

SEPTEMBER 2021

Petal Pusher



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden Tour

Monday, October 4th
10 AM

Tour John and Joan Fitzgibbon's
Tropical Garden.

Sign up on Eventbrite [here](#).

Heritage Luncheon

Monday, October 11th
9 AM - Noon

See details and sign up on our
website [here](#).

Skidaway Audubon Lecture

Sunday, October 10th
3:30 - 5:30 PM

Palmetto Ballroom

Speaker Dr. Doug Tallamy

Free to members, sign up [here](#).

Special Event

Tuesday, October 26th
9:30 AM

Jayne Roger's leads tour of
Skidaway Garden Project

Sign up on Eventbrite [here](#).

Dear Members,

I hope you are as excited as I am to get all our activities up and running again. **We will finally have our first General Meeting on Monday Sept. 27th** after a hiatus of a year and a half. The full schedule of meetings and activities are all listed on the website. October is a full month highlighted by our Heritage Luncheon on October 11th. Guests are welcome and sign up is on the website.

As you know, we are a "working" club with award winning community projects on and off the island. We have a couple of volunteer opportunities: We need a Chair and Co-chair for the Done In A Day committee along with additional members for the Container Gardens. Let me know if you can lend a hand.

September 22nd is the first day of Autumn and the butterfly migration is in full swing. My husband and I are going back to Ossabaw Island to help with their butterfly survey. I'm looking forward to cooler weather so I can finally tackle my garden which is a jungle at this point with all the summer rains. And most of all, I look forward to seeing everyone!

Hannah



Garden Club of Georgia News

Submitted by Lisa Hall, GCG 1st VP and LGC Member

As our club is a member of the state organization - The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc (GCG), I want to provide you with information about ways that we promote beautification, conservation and education throughout the state.

One of the most important contributions GCG makes to our communities is providing educational scholarships to students majoring in horticulture related fields. Students at any college in Georgia are eligible to apply. Money is raised through a variety of ways including donations, fundraisers and life memberships. In 2019, GCG partnered with AmazonSmile. An individual can register to support GCG as your charity of choice. Then any purchases you make with Amazon will go to the scholarship fund.

The Landings Garden Club has provided a named scholarship of \$1000 annually for many years. We also have participated in the "Dollars for Scholars" program, donating \$1 for every member in our club. Money that we raise from our annual fundraiser selling bows provides this funding.

Even during covid GCG was able to raise and award \$71,000 statewide! The year prior, \$75,000. We will continue our efforts again this year to support our students!

New Project at Skidaway Farm

Submitted by Jayne Rogers

Join us to learn more about how to grow better vegetables in the South and to help feed the hungry in Savannah. Our garden club plot at Skidaway Farm will be used to demonstrate growing both cool weather (fall and winter) and warm weather (spring and summer) crops.

All crops harvested are donated locally to food kitchens. The plot has been resting between seasons but is almost ready to go back into production.

Call Jayne Rogers (912-335-7586) or join us for the demonstration on October 26 to learn more. Sign up on Eventbrite [here](#).



Birds and Conservation

Climate Change and Bird Survival

Submitted by Kathy Berlin, Birds and Conservation Chair

We have faced a year of difficulties...and now the media is full of news of climate change and the obvious increase in the amount and severity of storms. There are wildfires all over the west and as I write this article, I am in Colorado at an altitude of 9800 feet and the place where I am staying is finding the need to install air conditioning in the high altitude of the Rockies!!! This has never happened before.

Two thirds of North American birds are at an increasing risk of extinction due to the rise in global temperatures. That is 389 species on the brink. Vulnerable birds may lose more than half of their current range. To make this more real for those of us in Savannah environs there are 21 species in OUR AREA who are highly vulnerable. This list includes our Eastern Whip-Poor-Will that we hear every night on Skidaway. Add to that the Red Headed Woodpecker, the Gray Kingbird, the Blue-headed Vireo, Georgia's State Bird, the Brown Thrasher and the Fish Crow...all birds that live on our island.



What can we do? Well, we are gardeners and what can immediately be accomplished is to plant native plants that will help our bird community. I encourage you to go the Audubon Native Plants Database...you may enter our zip code of 31411 and a list of 80 native plants will be shown with a picture of the plant and the growing requirements. We can also lobby to cut down on the state of Georgia's dependence on fossil fuels...at this point 66% of our power in this state is provided by fossil fuels. This MUST be lowered. Renewable energy sources such as solar power in the sunny south would make such a difference.

To remain impassive is to lose our world as we know it. Our beloved Whip Poor Will needs our help.

Community Service

Submitted by Belinda Winters, Chair

This year our Community Service projects will support two organizations: Georgia Regional Hospital Savannah and Ronald McDonald House Charities. Caring for families of critically ill or injured children since 1987, the RMH is located within walking distance of the Children's Hospital at Memorial, and also serves children in any hospital in the Savannah area. RMH provides a restful, comfortable place for critically ill children and their families as the children receive treatment at nearby hospitals. For these families, it is a home away from home.

One simple way to support Ronald McDonald House is through the Pop Tab program. Yes, they accept more than just soda pop tabs! The tabs may come from energy drink cans, soup cans, pet food cans, or any can with a metallic tab. After you empty any can, simply bend the tab back and forth several times to separate it from the top. Then save your tabs to bring with you. At each General Meeting, we will collect the tabs for Ronald McDonald House as an ongoing project.

Also at each General Meeting, we will focus on a specific category of donations for Georgia Regional Hospital so you have more opportunities to participate throughout the year. The categories for each meeting will be listed below so you can begin planning your donations.

GRHS provides care to mentally ill adults and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Southeast Georgia. GRHS opened in 1970 to decentralize mental health services and serve people nearer their homes and families. GRHS provides evaluation and treatment, and provides a psychiatric emergency facility open 24 hours a day along with short term and long term care units.

At each General Meeting, we will collect items for GRHS. Here are the categories for each meeting:

September Clothing (Desperately need Men's clothing!!!)
 (Men M-3XL, Women S-3XL)
 Jeans/pants/athletic wear/shorts/Socks
 Men's dress shirts/casual shirts/T-shirts/Ladies' tops

October Personal Care Items (Any Size!!!)
 Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash/Lotion
 Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Tissues

Sparrow Field Report

Submitted by Dawn Cordo, Chair

Our committee volunteers remain busy maintaining the garden and performing a variety of tasks. Our greatest and most exciting event is the emergence of about 30 loofahs. Shirley Brown cultivated the seeds and throughout the summer, we have witnessed the vines grow adorned with large brilliant yellow flowers. It is a haven for pollinators!

The pods have grown, matured, and now are harvested. Shirley has peeled the pod to reveal the loofah and seeds. It is an interesting act of nature! Come see!



Horticulture

Submitted by Penny LaBlanc, Chair

Beginning in late August thru September my garden is teeming with butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. Attracting these pollinators into a garden takes time and patience. Garden site selection and host plants are critical to develop a pollinator habitat.

To create your own butterfly garden, think about a sunny location in your yard, and a good vantage point for viewing. Native plants that attract butterflies require full or part sun. You will most likely need to improve the soil with compost and nutrient rich top soil.

Spend some time researching about the butterflies that you would like to attract to your garden. Remember that regional butterflies prefer specific native pollinator and host plants. Look around your neighborhood to see what plants are attracting pollinators or visit the Pollinator Berm on Bartram Road. (continued)

Horticulture News, cont.

Below is a list of plants that attract pollinators in my garden. Some of the host and pollinator plants are browsed by deer especially during the fawn season. I will caution you that different parts of Skidaway Island have more deer than others and some plants in one neighborhood may be left alone but eaten to ground in another.

