

FEBRUARY 2024

Petal Pusher

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2024
Messiah Lutheran Church
9:00 am Board Meeting
9:15 - 10:00 Meet & Greet
10:00 - 10:30 General Meeting
10:45 Program - Herb Creek
Nursery & Garden Center

Savannah Bee Company

Monday, March 25, 2024
General Meeting - Messiah
Lutheran Church

"Bloomin' in the Heart of Georgia"

Tuesday, April 16 - 17
Garden Club of Georgia - 96th
Annual Convention
Crown Plaza Hotel & Conference
Center
Peachtree City, Georgia

Caring for Houseplants

Monday, April 22, 2024
General Meeting - Messiah
Lutheran Church



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Gardeners and Welcome to February!

I feel privileged I'm able to send a small message each month to all of our members. Usually I ponder over a topic for a few days but this being February, what else could I talk about but Celebrating Love! Once you have taken care of those special family members and friends you would like to share the love with, it's time to start planning how you will profess your love to your garden.

I lived in England for much of my childhood and for a few years as an adult. In England a garden is everything in your "yard", so that is what I often refer to when I use the word Garden. I think many of us in the US think of a specific type of garden when they hear the word garden - vegetable garden, flower garden, herb garden. I want us all to celebrate our own Gardens here on Skidaway Island.

This is a great time to get to know your Garden and show each living thing LOVE. Go out each morning and observe what is working and what is not. Look for any pest or disease problems. These are much easier to cure if found early. Are things planted in the best location to get the right amount of sun and water? Listen to the birds, enjoy the sunshine, breathe deeply and relax into the day.

Our program this month is designed to help you set up your garden for success. Gayle Ridgway has arranged for Joe Roberts of Herb Creek Nursery to help us plan and understand how to start a garden. Remember, most of the yard maintenance companies we use here at The Landings are just that - cut and blow.

Joe has a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture and was the horticulturalist for the city of Tulsa, OK for 25 years. He was also a college professor of Horticulture, and LOVES PLANTS. Come prepared with all your questions for Joe, I know I will have a few. Oh, and don't forget to prune your roses after Valentine's Day.

I'm off to profess my love to my emerging Sweet Peas...
Keep Gardening,

Vicki



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Horticulture

Submitted by Sue Hamlet

USING COLOR TO PLAN YOUR GARDEN

Color is an important element of garden design. After the basic structure of the garden is chosen, color can be used to add interest and evoke emotion. Warm colors (red, orange, and yellow) give a feeling of warmth and excitement. Warm colors can make an object appear larger and closer to you, making your space appear smaller.



Cool colors (green and blue) are calming and make objects look smaller which will make the garden appear larger. For example, purple looks cool next to a warm color and looks warm next to a cool color.



White is used for contrast and to separate conflicting colors. It glows in the garden at dusk and night time. White is also considered a neutral color to use in a garden. Neutral colors like white, black, green, and silver can help to separate colors that may clash, or tone down bright colors.



The way colors are combined can have a big impact on how individual colors appear as well as the overall feeling of a garden. Several common combinations called color schemes are helpful in selecting flowers, foliage, and garden accessories such as furniture, pillows, walls or umbrellas. Sometimes you'll have a color that can't easily be changed like the color of your house or patio furniture. In this situation it works well to incorporate that color into your scheme for the garden.



Most often selecting colors for your garden is as easy as choosing ones you love and then add one or two coordinating colors. To better visualize how a color scheme will look, refer to a color wheel (which can easily be purchased on Amazon). The color wheel starts with a "pure" color on the outer band and then shows its' corresponding shades (darker colors) and tints (lighter colors) as well as complimentary colors. Utilizing this information, you are now ready to select plants that work well within selected color schemes.



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Listed below are some basic color schemes that work well in planning a garden:

Monochromatic: utilize a single color, such as purple, as the base plant. Flowers and foliage in tints (lighter colors) and shades (darker colors) of purple make this a lovely color palate. You can add interest by incorporating different shapes and textures of plants within the color scheme.

Analogous: this scheme utilizes colors that are next to each other on the color wheel such as violet with red or yellow with orange.

Complementary: these are colors that appear opposite one another on the color wheel. Complementary colors look better together than they do by themselves. Examples include blue and orange; yellow and purple; or red and green. There is more contrast and excitement with a complementary color scheme.

Triad: the triad scheme utilizes three colors that form a triangle on the color wheel. This combination creates high contrast between the color groups.

Split Complementary: this theme consists of three colors, one focus color and two complimentary contrasting colors. A good example of this is primary color of yellow and complimentary violets such as red violet and blue violet.

