

Petal Pusher

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2024
Messiah Lutheran Church
9:30 - 10:00 Meet & Greet
10:00 - 10:45 General Meeting
10:45 - Program - Ikebana, the
Japanese Art of Floral Arranging

Coastal Georgia Camellia Festival

Saturday, November 9, 2024
9:00 - 4:00
Montgomery Presbyterian Church
10192 Ferguson Avenue
Savannah, GA. 31406

December Meeting

Monday, December 16, 2024
Messiah Lutheran Church
9:30 - 10:00 Meet & Greet
10:00 - 10:45 General Meeting
includes a Merry Mingle
10:45 - Program - Sebrell Smith,
Holiday Floral Arrangements and
Decor



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

President's Message

Happy Fall!

Here in the "Deep South," the arrival of fall doesn't quite bring the traditional sweater weather or the satisfying crunch of leaves underfoot. But fear not, for Savannah offers us the delightful experience of a "Second Spring." While many gardeners are tucking their plots in for winter, we have the unique opportunity to embrace this season by planning and planting a vibrant array of new greenery.

This time of year is ideal for gardening, with reduced humidity, cooler soil temperatures, and fewer pesky insects. If you have space, consider planting cool-weather vegetables. For those with limited room, container gardening presents a perfect solution—just remember to keep your pots out of reach from the deer!

Some of my favorite spring flowers, like Larkspur, Chinese foxgloves, Bachelor Buttons, Bells of Ireland, and Hollyhocks, are best planted now. Don't forget to order seeds for spring-blooming Poppies and Sweet Peas, which will add vibrant colors and delightful fragrances to your garden.

By now I hope everyone has recovered from our third tropical storm of the season. Though power outages were inconvenient, we are grateful that none of the storms made direct landfall. Our thoughts are with those who experienced more significant losses.

On a more somber note, I regret to inform you that starting in November, we will no longer have coffee and morning refreshments. With 109 members, it's disheartening that no one has volunteered to Chair or Co-Chair this position. Without a volunteer, I have no choice but to discontinue our morning coffee break. However, there's still time for someone to step forward and take on the role of Hospitality Chair and Co-Chair. I remain hopeful that one of you will reach out soon!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Vicki





Heads Up...It's Time to Plant Fall Bulbs Yellow Daffodils On-Sale Now....

Imagine the beauty of yellow rivers of daffodils gracing The Landings! It's comforting to know that once they sprout and bloom, deer won't munch on them. Unfortunately, most daffodil bulbs struggle in the "Deep South" due to the lack of chill hours needed for their growth and blooming each year. However, a few varieties thrive in our coastal climate, including the Narcissus 'Carlton' Bulb.

As a fundraiser for our club, we have ordered and received 1,000 bulbs that will be sold in bags of 10 for \$10.00. These bulbs yield stunning two-toned yellow daffodils that grow 18-20 inches tall and emit a light vanilla scent. Plus, they are toxic to deer, ensuring they remain untouched.

The Narcissus Carlton daffodils are easy to cultivate in well-drained soil, which we have in plenty, with six hours of sunlight or light shade. When planted at the end of November or early December, they bloom in early spring (February/March).

Bulbs can be pre-ordered through our club e-mail: landingsgardenclub@gmail.com. Please include your name & how many bags you would like (10 bulbs to a bag - each bag is \$10.00). Bulbs are available for presale and will also be available for purchase at the November meeting. If you're unsure how to plant them, directions are listed below.

Don't miss this opportunity! We have only 100 bags available, and once they're gone, we won't be able to order more until next fall.

Guidelines for Planting Daffodil Bulbs



1. Choose a sunny spot for planting daffodil bulbs, ensuring they get at least six hours of sunlight daily. Avoid shaded areas, as these flowers need plenty of sunlight after blooming to produce flowers for the following year.
2. Make sure the soil has good drainage. Steer clear of locations where water accumulates after heavy rain or storms. Our sandy soil naturally promotes excellent drainage.
3. Once the daffodils have bloomed, wait a minimum of eight weeks until the leaves turn yellow before cutting any stems or leaves. It's important to prevent landscapers from weed-whacking them after blooming, as this year's yellow leaves are vital for producing next year's flowers!
4. Plant the bulbs four inches deep and space them three inches apart. Avoid using fertilizer. You can either plant them individually or dig a larger hole for several bulbs together.
5. Aim to plant the bulbs between late November and mid-December, and you can expect to see these yellow blooms by mid to late February.

**Avoid planting bulbs in pots, as they tend to dry out quickly and may retain stormwater, both of which are not suitable conditions for daffodil bulbs.*



Membership

Submitted by Susan Mason

What an exciting start! At our first meeting of this year, we welcomed 59 members and 6 guests. From those guests, we're thrilled to announce that Angie Stewart has already joined us! A warm welcome to her as she takes on the role of Chairperson for Birds and Conservation.

The other guests included Judy Sweeterman, June Robert, Susan Heath, Penny Bayfield, and Stan Gray. If you happen to see them around, please express our appreciation for their attendance and let them know we hope to see them at future gatherings.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Monday, November 18.

Welcome New Members!

**Please welcome the following new member to
The Landings Garden Club**



Angie Stewart

I was born in Savannah, but my father's career as a US Marine meant we relocated every 2 to 3 years. During my childhood, I lived in various states and even spent some time in Japan. In 1984, my father retired in Savannah, where I have lived ever since. I earned a BS in Chemistry from Armstrong State College and then worked as a GC/MS Chemist, QA Manager, and Project Manager at a large environmental testing laboratory.

In 1990, I married my husband Jeff, a former USAF pilot who recently retired from UPS as a pilot. We have a daughter, Ava, who has just returned to Savannah after graduating from the University of Georgia. Jeff and I moved to The Landings in 1997, where we have enjoyed the beauty of Skidaway Island and the wonderful friendships we've formed.

I played league tennis for 30 years, but I have recently given up the sport. My hobbies include oil and watercolor painting, watching movies, reading nonfiction, and cooking. I have a passion for plants and birds, though I prefer to keep my distance from snakes. My husband is the family's gardener and plant guru.

Serenity Garden

Submitted by Martha Nesmith



We are grateful for the dedication our team has shown in transforming this garden into a tranquil haven for reflection and rejuvenation. If you haven't had the chance yet, we encourage you to visit this beautiful sanctuary, designed for anyone seeking a peaceful space to contemplate. Situated at the Anderson Cancer Institute on the Memorial Hospital Campus, the garden is conveniently accessible and welcoming to all who wish to enjoy it.

Advocacy



Let's Change the State Flower to a Native Species

The Cherokee Rose (*Rosa laevigata*) was named Georgia's state flower in 1916, based on the incorrect belief that it was native to the state. In reality, it originates from Asia, and its presence in Georgia stems from intentional cultivation.

To enhance the state's identity and support environmental conservation, the Georgia Native Plant Society advocates for the replacement of the Cherokee Rose with a native plant that reflects Georgia's natural heritage. The Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*) is a native tree found across the state and would serve as an excellent representative for Georgia's state flower.

Additionally, the Sweetbay Magnolia is a host plant for the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Georgia's state butterfly. This connection further emphasizes its value, as it contributes to vital pollinator habitats and the ecological diversity that makes Georgia one of the most vibrant landscapes in the United States.

To get involved visit the Georgia Native Plant Society:

<https://gnps.org/conservation/advocacy/> There you will find a Guidance Sheet and FAQs on this topic as well as additional state conservation issues to support.

Get involved! Call your state senator and house representative to let them know that you support a change to the state flower to the native Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*).



Contact our Georgia State Senator - Ben Watson: Ben.watson@senate.ga.gov and our Georgia State Congressman - Jesse Petrea: Jesse.petrea@house.ga.gov

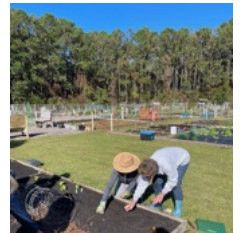
Skidaway Farms Submitted by Meg Kettlitz



In mid-August, we conducted a soil sample on our farm plot after it had been solarized for 14 weeks during the summer. The analysis revealed that the soil was deficient in potassium. To address this, we added a potash amendment and covered the plot, allowing it to rest while waiting for the soil and air temperatures to cool down. Fortunately, the plot has recovered well and is now ready for planting.

