

# Petal Pusher



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

9:00 AM Board Meeting  
9:30 AM Meet and Greet  
10:00 AM General Meeting

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

Bring greenery to share.  
Sign up [HERE](#).

### General Meeting

Monday, January 24th, 2022  
9:30-11:30 AM  
Speaker: Damon Mullis,  
Ogeechee River Keeper and  
Executive Director  
"Rain Water and Vernon River  
Project"

### *Dear Members,*

My, how time really flies, only about 6 weeks left for the year of 2021. And we are approaching the busiest time of the year with Thanksgiving this month.

It's a sacred few days with our family, our 2 girls always come to spend Thanksgiving with us since we moved here. About 3 years ago, I was spending the whole day in the kitchen cooking our turkey dinner while my husband and kids were out having fun. That was the year that we decided to forgo the turkey and do a filet of beef instead. A lot easier to cook and I don't have to deal with a carcass afterwards. I'm all about the trimming, sides and gravy, gravy, gravy anyway. No one can have enough gravy!

Thanksgiving is about gathering and sharing a meal (turkey or not) with love ones and taking the time to be thankful for what we have, especially after the past year and a half. Wishing all of you lots of love and laughter as you gather with friends and family.

*Hannah*



## Help Wanted! Our Club Needs YOU!

Submitted by Pam Patterson, Vice President

Do you like to get out on a beautiful day and enjoy your Garden Club friends? Imagine how cute you will look sitting behind a table full of beautiful Christmas Bows. Just sit there, smile and take up the money. There is a little more to it, but our clever Ways and Means Committee has created an organized and streamlined plan.

**Bow Marketing** Chairs Karen Duncan, Mary McBride, and Allison Smith will be rolling off this year. Now is the time to spend some time shadowing their processes as they sell bows on Saturdays and Mondays by the fountain in the Village. This committee is active from November 6th to December 20th.

**Bow Making** Chairs Shirley Brown and Dottie Kirkland are going to roll off as well this year. This committee orders the ribbon and creates the bows. They have a wonderful time meeting on a regular basis to create bows. Shirley and Dottie would love to teach you the ropes and pass the baton.

**Membership** Chair Sally Dunphy needs help now. If you are good with typing, you would be a marvelous help to her.

If you are interested in filling your crown with stars, or if you have any questions, please email me [here](#), or you can call me at 912-662-4570. Have a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving!



### The Landings Garden Club

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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

# Blue Star and Gold Star Marker Program History

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

The Blue Star Memorial Markers honor all men and women who serve in the United States Armed Services.

This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Garden Clubs adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covered thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way. Today we have a program that has been expanded to include all men and women who have served, are serving or will serve in the Armed Services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way markers have been added along with the Highway Markers, to be placed at locations such as National Cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities, civic locations and gardens. Georgia has over 170 Blue Star Markers throughout our state.

In May 2015 a Gold Star Memorial Marker was added. This marker has a gold star in place of the blue star and states "A tribute to Gold Star Families Who Have Lost a Loved One Defending the United States of America". These markers are dedicated to honor the families whose loved one made the ultimate sacrifice defending our country while serving in the Armed Forces, to let them know they are remembered and appreciated. Georgia currently has 7 Gold Star Memorial Markers.



Since the program's inception in 1944, garden clubs across the country have dedicated over 3,000 markers along U.S. highways, national cemeteries, VA hospitals, military facilities, parks and other locations.

Because we honor our veterans in November, I wanted to share this information about garden clubs. Did you know that The Landings Garden Club installed a Blue Star marker? It is at the base of the flag pole in front of the Landings Association building.



# Community Service

## Submitted by Belinda Winters, Chair

*Way to go! We are having great responses to our Community Service projects!*

First of all, thanks for all the “tabs” brought in for Ronald McDonald House! Because of your involvement, we collected 15.2 pounds of tabs which I delivered to our local Ronald McDonald House. So, please keep collecting those tabs, and bring them to each meeting!

Again you outdid yourselves with your generous donations for Georgia Regional Hospital! The day I delivered the items, the staff was overjoyed when they saw so many bags filled with your donations. All those Personal Care items will be very useful to them as will the clothing which some of you dropped off at my house this month.



Also, thank you to everyone who brought Sugar Free Hot Cocoa mix or gave donations for purchasing the mix. I was able to make a large order online, and then I delivered it all to GRHS! They can serve this during their Coffee and Cocoa Club meetings.

