

APRIL 2023

# Petal Pusher

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### General Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
9:00 am Board Meeting  
9:30 - 10:00 Meet & Greet  
10:00 General Meeting &  
Installation of new Officers  
10:30 Program  
11:30 Pot Luck Luncheon

### Horticulture Field Trip

Tuesday, May 2, 2023  
COR Compost Facility  
9:00 am Meet at Methodist Church  
parking lot to carpool



The  
Landings  
Garden  
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

### April President's Message

Dear Friends,

This will be my last letter to you as President. It has been quite an eventful year for me. The best thing about the whole experience of being President is the friendships I've made. We have such wonderfully amazing and talented women in our club! It just goes to show you; the more you put into the experience, the more you get out of it. I have truly enjoyed getting to know so many gracious, kind and thoughtful members.

April 24th, will be our last meeting of the spring / summer season. We will have a pot luck luncheon at Messiah Lutheran Church. An Evite invitation will be forthcoming so you can RSVP and let us know if you are bringing a salad or dessert. Lisa Hall, the soon to be President of the Garden Club of Georgia, will install our new officers. We had a great time at the party for her as we celebrated her new position.

I am excited to introduce our new officers for the upcoming year: Vicki Menke will be installed as President along with Gayle Ridgeway, Vice President; Connie Gescheidt, Secretary; Karyn Rohan, Treasurer, and Tina Gilbert, Corresponding Secretary. Together, this team will make it a meaningful year for The Landings Garden Club. I look forward to seeing you all on April 24th!

Warmest Regards,  
Pam

Plant America...

Growing with Challenges and Changes



# Horticulture

## Field Trip - Code of Return Compost Facility

### SAVE THE DATE

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 2 @ 9:00 am

**WHERE:** Methodist Church Parking Lot - Meet to Carpool

Come join us on Tuesday, May 2nd to visit the COR compost facility. This will be an interesting trip and is sure to inspire you to get composting.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DIRT...FEED YOUR SOIL!



Did you know...COR has a pick-up and delivery service?

They provide a bucket and liner for you to save your kitchen scraps, etc., and pick these up on a weekly or bi-weekly basis (\$20 per month for weekly service / \$15 per month bi-weekly).

Besides the great feeling of giving back to the earth, COR has a rewards program. The rewards program is based on the weight of the food scraps you submit and in return they give you half of the weight in compost. For example, if you turn in 100 lbs of food scraps you will receive 50 lbs of compost. They also provide a great delivery service if you prefer to only purchase compost. Great for your gardening needs!

## LGC Membership Update

### Submitted by Sally Dunphy

**A BIG *THANK-YOU* to all of you who have renewed your membership!**

We currently have 113 members (106 active, 7 inactive).

If you have not done so, and would still like to renew, PLEASE bring your dues (\$40 active / \$50 inactive) to the meeting this Monday, April 24. Cash or Checks are accepted, please make checks payable to The Landings Garden Club. OR if you are unable to attend the meeting you can turn your dues to Sally Dunphy:  
9 Sedgewater Retreat (Deer Creek).

We want to extend a warm welcome to the following ladies who have joined The Landings Garden Club as new members in 2023: *Irene Brown, Sue Burns, Marie Dunleavy, Elizabeth Eggert, Jane Hoven, Terri Ramsden, and Sara Thompson.*

We will have Garden Gloves at our April meeting to present to our latest new members as well as any members who have joined in the past year and not received your gloves.





Flowers Add Life to the Party!  
Painting: Party Song / Artist: Mimi Diamond  
Floral Arrangers: Nancy Rosenthal and Anne Gardner

Inspired by pink lanterns, blue café settings and colorful borders of roses and carnations, Nancy and Anne have created a delightful arrangement that includes hydrangeas, delphinium, chrysanthemum and more. Gentle hues of blue, pink and yellow are accented with purple and green to provide a virtual map of Mimi Diamond's festive café setting.



The flowers selected here represent more than the painting itself. And every flower has its own story and meaning. The Hydrangea's beautiful, billowing blooms symbolize hope and love to those who offer forgiveness. Japanese legend has it that a ruling emperor was so preoccupied with his government and business affairs that he neglected a beautiful maiden that he loved dearly. As a gesture of his remorse, he gave her blue Hydrangeas as a symbol of his sincere apology and gratitude for her affection.

Delphinium are associated with romance, due to their dreamy, gentle hues. In the Victorian language of flowers, the Delphinium is associated with transcending the bounds of space and time. Deeper blues represent dignity and grace while the lighter shades symbolize youth and success.

