

MARCH 2023

Petal Pusher

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2023

Messiah Lutheran Church

9:00 am Board Meeting

9:30 - 10:00 Meet & Greet

10:00 General Meeting

10:30 Program: Coastal Wildscapes

Audubon- Spring Plant Sale

Order now thru April 11, 2023 via

Skidaway Audubon website:

skidawayaudubon.org

April 15, 2023 Plant Pick-up

Skidaway Methodist Church

LGC - GCG Recognition Party

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

4:30 pm

Delegal Marina -Sunset Pavillion

Afternoon celebration to recognize

Lisa Hall's Installation to President

of GCG

GCG Annual Convention

April 18-20, 2023

Evergreen Lakeside Resort at

Georgia's Stone Mountain

see page 2 for more information



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

March President's Message

Even though we've had crazy weather, spring is finally here. I'm discovering new growth from my perennials while cutting back old growth from last year. My Larkspur is up and thriving, but most exciting of all are the two buds on my Peony. A miracle!

We had such a lovely party to welcome new members at Donna Slappey's home on March 7. A great time was had by all and we signed up several new volunteers.

This month our speaker is Amy Schuler from Coastal Wildscapes. This organization is dedicated to actively preserving and restoring the biodiversity of Southern coastal ecosystems. After the amazing programs presented this year, I hope we've raised an awareness of the dynamics of sustainable gardening and respect for our natural ecosystem.

Our own Lisa Hall will soon be installed as President of the Garden Club of Georgia. We will celebrate her elevation to the state level of administration on April 11, at Delegal Marina's Sunset Pavilion. Save the date and be on the lookout for an invitation to join the festivities.

We now have an Instagram account. If you are on Instagram, our address is: [landings_garden_club](https://www.instagram.com/landings_garden_club). There is a portion of our logo in the circle, which identifies our group. It will be great fun to post photos on there.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next General Meeting, March 27th.

Warmest Regards,
Pam



DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT EVENT...REGISTER TODAY!!!



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 Meg Kettlitz

We all have a favorite food/foods from our childhood or maybe from a favorite restaurant or even ones that you prepare at home. My favorite foods remind me of my years spent in Italy. The aromas, flavors and freshness are out of this world.

Monarch butterflies also have a favorite food, in fact they only eat one species of plant and this is milkweed (*Asclepias*). But, not all milkweed are equal. In Georgia we have 20 types of native milkweed. We live in the Coastal Plain with a cold hardiness of 8b. Some of the milkweed native to the Coastal Plain are *Asclepias incarnate* (swamp), *Asclepias perennialis* (aquatic) and *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly). These plants are found at native plant sales and nurseries.

Unfortunately, many of the big box nurseries sell only *Asclepias curassavica* (tropical milkweed). The common name should tell you immediately that it is not from Georgia. In fact, it is not native anywhere in the continental US. If you have tropical milkweed, the best solution is to remove it including its roots. If you really want to keep it, it is important to remove the seed pods before they open & dispose them in the garbage. The seed pods should not be added to a compost pile. By removing the seed pods you prevent the plant from spreading. You should also make sure to prune the tropical milkweed down to the ground in September. This may be heartbreaking for you as the plant may have eggs as well as caterpillars on it. If you choose not to prune the tropical milkweed, you trick the monarch butterfly into laying more eggs and continuing its' southern migration. Tropical milkweed in our cold-hardiness zone will continue to bloom until a freeze. In late December 2022 and mid-January 2023, there were still tropical milkweeds that were blooming that had caterpillars on them. Sadly, the butterflies and caterpillars are not able to survive such cold temperatures. Your attempt to help the monarch is thus defeated.

However, if you plant one or more types of the native GA milkweed, the monarchs will find the blossoms at precisely the correct time on their northern migration as well as their return south. Since these are native GA milkweeds, they also provide a more nutritious meal. Think of them as a healthy choice vs a fast food one.

Horticulture continued...

The native GA milkweeds tend to be less invasive than the tropical one. The aquatic seeds will only spread via water flow, so if you plant in a moist sunny location in your yard it should stay there. Butterfly and swamp do spread with wind but are more picky about where they will grow than the tropical. Butterfly milkweed likes dry soil that tends to be sandy. All three of these milkweeds like sun. There is also a shade tolerant one called whorled, but this variety is difficult to find.