On October 18, we planted a variety of new crops for our project, including broccoli, cabbage, and carrots. Additionally, we included our cool-weather favorites: kale, lettuce, and radishes. The weather has been favorable, and the crops are thriving. We anticipate harvesting the radishes and lettuce by mid-November.

I am incredibly grateful for the dedication and hard work of my committee members on this project. Special thanks go to Karyn, Mary W., Phyllis, Sharon, and Elizabeth for their assistance with the October planting. If you're interested in helping with the garden at Skidaway Farms, please reach out to Meg Kettlitz.



Life is good at The Farm!!



Ways and Means Committee

Submitted by Susan Lilley

HOLIDAY BOW SALES: Support Beautification on Skidaway Island



It's that wonderful time of year again when the Landing's Garden Club presents its fabulous Holiday Bow Sale! For over 30 years, these beautiful bows have decorated mailboxes, homes, and golf carts throughout The Landings. All of the bows are extra-large, wired, and handcrafted by our talented garden club members, priced at just \$15 and \$20 each (\$25 for the exclusive "Westin" edition). All proceeds go towards the Garden Club's conservation and beautification initiatives for Skidaway Island.

This year, we're excited to bring back our festive red velvet bows adorned with various colored trims, as well as the eye-catching blue and silver glitter bows for Hanukkah. The highlight of last year returns as this year's limited edition - the Westin - featuring a stylish red, green, black, and gold plaid design. Be sure to grab one before they're all sold out! These delightful creations are perfect for decorating your mailbox, door wreath, or even adding a touch of holiday spirit to your golf cart or beloved pet! They also make great gift ideas for friends and family near or far.

Garden Club members will be selling bows at The Village Plaza in front of the fountain from 10 AM to 1 PM or 1 PM to 4 PM starting Thursday, November 14th. We accept cash and checks. Stop by early for the best selection, and we'll assist you in choosing the perfect festive touch!

PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN LILLEY (SusanLilley1@gmail.com) IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ONE OR TWO SALES SHIFTS. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!

2024 Sale Dates, 10AM-4PM

Thursday, November 14
Tuesday, November 19
Friday, November 22
Tuesday, November 26
Friday, November 29
Tuesday, December 3
Friday, December 6
Tuesday, December 10
Friday, December 13
Saturday, December 14



The Westin



Hanukkah



Sparrow Field

Submitted by Dawn Cordo



Autumn ushers in a vibrant transformation. This is especially true at the Pollinator Berm in Sparrow Field, which showcases a rich array of over 100 flowering plant species that attract nearly 200 documented insects. The vivid hues of the swamp sunflower blend beautifully with the striking purple of Mexican petunia, creating a stunning seasonal display.



Our dedicated team of volunteers meets every Friday morning to weed, transplant, and trim back spent growth. If you're interested in collecting seeds for your own garden or helping us thin out various plants, we warmly invite you to join us. Please bring your own tools for digging or cutting, along with bags or buckets to carry home your discoveries. Feel free to stop by, take a stroll, and consider becoming a regular member of our gardening group. We have a fantastic team and welcome all gardening enthusiasts.



Sparrow Field is located off Bartram Road, directly across from Pettigrew Drive. Parking is limited, so we encourage the use of golf carts. For more information about Sparrow Field and Skidaway Audubon, please visit their website: <https://skidawayaudubon.org>. If you have any questions, you can also reach out to Dawn Cordo at cordodawn@gmail.com



Please Join us for a Merry Mingle
December 16, 2024
Messiah Lutheran Church 10:00 am



What is a **Merry Mingle**?

It's an exhilarating competition where individuals or teams design a holiday dining table for a festive dinner party, complete with place settings, glassware, centerpiece, napkins, and tablecloths.

