

SEPTEMBER 2022

# Petal Pusher



The  
Landings  
Garden  
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Garden Tour

Thursday, September 29, 2022

10:00 AM

Vickie Menke's Home

2 Planters Lane

### Garden Club District Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Oleander District Meeting

Statesboro, GA

### Field Trip

Thursday, October 13, 2022

10:00 am

Skidaway Farms Seed Starting Demonstration

### Fall Heritage Luncheon

Monday, October 24, 2022

9 AM - Noon

Speaker: Thomas Angell  
Balancing Civilization and  
Wildness in your Coastal  
Landscape

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### Fall Wreath Workshop

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Noon - 4PM

Kathy Collura, 18 Middle Marsh  
Retreat. To reserve a spot  
contact Pam Patterson  
912-662-4570

Welcome Back Everyone!

I am excited to see everyone at our first meeting on September 26, 9:30, at the Messiah Lutheran Church. I hope your summer was wonderful and you're ready to enjoy fall here on Skidaway Island.

The National Garden Club theme this year is

*"Plant America - Growing with Challenges and Changes"*

Who could have imagined the affect of climate change on our plants and lives? Over the summer, we created informative events, presentations, workshops, and community service projects for the upcoming year. You will see the role you play in our environment and how important we all are in this delicate balance of nature.

Since I have taken on the role of President, I've had the pleasure of getting to know so many new faces. I realize that all of us have wonderful gifts to share and we have so many ways for involvement in our Club. The more you put into it, the more you will get out of it!

We have so much wildlife here! September is the best time for butterflies and bees. This magnificent photo is from Fitz Clark taken at the Sparrow Field Pollinator Garden. This garden is a nectar replenishing station which is a maintained service project for our Club.



*\*American Bumblebee (Bombus pensylvanicus) This species' population has dropped nearly 90 percent w/in the past decade*

Whether it's a blossom from a flowering plant that attracts butterflies, and bees; to beautification of TLC planters, the LGC is present throughout our community. Our Holiday Bow program not only puts finishing touches on holiday design but the proceeds help to support our local charities. Get involved, be part of it, and join in the glorious cause of our Landings Garden Club.

Warmest Regards

*Pam Patterson*


*President*

# Horticulture

## Submitted by Penny LeBlanc

Attracting pollinators into a garden takes time and patience. Garden site selection and host plants are critical to develop a pollinator habitat. Choose a sunny location in your yard with a good vantage point for viewing. Spend time researching about the butterflies you would like to attract and remember that regional butterflies prefer specific native pollinator and host plants. Look around your neighborhood to see what plants are attracting pollinators or visit the Pollinator Berm on Bartram Road.

### Garden Tips to Attract Skidaway Pollinators



<b>POLLINATOR HOST PLANTS</b>	<b>BUTTERFLY</b>	<b>DEER BROWSING</b>
Swamp Milkweed	Monarch	Yes
Whorled Milkweed	Monarch	Yes
Mexican Milkweed	Monarch	No
Purple Passionflower	Gulf Fritillaries & Zebra Longwing	Yes
Cape Plumbago	Cassius Blue	Yes
Parsley	Black & Tiger Swallowtail, Sulfurs, Grey Hairstreak	Yes
Dill	Black & Tiger Swallowtail, Sulfurs, Grey Hairstreak	Yes
Bronze Fennel / Fennel	Black & Tiger Swallowtail	No
Rue	Black & Tiger Swallowtail, Giant Swallowtail	No
Lemon Tree	Giant Swallowtail	Yes
Texas Pipevine	Pipevine Swallowtail	No
Ruellia / Mexican Petunia	Buckeye	Yes
Sensitive Plant	Cloudless Sulphur	Yes
Peanut Plant	Little Sulphur & Orange Sulphur	Yes

*Note: The Tiger Swallowtail was proclaimed the State of Georgia's Butterfly in 1988*

<b>POLLINATOR NECTAR PLANTS</b>	<b>DEER BROWSING</b>
Asters	Yes
Bee Balm	No
Blackeyed Susan	Yes
Butterfly Bush	No
Cigar Plant	Yes
Catmint	No
Eastern Purple Coneflower	Yes
Hyssop (Agastache specise)	No
Ironweed	Yes
Joe-Pye Weed	Yes
Liatris	Yes
Lantana	No
Tickseed	No
Sage (Scarlet/ Windy's Wish)	No
Salvia (Amstead/Black & Blue Mystic)	No
Stokesia	No
Sweet Pepperbush (Clethra)	Yes
Yarrow	No

