



SEPTEMBER 2023

Hello Federation Friends,



“The Power of Plants”

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

Our next General Meeting will be on **Thursday, September 28, 2023**, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. **Club Presidents, please share this information with your members.**

Our program is “**The Power of Plants, (starting a local plant nursery),**” presented by **Garland’s Garden**, a local organic plant nursery, offerings focus on veggie, herb, and medicinal plant seedlings. Ninety percent of the plants are started from seed, cuttings, or divisions. Local growers provide the rest. Situated under the shelter of a two-hundred-year-old White Oak tree that provides a breath of fresh air, it serves as a community space and garden. Located in Scottdale, the garden center is close to, and serves many surrounding communities such as Avondale, Clarkston, Decatur, and East Lake.

(**Nancy Martin**, Programs Vice President)

And, don’t forget our monthly raffle. Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club is donating our raffle prize this month! 1 ticket for \$2.00; 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Welcome to our newest Federation member! **Stonecrest Garden Club**, located in Lithonia and 23 members strong, joined the Federation and GCG earlier this summer.



Gale Thomas (seated far left) is President and Mentor of Stonecrest Garden Club



*The 19th Annual Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show
And 75th Anniversary Celebration*

When – Thursday, November 16, 10:30 a.m.

Where – Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

What – CATERED Luncheon, Vendors, Raffle Baskets and Fashion Show Presented by **Dillard's Atlantic Station**-
Invitation and Reservation Form to Follow Later This Month
(**Rigby Duncan**, Fundraising Chairman)



On Patriot Day, we were honored to participate in the 22nd Memorial Remembrance Ceremony of the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. DeKalb Federation was again honored to provide a beautiful wreath for the Remember 9/11 Ceremony held annually at the DeKalb County Public Safety Complex in Tucker. The First Responders unit is very grateful for our generosity, participation, and support. The ceremony began at 8:46 am, to commemorate the time the first plane struck the Twin Towers. This year, we were honored to have a very special reading by Victoria R. Crosby as a part of this ceremony, an original poem, entitled “*A Tribute to Heroes.*” Victoria is the President of Smoke Rise Garden Club, and we are appreciative to her for sharing her poem with us all. Members from all branches of Public Safety participated in this moving ceremony. Metal from the Twin Towers site was used in creating the memorial sculpture where we placed the wreath. It is a beautiful tribute to those who gave and lost so much.

(**Susan Turner**, Remember 9/11 Chairman)



DeKalb Federation Members Who Attended the Ceremony on September 11
(From Left) **Gaye Auman**, **Ann Purr** (Mountain Mums GC), **Victoria Crosby**, **Denise Finley** (Smoke Rise GC), **Quill Duncan** (Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC,) **Susan Turner** (Conyers and Designers GC), **Dee Montgomery** (Smoke Rise GC), **Lucy White**, **Lynn Malone** (Mountain Mums GC), **Sherri Williams** (Hunting Hill GC)

KEEP DEKALB BEAUTIFUL

Both events are held at the DeKalb Sanitation Central Transfer Station, 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur 30032, and are **FREE** to DeKalb County Residents!

Paper Shredding Event, Saturday, **September 16**, 8:00 am – Noon
Household Hazardous Waste Event, **Saturday, October 21**, 8:00 am – Noon
(**Joy Abrams**, Keep DeKalb Beautiful Chairman)



RESTORING THE BEAUTY (Garden Center Grounds)

As summer draws to a close, we still have some lovely plantings to enjoy at the DeKalb Federation Garden Center Grounds. June was a lovely weather month.. a few degrees lower than normal and rainfall helped our plants thrive. July, and then a very hot and dry August created some gardening challenges. Renie Faulkenberry, who is a member of the Lullwater GC was our resident meteorologist . With each rainfall, she reported to Sandy Reed and Quill Duncan her rainfall totals so we knew we could skip a watering day! We are glad to be moving into the more moderate months of fall and with the cooler temperatures we will be adding some additional perennials to the pollinator garden. If you want to come help us weed or plant or prune, let us know. Contact Sandy Reed sandyreed17@gmail.com or Quill Duncan quillduncan@msn.com to join the fun. We usually work every other week but with fall's moderate weather, we will try to up that to once a week. Thanks, all!



New Guinea Impatiens, Angelonia and Begonias



Holidays For Heroes

I hope you have been saving your Holiday Cards! We are, once again, collecting cards for our military heroes around the world. We will need to receive your cards at the **September 28** or **October 26** Federation meetings. This year the cards are going to Fort Gordon, and possibly a marine base in South Georgia, for distribution to a military base overseas.

A reminder of the rules:

They take Christmas and Hanukkah cards in English and Spanish and have even taken cards for military dogs!