First cultivated centuries ago in China, the Chrysanthemum was used primarily as a culinary herb. Its petals and young shoots were used in salads while its flowers and leaves were brewed into teas. It was believed to have the power of life and adopted as the official seal of the Japanese emperor.

With their fuzzy, ball-shaped blooms, Dianthus Green Trim flowers were used here for a touch of whimsy. These belong to the Carnation family. Often used as the flower of love, the Carnation has been used for the past 100 years as the official Mother's Day flower. Put together, these varied stories of flowers and parties, passions and loves enrich the gardening experience for all of us. Enjoy!



# SERENITY GARDEN

## Submitted by Vicki Kramer

The Serenity Sisters have been working diligently to bring the Serenity Garden back to life after the winter onslaught of cold...



*The Serenity Sisters give of their time and gardening expertise to maintain the Serenity Garden at the Anderson Cancer Institute on the Memorial Hospital Campus. This garden brings comfort and a peaceful setting to the hospitals' patients, family members, guests and employees. If you have not done so, please take time to visit this exquisite paradise, created for those who need a quite venue to reflect.*

## This and That...

- Our next and final meeting for this Spring is April 24, at the Messiah Lutheran Church and is a Pot Luck luncheon. Everyone should bring either a salad or dessert. We will install our new officers and spend time visiting with each other. An E-Vite will be forthcoming to your email box so look for it and RSVP in a timely manner.
- At our last Board Meeting on March 27th we approved the following:
  - We agreed to give Honorary Member Status for two of our members. Congratulations to *Jean Holland and Pat Sunshine* who have given their time and diligent service over the years. Membership Dues is no longer required ladies, just attend the meetings when available.
  - Due to the high cost of attending the Garden Club of Georgia Conference at Stone Mountain, the LGC agreed to cover the cost for Vicki Menke, our upcoming President to attend. The estimated \$600 expense will be covered out of the LGC business account.

**What do you call it when worms take over the garden? Global Worming**





# Skidaway Farms

## Submitted by Jayne Rogers



### Skidaway Farm Project - Volunteer Sign Up and Information

Thanks to all who came out to Skidaway Farms and volunteered to help with feeding the hungry with LGC veggies. The Social Apostolate of Savannah is an organization that does so much good and they have been the recipient of our vegetables for the past 2 years. Check out their website for the many good things they do in our community: <https://socialapostolate.org>.

Below is a checklist of what needs to be done to maintain our plot - the plot with the Rooster:

**Water** - water the soil / ground not the plants. During hot spells Tomatoes may need more water than irrigation provides. Remember the water at the farm is not potable, so bring your own water source for personal thirst. The Farm water is good for the plants but not drinking.

**Pests** - check leaves for yellowing, browning or holes. Look for pests both above and under the leaves. Watch out for fire ants and observe if they are building a mound. Also watch out for wasps around the hose - they tried to nest there last year. If you find an issue that should be dealt with, please let Jayne Rogers know asap: [JMRogers341@gmail.com](mailto:JMRogers341@gmail.com).

**Weed** - a hoe works well but hand weed if you prefer. Clean hands, clean gloves, and clean tools are important to keep from passing pathogens from one place to the next. Bring a bag or bucket for weeds, and empty weeds into the dumpster which is always at the far end of the parking lot near the port o potty.

**Comfort** - plan to go early in the day, before 10 am for most pleasant, cool conditions before the sun rises over the trees. Bring bug spray and wear closed-toe shoes if possible (Flip Flops are inadvisable, especially with potential fire ants in the area).

**Photos** - please take pictures on your phone for weekly progress recaps.

**Harvest** - when a vegetable needs to be harvested, we will let you know and it will be great if you can help. If not, it is understandable as the harvest is not always predictable.

Volunteers are needed to assist with attending the garden. Any day, and anytime in daylight - remember the electric fence is on from dusk to dawn.

Skidaway Farms is a great project to help with hunger in our community. It is a small thing but fresh, organic vegetables are so special and sharing them with the less fortunate is a mighty effort. Thanks to those who have already volunteered and anyone else that would like to join us please contact Jayne Rogers:

[JMRogers341@gmail.com](mailto:JMRogers341@gmail.com)



# Bethesda Committee

Submitted by Diane Ingram and Kathy Collura

## The Bethesda Committee is looking for volunteers...

Would you like to garden in one of the most beautiful, peaceful and historic properties in Savannah? The LGC Bethesda committee would love to have you join us on the first Thursday of each month from 9 am to 11 am at the Bethesda campus. We weed, prune and plant in the "public" areas of the campus which include the chapel, museum courtyard and conference center. In addition to the hard work, we enjoy each other's company as we share gardening ideas to enhance the campus. Our mission is to beautify the areas that Bethesda rents to the public for weddings, meetings, and other special events. This rental income is important to the overall upkeep of Bethesda and the administrators are very grateful for our contribution.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact:

Kathy Collura [kathycollura@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathycollura@bellsouth.net)

Diane Ingram [diingram@bellsouth.net](mailto:diingram@bellsouth.net)

We hope to see you one Thursday morning at Bethesda!