*\*Attracting Pollinators into a garden takes time & patience. Garden site selection & host plants are critical to develop a Pollinator habitat.*

*\*Native plants that attract butterflies require full or part sun. You will most likely need to improve soil content with compost & nutrient rich top soil.*

*\* Some of the Host Pollinator Plants are browsed by deer especially in the fawn season. Different parts of Skidaway Island have more deer than others & some plants in one neighborhood may be left alone, but eaten to the ground in another.*



# Skidaway Farms

**Submitted by Jayne Rogers, Chair**

The Skidaway Farm Project completed another 'Warm Season' of growing vegetables for charitable giving. The Social Apostolate was the latest recipient of our organically grown vegetables. Grown in the plot this summer were: Tomatoes, Peppers, Lettuce, Eggplant, Okra, Basil, Dill, and Parsley. The last of the Okra ('Jing Orange' & Green Okra) was harvested at the end of August. The plot is now covered to rest the soil. We will be uncovering to add soil ammendments in late September. Extra hands for planting, harvesting, and weeding are always welcome!

Those who want to learn about growing vegetables in coastal Skidaway Island might find this Garden Club volunteer work especially enlightening! Thank you to Margy Hatch, Pam Patterson, and Jane Encapera for lending a hand in the garden this past season. Please contact Jayne Rogers if you would like to volunteer time at Skidaway Farms. We can always use extra hands.



# Container Project

## Submitted by Pat Barry, Project Chair

The Landings Garden Club "Urn Angels" have been busy this summer tending to the many garden planters throughout The Landings Club campus. With a roster of 27 volunteers, they are divided into 5 teams which service Deer Creek, Marshwood, Oakridge Fitness, Franklin Creek and the North Entrance Gate. Each location has a team leader who coordinates the watering schedule and seasonal planting. The team captain creates a monthly or weekly responsibility for each volunteer.

The price of plants has tripled thus variety and availability of plant material has been a significant factor in selection and quantity for each planter. An effort has been made to choose drought resistant, as well as cost efficient plant material. The next seasonal change-out to refresh urns that are tired and less productive is scheduled for November.

The 'Urn Angles' have been active for 6 years. Adorned with Purple Aprons, they work to distinguish themselves for TLC Members and visitors to the various clubs. During this time they have made a significant contribution to the Landings welcoming atmosphere and appearance. Visitors to these venues are always gracious and generous with their appreciation for the hard work and beautification of the clubs.

At this time, the "Urn Angels" are at capacity but if you are interested in joining this worthwhile team, contact Pat Barry for more information.  
Great Teamwork!



*Plant America - Growing with Challenges and Changes*

Hello Garden Club Friends! Should you ever find yourself out of time or simply in need of assistance please, "ASK AMY"! I am available for assistance with everyday tasks such as:

- \*Plant Care - weekly or while you are out of town
- \*Grocery Runs & Pharmacy Pick-Up Delivery
- \*Pet Care - including dog walking, vet appointments
- \*Admin Tasks (that can be done virtually)
- \*Arrange Transportation to & from airport or around town w/ trusted driver

If something comes up, even if not mentioned above, don't be shy...ASK AMY!

**Call/text: 917-364-9610 / email: amy.betuker@gmail.com**

*My work experience ranges from professional equestrian care to office manager, hospitality, admin, customer service, sales and plant care*



## Community Service

Start saving your glass bottles and jars again. There are two companies locally that are in the business of glass recycling, sparing the build-up of waste in the landfill. Glassxrx, a company based in Beaufort, SC will have collection sites in Savannah beginning October 1, 2022. Click the link below to read about this company and its product.

Drop off your glass at the the following locations:

- \*Bacon Park Transfer Station, 6400 Skidaway Road
- \*Barnes Restaurant, 5320 Waters Avenue
- \*Savannah Hiltion Head Airport, 2235 Capital Street
- \*Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd.
- \*Dean Fores Landfill, 1327 Dean Forest Road
- \*Coffee Bluff Fire Station, 13710 Coffee Bluff Road



### Company helps Coastal Georgia upcycle old bottle...

Glass is again being diverted from landfills in coastal Georgia after a hiatus in curbside glass recycling