At our December meeting, we will collect two categories of items for GRHS; Leisure Entertainment items that can be used as Holiday Gifts, as well as Winter Clothing. Since our weather has cooled considerably, these winter items are desperately needed already. Donated Clothing and Entertainment items may be new or gently used. **Please bring your donations to our meeting TUESDAY, December 14, 2021.**

**Clothing Items** we need you to donate for GRHS:

- Winter Clothing (Men M-3XL, Women S-3XL)
- Coats/Jackets
- Sweaters
- Gloves
- Socks



**Leisure Entertainment Items;** Drawing pads, Crayons/Markers, Word Search, Crosswords, Sudoku, Playing Cards, Puzzles, Stationary/Greeting Cards, Yoga mat, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Foam Stress balls

Thank you so much for supporting our Community Service projects! Remember, if you are unable to attend a meeting or if you have items to donate anytime, I will be glad to pick up items from you or you may drop off items at my house. Please contact me with any questions or concerns! Belinda Winters 912-661-3142 or [winters.belinda2@gmail.com](mailto:winters.belinda2@gmail.com)

# 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 October 1, 2021	<b>\$7,857.84</b>	<b>\$5,248.53</b>	<b>\$2,501.42</b>	= <b>\$15,607.79</b>
Income:				
Heritage Luncheon Reservations	\$996.86			
Bow Sales		\$1,180.00		
Interest			\$0.06	
October Income	<b>\$996.86</b>	<b>\$1,180.00</b>	<b>\$0.06</b>	= <b>\$2,176.92</b>
Expense:				
Heritage Luncheon - Online Refunds	-\$1,008.00			
Misc. - Display Board Supplies	-\$23.07			
Misc. - Memorial Gift	-\$62.03			
Program Speaker - Diana Churchill	-\$100.00			
SACGC Dues (128 Members)	-\$384.00			
Bow Supplies		-\$606.12		
Done in a Day - Supplies		-\$69.37		
Serenity Garden - Plants		-\$34.61		
Skidaway Farm - Supplies		-\$51.39		
October Expense	<b>-\$1,577.10</b>	<b>-\$761.49</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	= <b>-\$2,338.59</b>
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2021	<b>\$7,277.60</b>	<b>\$5,667.04</b>	<b>\$2,501.48</b>	= <b>\$15,446.12</b>
		Holding: Hesse School Grant		\$390.35
Submitted: Nov. 4, 2021		Holding: Serenity Garden Donation		\$72.41
Sharon Lundin, Treasurer		Total Balance in Accounts		<b>\$15,908.88</b>

## Horticulture; Putting Salt Tolerant Plants to the Test

### Submitted by Penny LaBlanc, Chair

The salt tolerance of a plant is defined as the degree to which the plant can withstand, without significant adverse effects, moderate or high concentrations of salt on its leaves or in the soil within reach of its roots. Many times, salt tolerance and salt resistance have been used synonymously although they do not convey the same meaning. Salt resistance is a plant's ability to decrease or prevent stress from penetrating into its tissues, salt tolerance is the ability of the plant to eliminate, reduce, or repair the stress once it has already penetrated the plant's system.

Why talk about salt tolerant plants? This is because I redesigned my backyard landscape, our property backs up to the estuary between the NAOAA dock and Priest Landings Marina. The new planting selections for that location needed to be salt tolerant to survive and thrive.

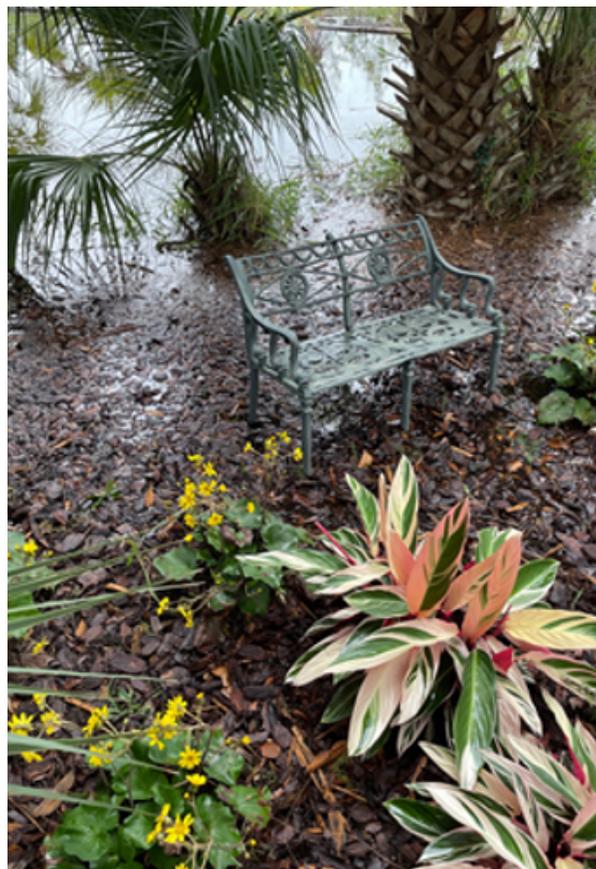
## Horticulture News, cont.



