



JANUARY 2024

Hello Federation Friends,



Welcome back to another month of garden club activities and **celebrations!**

Our next General Meeting will be on **Thursday, January 25, 2024**, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. **Club Presidents, please share this information with your members.**

“Woodlands Garden: An Evolving Urban Sanctuary”

During her presentation, Kate McAlpin, Executive Director of Woodlands Garden, will share the unique history of this Decatur public garden. The transition of Woodlands from a past as a private residence to the public greenspace is a story of generosity and thoughtful execution. Kate will share an update on the current status of recent construction and plans for the future. The Garden showcases exciting plant collections and a lush tree canopy surrounded by a sprawling urban city. Enjoy this presentation full of botanical images, inspiring ways to get involved, and plan to visit this free public garden soon.

(Nancy Martin, Programs Chairman)

And, don't forget our monthly raffle. Mountain Mums Garden Club is donating our raffle prize this month! 1 ticket for \$2.00; 3 tickets for \$5.00.



HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

The following garden club is responsible for refreshments before our meeting this month:

Mountain Mums Garden Club

Hospitality Chairman, **Christi Granger**, will contact the club prior to the meeting. We will follow the refreshment guidelines outlined in the Federation yearbook.

MINI-FLOWER SHOWS are held three times each year: **October, January, and March**, and each exhibitor will follow the same theme. This month's exhibitor is:

Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club – Theme: *Anything Goes*



(Vicki Cooper, Mini-Flower Show Chairman)

Please remember to bring **horticulture** “stuff” to swap – seed, plants, or rooted. Be sure to include the name of each plant, and care instructions. Bring some – take some! Also, please bring some plastic grocery bags to carry home your plants.



(Michèle Spears, Horticulture Chairman)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

The Garden Center is available by appointment, so if you need to visit it, please contact me and I will arrange to meet you; a.purr@comcast.net; 770-921-9070.

(Ann Purr, Garden Center Director)

PROJECT FIG LEAF



We are so very appreciative of the support that we received from our clubs this past year for this very important project. I am continuing to deliver items to Georgia Regional Hospital, and will make another delivery before Easter, so please bring your donations to any upcoming Federation meeting. They have requested full-size bottles of shampoo, body wash, etc., but no bar soap. Of course, men's and women's clothing is always needed, preferably with elastic waist.

(Glenndolyn Hallman, Community Service Chairman)



Holidays for Heroes

What a great response we had to our drive for holiday cards for our military heroes! This year 3,131 cards were picked up on November 12 for delivery to Fort Gordon Army Base in Augusta for later distribution to bases overseas. Heartfelt thanks to our clubs for their participation.

(Glenndolyn Hallman, Community Service Chairman)



The Great Backyard Bird Count - February 16-19, 2024

This is now a global event. Take 15 minutes on one, or all of the days. The web site www.birdcount.org has clear instructions.

Enjoy becoming a citizen scientist. The data is important. Are the bird numbers holding steady or still declining?

Do go outside, there are so many more birds to be seen than from your window. Some years I have heard the Sandhill Cranes already making their way north from wintering at the Georgia shore. Participate.

(Lorene Faulkenberry, Birds and Pollinators Chairman)



PULL A TAB FOR RONALD MCDONALD

We are continuing to collect aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Many pounds were delivered last spring in grateful appreciation. And remember, there are awards for most tabs collected, for a small and large club, for the period April 2023-March 2024. Please bring your tabs to our January or February Federation meeting.

(Glenn Dolyn Hallman, Pull-A-Tab Chairman)

DeKalb Federation Celebrates 75 Years!!