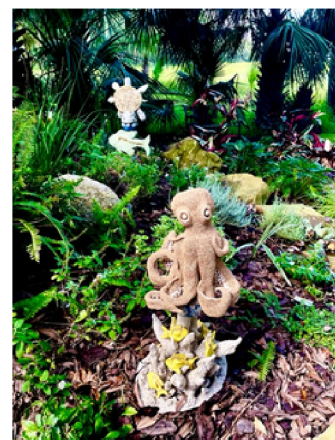
[thecurrentga.org](http://thecurrentga.org)

## Art in Bloom Garden Tours From Colchester, Vermont

A group of gardeners from Vermont are coming to visit Savannah. They will tour the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens and learn the history of this amazing place. The tour will also include a presentation by Stan Gray of the spectacular Iris Gardens. From there they will visit historic Wormsloe and head over to Skidaway Island to view the beautiful yard and gardens of Penny LeBlanc and Jenny Carlough.

We have so much gorgeous flora and fauna here on our island; especially at the homes of our members, it is hard to limit the tour to just these two homes.

Coming from Vermont, I'm sure this will be an informative and interesting trip to Skidaway Island. Just look at the lovely sites they will enjoy!



# Celebrate Fall - Wreath Making Workshop

**November 3, 2022 / Noon - 4:00PM**

**18 Middle Marsh Retreat**



Join us on November 3rd, for a fun afternoon as we create Fall Wreaths using all natural materials. The one seen here is a grapevine wreath with okra, putka pods, nigella seed pods, dried lime and pinecones.

The cost for supplies is \$15, which includes your wreath base, putka pods, nigella pods, and dried lime. If you have anything else you would like to add, bring it along with clippers and a glue gun.

Kathy Collura has graciously opened her home at 18 Middle Marsh Retreat for wreath making. To sign up call 912-662-4570 / email: [pampattersonjax@gmail.com](mailto:pampattersonjax@gmail.com)

*Space is limited to the first 7 people that sign up, so don't delay call today!*

## September, 2022 Budget Report

**Submitted by Karyn Rohan Treasurer**

THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB	
OPERATIONS:	
BALANCE 5/1/2022	\$8,633.41
BALANCE 9/19/2022	\$7,618.01
WAYS & MEANS:	
BALANCE 5/1/2022	\$8,374.79
BALANCE 9/19/2022	\$7,852.83



## Serenity Garden

### Submitted by Vicky Kramer

Each month, the Serenity Sisters maintain the healing garden on the campus of the Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial Health University.

Although it has been a hot summer, thanks to the recent rain and siphoning of water from the fish pond, they have managed to keep the garden fresh and appealing. Soon the urns will be transformed into a fall picture with fresh Crotons. If you've never had an opportunity to visit the garden, I encourage you to stop by as you traverse the Truman and pass by the Memorial Campus.



*Vickie Hagan & Dottie Kirkland sprucing things up!*



*Serenity Sisters tired & dirty from cleaning up the Serenity Garden*

## Congratulations...Christmas Gate Committee!

### Janis Encapera & Seekie Drysdale, Chair & Co-Chair

"After careful review of existing Christmas Gate Decorations, the Christmas Gate Committee requested money to replace some of the old, weathered, decorations by submitting a written request of the items needed. After appearance at The Landings Association monthly meeting, we have been awarded \$500!!!

Of course, it helped to remind the Association how great the decorations look and what a wonderful job we do every year putting them up and taking them down. What a fantastic group we have. Great Job by the Christmas Gate Committee!

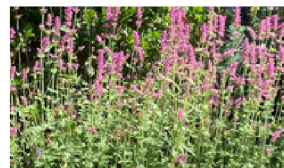


## Upcoming Events...

**Saturday, October 1st, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** Victory Gardens Fall Botanical Bash. 2500 Tennessee Avenue, Savannah. Great selection of Plants, Seeds, and Soil. There will be gardening classes and local wares for purchase. Food Trucks on premise for edible treats. Fun for all ages!

