



FEBRUARY 2024

Hello Federation Friends,



Life Members are the  of DeKalb Federation!!

Our annual **Life Member Recognition Ceremony** will be held on **Thursday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m.**, in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. We will recognize our new Life Members, and especially those being recognized by their clubs. The 2024 **Life Member of the Year** will be announced at the conclusion of the program.

Your Federation Board will serve a complimentary buffet lunch following our meeting.

(Peggy Burgess, Life Membership 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)



FEDERATION AWARDS

Federation awards applications are due by **March 1**. Complete details and forms were sent in a separate e-mail, and the fillable form can be found on our web site. I will be at the Garden Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on March 1 if you wish to drop them off then. Our Annual Awards Recognition Ceremony will be held in the Courtyard at Callanwolde on Thursday, April 25.

(Awards Chairman, **Glenn dolyn Hallman**)



PULL A TAB FOR RONALD MCDONALD

I want to remind all the clubs to get their aluminum tabs to me by **March 1** so they can be counted for the Tabs Award at the Awards Ceremony. Or you can bring them to the General Meeting on February 22 at Callanwolde. If you can weigh them and remove any metal tabs, it will be appreciated, but if not, I will do it. Call me if we need to arrange for your tabs to be picked up.

(**Glenn dolyn Hallman**, Awards Chairman; 770-491-7398.)



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 an elastic waist.

(**Glenn dolyn Hallman**, Community Service Chairman)



IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE

Please mark your calendars for a change of date for our Federation General Meeting in May. The original date of May 23 has been changed due to a scheduling conflict with Callanwolde.

The new date for our meeting, recognition of club presidents, honoring of Legends Club inductees, and our used jewelry sale will be on **Thursday, May 30** at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde.



BOOK SALE WILL SOON BE OVER!!

The book sale is still on – until our March meeting. I will bring a selection to our Federation meeting to sell at minimal prices, most of which are priced at \$2.00. The proceeds will be donated to NCG's Natural Disaster Fund.
(Treasurer, **Ann Purr**)



BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS

Joy Abrams (L) and Quill Duncan (R) enjoyed some chilly gardening on February 6th at the Garden Center at Callanwolde. Now is the perfect time to prune shrubs and deadhead perennials and there is always some gardening chore ready to be done on our beautiful grounds. Sandy Reed groomed our pansy plantings and added fertilizer to keep them going strong. If you want to join the fun, please contact Quill Duncan or Sandy Reed. We will be working every few weeks, weather permitting this quarter.
(**Quill Duncan & Sandy Reed, Co-Chairmen**)



~ CLUB CORNER ~

Mountain Mums Garden Club Celebrates 20th Anniversary

On November 14, 2023, the Mountain Mums Garden Club in Stone Mountain celebrated its 20th anniversary at the beautiful “Waterfall House” owned by Susan and Joel Gilbert. More than 60 current and former members, spouses, and guests attended the lovely cocktail buffet.

Mountain Mums Garden Club was a spin-off of Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club 20 years ago when a group of young moms (mums!) formed its own club to meet during hours accommodating their busy family schedules. Mountain Mums currently has 35 active members and meets monthly during the calendar year. They are an active member of The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, and the Redbud District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.





REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

The **Redbud District** Winter Board Meeting was held in the Courtyard at Callanwolde on **February 12**. Club and Council Presidents were invited to attend, and following the Board meeting a covered dish lunch was enjoyed by all. The decision was voted to hold the 51st Annual Redbud District Flower Show this coming fall at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. The date of the show and other details will be forthcoming.
(**Kim Fair**, Redbud District Director)

\$\$\$\$\$ 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!

FIRST PLACE \$500 SECOND PLACE \$250 THIRD PLACE \$125



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!!

(**Bonnie Dudley**, Redbud Raffle Chairman; 706-812-7167)



REMARKABLE REDBUD BASKET RAFFLE

To further help defray convention expenses, we are also having a basket raffle! Your support of our fundraising efforts will help with the cost of workshops, speakers, floral designs, etc. Redbud District Garden Clubs have been asked to donate a themed basket to be raffled at the Convention. Many of our clubs choose a theme and ask each member to contribute an item to their basket. That way all members are helping with this fundraising project.

Past ideas: Bridge or card game baskets; garden baskets; a basket full of fun games for an evening; an appetizer basket full of recipes, ingredients, and napkins; a basket full of gift cards; a powder room basket with soaps, candles, and hand towels. Of course, individual gift cards and gift certificates are welcomed and can be raffled. Attach a description of everything in the basket and the monetary value of the total basket.

In order to provide adequate table space and signage, we need to know ahead of the convention that your club is bringing a basket for the raffle. If your club is unable to provide a basket, you could donate a gift card (\$50 or more) to the raffle or make a cash donation in lieu of it.

Please notify Raffle Basket Chairman, Bonnie Dudley, at 706-812-7167; bondudley@yahoo.com by **March 16**.



GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS

Government



CAPITOL CONSERVATION DAY 2024

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 was sent in a separate email - **and remember to wear something GREEN!**

(**Bonnie Pennington**, Legislative Chairman)

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!

Registration Deadline for Convention is March 31!!

(Quill Duncan and Bonnie Dudley, Convention Co-Chairmen)

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

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

Complete details and ticket information may be found at www.callanwolde.org.

Be sure to check their website for a complete list of available classes: dance, pottery, gardening, and media craft.

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 Dates:

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| 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 |
| March 7 | Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center/ Zoom |
| March 28 | Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde |
| April 4 | Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center/ Zoom |
| April 25 | Annual Awards Celebration |

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

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| February 27 | Capitol Conservation Day, State Capitol |
| March 8-9 | American Daffodil Society Regional Show, Alpharetta |
| March 19-20 | Deep South Region Convention, Gatlinburg, TN |
| March 31 | Registration Deadline for GCG Convention |
| April 14-20 | Garden Week in Georgia |
| April 16-17 | GCG 96th Annual Convention, Peachtree City |

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