



The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Hello, Federation Friends!



We hope that you will join us on April 23 as we **Crown the Winners!**

Awards Chairmen, Joy and Glendolyn, are working hard to make this awards event the best one ever! The awards ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard at Callanwolde, followed by a delicious catered lunch. So make sure you send your reservation and \$20 to Ann Purr by next Wednesday, April 15.

Due to the length of our awards ceremony, there will be no mini-flower show this month. However, please remember to bring horticulture to share!

Our annual **Life Member Recognition Luncheon**, rescheduled from February, was held on March 26, and the following recipients were honored with Life Membership in DeKalb Federation:

Avon Garden Club - Penny Abraham
Avondale Estates Garden Club – Ruth Osborne
Avondale Estates Garden Club – Monica Smith (sponsored by Mary Lovings)
Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club - Sidney Bailey
Conyers Garden Club – Susan Turner (sponsored by Diane Hunter)
Dunwoody Garden Club – Maria Richmond
Henderson Estates Garden Club – Marty Nelson
Hoe & Hope Garden Club – Doris LaGravinese
Hoe & Hope Garden Club – Nancy Page
Hummingbird Garden Club – Julianne Goecke
Hummingbird Garden Club – Sandra Threadcraft
Ladybugs Garden Club – Dewey Holbrook
Lake Ivanhoe Garden Club – Robert Suggs
Lullwater Garden Club – Kim Storbeck
Mountain Mums Garden Club – Ann Purr
Smoke Rise Garden Club – Sue Chandler (deceased) – accepted by her Daughter

Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club – Carol Ann Culpepper
DeKalb Federation – Stein Mart Representatives – Carole Cosgrove and Judy Murray
Prior to the ceremony, all Life Members in attendance were recognized, and a memorial service was conducted for those who had died during the past year. Next, all previous winners of the Life Member of the Year Award were recognized, followed by the announcement of the

2015 Life Member of the Year – Betty Thompson

(Unfortunately, Betty announced that she will be leaving us as she is moving in May to Atlanta, Illinois to be near her daughter and family. We will miss her.) 🙄

Mickie Holton then installed the following officers for the 2015-2017 term:

President	Lorene Falkenberry	(Lullwater)
First Vice-President	Deanna McFarlan	(Shenandoah Rose) (not installed)
Second Vice-President	Sandy Suggs	(Lake Ivanhoe)
Third Vice-President	Diane Hunter	(Breckenridge Garden Arts I)
Fourth Vice-President	Lorraine Loftis	(Lullwater)
Recording Secretary	Denise Finley	(Smoke Rise)
Corresponding Secretary	Quill Duncan	(Smoke Rise Morning Glories)
Treasurer	Ann Purr	(Mountain Mums)
Parliamentarian	Rigby Duncan	(Hunting Hill)

Following the ceremonies, a delicious lunch, provided by the Federation Board, was served to the nearly 100 in attendance.

Thank You, Sandy Suggs. . . .for your dedication and service as Federation President the last two years! In appreciation, DeKalb Federation honored her at our meeting with a Life Membership in The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Some of us will be attending The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., 87th Annual Convention on Jekyll Island next week, so we will have a complete report for you at our April meeting. The Federation has applied for several State awards, so keep your fingers crossed!

This 'n That

A new Persian Parrotia, Ruby Vase tree was planted in front of the Conservatory to replace the shade tree that blew down a few years ago during Hurricane Opal. Hopefully this tree will grow and provide similar shade to the conservatory in the not-too-distant future.

There will be a free shredding event at Smoke Rise Charter School in Stone Mountain on April 18, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Georgia Perimeter College Native Plant Garden will celebrate its 25th anniversary Sunday, April 19 – Saturday, April 25. There will be plant sales, tours, etc. Check their website www.gpcnativegarden.org for complete details.

Ladybugs Garden Club, in partnership with the Gwinnett Master Gardeners Association, will present their Garden Tour on May 16, 2015. Please visit www.gwinnettmastergardeners.com for more information.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming **Federation** events:

- Annual Awards Luncheon, **April 23**
- Presidents' Recognition Ceremony and Jewelry Sale **May 28**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- GCG State Convention, Jekyll Island, **April 15-17**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 19-25**
- NGC National Convention, Louisville, KY, **May 12-18**

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