

Recording Secretary: Stephanie Corley

Corresponding Secretary: Angela Devore

Serenity Garden Update **Submitted by Vicky Kramer, Serenity Garden Chair**

The Serenity Garden is back on track: The fencing is not down yet but we were able to get access through there to clean up and do some long overdue planting. We are anxiously awaiting on 2 trees to be planted by the hospital maintenance. We are also waiting for geraniums to arrive at nurseries to purchase for the urns.

The other bit of news is that we have been invited to maintain the atrium garden that is located at the main entrance. It has a mural that was painted by SCAD and a large fountain with plantings that need some organization and re designing.

The other bit of good news is that the hospital will be financing this area along with financial assistance for Serenity Garden.

Once I have a completed list of volunteers for 2021, I will make out a schedule for assistance for maintenance twice per month.Until then...



Plant Sale Volunteers Needed!

The Skidaway Audubon annual plant sale is looking for volunteers!

The plant sale is online, by pre-order only, at skidawayaudubon.org.

The plants are expected to arrive at the S.I. Methodist church at about 2 pm on April 15, and volunteers are needed to help unload the truck.

On April 16, working in two-hour shifts from 9 am to 3 pm, volunteers will sort the plants into individual orders, and on April 17 from 10 am to 4 pm buyers will drive up and have their plants placed in their cars.

We need lots of volunteers all three days, working in shifts of whatever time you have available! Contact Dawn Cordo at geannettecordo@gmail.com if you can help.

Ways and Means - Bow Making

Submitted by Dottie Kirkland and Shirley Brown

Ways and Means Bow Making Co-Chairs

Twenty-five gorgeous Red-Apple green bows crafted in just under 2 hours!!

A shout-out to Belinda Winters, Dawn Cordo, Diane Gustafson, Dottie Kirkland and Sandy Randolph for their dogged persistence in tackling this stunning, but challenging ribbon.

All of the ribbon for the 2021 season has been received. We will be rolling out the new plaid after the silver.



Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Sharon Lundin

Year-To-Date Summary Report from May 1, 2020 thru February 28, 2021				
	Operations Acct.	Ways & Means Acct.	Reserve Acct.	Total
Beginning Balance as of 5.1.2020	\$6,802.23	\$7,105.70	\$2,501.12	= \$16,409.05
Revenue	\$3,594.67	\$11,672.39	\$0.18	= \$15,267.24
Expense	\$1,951.75	\$9,853.70	\$0.00	= \$11,805.45
Ending Balance as of 2.28.2021	\$8,445.15	\$8,924.39	\$2,501.30	= \$19,870.84

Sparrow Field Report

Submitted by Dawn Cordo, Sparrow Field Chair

We had our first “work party” for the season on March 5, cutting back, cleaning up and prepping the berm. We are eager to plant our new pollinator plants in mid-April. Visitors will see a great transformation of the field as The Club is using their property as a staging area for materials needed for the Magnolia Golf Course renovation. Cars will be diverted to the left of the entrance for safety reasons. A section of the walking path, on the right of the field, will be closed for the season but an additional walking loop will be added towards the back of the field.

Visitors will also see a gate installed across the berm road to prevent vehicular traffic. Carts and bicycles will still have access. The look, while different, will create an attractive entrance to our special place. Patience and understanding are requested during this transition.

Please note: In error the Sparrow Field Committee was omitted from your membership form. If you would like to volunteer to work at Sparrow Field as a Committee Member, or as a Co-Chair, please submit your name to Hannah [here](#).

The Task of Spring Clean Up

Submitted by Penny LeBlanc

Spring cleaning starts with picking up dead plant material in the garden. The tree leaves and last year's dead growth protected the plants during the winter but can create disease and unwanted bugs for the coming season. Under the leaves investigate to discover emerging perennials and annuals (Pentas, Snap Dragons, Periwinkles, Euphorbia, Sweet Alyssum, Dianthus) that made it through the winter. Both perennials and annuals are trimmed to 6" if new growth is evident. Also, add a layer of mulch to insulate the plants, retain moisture for the hot days to come; in addition, the bark chips provide nutrients to the plant as the bark breaks down.



The boundaries of the garden beds and grass have become less crisp over the winter. It's a good time to edge and redefine borders. It's important to remove creeping stolons and below ground stems from warm season grasses. The stolons are the way the grass spreads above ground (Centipede Grass, Zoysia Grass, St. Augustine Grass, and Bermuda Grass). Aeration may be a consideration for your lawn if it seems compacted. The aeration creates holes in the lawn that improves soil drainage, encourages worms, microfauna and microflora which require oxygen. After the edging of the garden is complete a layer of mulch should be added to keep the weeds down.

The Task of Spring Cleanup, continued

You should take stock of your gardening equipment. Do your garden tools need to be cleaned, oiled, sharpened or replaced? You would be surprised how much easier it is to dig or cut with a sharp, well-oiled implement. The right tools make gardening much easier.

It's also a great time to replenish your gardening supplies. Do you have enough fertilizer and soil amendments for the growing season? Using organic materials enhances the soils health and provides essential nutrients for plants. The organic materials encourage worms that oxygenate the soil, help water movement, create nutrient dynamics, and improve plant growth. Do you need to purchase plant supports and ties to support your plants as they grow?

It's a good time to prune trees or shrubs that bloom on new wood (Butterfly Bush, Passion Vine, Honeysuckle, Hydrangea, Crepe Myrtle, Roses, Wisteria). While the shrubs and trees are dormant you can improve the branch structure before the buds break dormancy. Prior to snipping sterilize your cutting tools with isopropyl alcohol to minimize spreading disease between plants. Note there are several plants that should NOT be trimmed prior to blooming these include: spring blooming Spirea, Azaleas, Camellias, Forsythia, Gardenias, Big Leaf Hydrangeas, Weigela, Pieria. Whenever you prune a plant add fertilizer to the soil, so the plant heals quickly and puts more energy into new growth.



Save The Date



River of Iris Tour, Tuesday, Apr 20th

Join us for this magnificent display of spring and a lecture by Stan Gray at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens at the Historic Bamboo Farm in Savannah.

Register now on eventbrite [here](#).

Details of Upcoming Events

Anne Gardner Garden Tour

April 12th, 10-11:30 AM, 37 Peregrine Crossing

A lovely cottage style garden with a pond that showcases a waterfall located in a secluded courtyard. The side garden is on a double lot with beautiful mature trees and the backyard has a pollinator garden overlooking a stunning view of the western marsh. Limited to 20 members, mask required.

Sign up on Eventbrite [here](#).

Skidaway Audubon Plant Sale

April 12th, 10-11:30 AM, 37 Peregrine Crossing

ASkidaway Audubon is hosting a Pollinator Plant sale March 1 - April 12.

Pickup: Saturday April 17 at the Skidaway Methodist Church. Pick up by last name. A-H (10-12 noon), I-P (12 noon-2pm), Q-Z (2pm-4pm)

Over 25 different plants are available to order. See their website [here](#) for more information.



Calling All Photo Buffs!

The Digital Wildflower Photo Contest

Deadline has been extended to April 6th, 2021.

The Digital Wildflower Photo Contest reminds both professional and amateur photographers that Spring Wildflowers are everywhere. Why not capture their beauty now and submit your photo!

Guidelines and Applications may be found on the GCG Roadside Beautification Page.

For questions, please contact Evelyn at rogers2767@bellsouth.net

Reminder: All vertical photos will be considered for the cover of Garden Gateways magazine!

Garden Club of Georgia

Planting and Nurturing / March 2021 Edition

View publication [here](#).

Links to district, state, and national publications are also found on our [website](#).



Welcome New Member

Submitted by **Sally Dunphy, Membership Committee Chair**



Welcome to Anna James

In garden speak you might say I am a transplant who was rooted in the Mississippi Delta (Greenwood), nourished at Ole Miss and grounded for 52 years in Natchez, Mississippi. Suppose that makes me as old as dirt!

The benefits of living near family drew me to this beautiful city. I have been here a year now and am so happy. I have two daughters and four granddaughters, two who live here in the Landings.

I was an active member of The Pilgrimage Garden Club for fifty years. I also held membership in Garden Lovers of Natchez a club within The Garden Club of America. Currently I am an affiliate of the Trustees Garden Club.

I wish to thank my neighbor and friend Lisa Hall for inviting me to be a part of The Landings Garden Club. I will enjoy meeting you all and participating in the work of your worthy organization.

Welcome to Wendy Conley

Wendy Conley and her husband Dave moved here in May 2019 from Hopewell Junction, NY, where she served as Postmaster for the USPS. The Conley's were attracted to the warm weather, beautiful landscape, and all the wonderful activities available at The Landings. Wendy was pleased to see how easy it was to make friends at The Landings and that it is such an inclusive community.

New to gardening, Wendy joined the Garden Club this past fall to increase her gardening knowledge and foster new relationships. Wendy is also active in New Neighbors and enjoys walking, golf, cooking, and reading.



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