

OCTOBER 2021

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The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting

Tuesday, December 14th
9:30-11:30 AM
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
3 West Ridge Road

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

\$5 cash at door. Sign up is required. Attendees please bring a small container with your own wetfoam.

We will have greenery to share. Sign up [HERE](#).

Dear Members,

October was certainly a very busy month. We re-scheduled our Heritage Luncheon to the spring. We were able to have a general meeting instead.

We are celebrating the club's 35th year.

The Container Committee members are busy changing out the plants in the clubhouses.

We have our upcoming General Meeting on Tuesday, December 14th. This is always a very popular meeting with members creating a floral display to take home. Hope to see everyone there.

Hannah



It's Bow Sales Time!

Submitted by Mary McBride, Karen Duncan, and Allison Smith, Bow Sales

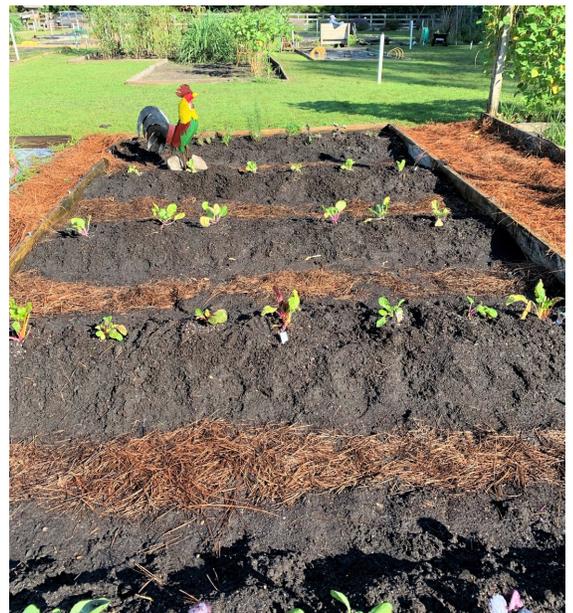
Our biggest fund raiser of the season will begin on Saturday November 6. If you have not signed up, please email Mary McBride (mary.mcbride3701@gmail.com) to be added to the schedule. We'll be outside the Village Pharmacy every Saturday and Monday from 10-4, until sold out, so don't delay in purchasing. There are 9 gorgeous ribbon patterns from which to choose. Thanks to all for your support and to our stellar Bow Making Team for creating these stunners. See you at the sale!



New Project at Skidaway Farm Submitted by Jayne Rogers

Find the Landings Garden Club plot by looking for Rory the rooster (see photo). Extra hands are always welcome, if you are looking for a committee to join. Contact Jayne Rogers Jmrogers341@gmail.com. It is a small commitment for a large reward.

All vegetables are donated to feed the hungry; this year the recipient is the Second Apostolate of Savannah.



Historic Preservation through The Garden Club of Georgia

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

In 1996, the Garden Club of Georgia launched the Historic House and Garden Pilgrimage to help raise funds to support a matching grant for the restoration of historic, non-profit, public landscapes and gardens in Georgia. Annually, a district hosts a tour, lecture or event to support this grant program. Grants have been awarded every year since. To date historic landscapes have received matching grants totalling more than \$220,000.

The goals of the historic preservation grant program are to promote awareness of Georgia's historic landscapes and gardens and encourage preservation of threatened historic landscapes and gardens.

Partnerships are fostered between non-profits, local governments, garden clubs, and other civic organizations in an effort to create long-term relationships to preserve historic landscapes. Money is provided to develop projects which benefit Georgia communities.

The Landings Garden Club continues to support historic preservation annually.

Budget Report

Submitted by Sharon Lundin, Treasurer

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB, INC.				
TREASURER'S SUMMARY REPORT for FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2021 TO APRIL 30, 2022				
	Operations Acct.4818	Ways & Means Acct.2063	Reserve Acct.6623	YTD Balance
Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2021	\$7,879.84	\$5,212.99	\$2,501.42	\$15,594.25
Income:				
Raffle	\$133.00			
Bow Sales		\$150.00		
September Income	\$133.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$283.00
Expense:				
GCGa Fee	-\$5.00			
Meeting Room Rent	-\$150.00			
Skidaway Farm - Supplies		-\$114.46		
September Expense	-\$155.00	-\$114.46	\$0.00	-\$269.46
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2021	\$7,857.84	\$5,248.53	\$2,501.42	\$15,607.79
Submitted: October 1, 2021		Holding: Hesse School Grant		\$390.35
Sharon Lundin, Treasurer		Holding: Serenity Garden Donation		\$72.41
		Total Balance in Accounts		\$16,070.55

Community Service

Submitted by Belinda Winters, Chair



It was wonderful to spend time with members and guests who attended our September meeting! We kicked off this year with a great response to our Community Service projects!

Thanks for all the “tabs” brought in for Ronald McDonald House! Keep collecting those tabs, and bring them to each meeting. Also, thank you to everyone who brought donations of clothing for Georgia Regional Hospital! When I delivered the

donations, the staff was thrilled with all the bags filled with clothing that can be distributed to the clients at GRHS.

Thanks in advance for your generosity in supporting our Community Service projects! If you are unable to attend a meeting or if you have items to donate anytime throughout the year, I will be glad to pick up items from you or you may drop off items at my house. Please phone me (912-661-3142) with any questions or concerns!

Birds and Conservation

Planting for the Birds

Submitted by Kathy Berlin, Birds and Conservation Chair

November is soon upon us and in Georgia a splendid opportunity to add perennials to the garden. In keeping with the philosophy of actually helping our native species of birds and conserving the insect populations that sustains their lives, putting in Native Species will be of huge benefit in the Spring when mating and nesting begin.

BUT we have a real uphill battle here on Skidaway Island. As we know all too well, we are awash in hungry and multiplying deer. The label deer resistant no longer applies. Our four legged neighbors are now eating everything and anything. That being said native species are NOT immune from browsing.

Add to this the difficulty of obtaining Native Species varieties. With a grateful nod to Dawn Cordo for her guidance and help...please look both to the Audubon Website for a list of Native Plants and to the Coastal Wildscapes site at www.CoastalWildscape.org for extensive listing of native species. And now the biggest hurdle. FINDING Native Species... Coastal Wildscapes will provide some retail sites...none of which are in Savannah. Dawn also recommends the Country Farm Plant located in Baxley Georgia at 1672 Memphis Crosby Road. This is a 2 hour jaunt but looks to be a large and extensive source for plants. (continued on page 5)

Birds and Conservation, continued

My research into Mail Order has been dismal...most of plants are OUT OF STOCK. In asking why our local outlets do not provide Native Species, Herb Creek in Sandfly responded "...lack of demand and our suppliers are not providing Native Species..."

The non Natives are bred for their colorful and showy display, and this is what is selling. Supply and demand and related profit dictates what will be provided. SO, those of us caring about Birds and Conservation, ASKING for native species will certainly help to make them more available. And remember, in the spring, Skidaway Audubon will offer Native Species at their Plant sale.



Horticulture; How to Plant a Garden and Defeat Deer

Submitted by Penny LaBlanc, Chair

When we moved to Skidaway Island, 2 ½ years ago, I was ready to start gardening. Our landscape was a tangle of overgrown vegetation. Time was spent walking the property to determine what trees, shrubs, and plants we had and what to keep. As shrubs were dug out, trimmed, and relocated I started to envision a garden and formalize a plan.

I decided to start small and begin with developing a courtyard garden. I made my 1st trip to Herb Creek, joined the Diggers Club, and loaded the car with plants. I planted the courtyard and awoke the next morning to find most of the plants shredded, eaten to the ground or just pulled out, and sitting next to the hole that I had enhanced with soil and mulch.

Walking the property, I noticed deer scat, and areas of vegetation that were crushed showing evidence of where the deer were sleeping. To add insult to injury, while enjoying a morning cup of coffee on the deck, a group of 8 deer starting browsing along the backyard and another group of 6 does followed a dirt path up the side of the house. Since I love to garden, war was declared, and I needed to deter the deer from eating my plants.

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Horticulture News, cont.

Every plant purchased for my yard is researched to make sure it's designated as deer resistant. Unfortunately the deer don't read labels. The young fawns try all plants and spit them out if they are unpalatable. The deer have adapted their diet to survive. An average deer will devour 6% to 8% of its body weight every day. That means a typical deer weighs 150 pounds and will ingest 12 pounds of food a day.

One product that was highly rated for repelling deer was Liquid Fence. We had three Camilla bushes that the deer had denuded of foliage but it still bloomed in December, the 1st year we moved in. I was determined the next year to have a healthier Camilla bush. The plants were sprayed religiously with Liquid Fence. However, when we returned from a holiday the deer ate the Camilla buds but left the foliage. Liquid Fence does work but the deer are persistent and seem to sense when the product has worn off. If you use the product wear gloves. It does have an unpleasant odor for a few days after application.

To minimize the browsing of the deer, I started adding Milorganite around the plants. The deer don't appreciate the smell of Milorganite. This product also fertilizes plants with slow release nitrogen. Over time, the deer got used to the smell, and were hungry enough to adapt and resume browsing.



While researching how to deter deer, I read an article about the subject and they suggested using Professional Epic Deer Scram. The Professional Epic Deer Scram comes in a 20 pound tub and is available on Amazon. The product is granular, easy to spread, and the smell is peppery but not offensive. If the plants are watered, the granules stick to leaves and flowers, and the repellent doesn't blow away. The granules didn't burn the leaves or flowers of tender plants like Liquid Fence. Furthermore the Epic Deer Scram kept small rodents from digging up newly planted material.

As mentioned earlier deer adapt and need to eat to survive. I was routinely changing up the Milorganite, Liquid Deer Fence, and Epic Professional Deer Scram, but, during fawn season eating havoc begins. Even deer resistant plants are fair game, if deer don't eat the foliage they'll try to eat the blossoms.

Another idea to distract the deer came from getting my house surveyed. The surveyor put up string to mark the 4 corners of the property. The strings altered the natural deer path through my yard. After the plot plan was drawn the strings were removed, and the deer returned.