**Wednesday, October 5th** - Oleander District meeting, Statesboro. If you are interested in seeing how things work, come join us! I will be driving. Call/text Pam if you want to go: 912-662-4570

**Thursday, October 13th, 10 AM** - Field Trip to Skidaway Farms  
Come see Jayne's perfect garden plot and two seed starting demonstrations by Pam Patterson and Jane Kollman  
*You can get whatever plants you need, if you start from seed!*



Agastache grown from seed  
Great Pollinator & Deer Resistant



*Please join us at the  
Heritage Luncheon as we  
Celebrate 36 years!*

*Did you know... the first meeting of The Landings Garden Club took place 36 years ago, on October 22, 1986 with 27 women in attendance.*

*At that time, The Landings consisted of Marshwood, Palmetto, and Midpoint. In our 36 years of island stewardship, the Club has grown to more than 123 members. Members actively promote our mission of Beautification, Conservation and Education. The Landings Garden Club is part of the National Garden Club, which is recognized as the largest volunteer organization in the world.*





# The Landings Garden Club

Beautification, Education, Conservation

## Fall Heritage Luncheon

October 24, 2022, 9AM to Noon

Palmetto Ballroom, The Landings on Skidaway Island



Our Featured Guest, Thomas Angell, Verdant Enterprises LLC

### **"Balancing Civilization and Wildness in your Coastal Landscape."**

Although the environmental movement began in the 1960's and the Green movement seems to be on practically every tongue, more than fifty years later there remains a glaring need to establish quality regional examples of biodiverse gardens that balance human and wildlife needs for a particular place.

How do we begin to understand the regional, environmental and site specific nuances

affecting our favorite places, and allow that growing knowledge to influence an appropriate and sustainable landscape or management response?

How do we strike a balance between the human need for expression and aesthetics with the functional needs for water conservation, preservation of natural habitats and protection of species diversity?



Thomas Angell, ASLA, is a native of Savannah, Georgia and a 1988 Graduate of the School of Environmental Design at the University of Georgia. He is an avid gardener and student of indigenous plant communities. He worked for Robert Marvin & Associates for seven years where he became a Project Manager for such clients as The Augusta National Golf Club and The Spring Island Company. Angell holds professional registration in South Carolina and Georgia.

Twenty-six years ago, Angell formed his own company, Verdant Enterprises, LLC in Walterboro, South Carolina. The company has now relocated to Angell's hometown of Savannah, Georgia. The firm specializes in environmentally conscious site planning and the creative use of native plants. The firm has also gained expertise in innovative storm water applications and custom hardscape detailing. This practice has evolved through a study of natural areas throughout the Coastal Plain and the desire to express a distinct sense of regionalism and low-key southern charm in site design.

**Tickets: \$40.00**

Visit the Landings Garden Club website at: <https://thelandingsgardenclub.com>

# Meeting Minutes, Board Meeting June 1, 2022

## Submitted by Stephanie Corley, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Pam Patterson at 4:22 pm.

Discussion was had about this years budget. Pam reminded everyone that it's not set in stone and may change as funds become available.

Pat Berry brought up signage for the urns at the Landings Club. She had quoted \$800. The Serenity Garden's signage cost @ \$50 and is made locally. It will be researched and information will be available at a later date for best solutions.

New Christmas Decorations are needed for the entrance gates. Proposal to The Landings Assoc. to be made. Mary said she had been told the TLA was only willing to give \$200.

Vickie H - enquired about membership name tags. Pam stated they will be available to purchase and members will be responsible for maintaining their own tag. Cost per tag \$8.50. Membership committee delighted to hear this - No more carting all those bins around!

Vicki M - made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Margret V seconded.

Pam - encouraged all chairs to meet with committee members & get to know everyone. Lots of new members. it was reemphasided that all members need to serve time on a committee.

Stephanie - Susan H & her would help all with new technology & will be sending a cheat sheet with detail instruction process. Reminder to take photos of all events & activities done by committees and copy Pam and Vicki. We also received more awards since April meeting.

Membership is closed until October.

Lisa Hall to be inducted as President of Garden Clubs of GA on 4/12

Gayle - This years theme is Year of the Pollinator with monthly meeting to focus on this topic.

Sept: Meg K will discuss what is a Master Gardener and what steps must be taken to achieve that goal? She will also talk about importance of pollinator gardens.

October - Heritage Luncheon

December - Holiday Floral decorations (not just Christmas theme, need to include Hanukkah)

January - Container gardening & best plants for our area

February - Russ, a nature photographer will share his work

March - Presentation to focus on Pollinators

April - Spring Potluck Luncheon to be held at the church

Pam ended the meeting with recap of the following: LGC donated \$1,000 to Park Place Outreach; \$1,000 to House of Hope; & \$500 to Ogeechee River Keepers

Discussion of 911 plaque by Pat Berry on dead tree w/ Mistletoe Balls, what can we do?

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

## The Landings Garden Club

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The Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs

