



APRIL 2018

Hello Federation Friends,



Applause Applause! It is time for your club to **glitter** and **shine** at our Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 26 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Our Awards Committee (Glenn dolyn, Joy, Quill and Rigby) is working hard to make this year's event spectacular! The awards ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard at Callawolde, followed by a delicious catered lunch. So make sure you send your reservation and \$20 to Ann Purr by Wednesday, **April 18**.

And, mark your calendars for our **May** meeting! In addition to our program, presented by Trees Atlanta, Inc., we will be honoring our Club Presidents, as well as Former DeKalb Federation Presidents, and our League of Legends Ladies (see article below). In addition, we will be conducting our annual sale of donated jewelry and purses. A fun way to end our garden club year and head for a summer of relaxation!

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.

(Horticulture Chairman **Anita Brittian**)



The League of Legends



Our Legends Return!

In 2017 we created the Legends Club to recognize long term, dedicated members of our Clubs who've reached the age of 90. It's time to add to this stellar group. So, let's take a look at our rosters – new and old –and pick out those amazing folks who have given to their groups and the Federation for many years. They inspire us and are always willing to support us with their wisdom and their heart. How does one become a member? The Club is open to current garden club members 90 years old and above and who, by their involvement, inspire us all to keep planting and sharing. Names should be submitted to your club president who will then pass them along to Diane Hunter, drmchunter@yahoo.com. If you can, add a current address. You can find a list of our first honorees in the 2017-2019 Federation yearbook.

As of this date, I have only received one name. Please double check with club members so we don't miss anyone.

We will host a special celebration for them at the May 24 general meeting, followed by a planting in the fall on the Garden Center grounds to honor them. Nominees should be passed along to Diane no later than **April 20**. Let's make this another special event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – FOR OUR ANNUAL FEDERATION SALE OF



Donated Jewelry and Gently Used Purses



at our May 24 General Meeting
“Bring your Bling” to the April Meeting,
or Drop Off at the Garden Center!

(Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan** (404-321-1733), whatarig@aol.com)



ROLLING BOOK SALE

Through a generous donation, we are in possession of dozens and dozens of really nice books, most of which are hard bound and beautiful. Most of these are books on gardening and home decorating, and are of “coffee table” quality. I will bring a selection to each of our meetings to sell at minimal prices, most of which are priced at \$2.00. The proceeds will be donated to GCG’s Natural Disaster Fund.

Update!! Through the end of our fiscal year, March 31, our book sales have raised \$550 in support of GCG’s Natural Disaster Fund!! Thanks so much for your support!!

(Treasurer, **Ann Purr**; a.purr@comcast.net, 770-921-9070)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

Please remember to sign in if you come to the Garden Center for any reason, from volunteering, dropping off garden therapy items, helping with events, etc. We report usage to both Callanwolde and The Garden Club of Georgia. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact Diane.



Sign Me Up!!

After getting feedback from several members, and inspired by our Concrete Jungle friends, the Garden Center has decided to host “**Sangria and Sandwiches**” clean-up days at the Garden Center on **May 16** and **June 6** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We’ll serve sandwiches and Sangria (weak!) and water and juice. Bring your implements. We’ll invite our Master Gardener friends. Please email me so I can get a rough count.

Garden Center Director **Diane Hunter** (404-992-7381), drmchunter@yahoo.com.

FEDERATION OFFICER UPDATE

At the March 1 meeting of the Federation Executive Board, Dianne Hunter was appointed as Fourth Vice President, to fill the unexpired term of Lorraine Loftis. In this capacity, she will be responsible for all Conservatory operations and rentals.

“Celebrating Homegrown Heroes”

Holidays for Heroes is our opportunity to thank active military personnel serving overseas by sending holiday cards, to be delivered to Dobbins Air Force Base for distribution around the world. Although it is only April, this is a reminder to begin collecting cards during the summer to bring to our September meeting. Do not sign your name on the cards nor seal the envelopes, and they have requested no glitter, please. A garden club could be listed, or simply a greeting, thanking our military personnel for their service. We will also be grateful for donations of blank envelopes for cards. (Chairman **Carol Hayes**; hayescarol37@gmail.com, 404-909-5004)

REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

WIN BIG WITH THE GCG Cash Raffle!!



We did it!

A Huge Thanks to all Redbud Clubs!! We have sold 389 GCG raffle tickets and reached 111% of goal. That means Redbud gets \$250 which goes right back into the District's coffers. This money will help support programs like the Yellow Daisy Flower Show, Blue Star Marker, Capitol Conservation Day and/or the Restoring our Future grants. Redbud District Director, **Diane Hunter**, drmchunter@yahoo.com or 404-992-7381

GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS



2018 Historic Preservation Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE! Camellia District is pleased to host a luncheon, lecture book signing and tour of Pebble Hill Plantation grounds and main house on Wednesday, May 9 at Noon, Pebble Hill Plantation/Uno Barn, Thomasville. The presenting sponsor is Cherokee Garden Club of Atlanta. The book, **Seeking Eden** *A Collection of Georgia's Historic Gardens*, will be signed by co-authors, Staci Catron and Mary Ann Eaddy.

Individual ticket price is \$40; complete details along with the registration form are available at the GCG website under **Events Calendar, Historic Landscape Preservation**. Contact Mary Tomlinson for questions, tomlinson.mary@gmail.com; 229-403-6046. (Historic Preservation Chairman **Jo Pell Holbrook**, 770-361-3619, 4998jdh@att.net)

Garden Studies Courses in Griffin

Mark Your Calendars - GCG will host Garden Studies courses in Griffin in 2018 – 2019. The Garden Studies Schools August 3-4, November 2-3, January 18-19 for the first three Gardening School Courses will be held at the Griffin UGA Garden Center. The fourth date is still tentative, but likely Feb. 8-9. These are all Friday-Saturday dates. We need volunteers who might be available to help. If you are interested, let me know. These courses are so rewarding and informative and hosting them at the UGA center gives access to that facility's gardens.

Redbud District Director, **Diane Hunter**, drmchunter@yahoo.com or 404-992-7381



The Party's Over!

The GCG Annual Meeting was held April 11-12 in the Macon Marriott Center, with several of our members in attendance!

~ **News Flash** ~ DeKalb Federation won blue ribbons for Website, Council and Garden Therapy!! Several of our clubs were also big winners, a list of which will be in next month's newsletter. **Congratulations to all!!**

CALLANWOLDE CORNER



Gallery Opening: 2018 Juried Art Exhibition

(The Art is Kid Friendly!)

The Callanwolde Fine Arts Center Gallery presents its annual Juried Art Exhibition, **March 29 – May 18, 2018**. Curated by Stephanie Smith co-founder of Atlanta Printmakers Studio.

This exhibition features 28 works by 24 local artists. The artist winning Best in Show will receive a solo exhibition during the Callanwolde Gallery's 2019 season.

Callanwolde's summer concert series, **Jazz on the Lawn**, will soon be in full swing! A schedule will appear in next month's newsletter. Check out all their events at www.callanwolde.org.

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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:

- Annual Awards Luncheon and Book Sale **April 26**
- Federation Board Meeting **May 3**
- Federation General Meeting and Jewelry/Purse Sale **May 24**
- Legends Club Recognition **May 24**
- Club and Council Presidents Recognition **May 24**
- Federation Board Meeting **June 7**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 15-21**
- Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser, Thomasville, **May 9**
- NGC National Convention, Philadelphia, PA, **May 21-24**
- National Garden Week, **June 3-9**
- Redbud Summer Board Meeting, (TBA), **August 13**
- Yellow Daisy Flower Show, Stone Mountain, **September 7-9**

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