



OCTOBER 2015

Hello Federation Friends,



We really got off to a good start last month, with a great program and delicious refreshments! Our meetings are held the fourth Thursday of September, October, and January through May at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, **October 22**. Coffee and “nibbles,” provided by member clubs each month, will be served beginning at 9:30. President **Renie Faulkenberry** will call the meeting to order promptly at 10:00, so come early, catch up with your friends, and continue to enjoy your refreshments during the meeting!

Our program this month is ***Saving the Monarch***



Trecia Neal has spent the last 25 years as a biologist at Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta. For the past eight years, this ornithologist, environmentalist and biologist has been focusing on the development and endangerment of the Monarch butterfly. “...Helping teachers incorporate monarchs into their curriculum is a very important part of what my mission is as a teacher and a scientist,” she says. She takes this expertise and gives us the “whys” and “hows” of protecting and promoting this amazing creature.

(Programs Vice President, **Diane Hunter**)

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

Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

Hospitality Chairman, **Beth Wielage**, will contact the club prior to the meeting.

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!



(**Anita Brittian**, Horticulture Chairman)

Mini-Flower Shows will be held three times each year: October, January, and March, and each participating club may select their own theme. This month's exhibitor is:

Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club – Theme: Halloween



(**Sandra Wheeler**, Mini-Flower Show Chairman)

This will be our last General Meeting of this year. The next General Meeting will be on January 28, 2016.

We are pleased to announce that **Chico's Perimeter Mall** will provide the fashions for the Thirteenth Annual **Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show** on Thursday, November 19, also in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Invitations and reservation forms will be sent this week. Vendors are reserving their tables, so begin planning for the spectacular basket you club will donate for the raffle! We will sign-up volunteers at our meeting on October 22. (Fundraising Chairman, **Rigby Duncan**)

We are soliciting your support of the **Garden Therapy** program for the Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta. Shaheen Soloman is the new Director of Community Resources and our point of contact. DeKalb Federation Garden Clubs are encouraged to send a \$25 donation for Garden Therapy to The Garden Club of Georgia by March 1st. Your club will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from GCG. **Project Fig Leaf** is still ongoing (new underwear all sizes needed) as well as toiletry items, and the hospital has made a special request for new or gently worn pants (all sizes). Elastic waistbands would be helpful. Mr. Solomon stated he would be delighted to participate in the Stocking and Egg projects. We will no longer send \$1.00 per stocking or egg to GCG; instead we recommend sending candy to fill the stockings and eggs.

(Garden Therapy Chairman, **Joanne Bennett**)

DeKalb County is holding a recycle event for **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**, Saturday, **October 17, 8:00 am-Noon**, 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur. (Please see Keep DeKalb Beautiful web site for more information.) There will be a recycling event (electronics, gently used shoes, etc.) at Tucker High School on **November 14, 9:00 am-Noon**. (Additional information to follow.) There is a permanent Electronic Drop-Off at the DeKalb Tax Commissioner's office next to the Human Resources Building in Decatur, **Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm**; Phone 404-371-2654.

(Community Improvement Vice President, **Sandy Suggs**)

"Leap into Action" seems to be a theme we are hearing often in garden club circles these days, which started as the theme for our new NGC President. As Membership Chairman, I'd like to challenge each of you to **"Leap into Action"** as a positive force in DeKalb County! Garden Clubs are good news! This fall let's all do something exciting with our club membership! (continued on next page)

Remember the **KEY WORDS**:

- **Retention** - Keep the members you have...interesting programs, friendly meetings and worthwhile projects.
- **Extension** - Add a new one....Invite a friend, have a special day to bring friends, invite them to our great Federation programs or fund raisers.
- **Recognition** - Praise jobs well done....delegate jobs, let them do the job and thank them.

(Membership Vice President, **Deanna McFarlan**)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

We have scheduled a clean-up day for the Garden Center grounds on Saturday, **November 14** from 9:00 am-Noon, so that our “home” looks nice when our visitors come to **Leading Lights** the next week.

The Garden Center still has some openings for volunteers. Please contact Garden Center Director **Diane Hunter** if you can volunteer in any capacity; drmchunter@yahoo.com, 404-992-7381.

REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

Please make plans to attend the **Redbud District** Annual Meeting, “*Tea in the Garden,*” on Thursday, **October 15**, at Dunaway Gardens in Newnan.



The guest speaker will be owner Jennifer Bigham, and tours of the gardens will be offered. Registrations are due by October 8.

(Registrar, **Rigby Duncan**)

CALLANWOLDE CORNER



Callanwolde is excited to announce **Halloween Night on Callanwolde Mountain**, a night of family fun for both kids and adults, Friday, October 30, 6:00-9:00 pm. Join us, with Legoland Discovery Center, in celebrating this Halloween adventure, along with J&M Sound Design DJ. Also the Callanwolde Concert Band with special guest Matthew Kaminski, organist for the Atlanta Braves, for a musical program featuring selections from *Night on Bald Mountain*, *Phantom of the*

Opera, and Pirates of the Caribbean. There will be trick or treating throughout the estate and a family friendly costume contest with big prizes! There will be a surprise guest, too!

Garden club volunteers are needed to help hand out candy to the children, and tell their parents what we are all about!! Contact Callanwolde Volunteer Manager, Kate Holland, kholland@callanwolde.org, if you can help.

Mark Your Calendars for **Christmas at Callanwolde!** November 30 - December 15, 2015.

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

Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

October 15	Due Date to Submit Yearbooks for GCG Award
October 15	Redbud District Meeting Dunaway Gardens, Newnan
October 22	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde
November 3	Election Day!
November 5	Federation Board Meeting
November 14	Grounds Clean-Up at the Garden Center
November 19	Leading Lights Luncheon, Callanwolde Courtyard
Nov. 30-Dec. 15	Christmas at Callanwolde

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