These photographs are examples of the different color schemes that work well in garden design:

Monochromatic



Analogous



Complementary



Triad



Split Complementary



Utilizing a color wheel and color theory to design a garden can seem intimidating, but I encourage you to play with different colors, schemes, and textures. You are certain to find some interesting color combinations as there are unlimited options. The most important thing to remember is that the "right" colors for your garden, are the ones you love!



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.

Membership News

Submitted by Susan Mason

Congratulations...we did it! All membership forms and checks were turned in before the due date. I am so proud of our club for getting these completed in a timely manner. Our current membership now stands at 103 active members. During the renewal process I discovered several people had moved or were unable to renew. We will miss them and wish them future gardening success. Thank you to all of our great members, I look forward to this new year!

Welcome New Members!



Beth Powers

The Landings is a wonderful place to live! So much so that my husband and I have moved here three times. Eighteen years ago we retired and moved from Rochester, NY. Shortly thereafter, our two boys followed us to Savannah.



My husband flunked retirement and took a job as the General Manager at the West Marine flagship store in Jacksonville, FL. We lived in Ponte Vedra Beach for a couple of years before he retired for good and we moved back to The Landings.

After a few years, we decided to try lake living and moved to Lake Murray in SC. When our grandchildren started arriving on the scene we decided it was time to move back to The Landings for good. Golf isn't our thing but being avid boaters we were drawn to the marinas and great opportunities for coastal cruising and fishing.

Six months of the year you will find me rescuing diamondback terrapins for Skidaway Audubon. I am also the director for Audubon's Nature Notices program which includes planting and maintaining various pollinator gardens throughout The Landings with the Garden Gnomes group.



Sally Wheeler

I spent my life in the metro Atlanta area where I taught literature at Georgia State University. I moved to The Landings two years ago to be near family. I don't know how to garden here in the Coastal South so I am looking forward to learning from you lovely ladies!



Catherine Blatt

My husband and I moved here a little over a year ago from Sausalito CA. We raised two boys who now live in Tennessee and New York City. We stumbled upon Skidaway Island four years ago and fell in love with it. The flora and fauna are different than Sausalito but no less beautiful. At times I miss the beautiful mountains and rugged California coast, but the beauty of this peaceful island, its' birds and people are wonderful. I'm excited to learn more about this area and how to garden with native plants.



Garden Gnomes

Submitted by Beth Powers

Audubon Garden Gnomes Pollinator Gardens Project

The Audubon Garden Gnomes are making “easier-to volunteer” changes to the pollinator gardens project. With our new Adopt-A-Garden plan volunteers can tend to a garden of their choice at a time that fits their schedule. Most of our gardens are in out-of-play areas along the golf courses with a few in more public areas by a clubhouse. The objective is to increase habitat for pollinators while adding beauty to otherwise empty spaces. Special focus is on including plants that attract monarch butterflies whose numbers have been in dramatic decline over the past several years.

We maintain ten gardens throughout The Landings Club property. Currently five of these need adoption: Terrapin Point #1 and #6; Oakridge Pro Shop, Marshwood Clubhouse and Palmetto #9. All of these gardens are well established with the exception of Palmetto #9 which will be planted this spring. Each spring we conduct a spruce-up to add more plants and weed old foliage. Going forward the gardens require attention on a weekly basis.

Why not start a new Gnome Group with a few of your friends for a fun weekly social time or split the month up with other volunteers? Audubon covers the expense of all plants and needed materials. Let’s all work together to beautify our island home while helping the pollinators in the process.

If interested, visit: www.Skidaway Audubon.org. Scroll down to “Volunteer” and select a garden you would like to adopt.

Any questions, please contact: Beth Powers: efpowers2010@gmail.com



Skidaway Farms

Submitted by Meg Kettlitz



Skidaway Farm Project for the Hungry

Final! One hundred and twenty days after being planted we were able to harvest 10 lbs of Brussel Sprouts. We also harvested another 2.5 lbs of Red Leaf Lettuce. Jayne Rogers and I would like to thank Missy, Mary, and John for their help.

We still have some kale, romaine lettuce, and radishes growing. We expect to have all of this harvested by the end of February. Soon after that we plan on solarizing the soil. We will provide more detail on this in future articles.

We thank all of our volunteers for their support and we welcome all that would like to join us! If you are interested in helping with the garden at Skidaway Farms, please contact Meg Kettlitz or Jayne Rogers.



Georgia First Lady Camellia Dedication Ceremony



Submitted by Meg Kettlitz

January 20, 2024 was a frigid day in Savannah with temperatures hovering around 35 degrees Fahrenheit. Despite the cold, there was warmth in everyone's heart as the latest addition to the historic Bonaventure Cemetery was dedicated.