**President Quill Receiving 75th Anniversary Certificate of Achievement
From GCG President, Lisa Hall**

At the 19th Annual Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show

held on Thursday, November 16 and it was a **big** success! 135 guests shopped our several vendors, purchased raffle tickets for our array of baskets and gift cards, donated by our clubs and businesses, and enjoyed the fashion show presented by Dillard's Atlantic Station. Our honored guest was GCG President, Lisa Hall, pictured above. Thanks to our lovely models who showcased the fashions: Betty Britton, Nancy Darden, Christi Granger, Susan Hawkins, Karen Liebert, and Susan Stewart (Avondale Estates GC) and Rita Maloof and Ann Purr (Mountain Mums GC). And we could not have done it without the help of all of our volunteers!

We are grateful to all of you who supported our event, especially the wonderful Callanwolde staff.

(Rigby Duncan, Fundraising Chairman)



GARDEN THERAPY - NURTURING WITH NATURE

(Report From Georgia Regional Hospital)

The first part of December, the Gardening Group harvested the white and purple sweet potatoes and baked them in the oven with olive oil and butter; they also did a sauté with sweet potatoes, carrots, and radishes. It was a big hit with the residents and was so good!!!

The Group has had two more root veggie cooks with Watermelon for dessert. The watermelon was a volunteer that grew on top of their compost pile and somehow withstood that early freeze. Mary Cochran, who is the Staff Leader of the Hospital Garden Group, reminded the Engineering department that the Gardening Group needs a compost bin, so they are hopeful it will soon be built and installed by the Garden area. All of the Care Units have some type of plantings that are cared for either by Residents and/or Staff.

Mary and her groups thank The Garden Club of Georgia, the Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs and the Smoke Rise Morning Glories for their continuing support and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!

(Bonnie Pennington, Garden Therapy Chairman)



Root Veggies



Sliced Veggies to Cook



Veggies & Watermelon



FEDERATION AWARDS

Federation awards applications are due by **March 1**. Complete details and a fillable application form can be found on the Federation website, www.dekalbfederation.com under **Resources/Forms**. Our Annual Awards Recognition will be held on April 25.

(Glennolyn Hallman, Awards Chairman)

FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND DUES FORM

Just a reminder that Presidents' Reports and Club dues of \$25 are due by **March 1**. Fillable forms can be found on the DeKalb Federation website, www.dekalbfederation.com under **Resources/Forms**.

(Quill Duncan, Federation President)

Life Members are the of DeKalb Federation!!

Our February Meeting on Thursday, **February 22**, will honor all Life Members of our Federation and honor a new Life Member of the Year. The application form was sent in a separate e-mail, and is due, along with your tax-deductible check for \$50 by **February 15**, to submit a nominee for this honor, or fill it out for yourself if YOU are not a Life Member. You may honor a friend, a club member, your garden club, a speaker, as a memorial, or someone who has given special support to your club. Please include a short bio of your honoree(s) who will be recognized and presented with a life membership card and pin. The application form can also be found on the Federation website, www.dekalbfederation.com under **Resources/Forms**.

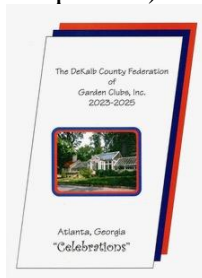
For further information, please contact me at peggyburgess1969@gmail.com; 404-992-7601.

(Peggy Burgess, Life Membership Chairman)



FEDERATION WEBSITE

There are a few new additions to our website that you might want to check out. If you haven't already, please bookmark the address (www.dekalbfederation.com) as it doesn't show up when you do a Google search. There is a lot of useful information on the site, so I really encourage members to use it. (If you don't see the info listed below, check back in a few days. We are in the process of getting the website updated.)



First, the 2023-2025 Yearbook has been placed on the website. Because it contains phone numbers and addresses, it has been placed on the password-protected area of the site. Go to the "Membership" tab and log in by entering:

Username: DFGC; Password: grow1315.

The new Awards criteria, including a fillable Awards form, is now available on the site.

We are now using Google Photos for storing and sharing photos of Federation events. You can find links to the albums by going to the "**Resources**" tab. While you can view the images without having a Google account, you will need one (which is free) to download the photos. Currently there are links to photos of the Garden Center landscape, the 2023 Yellow Daisy

Flower Show, and the 2023 Redbud District meeting. Check here periodically as new albums will be added after events like the Life Membership meeting, Awards presentation, etc.

Links to websites and Facebook pages for the following clubs have been added to the list of member clubs: Avon, Avondale Estates, Conyers, Dunwoody, Lullwater, Mountain Mums, and Smoke Rise. If I've missed a club or if you want the link to your club removed, please let me know; sandyreed17@gmail.com.

(Sandy Reed, Website Chairman)

~ CLUB CORNER ~

We would like to feature the activities and accomplishments of our member clubs, so please send your articles and photos to rigbyduncan113@gmail.com!

Three of our clubs are celebrating milestone events: **Mountain Mums**, **Conyers**, and **Shenandoah Rose** Garden Clubs, so we are looking forward to some articles and photos commemorating these celebrations!



REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

On **Monday, February 12** at 10:30 a.m., all Board Members and Club/Council Presidents are invited to attend the **Redbud District Winter Board Meeting** in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Chairmen should email your reports by **February 7** to both Recording Secretary, Joy Zaidan, joyzaidan4986@gmail.com, and me. If you wish to present a report at the meeting, please let me know so that I can add you to the agenda.

Following the meeting, we will enjoy a covered dish lunch, so please bring a dish (with serving utensil) to share.

(Kim Fair, Redbud District Director; nevakim@yahoo.com)

\$\$\$\$\$ REDBUD DISTRICT CASH RAFFLE 2024 \$\$\$\$\$

DO YOU WANT TO WIN SOME MONEY IN 2024? BUY A \$5 RAFFLE TICKET! REDBUD DISTRICT IS OFFERING THIS SPECIAL RAFFLE AS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SPONSORSHIP OF THE GCG 96TH ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT PEACHTREE CITY, GA ON APRIL 16-17, 2024. THE DRAWING FOR THE WINNERS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 17TH AT THE CONVENTION.

YOU DONT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT WILL HAVE THE RAFFLE TICKETS!

BUY AS MANY AS YOU WANT FOR \$5 EACH (OR 5 FOR \$20) AND MAKE THE CHECK PAYABLE TO REDBUD DISTRICT! KEEP YOUR COUPON AND SIGN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE TICKET TO GIVE TO YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT. YOU JUST MIGHT BE ONE OF OUR THREE LUCKY WINNERS! GOOD LUCK!! THANK YOU!

CONTACT **REDBUD RAFFLE CHAIRMAN BONNIE DUDLEY AT 706 812-7167** FOR QUESTIONS OR FOR MORE TICKETS.



PRIZES:

FIRST PLACE \$500

SECOND PLACE \$250

THIRD PLACE \$125



~ **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA** ~

**Redbud Hosts the 96th Annual
Garden Club of Georgia Convention!**



Remarkable Redbuds, it is time to register now to attend the April 16 -17th convention in Peachtree City, GA! **"Bloomin' in the Heart of Georgia - Y'all Come"** is our theme. The event will feature two formal luncheons, the Awards night dinner and six speakers on a wide variety of topics. Redbud Co-Director, Bonnie Dudley, and Redbud Advisor, Quill Duncan, are the Co-Chairmen of the convention, and a red ribbon committee of Redbuds is on the convention board to make it a wonderful experience for all of you to enjoy. You will love to see the creative floral designs and educational exhibits that will fill the pre-function area of the conference center. And there will be some music involved!

And the best news is that the venue, the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center of Peachtree City, is right in Redbud's district! You don't have to travel far, and you will enjoy the charm of this secluded facility. It is a beautiful, wooded campus perfect for our meetings, dining and hotel rooms. You will see your favorite vendors and meet some new ones, and it's always great to spend time and relax with our friends from across the state. This fun convention has one additional treat. We are offering a designers' challenge as a free post-convention event after the concluding luncheon on Wednesday. Designers from across the state will create unique designs using the same materials. How exciting to be able to watch their creative ideas come to life.

How do you register for the convention and the hotel? Go to www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org, scroll down to the bottom of the home page and you will see the details and the links. Also, the beautiful winter issue of *Garden Gateways* has all the detailed information. Don't wait! You will want to be there to enjoy this exciting event. Better yet -- come and bring a friend!

Redbuds, **"Y'all Come!"**!! See you in April!



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
"Dollars Educate Scholars"



**Mark your calendars for January as our
Official GCG Scholarship Month**

Members donating \$1.00 or more now through the end of January will make a **BIG** impact on Scholarships! The District Director of the winning district will be crowned **Queen of Scholarships!** Redbud has won the last four years, so let's help Kim join the winners' circle!

Complete details are attached to this newsletter.

Government



Every member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is invited to attend **Capitol Conservation Day** on **February 27, 2024**. Plans call for a Breakfast Legislation Briefing at 8:00 a.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, located across the street from the State Capitol. If members cannot "get to the church on time," then they may join the group at the Capitol for the opportunity to meet with local legislators to share concerns with them. Complete information and registration will be sent in a separate e-mail - **and remember to wear something GREEN!** (**Bonnie Pennington**, Legislative Chairman)

Just a reminder that Garden Club of Georgia annual dues and Presidents' Reports are due by **February 15**. Presidents' Reports are to be completed online. Once submitted, they will automatically be sent to:

GCG State President, Lisa Hall
Redbud District Director, Kim Fair
DeKalb Federation President, Quill Duncan

To access the forms, go to the GCG website, www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org, click on Member Resources/Finance and Administrative Forms. On the left of the screen under Administrative Forms are the instructions and form for the President's Report of Garden Club Achievements.

~ CALLANWOLDE CORNER ~

Last fall, DeKalb Federation was contacted by Callanwolde with a request that we decorate the mantle in the Dining Room for their Winter House event, which began on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, and ran through December 10. Susan Turner and Ann Purr graciously accepted the request and this is the result of their creativity. The magnolia leaves needed replaced a couple of times during Winter House, but everything else remained beautiful. Thank you, ladies!!



Susan Turner (L) and Ann Purr – Decorators Extraordinaire!!

Callanwolde Spring Concert Series

Callanwolde is proud to host the 2024 Spring Concert Series in our beautiful outdoor amphitheater. The Callanwolde Amphitheater provides an intimate atmosphere to spend time with friends, unwind, and experience an evening of live music surrounded by the natural beauty of the Callanwolde Estate. Guests are invited to bring blankets, chairs, food and drinks. The amphitheater features VIP tables and General Admission lawn seating. Complete details may be found at www.callanwolde.org.

2024 Series Schedule

March 22nd – Alanna Royale

April 5th – Phillip Michael Scales

April 19th – Russell Cook & the Sweet Teeth

May 3rd – Ruby Velle & the Soulphonics

We look forward to seeing you all at our meetings, and to hearing from you if you have any questions or need additional information.



Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

Federation Dates:

January 25	Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde
February 1	Federation Board Meeting Via <i>Zoom & In Person</i>
February 15	Due Date For Life Member Applications
February 22	Federation Life Member Meeting, Callanwolde
March 1	Due Date For Awards Applications
March 1	Due Date For Club Presidents Reports
March 1	Due Date For Dues and Yearbook Info

GCG Dates:

January 31	Due Date For <i>Dollars Educate Scholars</i> Donations
January 31	Due Date For Donations to General Scholarship Fund
February 12	Redbud Winter Board Meeting, Callanwolde
February 15	Due Date for GCG Presidents' Reports/Dues
February 16-19	Great Backyard Bird Count
February 27	Capitol Conservation Day
April 16-17	GCG 96th Annual Convention, Peachtree City

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