



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

The Petal Pusher Newsletter

September Newsletter

Dear Members,

Hope everyone is staying safe. Our lives and social activities have been put on hold and times are still uncertain. It is hard to believe that it has been six months since our last meeting and in that time, we cooked, baked, cleaned, de-cluttered, finished projects, binge watched shows and movies, etc. Gardening and pottery have kept me sane.

The one thing that cannot be put on hold are the seasons. Fall is upon us bringing cooler weather and new opportunities to plant and reconnect. With that in mind, committees have been busy; we have activities planned, and this newsletter reflects all the pent-up energy of the lockdown so make sure to read through till the end. Let's get outside, enjoy the fresh air while socially distanced, enjoy the beauty of our island and each other. See everyone soon!

Hannah Burtnik



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 12pm

Special Event/Garden Tour

Pam Patterson Pollinator Garden

Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 10am

Bonsai Workshop

Thursday, Nov. 12 at 10am, 1pm and 4:pm

Fall Fling

Sponsored by Done In A Day Committee



Oh Snap!!

Awards Awards Awards

Everyone can agree, it's been an unprecedented year, but I know our committees have stayed busy. Because we have not had any meetings or gatherings your efforts and hard work have not been shared with the membership. As you know it's my job to highlight those accomplishments to the District, Region and State through the award process. To do that I hope to hear about each effort performed by our members and committees. We have a great tool for this, landingsgardenclub@gmail.com. The email account is monitored by the Executive Committee as well as myself. It's easy to tell us your committee's efforts and projects and include photos. When you attach a photo, it is uploaded to

the Club's Google Drive and organized by project and date. This helps the Club to keep a historical archive of all the great work we do year after year, for our community.

The Awards Review Committee loves to hear all the details of your work. That includes:

- Project goal and history
- Frequency and organization
- Plant lists and why chosen
- Participants, members and outside groups
- Budget including donations
- Photos! – before and after and workers working

The following committees/projects were recognized in 2018-19 with some receiving awards in consecutive years (*).

- Container Gardens*
- Sparrow Field Pollinator Garden*
- Arbor Day*
- Horticulture
- Serenity Garden*
- Village Library
- Web Site* and Social Media
- Holiday Decorations*
- Petal Pusher*
- Yearbook*
- Garden Week in Georgia

I look forward to hearing all about the efforts of each committee and member to show off our Club this year at the District, Region, State and National level. State awards are due on December 1st so please take pictures of your efforts and remember to email the details and photos to landingsgardenclub@gmail.com.

Submitted by Stephanie Corley, Awards Chair

HOLIDAY BOWS

The Ways and Means team of our Landings Garden Club showed amazing adaptability in getting 780 gorgeous holiday bows ready for sale in time for the end of the year holidays. The pandemic jinxed our plans for the usual bow-making parties, but 12 ladies stepped up to the challenge of making bows at home while binging on TV.

A Shout Out to Dawn Cordo, Angela DeVore, Susie Fusco, Jane Golz, Diane Gustafson, Elayne Layne, Barbara Martin, Lisa Olson, Sandy Randolph, Marie Termorshuizen, Belinda Winters and Elaine Witbeck. Dottie Kirkland and Shirley Brown, co-chairs, made some as well. However, the Super Crafter honor goes to Dawn Cordo with over 150 bows made! Thanks to all for your dedication to continuing this important fund-raising project during these unprecedented circumstances.

The inventory includes the old standbys – red velvet, red velvet with gold edge, and the popular red-gold Diamante. The committee is excited to offer 6 new patterns to ramp up your holiday decorating. One of the new patterns is a classy silver.

Submitted by Dottie Kirkland and Shirley Brown, Co-Chairs Ways and Means



HOLIDAY BOW SALES!

Our Garden Club's biggest fundraiser is ready to sell hundreds of decorative holiday bows! A long-standing Landings tradition of a big red velvet bow on every mailbox, our Garden Club encourages all members to help with the sales days which begin on November 7.

Garden Club members will be selling bows at The Skidaway Village in front of the fountain near the Drug Store, from 10 AM to 4 PM beginning Saturday, November 7. (see the box for all the shopping days). If you have not already signed up for a shift please email Mary McBride at mary.mcbride3701@gmail.com. We will have our traditional red velvet bows and a wide assortment of new, gorgeous fabric patterns for only \$15 and \$20 each.

And this year, talented Landings artist Penny Day Thompson painted our bows in a vibrant watercolor featuring her precious puppy which will be featured on the cover of the TWATL in November, announcing our sale. An active member of the Landings Art Association, Penny has won numerous 1st place awards in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media in juried shows. The Garden Club is so honored to be able to auction this original 16 x 20" framed watercolor painting. It will be on display at the Landings Art Association Member Gallery at the Palmetto Club in November. More details to come on how all can bid on this beautiful original.



Thanks to all the Garden Club members who worked this summer making our hundreds of bows and to all who help make this Sale such an important success to our club.

Submitted by Bow Sales Co-Chairs, Karen Duncan, Mary McBride, Allison Smith



All SALES Dates are from 10 AM to 4 PM with two 3-hour shifts a day.

Please email Mary McBride
mary.mcbride3701@gmail.com

to SIGN UP for a shift

Saturday November 7
Monday November 9
Saturday November 14
Monday November 16
Saturday November 21
Monday November 23
Friday November 27
Saturday November 28
Monday November 30
Saturday December 5
Monday December 7
Saturday December 12



Fall Horticulture News

Hello Everyone! I hope you are enjoying the fall weather – well just a few days of cooler, but it will continue! Even though some gardens start looking raggedy in the fall, it is my favorite season because of all the beautiful butterflies! My garden is certainly wild and wooly with passion vine popping up all over the place. (Who knew it was like Wisteria?)

I have tons of Brushfoot and Fritillary butterflies fluttering by at eye level with my Mexican Sunflower “Torch”. It is so easy to grow and gets to about five or six feet tall. I have it right next to a huge Sweet Almond Bush, which smells heavenly, but the butterflies love Torch the best. It is a single flower, which makes it so easy for them to get the nectar from it. You can watch their little proboscis really close up! Fritillaries and Zebra Longwings both need Passion vine for a host plant.

Be sure to leave a pile of brush somewhere in your yard for insects to live through the winter when you are cleaning up your yards for fall. So many plants will reseed if you let them. The Torch reseeds, Periwinkle and Cosmos as well.

October is the time to sow some Larkspur in your yard. Just clean up a small area and put some seeds out. In the spring you will have tall, beautiful Larkspurs. They reseed too.



FALL GARDENING TIPS

1. Add top soil and mushroom compost when planting new plants; it enriches the soil and helps maintain moisture especially with our sandy soil.
2. Fall is a great time to mulch. It provides instant curb appeal, protects plants during the winter, cuts down on weeds, and enriches the soil.
3. For those fighting scale on your Flax Lily. Use a Scotch-Brite heavy duty, fold in half under and on top of the leaf. Start at the base and work towards the top and the scale stays on scour pad and the wax on the leaves protects the plant.

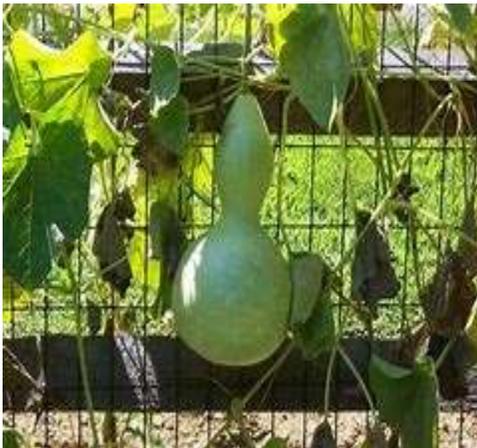
4. Fall is a great time to remove Spanish Moss from shrubs and smaller trees by hand with gloves, protective eye wear, and a long sleeve shirt. Removing the moss helps to protect the branches from breakage and shading the leaves that slow growth of the specimen.

5. Spring blooming bulbs are planted late fall to early winter in zone 8b. The temperature should be steadily below 60 degrees before planting.

Hope you all are having a wonderful time out there!

Submitted by Pam Patterson and Penny LeBlanc, Horticulture Co-chairs

Birds and Conservation



GROWING A HOME FOR THE BIRDS

During the fraught days of the COVID pandemic, we have been at our homes and grateful to have that home. Two of our Skidaway Island Neighbors have taken that homing instinct to the birds and have provided more natural shelters for our island birds by planting and growing gourds that when dried, provide a safe habitat. And in addition, the gourds when finished will be a lovely addition to a porch or yard.

Pat Wolters, Jean Deitch and Jayne Rogers in the spring of this year planted the seeds of the hard shelled gourd plants, *Lagnaria siceraria*, a tropical ornamental squash also known as the bottle gourd at the Skidaway Farms. The vining branches were trained on trellises. The gourd produced sprawling vines, large leaves, and

heavy fruit. The team soaked the seeds first and planted them at home in small seed pots before transferring the young plants to the garden plot at the farm. Pat shared that she had in the past, planted the gourd plants right in the ground under a tree producing a generous crop of gourds. The plants do require full sun and could be cultivated at home. As with most squash like plants, these bottle gourds like a mounded hill as a planting base. The plants will do well with some compost and morning watering. It would be possible to grow these at home, however the vines will need support to climb...a trellis or tree and as with most plants will need protection from our ravenous deer!!!

As fall has approached, Pat and Jean have harvested the gourds and are allowing them to dry outside. A well-ventilated dry location outside would be ideal. When the gourds have dried, it will be lightweight, hard, hollow-sounding and will rattle when shaken. Now it is time for a good cleaning. Holes will be drilled with a power drill for the opening and four tiny holes in the bottom of the gourd to allow water to drain. Pat has spray painted some gourds which in both black and white are truly lovely. She has hung the gourds from the eaves of her porch with S hooks and from trees in her backyard.

AND here is an opportunity to get involved right now!! Pat and Jean would welcome some helpers to clean the gourds and prepare them for use. This would entail washing the gourds and under the supervision of our Gourd Gals, drilling the holes for the birds. The holes drilled are specific to the type of bird...larger holes, larger birds. This activity would take place OUTSIDE and properly socially distanced...and to make this an offer you cannot refuse (!) participants will take home their own birdhouse gourd. If you are interested in helping, please email JEAN DEITCH at jeandeitch@gmail.com. Due to our COVID restrictions, the number of participants must be limited so please respond PRONTO if you are interested.

Submitted by Kathy Berlin, Birds and Conservation Chair

"Introduction to Bonsai: Culture and Practice"



Date: Tuesday, October 27th

Time: 10:00am

Location: Skidaway Farms Pavilion

Cost: \$30 a person. Limited to 15 participants. [Eventbrite sign up link here.](#)

Sign up through Eventbrite. Please make check out to Landings Garden Club and drop off your check to 5 Pennefeather Lane.

The workshop presented by Robert CUILTY includes a tree, a pot, specialized soil components, wire, and detailed guidance on how to craft traditional Japanese forms from common landscape stock. For participants, please bring your own hand pruners. Bypass pruners are best. You will learn to use these everyday tools to create dramatic features with your trees!

The cost will cover materials and any excess in funds will be donated to the Savannah Tree Foundation.

"Robert CUILTY is an ISA Arborist and Certified Treecare Safety Professional that conducts research on Skidaway Island. His interests are mycology, coastal ecology, and modern arboriculture. As Branch Manager of SavATree, he provides consultations to residents as well as training for community programs and commercial tree workers alike."



GARDEN TOUR

WHEN: October 6th

TIME: 12:00pm

WHERE: 4 Goddard Lane

RSVP: Pam Patterson at pampattersonjax@gmail.com

This is limited to 12 participants and please wear a mask. Discover all the different plants that attracts and support birds and insects in the Certified Pollinator garden that Pam has created.

STAY TUNED

Friday October 23rd at 10 AM and 2PM we will have a field trip to Coastal Botanical Gardens including a lecture and tour with Stan Gray. More details to follow.

We also have another special event/garden tour planned for November.

URN ANGELS

Our dedicated Urn Angels have been busy creating beautiful planters in Marshwood and refreshing the plants at Oakridge.



DONE IN A DAY COMMITTEE

The committee recently installed a pollinator garden at The Harmony Assisted Living and Senior Care facility. Well done ladies!





YOUR'E INVITED

FALL FLING

Thursday, November 12th

Times: 10 AM 1:00 PM 4:00 PM

200 Yam Gandy Road

Outdoor Event

Sponsored by: The Done In A Day Committee

The Fall Fling is a great way to welcome in the holiday season. All Landings Garden Club Members are invited to make a reservation to attend. There will be tables decorated by several of our club designers to inspire you and showcase their talents. The Ways and Means will be selling the traditional bows for our convenience. Door prizes and more! Our special guest for the day is Georgia Cook and Author, Martha Giddens Nesbit. She will sell and autograph her new book, Nibbles and Scribbles. This will make a great present or an addition to your own cookbook collection. Please bring your checkbook for bow and cookbook purchases. No cash will be handled.

Gene Phillips of Gene's Nursery will speak at 10:15 and tell us everything we want to know about Camillias and more!

Reservations are limited to twenty-five members per session as we will be practicing social distancing. Refreshments will be handled by one volunteer and we ask everyone to respect the measures that we are taking. The 10 AM session will offer

coffee and individual lite bites. At 1 PM we will have mimosas and lite bites. The 4 PM hour will offer wine and lite bites. We look forward to celebrating the season! To reserve your time please contact Tina Zipperer @ tina@zippererandco.com or text her 912-658-2622.

About the Author:



Martha Nesbit has been writing about Low Country cooking for more than 40 years. She was a newspaper editor for the *Savannah Morning News*, where she was food editor, lifestyle editor, columnist and restaurant reviewer. She also wrote a food column, *Savoring Savannah*, for *Savannah Magazine* for over a decade.

She has participated in the writing of several cookbooks, including, *Savannah Celebrations*, published in September, 2010, and *Dishing Up Hope*, with all proceeds going to higher education for the children who live in group homes in Tapachula, Mexico, where Mrs. Nesbit has volunteered as a cook for six summers. She assisted Paula Deen with the writing of four of cookbooks from 2005-2010. Her food memoir, *Nibbles and Scribbles*, is a series of essays on food with corresponding recipes and photos. It was published in late 2019 and is available at The Village Pharmacy, Cents and Sensibility and E Shaver Fine Books.

Martha's specialties in the kitchen are heritage cookies and seafood of all kinds.

ONLINE

2020 Annual Conference of the Georgia Master Gardener Association. *Planting for the Future*, November 13-14, 2020. Cohosted by *Athens Area Master Gardener Association*. Please see <https://www.georgiamastergardeners.org/annual-conference> for information. *Planting for the Future* will be a live virtual conference over two days, 3-6 p.m. each day, open for public registration. Current Early Bird rates are in effect for GMGA and non-GMGA members, but the registration fee will increase soon. Door prizes awarded during the conference will be mailed to the winners. *Planting for the Future* t-shirts are available for purchase on the GMGA website. Tours of Vince Dooley's, Allan Armitage's, and Michael Dirr's beautiful gardens have been filmed for registrants to enjoy. So mark your calendars and register now to join distinguished garden specialists Brie Arthur, Allan Armitage, Mike and Judy Cunningham, Mark Maher, Lauren Muller, and Connie Cottingham for this exciting conference.

ONLINE: Fall is the BEST TIME to Plant! Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Fall is a great time to plant in the garden. Cobb Master Gardener, Gayle Evans, will take us through the "what's and how's" of planting in the fall and identify some favorites to look for in the garden center. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvf-mrrDkuE9cv_DwGSjVNe86_2l64OLII

ONLINE: The North Fulton Master Gardeners, in collaboration with the UGA Extension of Fulton County and our partners, are pleased to announce the recent creation of the NFMG YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/NorthFultonMasterGardeners>. We are going virtual with our Fall 2020 Gardening Lecture Series in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Our first two videos are "Hydrangeas-How to Plant, Grow, and Prune" with Master Gardener Linda Cline and "Gardening in the Shade" with Master Gardener Carole MacMullan. Additional classes to be posted include Bulbs, The Fragrant Garden, Vermiculture, Fall Vegetable Gardening, and Fall Lawn Care. Additionally, the North Fulton Master Gardeners in cooperation with Farm Chastain@Chastain Park Conservancy are producing a series of gardening mini-videos to provide horticultural education, service, and inspiration in the North Fulton community. Check out the "Master Gardeners Educate at Farm Chastain" playlist on our new YouTube channel. An additional playlist is the "Home Gardens of the Master Gardeners". Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel to learn when other classes are posted.

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