This project was led by The Coastal Master Gardener Association in collaboration with The Bonaventure Historical Society, The Coastal Georgia Camellia Society and the City of Savannah. Liz Pascual, the MGEV Project Lead, worked on securing donations from some of the local garden clubs, The Coastal Camellia Society and The Coastal Master Gardener Association.

The ten unique camellias were created at Loch Laurel Nursery near Valdosta, GA, by Mark Crawford. These camellias are meant to show appreciation for our most recent Georgia First Ladies. The camellias were planted at the entrance to Bonaventure in October 2022 by the Master Gardeners. I planted the Elizabeth Harris one. None of the camellias were blooming during the planting. In February 2023, I attended The Coastal Camellia Society's tour of the camellias at Bonaventure and was pleasantly surprised at the number of blossoms on the Elizabeth Harris camellia I had planted. In fact, all ten of the Georgia First Lady Camellias were showing off their colorful full blooms.

At the dedication ceremony we found out which camellias had been sponsored by which group. The Landings Garden Club's camellia is dedicated to Mary Perdue, the wife of Sonny Perdue who served as Governor from 2003 - 2011. Her initiatives as First Lady center around the well-being of Georgia's children. The other camellia sponsors are:

Virginia Maddox - Wilmington Island Garden Club

Shirley Miller - Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent

Betty Sanders - Camellia Society

Sandra Deal - Southbridge Garden Club

Elizabeth Harris - Coastal Master Gardener Association

Marty Kemp - Windsor Forest Garden Club

Roasalyn Carter - Garden Club of Savannah

Marie Barnes - Coastal Master Gardener Association

Mary Beth Talbot Busbee - Coastal Master Gardener Association



There are only a few locations around Georgia with these special camellias. I recommend visiting these venues and checking out what each First Lady's initiatives are.



Serenity Garden

Submitted by Martha Nesmith and Amanda Dorman

Our Serenity Garden volunteers have been hard at work keeping the garden healthy during the cold winter season. In January we did a good bit of cleaning up and had to remove or trim several plantings that were damaged by the extremely cold weather. We hope to begin planting a few things as we get close to spring.



We recently installed three small trellises in the existing planters for the English ivy to grow. We are happy to report that the hospital has re-engaged a service firm to maintain the waterfall pump and pond where the fish live. The recently installed waterfall pump is working beautifully and adds a nice touch to the serenity of this location.



Should you wish to volunteer on one of our monthly trips to the Garden (usually the 15th of the month), please reach out to Martha Nesmith: mcnesmith1@gmail.com.

Thanks to the Serenity Sister's care & dedication, their work at the Garden has it Looking Great!

We appreciate all that the Sisters do to make this such a **serene** place to contemplate and refresh. If you have not done so, please take time to visit this exquisite paradise, created for those who need a quiet venue to reflect. Located at the Anderson Cancer Institute on the Memorial Hospital Campus, the garden is easily accessible and open to all that wish to visit.

Community Service - Collections

Submitted by Georgia Klautzer

Last month at our general meeting we discussed needed donations for Georgia Regional Hospital of Savannah (GRHS). Georgia Regional provides care to mentally ill adults as well as individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Southeast Georgia. At the top of their request list are canisters of unsweetened Hot Cocoa Mix and personal toiletries for their patients.



Thanks to the generous donations from our club, we were able to purchase four large boxes of Nestle Hot Cocoa Mix totaling 120 single serve packets. It goes without saying they will enjoy sipping on hot chocolate for several weeks. We also took a shopping bag full of toiletries to be distributed throughout the hospital. For next month, GRHS has requested donations of decaffeinated coffee. Please bring a jar of decaf to the February meeting or if you prefer, we will collect monetay donations and our committee will purchase the coffee and distribute accordingly.



Lastly, our monthly aluminum can tab donation totaled 2 pounds five ounces. This collection helps to fund the monthly expenses of the Ronald McDonald House.



Your Community Service Committee greatly appreciates your cooperation and generous donations to make all of this happen. Thank-You!

The Landings Garden Club - Community Board

Upcoming Events of Interest...



VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

Reminder to all members...We will VOTE at the February Meeting for the following Proposed Bylaw Changes:

ARTICLE 111 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ACTIVE

All active members will choose 1 committee to serve on. All active members are committee members of DONE IN A DAY and will respond to calls for assistance from the President, Vice President or BOD to serve as needed. All active members will be required to respond and participate in at least one DONE IN A DAY project.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Section 2. Annual dues for an Active member shall be \$40.00 and shall be due every calendar year by January 31. Our club year shall run from January 31 of the present year to January 31 of the following year. There will be NO discounts given. All dues are payable at the time of application.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Section 3. Election of officers shall take place at the April meeting. The term of office for the President and Vice President shall be two years and begin after the installation of officers at the May meeting.