Picture yourself arranging a table for an important dinner gathering, aiming to make a memorable impression. All members and guests that attend the meeting will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite table design. The entry fee is \$10.00 per table, with a goal of showcasing 10 tables, bringing the total prize to \$100. Once the votes are tallied, the winner will take home the entire pot!



You can register to create a table independently or team up with others for a collaborative effort. Let your imagination run wild and enjoy designing a table that is either elegant or whimsical for everyone to admire.

Each tablescape should accommodate six place settings which highlight this year's theme: *Winter Wonderland*. Start getting your team together and sign-up at the November meeting.



*Winter
Wonderland*



V.P's Corner

Submitted by Gayle Ridgway



Welcome to Fall and Football Season!

Having relocated to Savannah from the Northeast, where NFL teams dominate conversations, I've observed that college teams reign big in the South. Regardless of whether it's NFL or college football, game day parties are the first thing that comes to mind when I think of football.

One of my favorite dishes to make for game day are Seasoned Chicken Wings. I recently received an air fryer as a gift from my brother and was initially doubtful about the need for another kitchen gadget. However, cooking wings in the air fryer results in an ideal blend of crispy skin and tender meat, which I enjoy serving with an array of dipping sauces.

GAYLE'S FAVORITE WING RECIPE "BONE" APPETITE



2 LBS. CHICKEN WINGS (SUGGEST COSTCO BRAND - JUMBO SIZE)

**MIX OF HERB AND SPICE BLENDS - 2 T MONTREAL SPICE BLEND, POULTRY SEASONING
1 SPRIG OF THYME / 1 T DRIED OREGANO / 1 T PARSLEY
HUNGARIAN PAPRIKA, SALT, AND PEPPER TO TASTE**

**WASH WINGS IN A STRAINER, LAY OUT ON CUTTING BOARD AND PAT DRY WITH PAPER TOWEL
PUT WINGS IN A LARGE BOWL AND TOSS WITH DRY SEASONING MIX
PREHEAT AIR FRYER TO 375 DEGREES**

**COOK WINGS IN A SINGLE LAYER FOR 20 MINUTES, SHAKING THE BASKET EVERY 6-8 MINUTES
FOR EXTRA CRISPY WINGS, INCREASE TEMP TO 400 AND COOK AN ADDITIONAL 3-5 MINUTES
I OFTEN PREPARE A FEW BATCHES AT A TIME AND KEEP WARM IN 200 DEGREE OVEN
SERVE WITH YOUR CHOICE OF DIPPING SAUCE ALONG WITH CARROT AND CELERY STICKS**

EXPLORE THESE LINKS FOR SOME OF MY FAVORITE SAUCE RECIPES:

**UGA BBQ DIPPING SAUCE:
[HTTPS://WWW.TASTESOFLIZZYT.COM/BUFFALO-SAUCE-RECIPE/](https://www.tastesoflizzyt.com/buffalo-sauce-recipe/)**

**ALABAMA WHITE BBQ DIPPING SAUCE
[HTTPS://WWW.ASOUTHERNSOUL.COM/ALABAMA-WHITE-BBQ-SAUCE/](https://www.asouthernsoul.com/alabama-white-bbq-sauce/)**

**CAROLINA GOLD BBQ DIPPING SAUCE
[HTTPS://WWW.ASOUTHERNSOUL.COM/CAROLINA-GOLD-BBQ-SAUCE-RECIPE/](https://www.asouthernsoul.com/carolina-gold-bbq-sauce-recipe/)**

**BEST DARN WING SAUCE
[HTTPS://WWW.ASOUTHERNSOUL.COM/AIR-FRYER-CHICKEN-WINGS/](https://www.asouthernsoul.com/air-fryer-chicken-wings/)**



The Landings Garden Club - Community Board

Upcoming Events and Articles of Interest...



Look for Euites to CLUB EVENTS
PLEASE RSVP - YES or NO

The October Wine (Whine) & Weeds was great fun and very informative. I bet you wonder who the special guest were?

COASTAL GEORGIA CAMELLIA SOCIETY
Deep Roots Develop Strong Stems

SOCIETY CALENDAR
Fall Camellia Festival


November 09, 2024, 9:00 AM
Montgomery Presbyterian Church,
10192 Ferguson Ave, Savannah, 31406

Field Trip
Pinpoint Heritage Museum
9924 Pin Point Ave,
Savannah
Date TBD...

Coastal Georgia Camellia Society Christmas Party

December 07, 2024, 11:00 AM
The Camellia Cottage at Hobbes Hill Farms
2345 Rocky Ford Road, Sylvania, Georgia, 30467

A Little Humor...

God initially planned to use wasps to pollinate flowers, but in the end he went with PLAN BEE 

Why shouldn't you tell a secret in the garden?
Because the potatoes have eyes and the corn has ears



"HA
HA"
HA,"

SECOND REQUEST...



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE CHAIR & CO-CHAIR

We are in need of 1 - 2 members to chair the Hospitality Committee.

- The Committee Chair will organize hostesses for all meetings, manage food choices, and supervise set-up and clean-up operations...easy!
- Committee members will support in arranging and tidying up food and beverages during and after Club meetings.

We love our morning coffee, tea, and treats!

Step up and Volunteer Today! Flexible hours! Great Benefits!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Karyn Rohan

The Landings Garden Club					
NOVEMBER 2024 Treasure's Report					
	Beginning Balance	Income YTD	Expenses YTD	Year to Date	
Operations:	\$7,382.09			\$6,412.59	
Ways & Means:	\$8,298.04			\$6,416.66	
				\$890.35	Grants
				\$5,526.31	Balance

The Landings Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes: September 23, 2024

**No General Meeting was held in October, it was a special evening event*

Submitted by Phyllis Aaron, Recording Secretary

The social hour went from 9:15 to 10:00 am

At 10:00 am, President Vicki Menke called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Before reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance, Vicki explained that we will no longer be reciting the Collect. She called Gayle Ridgway up to explain. Gayle said that we are a diverse population and not having the Collect was respectful for all people. Instead, Vicki asked for a quiet moment and said a "Reflection of Thanks" for all that we had at the Landings for all of us. Then there was a moment for the group to do a "thank you" of their own.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Barbara Victor.

Vicki called for a motion for approval of minutes from our last general meeting as published in the Petal Pusher. Lisa Olsen so moved and Gayle R. seconded it.

Treasurer's Report: Karen reported there is \$7200 in the account, a carryover from last year.

Vicki asked each Committee Chair to stand and tell what they do and when they meet:

Serenity Garden- Amanda Dorman and Martha Nesmith

Publicity -Joni Brownstein

Design-Donna Slappey

Assistant for Awards- Barbara Martin

Membership- Susan Mason (She reported we had 6 new members)

Urn Angels/Container Gardens- Pat Barry who has 21 members

Library Planters- Marie Ulrey and Missy Goulard

Bethesda Public Areas- Kathy Collura and Diane Ingram (they meet once/month)

Petal Pusher- Linda Moore (articles due the first of the month and published mid-month)

Pollinator Garden- Dawn Cordo (along with Skidaway Audubon)

Skidaway Farms- Meg Kettlitz (Jayne Rodgers stepping down after 5 years)

Horticulture- Meg Kettlitz

Liaison to the Savannah area Council of Garden Clubs- Nancy Rosenthal

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OLD BUSINESS:

Faye Clark is the new Corresponding Secretary. She will reach out to members who are ill or have family issues we should acknowledge. Please notify her if you know someone she should reach out to.

Petal Pusher- to access recent & past issues, go to the landingsgardenclub.com. Click on "What's News" in the headers, and click on Newsletters. Scroll down to September 2024 and click on it. Please read it. It contains lots of information that may not have been mentioned at the meeting.

It is your newsletter. If you want anything to be included, please contact Linda Moore by the first of the month.

The Yearbook is here! Keep it somewhere safe. It includes the dates of meetings and activities as well as contact information for all members. (Susan Mason reached out to everyone). We suggest you transfer meeting dates to your calendar. Vicki, Gayle, and Susan worked hard to reformat it to make it easier to produce going forward. To save money the Board opted to remove photos and changed printers. To get your yearbook, see Susan Mason.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

We are a working club and each member is required to assist with one committee and one "done in a day" project. If your committee chairs have not contacted you, please ask them or let Vicki Menke know. Committee chairs will notify Vicki when they have reached out to the committee members and haven't heard back. Please reply, even if you can't make it and let your Chair know when you are available. Thanks for your cooperation in this.

Hospitality still needs a Chair! No chair= No coffee or refreshments, just water and paper cups!

Ways and Means - Members are needed to help with Bow sales on Tuesdays and Fridays beginning Tuesday, November 19. Shifts are 9:45 - 1 and 1-4, 2 people per shift. Sales table will be located in the Village by the fountain. All of our charitable funds come from this project, so we need everyone to help out - The Sign-Up sheet is on the table. Also, if you would be willing to help Susan Lilley transport the bows, please get in touch with her. Daffodil Bulb Sales - purchase a bag of 10 bulbs for \$10.00. Details to follow in October newsletter and meeting.

Skidaway Farms- A tarp was placed on the area to heat the soil to kill pathogens in the soil. The temperature of the soil got up to 95 degrees (they were hoping for 100 degrees). The tarp has been removed and they hope the soil will cool down soon so they can plant their fall crops.

Membership- Don't forget to sign in for the Perfect Attendance Award given at the end of the year.

We have 109 members to date. We had a booth at the Landlovers Reception and 17 people showed an interest in joining. Today we have 6 visitors. (Susan introduced them.) Name tags are \$8.50, if you would like to order one, please let Susan Mason know.

Liaison to Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs - Nancy Rosenthal announced there is a plant sale on October 5, at the Savannah Botanical Gardens from 9-2. They welcome any pots & plants you might like to donate for sale at this event. The gardens are also looking for volunteers to help out on Friday and Saturday mornings.

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NEW BUSINESS

Wine and Weeds will be held on Wednesday, September 25th, at 6pm at Delegal's screened porch. Bring your favorite beverage and an appetizer/dish to share. We will be dishing the DIRT on how to have a successful garden.

First field trip of year will be on September 28, 10 am at Sparrow Field which is off Bartram Road across from the second Pettigrew Road. Golf carts are encouraged as there is limited parking. More information is in the Yearbook on page 10. Learn more about the two beehives now on the property.

The Oleander District Meeting will be on October 16th at the Palmetto Club from 10:00 - 2:00. The speaker is Johnathan Barrett . The deadline for reservations is the first of October You can find the form in the September Petal Pusher. Diane Ingram spoke as did Lisa Hall. Get on your golf cart and come join us for a fun afternoon!

The October General Meeting will be held Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm. It will be an evening event with husbands, spouses, significant others and friends invited. Dr. Maxine Bryant, Director of the Center of Africana Studies and the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Center at Georgia Southern University, will be speaking. Check October's Petal Pusher for information on a field trip to Pinpoint Heritage Center.

Hort Short- Meg shared with us a book by Leslie Edwards on the 6 eco regions in Georgia. We live in the coastal plain/maritime region which runs from Savannah down to St. Mary's and 60 miles inland.

We sang Happy Birthday to Pat Barry's sister, June.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Program info & introduction- Barbara Victor

Barbara Victor introduced our speaker, Angela Holliman, Master Gardener who spoke about gardening with native plants.

Thank you to speaker, members, and guests.

Raffle draw- Stan picked the raffle ticket and Jean Deitch won the beautiful wreath.

Meeting Adjournment at 11:46 am



The Landings Garden Club Mission

- To function as an educational organization interested in all phases of gardening and related subjects.
- To aid in the protection of forests, marshes, native plants, wildflowers and birds.
- To maintain membership in and coordinate club interests with those of The National Garden Clubs, Inc., The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and the Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.



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