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- Please keep envelopes **unsealed**
- A positive message
- Nothing political
- No personal information
- No food
- No postage
- NO GLITTER

Glitter can get into a wound. Several cards wind up in the hands of wounded soldiers. Glitter can also get everywhere and show an enemy where they have been.

You can sign them with the name of your garden club, or simply a message that says, "Thank You for Your Service," or "A Grateful American."

Glenndolyn Hallman is the Chairman of this project, so please contact her at gkh44@aol.com with questions.



GARDEN THERAPY - NURTURING WITH NATURE

The Georgia Regional Hospital has had a great summer with their vegetable garden. The garden is filled with many types of vegetables, fruits, and herbs to attract pollinators. They also include flowering plants such as marigolds, sunflowers, and zinnias to add color and beauty to the garden. Mary Cochran has reported that they are growing long beans, asparagus, and a ghost pepper. Bonnie Pennington found them the ghost pepper plant and they are nursing it along. It is an extremely hot pepper, and they will need to be careful when they harvest it, and seed it, and cook it!

We learned this summer that one of the residents who is part of the gardening team trained as a chef. He is often the one who prepares the meals from the veggies that they raise. These gardens have been a wonderful addition to the lives of the residents there. And our support is really meaningful to them, and they are very appreciative.

(Bonnie Pennington, Quill Duncan, Co-Chairmen)



Ghost Pepper



Long Beans



Asparagus



REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS



The **50th Anniversary** of the Redbud District Standard Flower Show

Decades of Daisy

will be held at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center on Wednesday, September 20 (from 1:00-7:00 pm), and Thursday, September 21 (from 10:00 am-5:00 pm). Tour fantastic displays of more than 40 floral designs and hundreds of horticulture specimens, as well educational exhibits, and youth entries. The show is free and open to the public, with ample, free parking.

We need help setting up the show on **Monday**, September 18, at 11:00 am, and on **Thursday**, September 21 at 5:00 pm to assist with tear down. To volunteer, or for questions, please contact Show Chairman, **Joy Zaidan**; joyzaidan4986@gmail.com



62nd ANNUAL REDBUD DISTRICT MEETING!

“Wild about Wildflowers”

Hosted by DeKalb Federation, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. The program on wildflowers will be presented by Felicity N. Davis, Landscape Architect, Georgia Department of Transportation Roadside Wildflower Program. Our special guest will be Lisa Hall, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

This event is Redbud’s main fundraiser, and you will have the opportunity to participate in our 50/50 cash raffle and Beautiful Basket Raffle and includes a catered lunch. The meeting invitation and reservation form are on both the Redbud and DeKalb Federation websites. The due date to reserve your spot is **October 7**.

We hope to see you there!

(**Kim Fair**, Redbud District Director)



~ **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA** ~

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

The Garden Club of Georgia Fundraiser at Masee Lane Gardens



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>> **The GCG 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, the registration form with more details is available on the Garden Club of Georgia's new website under Projects and Programs.

Visit <https://gardenclubofgeorgia.org/>

(**Beth Wielage**, Historic Preservation Chairman)

It's All About The Youth!



YOUTH POETRY CONTEST – Entries due to Redbud Youth Chair by December 1

Theme: “I Spy With My Little Eye, Something **Green** Outside – Celebrating Our **Green** World.”

For details and updated guidelines visit <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests>

(**Melodie Janin**, Redbud Youth Chairman; melodiejanin@yahoo.com)

(**Susan Turner**, Redbud Youth Co-Chairman? glencree@bellsouth.net)

SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST - Entries due to Redbud Youth Chair by December 1



This year we will celebrate Smokey’s **80th Birthday!** Since 1944, Smokey Bear has taught people how to help prevent wildfires and to be careful with campfires, matches and more.

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LOOK AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATE!!

The Garden Club of Georgia Annual Convention will be held on April 16-17, 2024 (location TBA). Redbud will be the host district with Quill Duncan serving as Convention Chairman and Bonnie Dudley as Convention Co-Chairman. The Convention Committee has been working this summer to ensure that this will be a successful event. If you are contacted to fill a role, please say **YES!**

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

Jazz on the Lawn

2023 Jazz on the Lawn Musicians:

September 22nd – Bob Baldwin

October 6th – Karla Harris

October 20th – Joe Gransden’s Big Band

(with special guest singer Julie Dexter)



**Single show 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 **September 28**
- Federation Board Meeting **October 5**
- Federation General Meeting **October 26**
- Holidays For Heroes Cards Due By **October 26**
- Federation Board Meeting **November 2**
- Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show **November 16**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Redbud District Flower Show **September 18-21**
- Redbud District Annual Meeting **October 17**
- GCG Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser **November 4**
- Most GCG Awards Applications Due **December 1**
- GCG Annual Convention **April 16-17, 2024**

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