Announcing....



Garden Club of Georgia's 96th Annual Convention

"Bloomin' in the Heart of Georgia"

April 16-17, 2024

**Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center
Peachtree City, Georgia**

The Redbud District cordially invites you to Peachtree City to celebrate gardening in Georgia. Music will be provided by the "Y'All Come Band" along with speakers on a variety of topics. Vendors will be on-hand for some fun shopping experiences and don't forget photo gatherings, buffet dinners and cash bar.

This year, following the convention for the first time will be a free Post Convention Seminar entitled "Designers' Challenge". One club member from each of the seven districts will be tasked with creating a floral design using the same materials within a specified time frame. Sure to be a FUN TIME for all!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Karyn Rohan

The Landings Garden Club, Treasurer's Report February 2024					
	Beginning Balance	Income YTD	Expenses YTD	Year to Date	
Operations:	\$8,001.48	\$13,750.00	\$4,687.49	\$9,063.00	
Ways & Means	\$5,622.53	\$15,694.90	\$2,368.77	\$13,326.13	
				\$1,313.06	Grants
				\$12,013.07	

The Landings Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2024

Submitted by Connie Gescheidt, Recording Secretary

Called to order at 10:15 am by Vicki Menke, President

Pledge of Allegiance and Collect

The January Issue of the Petal Pusher has been published and is available on TLGC website: <https://thelandingsgardenclub.com>. This month's issue has several articles of interest including Celebrate Beautiful Camillas, Skidaway Farm Project for the Hungry, the latest news on the Yellow-Legged Hornet (Vespa Velutina). The newsletter also shares information on dues, and upcoming gardening events such as Whine & Weeds (1/25/2024), on February 17 (Saturday) Coastal Wildscapes presents their Annual Symposium Coastal Native Plants and Their Uses, February 24 (Saturday) 1st Annual Savannah Camellia Festival. For more information checkout their website: www.savannahcamelliafestival.com.

December 11- Meeting minutes approved (minutes appear in the monthly newsletter for membership review).

-Birds and Conservation - all about birds this month, Hort short on Birds presented by Pam Patterson <https://thelandingsgardenclub.com/>

Community Service

-Community Service Collection - Georgia Klautzer shared the status and needs of the committee. Items collected are for Ronald McDonald House - Pull Tabs Program & Georgia Regional Hospital - Personal care items (travel or full size) shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues and Unsweetened Hot Cocoa Mix Canisters. There is a low response rate from membership for donations. As a result committee is recommending that we request monetary contributions and purchase Unsweetened Cocoa Mix Canisters for donation.

Ways & Means- Bow Sales & Manufacturing - this is our ONLY fundraising activity. The budgeted annual targeted funds were \$8,000. Actual funds raised were \$8,500 prior to costs for bow making materials. As a club we need to consider additional revenue streams. Members should make their suggestions to Club President, Vicki Menke.

-Ways & Means - Thanks to Joni and Susan for the incredible job they did selling Bows!

-Publicity was the best ever! Bows are stored - thanks Faye Clark.

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-Programs - 60 plus RSVP's! Barbara is killing it every month with these awesome programs and the good news, she has offered to be Program Committee Chair for next year. THANK YOU!

-Membership -If you have not renewed your membership and paid your dues, please do so by January 31. Susan Mason, Membership Chair reported that 8 guests were in attendance at the January meeting. Dues paid by our first male member - John Johnson. Members were reminded to sign for their Pink Yearbook if they have not yet received one. Members were also reminded to complete a renewal application and sign the Consent to Photograph form.

-Programs- There was huge response to this month's speaker. Out of 117 invites, 63 yes / 24 no, and 30 who did not respond. Love this and thank you Barbara Victor for these incredible programs! Our Special Event on the Dave Scott Blue Bird Trail was excellent and well attended.

New Business

Proposed Bylaw changes will be voted on at the February 26 General Meeting.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

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Section 3

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Garden Club of Georgia President, Lisa Hall presented a brief overview of the Garden Club of Georgia. There are 300 clubs with 900 members in the State of Georgia. There are 107 board members from across the state. Members of the Garden Club of Georgia are also members of The National Garden Club. Activities of the State club include offering grants to clubs for special projects and soon to be offered online gardening classes. To learn more about the state garden club go to:

<https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org>

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Program: Barbara Victor introduced the topic and speaker: Skidaway's Feathered Friends featuring, Diana Churchill of Wild Birds Unlimited.

Recorded by:

Connie Gescheidt, Recording Secretary

