



MAY 2023

Hello Federation Friends,



“Conifers and Collections”

Our next General Meeting will be on **Thursday, May 25, 2023**, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. (Jewelry shopping begins at 10:00 a.m.) Karin Guzy, Master Flower Show Judge, Basic Design Instructor, and Cobb Land Trust Chairman, will educate us about conifers and demonstrate how to do a collection of conifers in a flower show.

Following the program, current Club Presidents, former Federation Presidents, and the ladies of the Legends Club will be recognized for their service.

And, don't forget our monthly raffle. Breckenridge Garden Arts I 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:

Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club

Hospitality Chairman, **Christi Granger**, will contact the club(s) 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 - **Celebrate!** The next Mini-Flower Show will be held at our October meeting.



(**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.
(Garden Center Director, **Ann Purr**)

It's Here! – Our Annual Federation Sale of



Donated Jewelry and Gently Used Purses

at our May 25 General Meeting
Sale Begins at 10:00 a.m. and will Continue Following Our Meeting
(Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan**)

The League of Legends



LEGENDS GO LIVE!

May is the month of celebration for the Federation. We're celebrating our club presidents and our legendary members. On May 25 we'll add another crop of amazing ladies to our Legends Club. We created the club in 2017 to honor those wonderful, long-term, dedicated members who've reach the age of 90 during the past year, June 2022 through May 2023. This year we will honor three Legends from Breckenridge Garden Arts I, Dunwoody, and Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Clubs.

Each member will get a lovely certificate, a framed copy of Michele Spears' invitation, and listing in the yearbook and garden center.

(Legends Chairman **Diane Hunter**)

~ **RECYCLE AND REIMAGINE!** ~

We are accepting wine corks for one more month, so bring them to our May meeting!
(**Glendolyn Hallman**; 770-491-7398)



POP A CORK FOR THE FEDERATION

What have you been doing with all those wine corks? Just bring them to a Federation meeting! We will send them to an organization that repurposes them into shoe soles, carpet, etc.



GARDEN THERAPY - NURTURING WITH NATURE

(The following article was written by Mary Cochran, GA Regional Activity Therapy Coordinator)

We have been planting seedlings from our seed starters, broadcasting wildflower seeds, cleaning up, harvesting radishes, chard, and kale, and getting off to a good start in the gardens. This week we will harvest lettuce from the plants you brought us, Bonnie (Pennington). We are planning a trellis for the bean plants, and continue to dig up more grass each year as we slowly enlarge our space. Not pictured: banana plant, tomato plants, a pepper plant, eggplant, two varieties of sweet potato, and corn. I think we may

have lost the salvia to the deep freeze, and we are still waiting on the fig. We have a psychology intern and a mental health counselor on East unit that are starting another gardening group - exciting! We have plenty of seeds to share as they get started. Ms. Michelle added another railroad tie bed at the Treatment Mall garden - she has three now. We are talking with Engineering and Maintenance about building a compost and mulch bin next to the shed and have submitted a photo to them.



ALL IN ALL, A VERY SUCCESSFUL START TO THE SEASON!



RESTORING THE BEAUTY (Garden Center Grounds)

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Over 100 begonias were planted along with some thrillers and spillers in our lovely Callanwolde Garden Center property in early May. Thanks to the work crew of **Sandy Reed, Glendolyn Hallman, Renie Faulkenberry** and **Peg Wyse**, we were able to get all those plants planted. (See photo below.) And we also added ten new zinnias to the pollinator garden. Over time, we have added many plants that have adjusted well to the garden. Some plants were one and done, and that is part of our education as gardeners.

With the property, we have both sun and shade areas that have their own unique personalities. We hope we will have good rainfall this summer but in Georgia you can always count on some drought times. We are establishing a watering rotation for the summer just in case. Let me know if you can help us by watering or weeding or planting. **Our** workdays are usually two hours, and we have the luxury of air conditioning to rest and bathrooms, and cold water in our refrigerator! Contact Quill Duncan for more information at quillduncan@msn.com.

Hope all of you can enjoy the gardens in your neighborhoods and local parks and gardens over the summer months. Happy Gardening in your own special place!

(Quill Duncan & Sandy Reed, Co-Chairmen)



Glendolyn and Renie – Gardeners at Work!!

2023-2025 FEDERATION OFFICERS INSTALLED

At our General Meeting on March 23, our new officers were installed by The Garden Club of Georgia Immediate Past President, Barbara Bourque. Pictured below (left to right):

Barbara Bourque	Installing Officer
Quill Duncan	President
Nan Loftis	1 st Vice President
Bonnie Pennington	2 nd Vice President
Nancy Martin	3 rd Vice President
Gale Thomas	Recording Secretary
Allison Metheny	Corresponding Secretary
Ann Purr	Treasurer
Sandy Reed	Parliamentarian





AWARDS! AWARDS! AWARDS!

What a great time we had at our Annual Awards Luncheon on April 27! Several clubs were **Going For The Gold**, and we had lots of winners! A complete list of all the award winners is being sent in a separate email, but two of the most exciting were:

Club of the Year – Avondale Estates Garden Club

and

Club Member of the Year – Ann Purr, Mountain Mums Garden Club



Glennolyn Hallman Presenting Ann With Her Award

MESSAGE FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Club Presidents, as the DeKalb Federation Corresponding Secretary my job is to send messages of cheer, encouragement, and/or to express sympathy to any member in need. Please let me know if you have a member I can send a card or a few words of encouragement to.

Allison Metheny, ametheny@comcast.net

~ CLUB CORNER ~

Buyers flocked to the Avondale Estates Garden Club Third Annual Plant Sale April 15 at the Lake House, and it was an overwhelming success with more than 90 percent of the plants sold on sale day. Healthy hostas and peonies were among the more than 800 plants available for sale.



Avondale Estates Garden Club members show off Garden Week in Georgia sign at the beginning of the group's annual plant sale April 15, which is timed to coincide with Garden Week in Georgia. The club focuses on native plants and plants that grow well in the Atlanta region.





REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

Redbud District, along with **Dogwood District**, will co-sponsor The Garden Club of Georgia Awards and Leadership Workshop for club officers on Tuesday, **July 18** at Bellmere Garden House in Duluth. Complete information and registration form will be sent soon.

Redbud District will host our **50th Annual Flower Show**, “*Decades of Daisy: A Golden Celebration*,” at Callanwolde Fine Art Center, **September 20-21** (workdays begin on September 18). The committee is planning a spectacular show to commemorate this special anniversary.

(**Joy Zaidan**, Chairman; **Gale Turner**, Co-Chairman)

DeKalb Federation will host the **Redbud District** Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at Callanwolde. Details will be sent later this summer.



~ GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA ~

DeKalb Federation was well represented at The Garden Club of Georgia’s 95th Annual Convention on April 18-20 at the Evergreen Conference Center in Stone Mountain Park. Several awards were won by the Federation, and our member clubs. DeKalb Federation won three First Place Awards:

Garden Therapy Award #10	-	First Place
Garden Club Council Award #31	-	First Place
Publications Award (Newsletter) Award #37-		First Place

Congratulations to **Avondale Estates Garden Club** who won the GCG Trophy Award for Outstanding Club of the Year! This is quite an accomplishment as they were selected from over 300 garden clubs in the State. In addition to the top award, they also won several first and second place awards in various categories.

Conyers Garden Club was also a big winner, winning first and second place awards in several categories. Others of our award-winning clubs were Avon, Designers, Mountain Mums, Shenandoah Rose, and Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Clubs.



**Peggy Burgess, Immediate Past President (L) and Patricia Calcagno, President (R)
Proudly Display the Avondale Estates Garden Club GCG Trophy Award**

LOOK AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Garden Club of Georgia 2023 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser will be held at Masee Lane Gardens, home of the American Camellia Society. We'll travel to 100 Masee Lane in Fort Valley, GA 31030 where we will tour seven specialty gardens and view the world-famous Boehm Porcelain Collection. Luncheon and a speaker will be included. Sponsored this year by Magnolia District, more details will be available nearer the date.

(Beth Wielage, Historic Preservation Chairman)

SCHOLARSHIPS



This chairman is excited to report that **\$140,000** was granted to 35 worthy and notable students for the academic years 2022-2024. These funds secured and continue to assist in their educational goals and dreams. In addition, NGC & DSGC granted three students additional funds in 2022. And we are proud to announce that two of our 2023 applicants were awarded NGC scholarships in the amount of \$3,800 each at their annual convention earlier this month:

Kaleb Bell, ABAC, Agriculture Education Major
Tyler Williamson, UGA, Horticulture Major

Both of these students will graduate in 2024, so these funds will certainly be helpful in support of their senior year of college.

Tyler is the grandson of our dear friend Peg Glover, former Blue Star Marker State Chairman for many years, from Lincolnton. His sister Zia was a GCG & NGC Scholarship recipient, as well. Tyler plans to continue the family landscape business and bring his own ideas for expansion.

Kaleb is actively teaching and working in the community, and recently partnered with the Coastal Plains Native Plant Society as a part of his independent study. Kaleb was involved in the planting of 120 Parrot Pitcher Plants in the bogs.

Dollars Educate Scholars continues to be successful with term income of \$7,955.72. Our eight-year total income from this fundraiser is \$34,509.14. This contest is based on the total number of clubs within each district and the percentage of clubs participating within each district. All seven districts have participated in this fundraiser each year.

The **BIG** news is that for the 2nd consecutive year, **Redbud** has won and kept the Crown for the ***Dollars Educate Scholars*** Fundraiser! Congratulations, once again, to Redbud District Director, Gale D. Thomas! And congratulations to all our *Remarkable Redbud District Garden Clubs* for continuing to support this worthwhile Scholarship Fundraiser.

(**Susan Turner**, GCG Scholarship Chairman)

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

Jazz on the Lawn

2023 Jazz on the Lawn Musicians:

August 25th – Lori Williams

September 8th – Pete Ayres

September 22nd – Bob Baldwin

October 6th – Karla Harris

October 20th – Joe Gransden's Big Band



**Season tickets now available. For complete information go to
www.callanwolde.org**

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 upcoming **Federation** events:

- Federation General Meeting **May 25**
- Recognition of Club Presidents **May 25**
- Legends Club Recognition Ceremony **May 25**
- Jewelry and Purse Sale **May 25**
- Federation Board Meeting **June 1**
- Federation Board Meeting **September 7**
- Federation General Meeting **September 28**
- Leading Lights Fundraiser **November 16**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- National Garden Club Week **June 4-10**
- GCG Awards and Leadership Workshop **July 18**
- Redbud District Flower Show **September 18-21**
- Redbud District Annual Meeting **October 17**
- GCG Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser **November 4**

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