

FEBRUARY 2023

Petal Pusher

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023

Messiah Lutheran Church

9:00 am Board Meeting

9:30 - 10:00 Meet & Greet

10:00 General Meeting

10:30 Program - Russ Wigh

Blooming With Art

Thursday, February 16

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

The Landings, Palmetto Club Ballroom

Audubon- Spring Plant Sale

Mid-March: plants available to order
via Skidaway Audubon website

April 15, 2023 Plant Pick-up
Skidaway Methodist Church

GCG Annual Convention

April 18-20, 2023

Evergreen Lakeside Resort at
Georgia's Stone Mountain
see page 3 for more info



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

Hello Landings Garden Club Members!

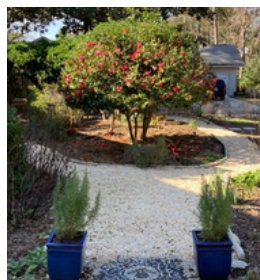
I'm starting to see new growth in some of my perennials. Daffodils are coming up and lots of birds are looking for nesting material. Even though we've had some chilly days, spring is in the air.

At the next meeting on February 27, our guest speaker, Russ Wigh, will be sharing insight on Hummingbirds. Russ always has enlightening information about birds and their habitat here on the island. We will be back at the Messiah Lutheran Church for the remainder of the year.

We are excited about the *Blooming With Art* event on February 16, at the Palmetto Club Ballroom. So far this year, we've had a lot of programs about gardening and are now making a slight transition into floral design. *Blooming With Art* will showcase our talented members as they interpret an artist's creation in live botanicals. There will be raffles to bid on the floral arrangements and a cash bar. What could be more fun than that?

Below are photos of favorite plants from my garden that bloom this time of year. The one on the left is my Pollinator Garden - this glorious Camellia is a treasure. The one on the right is Clivia, which is in the same family as Amaryllis. Since it comes from South Africa, it blooms in the winter. If you have special photos of your yard, please share them with us!

Looking forward to seeing you all,
Pam





Gardenscapes... Share Your Gardening Photos

Do you have something you really treasure in your yard? Are you planning your spring garden and would like to showcase progress? There is nothing like celebrating a plant in bloom, or a beautiful bird in your birdbath. If you have some great photos of your yard, and would like to share, please send them to Linda Moore, our Petal Pusher editor: lsimoore@comcast.net and she will publish them in the next newsletter.

News from your state organization, The Garden Club of Georgia



At long last, The Garden Club of Georgia (GCG) has a new website! Check it out: www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org. The home page contains information with links on timely events. Tabs on the upper right-hand side make for easy navigation around the site. The calendar is easy to use and will include major events from around the state. There is a tab for each district, ours being Oleander (work in process, this page will show up shortly).

Our former member, Stephanie Corley, will be the new editor of the magazine Garden Gateways, which is published four times a year and sent to all garden club members in Georgia. It will also be available on-line as well as a hard copy mailed to your address on record. Stephanie is already working on the summer 2023 edition so be on the lookout for it soon!

At our Landings Garden Club meeting on February 27, raffle tickets will be sold to support GCG projects. This is a cash raffle with a grand prize of \$500, second prize \$250, and third prize \$125. Tickets are \$5.00 each OR 5 / \$20.00. The drawing will be held on April 20th at the annual convention and you do not need to be present to win. Please bring cash with you to our next meeting to help with this worthwhile project

Thanks,
Lisa Hall
GCG President-elect and LGC member

Plant America...
Growing with Challenges and Changes





The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

95th Annual Convention

Tuesday , Wednesday, Thursday - April 19-20, 2023

Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Conference Resort

Georgia's Stone Mountain Park



Dogwood District is hosting a fantastic event: "*Garden Magic on The Mountain*" to celebrate The Garden Club of Georgia's 95th Anniversary. The Evergreen Lakeside Resort at Georgia's Stone Mountain Park offers the perfect setting for 3 days of information, fun, and fellowship. On-line registration via credit card is available at:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50303356>. Bring your family and come early or stay later for the same discounted rate of \$144 + taxes & fees.

Rather than having early morning District Breakfasts, District Officer Installations will now take place during the cocktail hour on Tuesday. District Photos will be taken during the cocktail hour on Wednesday and on Thursday morning, we will complete our business meeting, followed by the Member Luncheon and Installation of GCG Officers.

Register for the full package or each day. Tuesday and Wednesday registration fee is \$30 per day. There is no fee for Thursday - only pay for your meal.

We hope many of you will join the festivities - it's always more fun with a large group. We have a jam-packed schedule along with many enlightening speakers & workshops. There will also be a variety of vendors for your shopping pleasure. We look forward to seeing you in April, so make your reservations today!

Hotel Reservations: Evergreen Lakeside Conference Resort

4021 Lakeview Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 / ph (770) 879-9900

Deadline for hotel registration: March 26, 2023 to receive group rate / \$144 per night

Identify yourself as Garden Club of Georgia and provide passkey # [50303356](https://book.passkey.com/e/50303356)

Attention Landings Garden Club Members:

Lisa Hall will be installed as the new President of the Garden Club of Georgia at the convention in April. Please plan to attend and show support of Lisa and your Club!



Horticulture

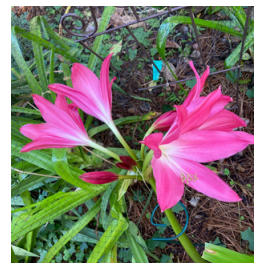
Submitted by Pam Patterson

Here is a quote from one of my favorite gardeners, Jenks Farmer:

"Not one of us can live without plants. Not one person. They're our diet - even our meat and milk. They are our medicine, our arts, our breath and our utilities. But, like all living things, they need care. We are their stewards in the wild. Even the most basic landscape - just a parking lot or tiny yard - by picking the right plants, we can find sustenance for our bodies, mind and soul."
Augusta Magazine, May 2022.

If you visit Jenks' website, you can read his blogs, purchase gorgeous Crinum Lillies, or order one of his books. There is so much information on this website. If you have not done so, please take some time to check him out. This Crinum Lilly was purchased from Jenks.

Crinum Lily



Now is the time to clean off a section of dirt that gets sun and sow some Larkspur seeds. They are poisonous to deer so they will be left alone. In the spring you will see gorgeous flowers that give back so much to our world. Now is also a good time to sow Cosmos Sulphureus and Nigella seeds. I did have deer browsing on my Nigella last year, but they reseed readily. Maybe they will leave them alone this year.

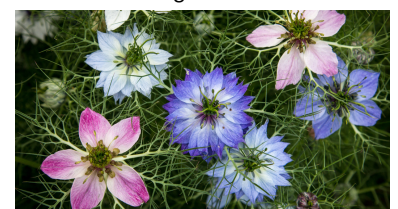
Larkspur



As I think about gardening, I always have hope and envision a beautiful garden no matter what happens.

Here's to your spring garden!

Nigella



Blooming with Art

Submitted by Diane Ingram



FEBRUARY 16, 2023
4:00 - 6:30 pm, Palmetto Ballroom

Excitement is in the air, the Blooming with Art Show is almost here!

The Landings Garden Club and ColorX12 unite to present Blooming with Art, a celebration of the interplay between fine art and floral design. Visitors are invited to examine and fall in love with creative ways our floral designers interpret the artists intentions and moods. Instead of traditional media, they translate those emotions using flowers and botanicals as their pallet. Prepare to be amazed!

Presented in the Palmetto Club Ballroom, each exhibit consists of a piece of art alongside its floral interpretation. All floral arrangements will be raffled off at 6 pm. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the door (1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, and 7 tickets for \$20). You must be present to win.

Blooming With Art is free and all are welcome. Bring a friend, have a drink, mingle with neighbors, and support these Landings organizations. A cash bar will be available.

Please send an e-mail to your friends, post on social media and talk to your social groups. Don't let your friends miss this lovely entry into spring!

We Love Our New Members!

In review of the recent club survey, including members comments, we are taking steps to improve our club. Over the past year we have welcomed many new members only to find they might not feel comfortable with our group. We have over 100 members, so it can be daunting to get to know everyone. In an effort to encourage engagement with others, we will have a special table for new members. There will be a big flower in the middle with a "New Members" sign. If you have other friends you would like to sit with that is fine, but if you want to connect with other new members this welcome table is for you!

In addition, we will pair new members with "seasoned members". A new committee is being organized and will be chaired by Barbara Victor and Gayle Ridgway. Look forward to hearing from Barbara and Gayle!

Community Service - Collection

Submitted by Georgia Klautzer

The Landings Garden Club currently supports two worthwhile organizations: Georgia Regional Hospital at Savannah and Ronald McDonald House Charities.



This year the Garden Club will support the Ronald McDonald House by participating in the Pop Tab program. As a member of the Garden Club your contribution to the Pop Tab program is simple - just remove the pop tab from any metallic can such as soup, pet food, soft drinks, etc. Removing the pop tab is easy, bend the tab back and forth several times separating it from the top, then save the tabs and bring to the next meeting.



At our general meetings we will collect donations for the Georgia Regional Hospital at Savannah (GRHS). GRHS provides care to mentally ill adults and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Southeast Georgia. At this time, GRHS is requesting Unsweetened Hot Cocoa Mix in Canisters and assorted Toiletries. They welcome all toiletries either full size or travel size including body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, baby powder, and chapstick.

Please bring any of these items to the next meeting for collection. Your toiletry donations and hot chocolate will be used exclusively by patients of GRHS. They have been out of hot chocolate for a while so it goes without saying they will be excited to have this back. Lastly, the pop tabs will be used to fund monthly expenses of the Ronald McDonald House which helps ease the burden of parents whose children are receiving care. I appreciate your cooperation to make this program a success!



Volunteer Organization of the Year - sponsored by The Landings Association

The Landings Garden Club came in a close **"Second"** as a finalist in the *Volunteer Organization of the Year* competition. After speaking with Cary Shapoff, the representative of the awards, I discovered we lost by only a few votes to the CCA. Cary commended us for all of our diligent work we do on the island and said to try again next year. Many thanks to Doug and Karen Duncan for the amazing application write-ups they submitted!



Skidaway Farms

Submitted by Jayne Rogers, Chair


The Skidaway Farm project will start up again in Spring, after a rest through the coldest weeks of Winter. On March 28, the "Done in a Day" group will help with planting the plot for spring. Our last frost date in Savannah is generally around March 24, so planting tomatoes before that date is risky. Lettuce seeds and cherry tomato seeds have already been sown in anticipation of planting day. Soil amendments (composted manure) will be added in early March.

We are looking forward to partnering with UGA Extension Master Gardeners to provide their expert advice and hands-on gardening. All produce grown and harvested in the Landings Garden Club plot is donated and gratefully received by the Social Apostolate of Savannah, a Catholic Charities Outreach program. Helping with this project is a great way to learn about growing vegetables on Skidaway Island. Please contact Jayne Rogers if you would like to volunteer time at Skidaway Farms: jmrogers341@gmail.com. We can always use extra hands!

Last of the Fall Kale



This and That...

- Don't Forget, It's Time for **2023 Membership Dues Renewal**. Dues are \$40 per year (cash or check). Please make checks payable to The Landings Garden Club & bring to February meeting or tube to Amy Brooks, 17 Deer Run.
- Environmental Tip...Bring your own Coffee Mug to our meetings - so much better for the environment than using disposable cups! 
- If a man is alone in the garden and speaks, and there is no woman to hear, is he still wrong?
- I'm not aging. I just need repotting!
- There are never gardening mistakes. Only experiments.



Skidaway Audubon

Submitted by Dawn Cordo



Pre-orders for Skidaway Audubon's plant sale will be available mid-March via the Skidaway Audubon website. The sale pick-up date is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 at the Skidaway Methodist Church Pavilion.



In addition to blooming pollinator plants, this year we are offering a selection of understory trees, shrubs, grasses, and ground covers because...Nature Notices! In addition to a variety of plants, Bobbie Boyce's Bird houses, hand-made of beautiful teak will also be available for \$50 donation to Skidaway Audubon. More information to follow so keep an eye out for specifics.



February, 2023 Budget Report

Submitted by Karyn Rohan, Treasurer

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| The Landings Garden Club | | | | |
| February 2023 Financials | | | | |
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| | Credit | Debit | Balance | |
| Ways & Means | \$3,224.26 | \$20,512.87 | \$17,288.61 | |
| | | | \$1,378.35 | Grant reserve |
| Balance Year to Date | | | \$15,910.36 | |
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| Operations | \$5,307.24 | \$11,336.41 | | |
| Balance Year to Date | | | \$6,029.17 | |
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The Landings Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2023

Submitted by Connie Gescheidt

January 23, 2023 The Landings Garden Club (TLGC)
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Pam Patterson, President at 9:55 AM at St. Peter's Episcopal Church located at 3 West Ridge Road, Savannah, GA

Treasurer's Report: Karyn Rohan

Blooming With Art Program Report: Diane Ingram

Blooming With Art event will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at the Palmetto Club Ballroom and Azalea Room of The Landings Club from 4:00-6:30 PM. Blooming With Art is a collaboration of the TLGC and ColorX12 talented artists. Art works will be interpreted through floral design by members of TLGC. Volunteer help from membership is needed on the following: 2/16 Greeters (4); Banner on Diamond Causeway at entrance to Oakridge - on 2/9 need 3 volunteers to hang and then remove banner on 2/17; on 2/16 need 1 volunteer to notify Gate Security of entry and departure of nonresident participants; on 2/16: Need volunteers to provide garden greens for floral design, contact Diane Ingram. Diane announced that Garden Club members will receive an E-Blast announcing the Blooming With Art event, each member is requested to forward the email to 10 people.

Horticulture Update: Kathy Dole

Kathy reminded members to wait until warmer weather to do hard pruning of freeze damaged plants.

President Announcements: Pam Patterson

Coastal Georgia Camellia Society will hold the 2023 Camellia Festival January 28-29 at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens located at 2 Canebroke Road, Savannah, GA.

Bethesda Gardening: Clarification announced regarding meeting times for the Bethesda Group which will meet the 4th Thursday of the month to perform pruning and weeding of garden areas.

Bows: Pam announced that in 2022, 900 Bows were produced. After holiday sales there are 248 Bows in stock. Pam shared that TLGC is in dire need of chairpersons to head both Bow Making and Sales. If these positions are unfilled then TLGC treasury will no longer be funded by bow sales. Several members present voice interest in making bows and/or bow sales.

The monthly floral arrangement raffle was held by Tina Gilbert.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

At 10:20 AM Guest Speakers Maria Vaughan and Michael Wedum were introduced by Gayle Ridgway. The topic of the presentation was Composting and the presenter's approach to compost production COR (Code of Return). Maria and Michael created their business to encourage restaurants and homeowners to save their food scraps for a sustainable solution to improve nature, decrease landfill waste and give nutrients back to the soil- Compost! Website: corcompost.com. COR is located at Bethesda adjacent to Gannon Organics.

The presentation concluded at 11:20 AM.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Connie Gescheidt, Recording Secretary

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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