The following plants were selected for being rated as very salt tolerant and deer resistant: African Iris, Liguria, Sedge, Stromanthe, Shell Ginger and Xanadu Philodendron. For the past 7 months deer have visited the plants. Fortunately, nibbling has been limited to the African Iris.



Our backyard is affected by high tides that reach the border of the plant bed. The King Tide, on November 7th, subjected all of the plants to a swell of salt water. I watched unhappily as the tide encroached, and covered my plants with sea water and displaced the bark mulch. The plants sat in salt water for an hour until the tide began to recede. I crossed my fingers and waited until I could take a closer look. To my amazement the plants looked totally unfazed, and the Liguria was still blooming profusely. It seems like the salt tolerant plant selections have passed the test.



## Arboretum Tour Forsythe Park November 2, 2021



## **Bow Sales had Launched!**

**Submitted by Karen Duncan, Co-Chair**



Your Garden Club volunteers are now out every Saturday and Monday (and the Friday after Thanksgiving) selling our gorgeous holiday ribbon bows. We are outside the Village Pharmacy and hope to see you all. We have 9 different patterns, each stunning. And we have some beautiful wreaths made from bows, 12" and 14". Invite your friends and neighbors.

Thanks for everyone's support.  
*Bow Sales Team; Karen Duncan,  
Allison Smith and Mary McBride*

## **Audubon Garden Projects**

**Submitted by Dawn Cordo and Meg Kettlitz**

Work at Sparrow Field is wrapping up for the season. With the help of several Garden Club members, we were able to plant over one hundred native plants this season, weed and trim to keep the pollinators happy and our residents in awe! Our newest addition was the loofah plants sowed by Shirley Brown. Over thirty footlong pods grew on an oversized trellis at the back of the garden. Shirley prepped the loofahs for use and has been giving them out at LGC meetings. We are letting most plants alone for the upcoming months as per Doug Tallamy's suggestion. We hope to see more volunteers in Spring to assist in the care of this natural gem. We meet Friday mornings.

Skidaway Audubon launched a new initiative this year called Nature Notices. As part of this initiative, a trail of thirteen pollinator gardens was created with the help of some of The Landings Garden Club members. We started in March with site selection and amending the soil and choosing the native plants. In April we planted and over the summer we maintained the gardens. We are happy that our objective of helping pollinators, especially the Monarchs, has been a great success and thank all of our dedicated volunteers. We plan to add more gardens in Spring 2022 with the help of more volunteers. Typically, we meet on Monday mornings.

# Meeting Minutes, General Meeting October 25, 2021

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

Treasurer Sharon Lundin reported that as of October 25th the Operations Account shows a balance of \$6,826.77; \$4,653.43 in Ways and Means, \$2501.48 in Reserve for a total of \$13,981.68.

Vice President Pam Patterson updated members on the need for volunteers and that signup sheets were on the table.

Stephanie Corley Awards Chair announced the recent awards received at the 2021 Oleander District awards. They included the Martha Miller Butterfly Award, Special Achievement Award and for the 4th year in a row, the Award All Star. Additionally, the Club was presented with their 2020 awards which were delayed due to the pandemic. Those awards were, Standard of Excellence from GCG and 1st Place for Container Gardens and Social Media, with the Petal Pusher receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The GCG's cash fundraiser was announced with tickets for sale at \$5/each or 5 for \$20. Cash prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$125 will be announced at the GCG Annual Meeting in Macon in April 2022.

Janis Encapera informed the members of the upcoming holiday gate decorating scheduled for Dec 3rd and removal on Jan 4th. Volunteers should sign up for their Gate on the sheet provided.

Pam Patterson gave a Horticulture discussion *Conoclinium Coelestinum*, a native to the Southeast US compared to the *Ageratum Houstonian* which is native to Central and South America.

New members and guests were announced and welcomed.

Thank you to the Hospitality volunteers Tina Gilbert, Beth Larance, Dixie Diffenderfer, Donna Slappey, Margaret Hunter and Barbara Martin.

Bow making reported a total of \$745 from Bow Sales after the first weekend.

The 10 potted Mum Centerpieces were raffled off by Lisa Hall for free to celebrate our 35th Anniversary.

Prosecco was uncorked to celebrate our 35th Anniversary and our attending past presidents were recognized.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Pam Patterson introduced speaker Diana Churchill of Birds Unlimited who gave a lively presentation on "Creating a Backyard Habitat for Birds".





**Landings Garden Club Members embracing  
National Garden Club Initiative**

*"Plant America,  
Play Outdoors"*

