

OCTOBER 2023

Petal Pusher

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2023

Messiah Lutheran Church

9:00 am Board Meeting

9:15 - 10:00 Meet & Greet

10:00 - 10:30 General Meeting

10:30 - Noon Heritage Luncheon

Honoring Past Presidents

Horticulture - Special Event

Tour Vicki Menke's Garden

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Vicki Menke - 2 Planters Lane

9:00 am

Plant Sale

October 28 and 29

Georgia Southern University

Armstrong Campus

11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah

Saturday, Oct 28th 9am - 2 pm

Sunday, Oct 29th 12 pm - 4 pm

Special Evening Event

Monday, November 13, 2023

Skidaway Community Church

50 Diamond Causeway

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cooking Demonstration w/ Chef Blaine

Holiday Bazaar at the

Farmhouse

Saturday, November 18

Savannah Botanical Garden

1388 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah

9:00 am - 3:00 pm



The
Landings
Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

President's Message

It's Fall y'all!

It might not be the fall you grew up with but changes are coming. October brings some of the most beautiful days. The terrible heat of summer is behind us with mild, pleasant days to spend outside. Days are beginning to shorten, and on some mornings I detect a slightly cool breeze coming from a somewhat northerly direction.

In the coastal South, we are not putting our gardens to bed for a long winters nap, but are preparing for the real start of our gardening year. This is a great time to plant shrubs and perennials. Fall planting gives them time to establish a good root system so they are better able to endure the stress of summer. I am finishing preparation of my beds for fall and have started planting cool season vegetables. I particularly enjoy all the different colored greens one can grow for yummy salads!

Annuals to plant now for winter and early spring color include sweet alyssum, calendula, California poppy, delphinium, dianthus, nasturtium, snapdragon, stock viola, candy tuft, and pansies. I start planting by direct seeding my beds and fill in additional plants at a later date. For the most part, deer do not enjoy these plants and stay away. However, pansies and violas tend to languish if the weather is still warm and deer do like these so make sure to plant these out of their reach.

I hope these cooler days will entice you out of air conditioned spaces and into all the beauty that surrounds us. If you are lucky enough to take a trip to the North Georgia mountains you will be met with a symphony of color as the trees are beginning to change. Fall craft shows and county fairs are popping up and the hunters are getting restless. Fall is in the air!

Happy gardening!

Vicki

Go Green-Plant America



News from The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Submitted by Lisa Hall



I know many of you reading this are new to The Landings Garden Club. I thought it might be beneficial for you to know our club is part of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) of which there are 300 clubs statewide, that encompass 9,000+ members.

We are also part of the Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. (DSGC). The six-member states that comprise the DSGC are Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The Deep South Region is dedicated to advancing the National Garden Club, Inc.'s objectives and coordinating the interests and projects of the six states in the region. As a total group combined, we are part of one of the largest volunteer organizations in the nation, National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC).



One of my goals as president of the Garden Club of Georgia is to provide more educational opportunities for our members. The NGC sanctions schools that focus on the following topics: basic gardening, environmental studies, landscape design and flower shows. There are 4 courses within each school. In Georgia, we held our first Basic Gardening school last month which took place in Athens. Course II of Basic Gardening is scheduled for November 2-3, via Zoom.

Due to strong support for this program, we are working on dates for additional schools. All courses are taught by extension agents, agronomists and other experts in the various fields. Information for classes and schedules can be found on the Garden Club of Georgia website: www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org. For greater detail about the schools and where you can attend other classes check out the NGC website: www.gardenclub.org.

See below for a brief outline of each school focus:

NGC Gardening School: become a better horticulturists through this series on basic gardening. You'll learn how to grow a better tree, plant for pollinators and the secrets of integrated pest control, among other tips.

NGC Environmental School: this course covers many aspects of environmental science including water conservation, air pollution, land conservation, and endangered species.

NGC Landscape Design School: learn how to complete a landscape plan along with current trends in incorporating native plants, de-emphasizing lawns and landscape for wildlife.

NGC Flower Show School: this all encompassing school teaches everything you need to know about entering, competing, judging, and chairing a NGC flower show.

I hope you will consider attending one or more of these schools!

Lisa Hall
GCG President 2023-2025 and Landings Garden Club member



Horticulture Special Event: Vicki Menke's Garden Tour



Visit Vicki's Incredible Garden - So Full of Many Surprises!

October 25, 2023 9:00 am

2 Planters Lane

Savannah, GA 31411





Please join us...

The Landings Garden Club
Beautification, Education, Conservation

Fall Heritage Luncheon



October 23, 2023 9am – noon

Messiah Lutheran Church – 1 W Ridge Road

**Featured Program: The First Ladies
of The Landings Garden Club,
Honoring our past Presidents**

Do you know the history of our club? How, where, and when did it start? Where was the first meeting held? What are some of the challenges our Past Presidents have faced? Do you know what their favorite event was or their favorite flower?

Many of our past Presidents will be in attendance to answer all these questions and share so much more! Come join us for a fun and informative meeting filled with laughter and fellowship.

**POTLUCK LUNCH - PLEASE BRING AN
APPETIZER, SALAD, OR DESSERT TO SHARE**





SAVE THE DATE



November 13, 2023

The Landings Garden Club

Evening Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Skidaway Community Church - 50 Diamond Causeway

Featuring: Chef Kirk Blaine

Cooking with Edible Flowers & Fresh Herbs



This is a special meeting event. Please bring your spouse, invite friends, young couples and all that call Skidaway Island home.



There are lots of edible flower and herbs that are easy to grow here on Skidaway. Come join us as Chef Kirk demonstrates how to cook with them in our own homes. Chef Kirk and his food are sure to delight everyone who attends.

Watch your e-mail for an upcoming E-vite
Space is limited & must RSVP to attend

Welcome New Members!

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

Marianne Claysmith
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marykmahoney@gmail.com

Martha Nesmith
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Savannah, GA 31411
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Beth M. Weathers
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770-335-8337
beth@dubya.me



Membership Committee Needs

If you would like to help with the Membership Committee, Susan Mason would certainly appreciate it! All that is required...welcome ladies with a friendly smile and ensure they sign-in. If a member has not yet picked up their 2023-2024 yearbook, make sure they sign for it before they receive it. If you are interested in helping with membership please see Susan Mason.

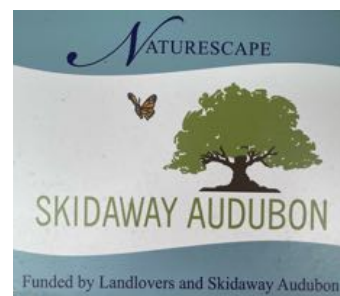
Landings Garden Club Name Tags

If you need a Landings Garden Club name tag, there will be forms available at the Membership check-in table on October 23. Cost per tag is **\$8.50** - pay by check or cash.

Audubon Nature Notices / Garden Gnome Update

Submitted by Meg Kettlitz

Nature Notices was created in 2020 by Carolyn McInerey, who was also the founder of Audubon's Terrapin Rescue program. Nature Notices was inspired by Doug Tallamy. If you were fortunate to go on the tour of Kathy Jacob's garden this past September, she utilizes many of his ideas in her landscape design process.



The Garden Gnomes are the working group for Nature Notices. We maintain 15 pollinator gardens around the island. These gardens are pesticide and herbicide free zones as they are intended to help all pollinators. While we are working we are often visited by hummingbirds, butterflies, dragonflies, and bees. These insects and birds all seem to smile at us as we are working to create a healthy pollinator garden for them.

In general, our plants are 'deer resistant' and can be planted in your own gardens to help pollinators. We hope to highlight, when managed properly, pollinator gardens and golf courses can cohabitate.

We will be planting at Marshwood Clubhouse on 10/20; Palmetto Hole #2 on 10/23; and Sunset Park on 10/30. We will take a break for the winter and recommence in March 2024. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please let me know. We always welcome any helping hands that would like to join us. For more information contact Meg Kettlitz: mhkgardener@gmail.com

If you choose to help out, your time will be recognized by The Landings Garden Club. You do not need to be an official member of this committee to help out.



Bee Wise...please comply



Although Skidaway Island Gardeners are wild for honey bees, you are not permitted to have a honey bee hive on residential property at The Landings. The good news is that there are 2 hives at Skidaway Farm which help with pollination of our gardens.



Skidaway Farms

Submitted by Meg Kettlitz



We had a wonderful turnout to plant cool season vegetables at our community plot on September 26. **Thank you to our volunteers!**



Skidaway Farms is a great project to help with hunger in our community. It is a small thing but fresh, organic vegetables are so special and sharing them with the less fortunate is a mighty effort. Those who want to learn about growing vegetables in coastal Skidaway Island might find this work especially enlightening.



After 3 years of leadership, Jayne Rogers has announced, at the end of this year, she will step down from Chairing the Farm Project. If anyone would like to take on the responsibility for this worthwhile project, please contact: Jayne Rogers: jmrogers341@gmail.com

Have you ever thought about becoming a Master Gardener? Now is the time!

Chatham County
Master Gardener Training Course
Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm
January 24th - May 15th, 2024

Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens
2 Canebroke Road Savannah, GA 32419

Join our network of volunteer educators!
Apply by November 1, 2023

For more information: www.extension.uga.edu/ChathamMGEV
Phone: 912-652-7981





Let Us Know Your Thoughts?

Monday, December 11, 2023

Holiday Table Arrangements

Meeting Theme... "PRODUCE" interesting table decor for a holiday feast or quiet dinner for two utilizing fruits and vegetables.

We need YOUR INPUT...

1) Would you like to make your own arrangement at the workshop? (this option will require bringing supplies as well as \$ fee (tbd) for floral decor)

OR

2) Would you prefer to enjoy watching a holiday floral demonstration in-process w/ raffles for arrangements?



THE LANDINGS GARDEN CLUB - COMMUNITY BOARD

We want to hear from our members...

Are there local events we might be interested in attending?

Do you have a gardening question?

How about questions regarding landscape design?

Do you have a recipe with fresh vegetables, fruits, or herbs you might like to share?

What are the best flowers to use for seasonal arrangements?

Anything else you might want to chat about? Together, within our club, we have a vast knowledge of information to share with each other - let's use it!



This weekend, check out the Earth-Conscious Expo



For more horticulture information, you can find the following on YouTube OR look for these blogs:

*HortTube with Jim Putman

*Garden Answer

FYI...We all need a little advice every once in a while...

Don't forget to drink water and get some sun... "HA HA HA"

You're basically a houseplant with emotions!



Heidi Lieberman's e-mail address was printed incorrectly in the Year Book.

Please update her contact information accordingly: hlieberman5@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Karyn Rohan

Ways & Means: \$6,264.09

Operations: \$5,360.87

The Landings Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2023

Submitted by Connie Gescheidt

General Membership Meeting

Called to Order at 10:00 AM by President Vicki Menke.

Pledge of Allegiance and Garden Club Collect recited by the members in attendance.

Introduction of Club Officers & Standing Committee Chairpersons (Board Members)

Using the Club 2023-2024 Yearbook as a guide to planned activities Vicki stressed how valuable the yearbook is to our members as a resource. This year members will need to sign for their copy of the Yearbook. Below is a summary of our meeting calendar October '23 - May '24 for members who have not yet received a Yearbook.

General Meeting Dates announced by Vicki as follow:

Monday, 9/18/2023 (Note: meeting changed from 4th Monday due to Yom Kippur to 3rd Monday)

Program & Speaker: Preserving History Through Heritage Seeds presented by Sarah Ross

Monday, 10/23/2023 Program: Heritage Luncheon The First Ladies of The Landings Garden Club - honoring our past presidents. Luncheon will be a Pot Luck Menu. Look for the October Petal Pusher for details.