## All Committee Chairs and Members...

Whether it's actual work or just a fun get together, please continue to email pictures of your committee work throughout the spring and summer to Elise Snight and copy Vicki Menke. Elise will add the pictures to The Landings Garden Club's Google Photo Album. You can also post these on our new Instagram Account: [landings\\_garden\\_club](https://www.instagram.com/landings_garden_club)

Elise Snight: [elise.snight@gmail.com](mailto:elise.snight@gmail.com) / Vicki Menke: [gmenke75@msn.com](mailto:gmenke75@msn.com)

**DON'T FORGET**

# Budget Report

## Submitted by Karyn Rohan, Treasurer

The Landings Garden Club			
April 2023 Financials			
Operations:	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
	\$15,431.41	\$7,335.22	\$8,096.19
Ways & Means			
	\$22,072.87	\$6,027.01	\$16,045.86
Grants:			\$1,378.25

The Landings Garden Club, Inc.			
Ways & Means - Proposed Budget 2023-2024			
			Budget
Revenue			
	Bow Sales		\$9,500.00
	Total Revenue		\$9,500.00
Expense			
	Bow Supplies		\$3,000.00
	Charitable Gifts:		
	GCG		\$1,830.00
	SACGC (\$250 min.)		\$250.00
	Other - unclassified		\$3,000.00
	Civic Beautification:		
	Bethesda		\$600.00
	Done-in-a-Day		\$350.00
	Library		\$200.00
	Skidaway Farm		\$300.00
	Sparrow Field		\$150.00
	Total Expense		\$9,680.00
	Excess Funds Available		\$0.00
Submitted by Karyn Rohan, Treasurer			
Revised June 1, 2022			

The Landings Garden Club, Inc.		
Operations - Proposed Budget 2022-2023		
		Budget
Revenue		
	Dues (130 @\$40)	\$5,200.00
	Heritage Luncheon	\$500.00
	Raffle	\$300.00
	Total Revenue	\$6,000.00
Expense - General		
	Accounting	\$465.00
	GCG Convention	\$800.00
	GCG Dues (\$10/pp)	\$1,300.00
	GA Non-profit State Annual Dues	\$30.00
	Heritage Luncheon - Speaker Fee	\$500.00
	Insurance	\$400.00
	Meeting Room Rental	\$600.00
	Misc.	\$100.00
	New Member Welcome Event	\$300.00
	Officer's Expenses	\$250.00
	Post Office Box Rental	\$170.00
	Postage	\$20.00
	President's Gift	\$200.00
	Printing	\$50.00
	Monthly Programs	\$620.00
	SACGC Dues (\$5/pp)	\$650.00
	Special Events	\$750.00
	Publicity/Marketing	\$50.00
		\$7,255.00
Expense - Committee		
	Awards	\$35.00
	Birds & Conservation	\$25.00
	Design (Table Décor)	\$250.00
	Horticulture	\$25.00
	Hospitality	\$200.00
	Website & Social Media	\$175.00
	Yearbook	\$400.00
		\$1,110.00
	Total Expense	\$8,365.00
	Excess Funds Available	\$0.00

# The Landings Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2023

## Submitted by Pam Patterson for Connie Gescheidt

### General Meeting Minutes

From Meeting on March 27, 2023

The General Meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Pam Patterson at 10:00 am.

After the pledge and the Collect, we had committee reports from the following:

- Dawn Cordo read a statement from the Audubon Society of The Landings stating the decision of cutting down a 200 year old tree rests with the Board of The Landings Golf Club.
- The treasurer's report was read by Pam due to Karyn's absence.
- We reminded members that there would be a party to celebrate Lisa Hall's achievement and commitment to assume the job of President of the State of Georgia's Garden Club on April 11th at the Sunset Pavillion of the Delegal Marina.
- We concluded the business meeting at 10:30 am and had a wonderful presentation by Amy Schuler from Coastal Wildscapes on native plants for our area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Patterson for Connie Gescheidt

## The Landings Garden Club

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National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs

