

# Petal Pusher



The  
Landings  
Garden  
Club

Beautification, Conservation, Education

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### General Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2024

Messiah Lutheran Church

9:15 - 10:00 Meet & Greet

10:00 - 10:45 General Meeting

10:45 Program - Angela Holliman

Native Plants in Your Landscape

### LGC Field Trip - Sparrow Field

Saturday, September 28, 2024

10:00 am Sparrow Field

Off Bartram Rd. at Pettigrew Dr.

\*Rain Date Monday, September 30

Limited Parking, Golf Carts  
encouraged

### P.E.O Fall Plant Sale

Orders accepted thru October 3

Pre-order pick up October 17

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

3 West Ridge Rd. Savannah

### Annual Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, October 5, 2024

9:00 - 2:00 pm Rain or Shine

Savannah Botanical Gardens

1388 Eisenhower Drive

### Oleander District Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

The Palmetto Club at The Landings

1 Cottonwood Drive, Savannah

9:30 am Coffee Meet & Greet

10:00 am Meeting & Speaker

Johnathan Barrett - Home Harvest  
Celebration

### President's Message

Welcome Back!

What a joy it is to share these two wonderful words. I am eagerly anticipating the upcoming year as we have a multitude of exciting plans in store.

The Messiah Lutheran Church is all set for the year ahead. Barbara Victor, our Program Chair, has been diligently organizing a remarkable array of programs and speakers for our educational enrichment. Our Committee Chairs are gearing up for the season, with Bulb and Bow Sales commencing soon and Done in A Day events being coordinated for everyone to partake in. I am eager to kick off the year so that every member can enjoy the offerings of our club.

As fall approaches later this month, cooler weather is on the horizon. I find solace in tending to my garden and weeding, especially with the cooler morning temperatures making this gardening time much more pleasant.

September, with its cooler climate, aligns perfectly with our first speaker – Angela Holliman from the Georgia Native Plant Society. Native plants are crucial for preserving biodiversity and our natural heritage, as they are indigenous to our specific region. Angela will enlighten us on the value of native plants in supporting our ecosystem and guide us on incorporating them into our home landscapes and gardens during our next meeting on September 23.

Make sure to peruse the entire newsletter for details on our upcoming events, including:

- Our first Field Trip of the year on September 28, to Sparrow Field
- Oleander Annual District Meeting on October 16 (this year, we are the host club, and the meeting will be held at The Landings Palmetto Club)
- Numerous other upcoming events are planned with The Landings Garden Club

I look forward to seeing everyone soon...  
Welcome Back!

Vicki



# Horticulture

Submitted by Meg Kettlitz - Horticulture Chair

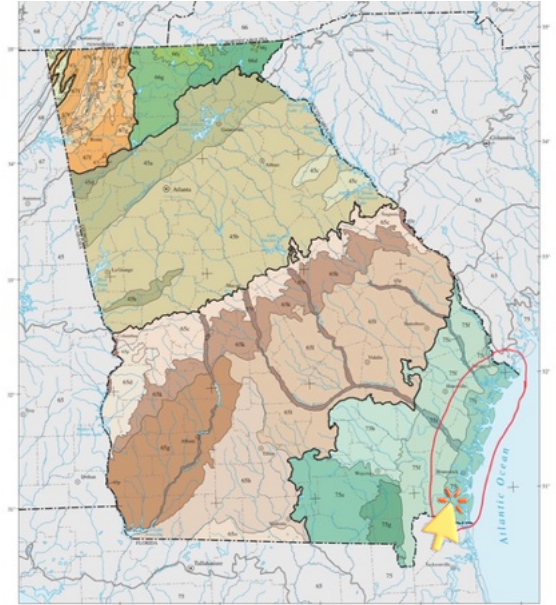
## Georgia Ecoregions

The state of Georgia has more biodiversity than any state east of the Mississippi River. The state has 3 cold-hardiness zones (7-9). It is also divided into 6 ecoregions.

An ecoregion is defined by its natural communities. Georgia's ecoregions are: Blue Ridge, Cumberland Plateau/Ridge and Valley, Piedmont, Coastal Plain and Maritime. The Maritime region is defined as the area from Savannah south to St. Marys, all of the barrier islands and about 60 miles inland. This region includes natural communities like intertidal, wetlands, maritime forests, salt marshes, etc. Each natural community also has its own wildlife. For instance, the Maritime community is home to the Diamondback Terrapin and the Gopher Tortoise.

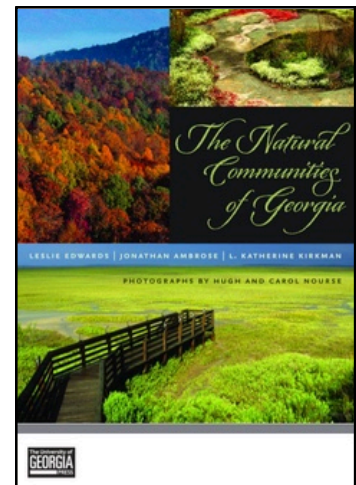
'Gather your local knowledge' is an important statement to remember when gardening on Skidaway Island. Skidaway Island is 8 miles long and 3 miles wide. It is part of the 9A cold-hardiness zone and it's part of the Maritime ecoregion.

If you are interested in discovering more about Georgia's ecoregions, I recommend reading 'The Natural Communities of Georgia' by Edwards, Ambrose and Kirkman. This book gives more details on each ecoregion and which plants and wildlife you will find within the regions. Having this knowledge will make your Maritime gardening here on Skidaway more successful and enjoyable.



Maritime Ecoregion

Map Source: *The Natural Communities of Georgia*  
Edwards, Ambrose and Kirkman



## Master Gardener News...

Congratulations to Kathy Dole for achieving her 5-year service pin and to Sue Hamlet for achieving her 10-year service pin as a Master Gardener Extension Volunteer! Being a MGEV requires annual certification that includes volunteering in an approved Extension project and continuing education hours.



Please join us...



# The Oleander District Annual Meeting

October 16, 2024

Palmetto Club at The Landings  
Registration \$45 including lunch



## Featured Program: Home Harvest Celebration Entertaining Southern-Style

The Landings Garden Club is honored to be the host location for the Oleander District's annual meeting this year at The Landings Club on Skidaway Island. This meeting, which rotates within the district, was last held in Savannah in 2019. It presents a fantastic opportunity for everyone to attend without a long journey – you can even arrive by golf cart.

Mayor Van Johnson will be present to greet all participants, followed by our esteemed guest speaker, Johnathan Barrett, a renowned author and chef. Johnathan, who serves as the Director of Development for the State Botanical Garden of Georgia at UGA, Athens, will draw on his seventh-generation Georgian heritage to share insights on cooking and entertaining "Southern-Style" in his talk titled "Home Harvest Celebration".

Meet fellow gardeners from different clubs in our district, explore various exhibits, participate in a silent auction, bid on items, and purchase raffle tickets for charming seasonal baskets.

*To secure your spot, please refer to the registration form on the next page & sign up before October 1. Attendance is capped at 175 guests, so don't delay – secure your spot today!*





THE 66TH  
**OLEANDER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**  
 Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
**Registration**

Name			
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Email		Phone	
Badge Name Preference			
Garden Club		District	

**Dietary Restrictions/Allergies**

<input type="checkbox"/> Gluten	<input type="checkbox"/> Nuts	<input type="checkbox"/> MSG
<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish/Seafood	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/> Mushrooms
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Kiwi	<input type="checkbox"/> Onions
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegan	<input type="checkbox"/> No Fried	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**Please check all that apply**

<input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Club President
<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Member
<input type="checkbox"/> GCG Presidents	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> GCG Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Voting Delegate
<input type="checkbox"/> Former GCG President	<input type="checkbox"/> New Garden Club Member in 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Oleander District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee at District Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Former Oleander District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Oleander Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> GCG Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Council President of	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member

**Mail completed registration form and check for \$45.00, payable to Oleander District to**

Trish Lawrence APCCGC PO Box 22262 Savannah, GA 31403	<p style="color: #c07040;"><i>Deadline to register</i></p> <p style="color: #c07040;"><b>October 1, 2024</b></p> <p style="color: #c07040;"><i>limited to the first 175 to register</i></p>
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# Oleander District Annual Meeting (ODAM)

Event Organizer: Diane Ingram



## 7 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Tuesday, October 15: Cocktail Party

We are seeking 7 LGC Members to volunteer to provide a substantial hors d'oeuvre or a small dessert to serve 20 guests at our pre-ODAM cocktail party for state and district officers.

## 5 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Wednesday, October 16: 8:30 - 11:00 am

Volunteers are required to serve as hostesses for the ODAM meeting on Wednesday, October 16th, from 8:30 to 11:00 am. Your role will involve welcoming district attendees and ensuring smooth flow at the event.

Support our club by signing up to volunteer for either of these occasions. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Diane Ingram at [diingram@bellsouth.net](mailto:diingram@bellsouth.net).



## Skidaway Farms

Submitted by Meg Kettlitz



Jayne Rogers received a \$100 grant from the Coastal Master Gardeners Association to do a solarization of our farm plot. This entailed placing a clear plastic tarp over the garden plot thus allowing the sun to heat up the soil which in turn eliminates any unwanted pests and weed seeds.

Most of the committee members chose a week to check on the soil temperature which we recorded along with weather data (sun and air temp). We had a successful 14 weeks and then removed the clear plastic and conducted a soil sample which was submitted to UGA. As of the writing of this article, we have not received results back but expect they will tell us what soil amendments we will need to add.

Recognition and thanks goes out to Jayne Rogers for all of her hard work and chairmanship of the Skidaway Farms project for the past 3 years.

I would like to personally thank all of our committee members for their efforts and look forward to starting our cool season planting around the end of September.

If you are interested in helping with the garden at Skidaway Farms, please contact Meg Kettlitz or Jayne Rogers.



*Life is good at  
The Farm!!*



# Skidaway Audubon

## Field Trip - Sparrow Field

### September 28, 2024 - 10:00 am



Did you know that Skidaway Island is home to an incredible pollinator garden? Join us on Saturday, September 28 for an informative tour lead by Dawn Cordo and her volunteers at Sparrow Field.

The Pollinator Berm at Sparrow Field boasts a diverse display of over 100 flowering plant species that attract nearly 200 documented bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies. In addition, dozens of species of birds congregate to nest in nearby trees and thickets filling the air with a choir of birdsong for all to enjoy.

Spanning 3 1/4 acres, the Sparrow Field Pollinator Berm was previously a sod farm utilized by The Landings Club and stands out as a unique habitat within our community, drawing birds not commonly found elsewhere on the island. Careful consideration goes into selecting plants that best support the different bird and insect species that inhabit this area.

Honeybees are among the newest residents at Sparrow Field. John and Elena Boshier came to The Landings with 12 years of beekeeping experience and have established two honeybee colonies. They will be on hand to share their vast knowledge about bees, beekeeping and the important role bees play in food production and nature.

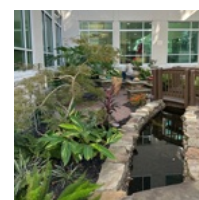
You won't want to miss this informative tour. There is so much to see, learn, and enjoy at this garden. Sparrow Field also provides an opportunity to fulfill your DONE IN A DAY requirement. Dawn welcomes all volunteers on a regular basis. If you would like to become involved with various research projects or help maintain the garden, they meet every Friday morning at 9:00 am.

Sparrow Field is located off of Bartram Road across from Pettigrew Drive. There is limited parking so Golf Carts are encouraged. For more information about Skidaway Audubon visit their website: <https://skidawayaudubon.org>

## Serenity Garden

### Submitted by Martha Nesmith

June's heat was hard on our garden but the July rains were a restorative relief. The Serenity Garden is lush, the waterfall is working and we are thrilled that the hospital has removed a sign at the Garden entry that we felt was misleading. It stated " No Entry/ Visual Garden". The sign was to alert people that there was no entry to the hospital from the Garden, but we all felt it said do not enter the garden at all. Hospital employees agreed it was not the proper message so they removed the sign and all can enjoy the garden as before...Hooray!



# Congratulations...

Congratulations are extended to Donna Slappy for her commendable achievement. She was acknowledged by the renowned floral designer, J. Schwanke. This exquisite arrangement was showcased on his PBS show titled "Life in Bloom."



## V.P's Corner

Submitted by Gayle Ridgway

### **Welcome Back!**

*I hope everyone had a great summer and your gardens were flush with fresh vegetables and herbs. My garden is my go-to for everything I cook so I thought it would be fun to give some tidbits every month of my favorite recipes and garden tips.*

*This month I'm sharing a super easy and healthy recipe that my family loves, Grilled Shrimp on the Barbie. Spruce this entree up with some fresh grilled veggies, toss in a salad, add some crusty bread and dinner's served!*

### Grilled Shrimp on the Barbie

1.5 lbs. Colossal Shrimp (aprox. 10-12 shrimp)

#### Marinade

1T fresh parsely, chopped

3 sprigs fresh thyme (strip leaves off stem & discard stem)

1/2 t Hungarian paprika (hot or sweet)

Citrus: Zest from one lemon, lime, or half orange

Himalayan or Scillian Salt and ground peppercorns

Splash of fabulous balsamic vinegar

Combine all marinade ingredients

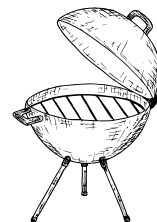
Wash shrimp & devein but leave shells on. This helps to trap the marinade while grilling.

Marinate the shrimp for 30-60 minutes, max

Grill shrimp on hot BBQ, cooking 3-4 minutes on each side. Baste or pour marinade onto shrimp while cooking. I do not recommend using skewers, the shrimp are large enough to grill individually.

These taste like Lobster Tails...Enjoy!

\*Tip...The Fresh Market has these shrimp on-sale every Friday!



# The Landings Garden Club - Community Board

## Upcoming Events and Articles of Interest...



**Savannah Garden Tours**  
ISLE OF HOPE 2024

Benefiting Pet Fix of the Savannah Humane Society, Heads Up Guidance Services, (HUGS), Wymberley Garden Club and Parkersburg Garden Club.

We invite you to join us!  
**Saturday, October 5**  
10AM - 2 PM

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**  
Robert Tyburski  
New Orleans

**2024 marks our fourth year!**  
We are proud to have raised over \$20,000 for different non-profit organizations! When you buy a ticket you help perpetuate this type of giving!

**Featuring...**  
Eight private gardens, vendors, food, and adoptable pets from the Savannah Humane Society!  
**Need help getting around?**  
Just ask at the ticket sign and we can set you up with a volunteer golf cart driver.

**Plant Answer Booth**  
Please bring a photo or a leaf sample. We can identify the plant, insects and diseases it's susceptible to and how to make plants thrive under different conditions.

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**Coastal WildScapes**

**Fall Native Plant Sale**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>  
Ashantilly Center, Darien  
9am - 1pm  
[www.coastalwildscapes.org](http://www.coastalwildscapes.org)

**Featuring:**

- Florabundance Gardens
- All the Buzz
- Naturescapes
- GA Native Plant Society Coastal Plain Chapter

**Savannah Botanical Gardens**  
**Annual Fall Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, October 5**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm - Rain or Shine**  
**1388 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah**  
**Master Gardeners will be on-hand**  
**to answer your gardening questions**

### P.E.O. Chapter BB 2024 Fall Plant Sale

The P.E.O. Chapter BB plant sale commenced on September 1 and will continue until October 3. Pre-ordered plants can be picked up on Thursday, October 17 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on West Ridge Road. For any inquiries about plant details and pre-order forms, please reach out to Christine Lind at 803-351-2151 or email [Saffron214@hotmail.com](mailto:Saffron214@hotmail.com).

P.E.O. Chapter BB is a philanthropic organization that raises funds for scholarships and loans supporting women pursuing doctoral degrees or returning to college. Purchasing plants not only provides you and your family with beautiful plants from Oelschig Nursery but also contributes to women's educational pursuits.



## 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!





# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Submitted by Karyn Rohan

The Landings Garden Club SEPTEMBER 2024 Treasure's Report					
	Beginning Balance	Income YTD	Expenses YTD	Year to Date	
Operations: Carryover	\$7,382.09			\$7,382.09	
Ways & Means: Carryover	\$8,298.04			\$8,298.04	
				\$890.35	Grants
				\$7,407.69	Balance

## The Landings Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2024 Submitted by Connie Gescheidt, Recording Secretary

Call to Order at 10:00 am by President Vicki Menke  
Members in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Collect  
President's Report

**Awards** - Barbara Martin will collect all information required for each award. We continue to need a chairperson to enter award information on the computerized forms for submittal to the State. Vicki will be attending the GA Convention (April 16-17). It is anticipated that our Club will receive several awards (We applied for 12 Awards).

**Bethesda** - Recent Done in A Day project was very successful. The project was completed by 15 Garden Club Volunteers on April 5. Chaired by Kathy Collura and Diane Ingram.

**Birds & Conservation** - Chair Pam Patterson announced she needs members to assist with this committee.

**Community Service Collection** - Georgia Klautzer announced "Ambitious April" for the purpose of collecting as many leisure items approved by Georgia Regional Hospital Savannah. During the April 22 meeting, containers were provided for the collection of donated items. Ambitious April was communicated to members via the Petal Pusher.

**Container Gardens / Urn Angels** - Pat Barry has worked on this project for 9 years. Watering is a primary need to maintain the plantings. Drip lines were suggested. A reception for the Club Volunteers will be held on Wednesday, 4/24/2024, at 4:00 pm in the Azalea Room, hosted by the TLC Board.

**Hort Short** - Delivered by Meg Kettlitz. Focused on the invasive yellow-legged hornets. See the article in the Petal Pusher.

**Sue Lomax** presented an overview of Deer-Resistant Plants:

- Spring Hellebores, Daffodils, Japanese yellow flowers, Rosemary
- Summer Perennials: Salvia various colors, Echinacea, Milkweed, Rosemary, Lantana
- Fall Ornamental cabbage & Kale, sedum, Anemones, Snapdragons, Rosemary

**Programs** - Barbara Victor programs/speakers for 2024-2025 are currently being developed.

## Pg. 2 LGC General Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2024

The General Meeting was put on temporary hold for our speaker to begin the scheduled program at 10:30 am

**Program:** Allan Brockham, owner of Fancy Plants on Montgomery Cross Roads

Topic: Caring for House Plants

Presentation ends: 11:05 am

Meeting Resumes at 11:20 am

Nominating committee announced the following candidates: Recording Secretary - Phyllis Aaron; Corresponding Secretary- Faye Clark

Immediately following the nominations, elections were held and candidates were approved. The following Officers were announced : Recording Secretary: Phyllis Aaron; Corresponding Secretary: Faye Clark. Installation of Officers will be held at the May 6, Meeting & Luncheon (Cost \$27.00 pp).

### **Announcements**

Joni Brownstein - Publicity Chair has written an article for the Petal Pusher regarding the charities TLGC supports that are related to the Club's Mission Statement.

Ways & Means announced Bow Sales have been in decline. The Club will be offering bulb sales of daffodils this Fall, 2024. Additionally, the Club is considering other sources of revenue such as hosting a holiday candle light home tour.

The Botanical Garden on Eisenhower announced a Plant Sale on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed, if interested contact Nancy Rosenthal. Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens - River of Iris exhibit is continuing, Iris are beginning to fade.

Owens-Thomas House, Garden Fund Raiser is being held Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Minutes recorded by

Connie Gescheidt  
Recording Secretary



## 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