Pollinator Host Plants	Butterfly	Deer Browsing
Swamp Milkweed	Monarch	Yes
Whorled Milkweed	Monarch	Yes
Mexican Milkweed	Monarch	No
Purple Passionflower	Gulf Fritillaries and Zebra Longwing	Yes
Cape Plumbago	Cassius Blue	Yes
Parsley	Black & Tiger Swallowtail, Sulfurs, Grey Hairstreak	Yes
Dill	Black & Tiger Swallowtail, Sulfurs, Grey Hairstreak	Yes
Bronze Fennel/Fennel	Black & Tiger Swallowtail	No
Rue	Black & Tiger Swallowtail and Giant Swallowtail	No
Lemon Trees	Giant Swallowtail	Yes
Texas Pipevine	Pipevine Swallowtail	No
Ruellia/Mexican Petunia	Buckeye	Yes
Sensitive Plant	Cloudless Sulphur	Yes
Peanut Plant	Little Sulphur and Orange Sulphur	Yes

Note: The Tiger Swallowtail was proclaimed the state of Georgia's butterfly in 1988.

Pollinator Nectar Plants	Deer Browsing
Asters	Yes
Bee Balm	No
Blackeyed Susan	Yes
Butterfly Bush	No
Cigar Plant	Yes
Catmint	No
Eastern Purple Coneflower	Yes
Hyssop (Agastache species)	No
Ironweed	Yes
Joe-Pye Weed	Yes
Liatris	Yes
Lantana	No
Tickseed	No
Sage (Scarlet/Wendy's Wish)	No
Salvia (Amstead/Black and Blue/Mystic Spires)	No
Stokesia	No
Sweet Pepperbush (Clethra)	Yes
Yarrow	No

Ways and Means - Bows Submitted by Shirley Brown, Bow Co-Chair

The bows inventory for 2021 is complete with the efforts of yesterday's glitter-frosted team! What a group! They made 52 sparkly gold bows in marathon time.



Dawn Cordo had made an additional 12 at home, so we have the 64 bows done, bringing to 900 the number of bows ready to decorate mailboxes and homes in the Landings. Fifteen 2-hour sessions hosted a total of eighteen members who participated in various sessions to get the job done.

What a great team to work with!

Thank You....

To my dear Garden Club friends,

My daughters and I thank you for the many kindnesses and the support which you shared with us at the time of our loss of Chip. We appreciate the food, the cards, the prayers, and the many acts of comfort with which you blessed us.

*Sincerely,
Diane Ingram*



Serenity Garden

Submitted by Vicky Kramer, Co-Chair



Thanks to these Serenity Sisters and their commitment to the Serenity Garden, we have completed all the mulching, clean up and organization after the construction.

Two beautiful holly trees were also recently installed in the garden.

Now that we are operational again all volunteers will be returning to their once-a-month commitment to maintaining the grounds. Watch for new schedule and instructions to follow soon.

Budget Report

Submitted by Sharon Lundin, Treasurer

TREASURER'S SUMMARY REPORT for FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2021 TO APRIL 30, 2022						
		Operations	Ways & Means	Reserve		YTD
		Acct.4818	Acct.2063	Acct.6623		Balance
Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2021		\$7,859.84	\$5,539.26	\$2,501.42	=	\$15,900.52
Income:						
	August Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	=	\$0.00
Expense:						
	Donation-Our Lady of Confidence - Nancy Strobel		-\$250.00			
	Donation - Skidaway Audubon Sponsor		-\$500.00			
	Skidaway Farm		-\$39.03			
	August Expense	\$0.00	-\$789.03	\$0.00	=	-\$789.03
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2021		\$7,859.84	\$4,750.23	\$2,501.42	=	\$15,111.49
			Holding: Hesse School Grant			\$390.35
			Holding: Serenity Garden Donation			\$72.41
			Total Balance in Accounts			\$15,574.25
Submitted Sept. 1, 2021						