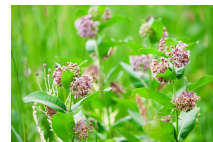
For more scientific data driven information, check out:
Xerces.org / Monarch Joint Venture
Project Monarch Health University of Georgia

Meg Kettlitz
Certified GA Master Gardener Extension Volunteer
Complete Monarch Essentials Certificate
GA Native Plant Certificate

Swamp Milkweed



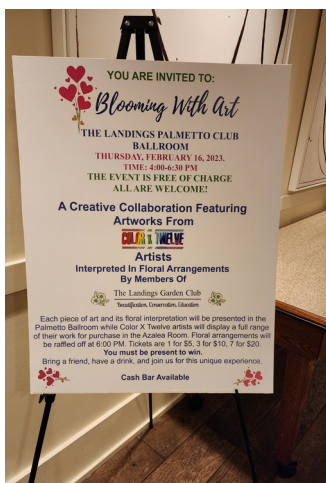
Butterfly Milkweed



Aquatic Milkweed



EXCITEMENT WAS IN THE AIR AND
WHAT FUN WE HAD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2023



SAVE A TREE... YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

A Historic Live Oak Tree, close to 200 years old, is slated for removal this fall as part of the Pametto Course renovation. A group of Landings residents are requesting a hearing for reconsideration of this decision by The Landings Club Board.

A hired course architect has recommended the removal of a number of trees on the entire course. On hole #17, closest to the 100 yard marker, sits the tree in jeopardy. Course agronomists and course superintendents maintain that the turf grass fails to grow under the shaded canopy of the tree. Several golfers have complained their shot is compromised or encounters tree limbs.

What do we know about this tree:

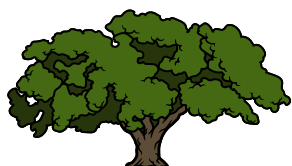
- **Southern Live Oak, Quercus Virginiana**
- **State Tree of Georgia**
- **After recognized measurement protocol, we estimate the tree to be 194 years old / Circumference x 3.14 = approximate age**
- **Recognition factors: "Nobel Oak" 150-200 years of age / "Veteran Oak" 150 - 300 years**

A "VETERAN OAK" IS A TREE WORTHY OF SAVING!

With the help of friends spreading the word, we currently have over 150 electronically signed supporters opposed to the removal of this exceptional Live Oak. Obtaining names is part of a crucial component in our strategy to encourage the Landings Club Board to reconsider its judgment. In today's world, protecting and preserving our environmental ecosystems remains a high priority. We should question removing historic trees of distinction without vigorously exploring all alternative plans of action. With permission, your name can be added to the list of supporters. Please e-mail Ronnie Rosen or Pat Barry to add your name to the list and show your support to preserve this beautiful Southern Oak. Thank you for your consideration,

Pat Barry: pat@home31411.com

Ronnie Rosen: fatfree@bellsouth.net



Plant America...
Growing with Challenges and Changes



Skidaway Audubon

Submitted by Dawn Cordo



Skidaway Audubon's plant sale is available on-line through April 11. To order via Skidaway Audubon website: skidawayaudubon.org. click on the informational paragraph on the homepage to be taken directly to the plant sale information. The sale pick-up date is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 at the Skidaway Methodist Church Pavilion. The objective of the plant sale is to help residents increase habitat for butterflies, such as Monarchs, and other pollinators while raising funds to help Audubon carry out conservation and educational programs.



In addition to blooming pollinator plants, this year Skidaway Audubon is offering a selection of understory trees, shrubs, grasses, and ground covers because... *Nature Notices!*



Habitat for butterflies, bees, and other insects essential to the pollination of most flowering trees and food crops has been declining. In addition, understory trees, shrubs and groundcover have multiple environmental benefits. They reduce the need for chemical fertilizers, are better at retaining valuable topsoil, and improve water quality by effectively filtering rainwater. They also help purify the air and promote biodiversity by providing a greater variety of habitat.



In addition to a variety of plants, Bobbie Boyce's Bird houses, hand-made of beautiful teak, will also be available for a \$50 donation to Skidaway Audubon.

Start planning for spring planting and help keep our community green, vibrant, and naturally beautiful...Pre-order your plants today. Together we can help nature thrive!



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: lslmoore@comcast.net and she will publish them in the next newsletter.

Bow Making Committee

Submitted by Diane Benson

Holiday Bow sales is the largest fund raiser for the Landings Garden Club and it's time to begin our bow making sessions to build inventory. A great time was had by all on March 13, as we kicked-off the 2023 Holiday Bow sales program.

Please join us on Mondays and Thursdays 2-4 pm at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Stay as long as you can, we are flexible. Join your friends and learn how to make professional looking bows that the club will sell in the fall.

Many thanks to the ladies who have already volunteered to participate through the month of March. We have bow making sessions planned through the end of April. Additional ribbon is on-order and scheduled to arrive in June so we will break for May and resume once it is received. We are always looking for volunteers, so please contact Susan Lilly: susanlilley1@gmail.com to be added to the schedule.



Thanks to the ladies that have thus far assisted us this year. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming bow making sessions. If you don't see your name below, it's time to sign up...

Pat Barry; Shirley Brown; Faye Clark; Dawn Cordo; Angela Devore; Seekie Drysdale; Marie Dunleavy; Elizabeth Eggert; Connie Gescheidt; Mize Gingold; Anne Guira; Diane Gustafson; Marjatta Hamilton; Jeanie Holzinger; Diane Ingram; Jean Jefferiss; Dottie Kirkland; Georgia Klautzer; Pam Koger; Linda Lasch; Vicki Menke; Lisa Olson; Pam Patterson; Jayne Rogers; Karyn Rohan; Sandy Randolph; Lynn Boden; Barbara Victor; Lynn Wrenn

Attention All Committee Chairs...

Could you please provide a brief report of what your committee has accomplished this year. I need this information for the President's Report. If your Chair is not able to recap the committee's accomplishments, please step up and assist.

If you could put this in a word document it would be greatly appreciated. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank-you for your prompt attention,

Pam

This and That...

- Check out our new Instagram Account: landings_garden_club and post some photos of our great times
- Join us at Delegal Marina, Sunset Pavillion on April 11, 4:30 pm as we recognize Lisa Hall's installation as President of The Garden Club of Georgia
- Housework is for people who don't like to garden - Anonymous
- To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow - Audrey Hepburn
- The earth laughs in flowers - Ralph Waldo Emerson



March, 2023 Budget Report

Submitted by Karyn Rohan, Treasurer

The Landings Garden Club			
March 2023 Financials			
Operations:	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
	\$15,089.41	\$7,102.32	\$7,987.09
Membership 2023	\$3,700.00		
The Georgia Garden Club		\$990.00	
Ways & Means			
	\$22,072.87	\$5,776.31	\$16,296.56
Art in Bloom			
Raffle Proceeds	\$1,560.00		
Expenses		\$2,150.55	
Budget \$2500			\$349.45
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The Landings Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2023

Submitted by Connie Gescheidt

General Meeting Minutes

From Meeting on February 27, 2023

The General Meeting of the Landings Garden Club was called to order by President Pam Patterson at 10am on February 27, 2023. After the pledge, the collect was read by past President Anne Gardner.

The minutes were approved, and the Treasurer's report was given by Karyn Rohan. Tina Gilbert announced the slate of officers for next year: President - Vicki Menke; Vice President - Gayle Ridgway; Treasurer - Karyn Rohan; Recording Secretary - Connie Gescheidt and Corresponding Secretary - Tina Gilbert.

Our club gave a scholarship worth \$1,000 to the Garden Club of Georgia's scholarship fund. We gave this gift in honor of Jayne Rogers, our club member that has demonstrated a superb job of keeping a vegetable plot full of fresh vegetables to donate to the Church of the Apostolic for homeless people for over 4 years. Jayne has graciously given of her time and effort to make The Landings Garden Club excellent.

Gayle Ridgway gave a report of her member survey. We are working on ways to make people feel more welcome and a significant part of our large club.

We have a new Instagram account which is Landings_Garden_Club.

Susan Lilley and Diane Benson gave a report on the Bow making committee, which meets every Monday and Thursday at Messiah Lutheran from 2pm to 4pm.

Georgia Klautzer and Judi Painter had a wonderful collection display for Community Service committee.

Diane Ingram gave a glowing report about the Blooming With Art event. It was a very successful evening and was well attended by the community.

Meg Kettlitz announced that there would be a native plant sale on March 11th at the Savannah Botanical Garden.

The New Member Social was held at the home of Donna Slappey on March 7th. Anne Gardner and Donna did a wonderful job of creating a Tussie Mussie as a favor to take home for all of the new members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11am, and our speaker Russ Wigh gave a very informative talk on Hummingbirds and their existence here on Skidaway Island.

Respectively submitted,

Pam Patterson for Connie Gescheidt.

The Landings Garden Club
Is a Federated Club and a proud member of

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs

