

SEPTEMBER 2023

Petal Pusher

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023

Messiah Lutheran Church

9:00 am Board Meeting

9:15 - 10:00 Meet & Greet

10:00 General Meeting

10:45 Program - Sarah Ross, Social Roots

Horticulture - Calling

All Volunteers

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

The Skidaway Farms

9:00 am Cool Season Planting



The
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Garden
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

President's Message

Happy September,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation. Remember when you were young and could not wait for school to start and see all of your friends again? That is how I feel right now. I cannot wait to see each of you. I even bought some new school – oops, I mean garden club clothes. The upcoming year awaits and I hope you will join us as we continue to learn and grow as garden enthusiasts.

We have been working this summer to have a few fun events and lots of interesting programs. I'm excited to share all of this with you at our general meeting on September 18, where we will go over our new Yearbook and great programs on the horizon. Following our general meeting, Sarah Ross is our guest speaker and will enlighten us about preserving history through heirloom seeds.

We are still in need of a few Committee Chairs as well as someone to help with our website. I have faith that the right person is out there just waiting. Could that be You?

I love to listen to garden blogs on U-Tube and thought I would share a few you might not have visited. One is from England and the other a little crazy, Irish guy. Hope you enjoy them.

The Midsized Garden

John Lord's Secret Garden

I look forward to seeing everyone soon and keep gardening!

Vicki

Go Green-Plant America



September 18, General Meeting

Social Roots - Preserving History Through Heritage Seeds



Social Roots distributes heirloom seeds that revive and reinforce our relationship with nature through foodways and farming. Their efforts to reconnect our Southern heritage foodways with heirloom vegetables and local farming landscape produce vegetables that are as healthy for the planet as they are for your table. They continually look for ways to develop varieties of plants with greater resilience to meet the outcomes of our changing world, particularly along the coast. Join us on Sept 18, as Sarah Ross explains how each of us can help preserve history by growing heirloom seeds.

BIO: Sarah Ross is the Executive Director of the University of Georgia Center for Research and Education at Wormsloe. She is President of the Wormsloe Foundation and Executive Director of the Wormsloe Institute for Environmental History. These foundations conduct and coordinate agricultural and environmental history research focused on Georgia coastal landscapes. She founded Social Roots, a non-profit that grows open-pollinated, open-sourced heirloom vegetables and flowers. They collect the seeds and make them available at no cost to gardeners, chefs and schools. Visit their website for more information: socialrootsseeds.com

Hospitality

Submitted by Barbara Martin



The Hospitality Committee is changing up the treat schedule for this year's December 11th meeting and we hope you'll find it a fun, easy activity.

You've probably participated in a cookie exchange (groan!), but this is a MODIFIED version. For the December meeting, we're asking if every Club member would bring just one dozen cookies to share with members. We will have containers for everyone to use for scooping your choices. Feel free to bring more, but if everyone brings just a dozen, we'll have enough left over to even feed Santa and his Elves.

Don't forget to bring your own coffee cup to help cut down on the trash that ends up in our landfills.



We look forward to a yummy exchange!



Horticulture

Integrated Pest & Disease Management at The Skidaway Farm Plot Submitted by Meg Kettlitz

We've all heard the saying 'the early bird catches the worm'. That was the case at the Landings Garden Club plot at Skidaway Farms. Led by Jayne Rogers, we were tasked with checking the plants for pests and disease in an effort to produce as much nutritious vegetables as possible for Social Apostolate.

There are several important steps to keeping disease away from vegetable plants including crop rotation. It is advisable to not plant tomatoes and peppers in the same row year after year, but to rotate them. These two plants are in the same family and are susceptible to the same diseases that may live in the soil for many years. Jayne has kept meticulous records for the past 3 years on the types of plants as well as location of plants within the plot.

Two other steps to prevent disease are to avoid root rot and leaf spot. This means planting the plant properly (depth and spacing) and not over watering. We had a lot of rain that caused some leaf spot growth. The best way to deal with leaf spot is to identify it quickly and remove all of the infected leaves from the plant as well as from the ground. The infected plant material should be placed in a plastic bag and thrown away. Never compost any infected material as there is a potential that the disease will not be killed by the heat generated in the compost pile.

We also look for signs of pests, including eggs on the back of leaves and stalks. We were fortunate that we caught a potential army worm invasion early on. Army worms are the caterpillars of the *Spodoptera* genus of moths. We removed the few we found and sprinkled Dipel dust (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) on the plants. This is an organic option for killing any soft skinned insect as long as they eat it. It does not cause harm to birds or bees. When using any pesticide, always read the label to make sure you know how to use it properly. It is recommended you wear gloves, safety glasses and a mask when using this product. While it's not harmful to humans, the powder could cause irritation to the eyes, nose, and throat. Also, do not spread it when it is windy as it can be carried away with the wind and potentially land somewhere it should not be. For example, never put Dipel dust on milkweed to kill aphids. It will kill the monarch caterpillars.

There are many more possible diseases and pests we could have experienced but thanks to our vigilant volunteers, we were successful at preventing them. This past warm season (March - June) we harvested over 100 lbs of tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, and herbs for Social Apostolate.

We will be planting cool season vegetables on the morning of September 26, and look forward to having helping hands assist. We welcome any additional help that day, just show up at The Farms with gloves and a trowel. The plot is near the pavilion.

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



Floral Design Committee

Submitted by Anne Gardner

Have you ever thought about joining the Floral Design Committee? It's a lot of fun and allows one to express their creativity with flowers. At each meeting one of our committee members designs an arrangement (using budgeted funds) to be displayed on the dessert table. This arrangement is then raffled off at the meeting. We also coordinate the centerpieces for the annual Heritage Luncheon in October and End of Year Luncheon in April.

Each year we develop a monthly schedule for making arrangements which coincide with our selected speaker's program for that month. If possible, the designer tries to incorporate the program theme into the arrangement. The designers are at liberty to select any container they like for their arrangement as this will be included as part of the raffle. However, if the designer would like to have the container back, they can request it be returned and include their contact information on the bottom of the vase.

The 2024 meeting schedule and program themes are as follows:

September 18: Sarah Ross - Preserving History Through Heirloom Seeds

October 23: Heritage Luncheon - Honoring all Past LGC Presidents

November 13: Evening Event - Chef Presentation, How to Cook with Edible Flowers

December 11: Magical Holiday Arrangements (make & take workshop)

How to utilize vegetables, herbs, fruit, & flowers with collected garden greenery

January 22: Diana Churchill - Skidaway Feathered Friends

February 26: Terrariums

March 25: Savannah Bee Company

April 22: Fancy Plants - Selecting Optimum Houseplants for Your Home

May 6: End of Year Luncheon - Installation of New Officers

*At the Heritage Luncheon in October & End of Year Lunch in May, each table arrangement will be available for purchase. This event is supported by all Committee Members working together prior to the meeting to make the arrangements.

The Floral Design Committee includes: Barbara Baroni, Betsy Taubman, Dottie Kirkand, Diane Ingram, Earlene Wolf, Sharon Greer, Donna Slappey (co-chair), and Anne Gardner. We would love to have you join us!



For more information or to sign-up contact:

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Ways and Means Committee

Submitted by Joni Brownstein

Holiday Bows...

Since 1980 The Landings Garden Club has been making Holiday Bows to sell throughout the community as a fundraiser. More than 300 volunteer hours are spent to make and sell the bows. For the past 30 years, these beautiful bows have decorated mailboxes, homes, and golf carts throughout The Landings.



The success of this fundraiser depends on all of our member volunteers and is the source of charitable contributions to the beautification and conservation of our community not only during the holidays, but throughout the year.

The Bow Committee is gearing up to sell 750+ bows and we need **YOUR HELP!**

As in years past, Holiday Bows will be available for sale at the Village Library Book Sale as well as the Village Fountain. New for this year we have a table at the *Landlover's Kickoff* on September 27. In addition we hope to be at the *New Neighbors Welcome Event* on September 19 (confirmation pending at time of this article). Both of these events will be held at the Palmetto Club Ballroom.

Below are the scheduled sale dates along with requested sales support needs:

Saturday, October 28 - Village Library Book Sale
9:30 - 11:00 (2 volunteers)
11:30 - 2:00 (2 volunteers)



Village Fountain - every Monday and Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Volunteers needed for the following dates and shifts:

10:00 - 1:00 (2 volunteers)
12:00 - 1:00 (pick up additional bows if needed)
1:00 - 4:00 (2 volunteers)
4:00 - 5:00 (2 volunteers for display breakdown)

New...
Winslet Ribbon Bow



Holiday Bow Sales Dates at The Village Fountain:

Monday, November 6	Saturday, November 11
Monday, November 13	Saturday, November 18
Monday, November 20	Friday, November 24
Saturday, November 25	Monday, November 27
Saturday, December 2	Monday, December 4
Saturday, December 9	Monday, December 11

Please contact Diane Benson to sign up: 617-513-7919 / dbenson78@gmail.com

Sparrow Field

Submitted by Dawn Cordo



Work at the Sparrow Field Berm has continued all summer long. Hours were reduced due to the hot weather but that did not deter our dedicated volunteer gardeners. We experienced some beautiful flowers this summer with more on the way.

Four signs have been hung to alert residents to the beauty of the berm. Each sign shows a variety of species photographed by Fitz Clark. The original kiosk was painted and holds educational information for observers.

Thanks are extended to the several volunteers who worked extra days to get the garden looking spectacular for the new kiosk dedication. The Helmerich family was deeply touched and grateful for the work that was done. Nearly 200 people came for the dedication which turned out to be a beautiful evening!



Audubon Nature Notices / Garden Gnome Update

Submitted by Meg Kettlitz

Your 'Gnome' Volunteers took the month of August off and restarted on September 11. It was thrilling to see that not only have our gardens survived the long hot month of August, but they have thrived. Our gardens are mostly native plants and showcase plants that the deer do not eat (well, mostly they don't). Since they are native plants, they require less maintenance once they are established.

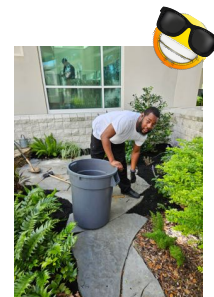
We meet on Monday mornings for an hour from March - October, except for the month of August (even 'Gnomes' need a vacation). We always welcome any helping hands that would like to join us. For more information contact Meg Kettlitz: mhkgardener@gmail.com



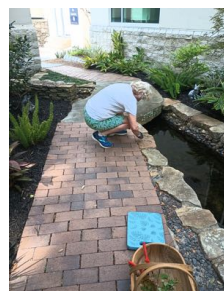
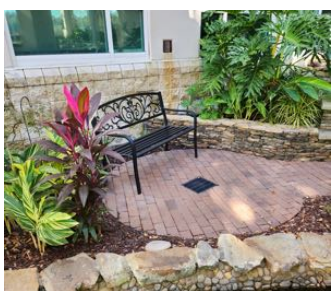
SERENITY GARDEN

Submitted by Vicki Kramer

Thanks to these Serenity Sisters for maintaining the garden at the Anderson Cancer Institute on the Memorial Hospital Campus. As always, we appreciate all that the Sisters do to make this such a serene place to contemplate and refresh. This past month we had additional help from the Memorial Hospital staff. They are always grateful for the good care we take of the garden and happy to assist with maintenance as needed.



****After 6 years, the Serenity Garden is looking for new leadership. This project is very organized, you just need to follow the well established planting and maintenance schedule. If you have interest in leading this worthwhile project, contact Vicki Kramer: vlynnk@bellsouth.net*



THIS AND THAT...CHECK IT OUT...

JUST SAY NO...TO DEER

Skidaway Audubon kicks off their fall speaker series as Sean Burgess, TLA Director of Public Works, will explain The Landings' deer control program and other aspects of wildlife management on the island. Please plan to join this informative talk on Thursday, September 21, at 4 pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Please pre-register for this event: skidawayaudubon.org. The presentation is free for members of Friends of Skidaway Audubon and \$5 for guests, payable on-line or at the door.

If you have tips & tricks for gardening ideas and products, let us know so we can check it out...and pass along

All Committee Chairs and Members...

Whether it's actual work or just a fun get together, please continue to email pictures of your committee work throughout the year to Elise Snight and copy Vicki Menke. Elise will add the pictures to The Landings Garden Club's Google Photo Album. You can also post these on our new Instagram Account: [landings_garden_club](https://www.instagram.com/landings_garden_club)
Elise Snight: elise.snight@gmail.com
Vicki Menke: gmenke75@msn.com

THANK
YOU

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Karyn Rohan

Budget 2023-2024

OPERATING REVENUE			
	Dues	\$	5,400.00
	Raffle		300.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		\$	5,700.00
GENERAL EXPENSES			
	Accountant	\$	450.00
	GCG Convention		600.00
	GCG Dues		1,350.00
	GA Non-profit State Annual Dues		30.00
	Speaker Fees		300.00
	Heritage/Installation Lunch		350.00
	Insurance		315.00
	Meeting Room Rental		400.00
	Monthly Programs		300.00
	New Member Welcome Events		150.00
	Officers' Expenses		75.00
	Post Office Box Rental		180.00
	Postage		20.00
	President's Gift		100.00
	Printing		50.00
	Publicity/Marketing		50.00
SUB TOTAL		\$	4,720.00
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
	Awards	\$	25.00
	Birds & Conservation		20.00
	Design		150.00
	Horticulture		20.00
	Hospitality		170.00
	Membership		20.00
	Website & Social Media		175.00
	Yearbook		400.00
SUB TOTAL		\$	980.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			5,700.00
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES			0.00
WAYS AND MEANS REVENUE	Bow Sales	TOTAL WAYS AND MEANS REVENUE	\$ 9,500.00 9,500.00
WAYS AND MEANS EXPENSES			
	Bow Supplies Charitable Gifts:	\$	3,000.00
	Garden Club of Georgia		1,830.00
	SACGC		250.00
	Other		3,000.00
	Civic Beautification:		
	Bethesda		420.00
	Done in a Day		350.00
	Library		200.00
	Skidaway Farm		300.00
	Sparrow Field		150.00
TOTAL WAYS AND MEANS EXPENSES		\$	9,500.00

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