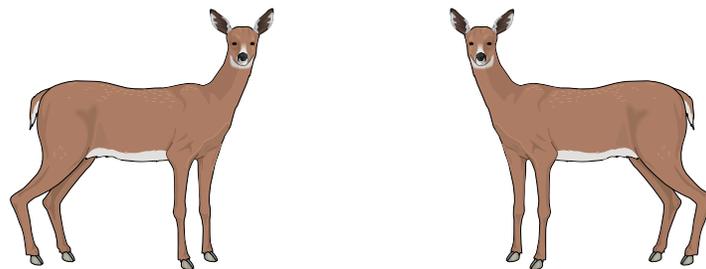
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Horticulture News, cont.

To alter the natural path of deer I put up craft line at both ends of the gravel pathway on the side of the yard. I chose craft line because it will break if walked into. The deer adapted and started coming in from the wooded area. I purchased fishing line which doesn't break easily and strung it through the shrubs and tree trunks at the following heights 12", 24", 36" and 48". The fishing line perimeter has helped to alter the deer browsing pattern, but must be checked frequently for lines taken down by deer, tree limbs, or clumps of Spanish Moss.

During fawn season the deer were brutal to the plants in my courtyard so I purchased the Enforcer Motion Activated Sprinkler. The product humanely repels animals and sprays water activated by a motion sensor. The Enforcer Motion Activated Sprinkler needs a dedicated hose and has three manual settings. The deer eventually figured they could jump over the side of the courtyard that was out of the sensor's range. I could move the detector but, it is busy protecting the Camilla Bushes, and, as of this article I have foliage and buds.

I still love to garden and have a love hate relationship with the deer. This article has shown me that I'm adapting with our environment, trying new plants, and trying to create a habitat that can coexist with the deer. The deer have always been on Skidaway Island and will always be here.



"Plant America, Play Outdoors!" Landings Garden Club Members embrace National Garden Club 2021 Initiative



Done in a Day

Submitted by Shirely Brown and Marybeth Krovinsky

To celebrate the coming of the fall season, committee members decorated the entrances of two assisted living facilities, Spanish Oaks Retreat and Azalealand, in an autumnal motif. Shirley Brown and Marybeth Krovinsky designed and created the cheerful décor for the front entrances of each facility.

Employing natural and artificial materials that Tina and Cleve Zipperer delivered, Shirley and Marybeth fashioned scarecrows, bales of straw, corn stalks, crotons, and pumpkins into a colorful and traditional autumn theme to greet visitors and residents. An added bonus: little maintenance and a plethora of smiles and thanks for the cheery welcome from the staff and visitors while they worked and completed their satisfying task.

BOO!



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National Garden Clubs, Inc.
The Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Oleander District
Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs

The Landings Garden Club General Meeting September 27, 2021



The general meeting was called to order by President Hannah Burtnik at 10:00 am. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance and The Collect in unison.

Treasurer Sharon Lundin reported that as of September 27th the Operations Account shows a balance of \$7724.84; \$4635.77 in Ways and Means, \$2501.42 in Reserve for a total of \$14862.03.

Belinda Winters updated members that the Charitable Gifts collected this month is clothing for the Georgia Regional Hospital. October's focus will be on personal hygiene items, all sizes are welcome.

Karen Duncan reported that volunteers were needed for bow sales over the Thanksgiving weekend.

President Hannah Burtnik updated members on the upcoming Heritage Luncheon and the need for volunteers were requested for the Container Committee. Thank you to the Hospitality volunteers Meg Schreck, Tina Gilbert, Dawn Cordo, Diane Ingram, Dianne Wergley, Hannah Burtnik, Margaret Hunter, Jill Rubin, Leslee Bowler and Barbara Martin.

Nancy Rosenthal reported the need for volunteers at the Savannah Area Council's upcoming Plant Sale on October 18th.

Stephanie Corley updated members with the Website Members Only page password. Bow making reported a total of 906 bows in 8 patterns. Bows would be for sale at the Heritage Luncheon and the Library Book Sale on October 23rd.

Dawn Cordo told members about the Loofah gourds grown by Shirley Brown at Sparrow field. The finished loofah scrubs were available to members.

The Woodsy Own and Smokey the Bear poster contest was announced for children in grades 1-5.

A tribute to Nancy Strobel was given by Deborah Cattano and that a celebration of her life will be held on October 11th at the Palmetto Ballroom.

Lisa Hall 1st VP of the Garden Club of Georgia gave an overview of the Club's structure for new members, gave an update on the new website and upgraded communications at GCG. She announced that The National Garden Clubs is offering an online Gardening Course on November 9 & 10.

Dawn Cordo reminded members that Skidaway Audubon's upcoming event at Palmetto with Doug Tallamy on Oct. 10. The event is free to Garden Club members.

Pam Patterson reported that Armstrong is holding a Plant Sale Oct. 21 9 to 3.

The potted Manda Velia was won by Barbara Victor.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Gayle Ridgeway introduced speaker Kristen Maniscalco of Victory Gardens who discussed uses of herbs as medicinal aids.

Submitted by Stephanie Corley, Recording Secretary