Monday, 11/13/2023 Evening Meeting, Program & Dinner (Note: meeting changed from the 4th Monday to 2nd Monday due to Thanksgiving) Program & Speaker: Cooking with Edible Flowers and Fresh Herbs by Chef Kirk Blaine

Monday, 12/11/2023 Program & Speaker: Make & Take Workshop Market to Magical gorgeous Holiday Arrangements hosted by Pat Barry

Monday, 1/22/2024 Program & Speaker: Skidaway's Feathered Friends by Diana Churchill of Wild Birds Unlimited

Monday, 2/26/2024 Program & Speaker: Let's Talk about Terrariums by Amy Brooks

Monday, 3/25/2024 Program & Speaker: Savannah Bee Company -Everything to know about Bees & Beekeeping

Monday, 4/22/2024 Program & Speaker: Caring for Houseplants by Allen Broadham - President of Fancy Plants

Monday, 5/6/2024 Program: Installation of New Officers & Spring Potluck Luncheon

Standing Committees - President Update:

Awards- Vicki and Elise Snight attended the 2023 Garden Club of Georgia Awards Luncheon, learned a lot. (No Chair presently)

Birds and Conservation - No Chair presently

Civic Beautification (Subcommittees)

Bethesda- Meets the first Monday of the Month. Chair Kathy Collura

Container Gardens- Urns planted, replanted and maintained by Urn Angels. Volunteers Needed. Chair Pat Barry

Garden Gnomes - Worked thru the summer (took Aug off) meet on Mondays. Chair Meg Kettlitz

Sparrow Field - Busy summer! The new Kiosk is up and painted the old one, pictorial signage has now been added. Meet on Friday mornings. Chair Dawn Cordo

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Holiday Decorations- Will report when closer to the holidays. Chair Sue Hamlet
Village Library- Urns planted and maintained by committee members. Reported that water is now working outside the library. Chair Missy Goulard & Mary Ulrey
Community Service- Georgia Klautzer will meet with committee when she returns in October
Done In A Day-St. Joseph Senior Center planters installed. Met with Skidaway Farm on 9/26/2023 to discuss Fall planting. Chair Vicki Menke
Skidaway Farm- Plots have been straightened for the summer. Met with Done In A Day committee to discuss Fall planting on 9/26/2023. Chair needed
Serenity Gardens- Assigned committee members (sisters) met and maintained the garden located at HCA Memorial Hospital area viewed by the Cancer Outpatient Infusion Center. Chair needed. If interested speak with Vicki Menke
Design- Floral design get together was cancelled, schedules sent out to committee members with program topics. Chairs Anne Gardner and Donna Slappey
Horticulture- Met, assigned Hort shorts and Petal Pusher articles. Chair Kathy Dole
Hospitality- Busy, purchased new coffee, contacted bakers, ready for the first General Membership meeting today. Chairs Barbara Martin and Meg Schreck
Membership- new member chairing the committee (Susan Mason), met with Sally Dumphy. Will meet with committee this month. Chair Susan Mason
Newsletter- Summer and September issues published (Linda Moore) All articles for the Petal Pusher are due on the 1st of each month. Chair Linda Moore
Programs- Barbara Victor secured a wonderful and diverse group of programs and presenters for 2023-2024. Chair Barbara Victor
Ways and Means- Bows completed. Selling sign-ups are in the Petal Pusher. Need volunteers to sell bows including setting up and breaking down the booth. Chairs - Joanne Brownstein & Susan Lilley.
Yearbook- Finished, printed and ready for delivery to members. This year members must sign for a copy of the Yearbook. Chair - Elise Snight
Raffle: Each meeting a floral arrangement is created by a member for the Design Committee and raffled at the meeting. For the September Meeting the arrangement was created by Dottie Kirkland and won by Meg Kettlitz.

Guests in Attendance: Martha Nesmith (Richmond), Mary Mahoney (Orlando) & Beth Wirth (Alpharetta)

Wine (Whine) and Weeds: Started during the summer months as a way for members to get to know each other and share gardening topics. The programs were well received and we will keep them coming throughout the year. Invites will be posted through EVITE.

Club Fundraiser – Just Bows. The funds raised go toward various community projects and scholarships. Bow sales will debut at the LandLovers Grand Opening. On October 28, Bows will be for sale at the Library Book Sale from 10 AM – 2 PM in the Village Square.

Oleander District Annual Meeting & Luncheon will be held October 12, in Jesup, GA the cost is \$40.00 per person. Please contact Vicki Menke if you are interested in attending.
Isle of Hope October 14 will offer Garden Tours and Lectures.

Legislative Action: Please be aware of Bill HB71 (GA) regarding the Okefenokee Swamp and the threat of titanium mining.

The meeting adjourned at 1045 AM.

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Connie Gescheidt, Recording Secretary.

