



MARCH 2017

Hello Federation Friends,



Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23 at 10:00 AM in the Courtyard of Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Our speaker will be **Jim Rodgers**, Owner, Nearly Native Nursery, who will speak to us about "*The Lost Oaks of Georgia*," and help us learn how to help restore this unique ecosystem.



You may all know that Nearly Native Nursery is one of the premier providers of native plants in the country, but you may not know that Rodgers, in his 30 year career, has immersed himself in reclaiming wild areas, protecting endangered reptiles, and ensuring the propagation of native species. In his long environmental career, he has become an advocate for preserving and restoring Georgia's oak species.

Following our program, we will conduct the installation of the following officers for the 2017-2019 term:

President	Glenn Dolyn Hallman
First Vice President	Renie Faulkenberry
Second Vice President	Joy Zaidan
Third Vice President	Quill Duncan
Fourth Vice President	Lorraine Loftis
Recording Secretary	Sandy Reed
Corresponding Secretary	Sandy Suggs
Treasurer	Ann Purr

**Hospitality Volunteers**– The following garden clubs are responsible for refreshments before our meeting this month:

### **Conyers and Ladybugs Garden Clubs**

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

**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:

### **Avondale Estates Garden Club**

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



At our annual **Life Member Recognition Luncheon** held last month, we recognized 11 new Life Members, bringing our total to 315! Congratulations to **Sandy Suggs, 2017 Life Member of the Year** (shown here with Life Member Chairman, Joy Zaidan).



Previous Life Members of the Year in attendance were (from left): Deanna McFarlan (2009), Vivian Yancey (2013), Renie Faulkenberry (2013), Mickie Holton (2010), Joy Zaidan (2011), Rigby Duncan (2006), Edith Morton (2012), Lorraine Loftis (2016), and Diane Hunter (2015).



## 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.

We will be shopping for new shelving in the Library downstairs in the Garden Center. The Garden Center will be closed the week of April 17 for The Garden Club of Georgia Convention.

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

## HORTICULTURE

Please remember to bring to our meetings **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)

## FEDERATION PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND ANNUAL DUES

Thanks to all of the clubs who have submitted their President's Club Activity Report, and paid their annual dues. If you have not done so, please send them in as soon as possible. (Federation President, **Renie Faulkenberry**)

## FEDERATION AWARDS



*Applause Applause!* It is time for your club to **shine** at our Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 27 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Invitations will be distributed next week, and the due date for reservations is April 19. A record number of awards applications have been received, so we should have an exciting time!

## The League of Legends



All of us have so many of those amazing folks who have given to their garden clubs, and to the Federation, for many years. They inspire us, and are always willing to support us with their wisdom and their heart. We are planning to honor them with a presentation each year at our May General Meeting as they are inducted into our newly created **Legends Club**. 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. We're asking each club to send us the names of those members they would like to recognize by **April 20, 2017**. Each inductee class will be honored with a special planting on Garden Center grounds, and recognized with a plaque in the Garden Center. Send your nominees to Diane Hunter, [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – FOR OUR ANNUAL FEDERATION SALE OF**



**Donated Jewelry**

**and Gently Used Purses**



**at our May 25 General Meeting**

**“Bring your Bling” to the March and April Meetings,  
or Drop Off at the Garden Center!**

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

## REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS



### All About the B's

We're getting closer! Remarkable Redbuds are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of The Garden Club of Georgia on April 18-20. The entire event will be held at the newly renovated Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens. We've got great speakers lined up to provide the latest on all things bees, birds, butterflies and bats. Special guests include Arabella Dane, our keynote speaker, and Carol Bullard, Deep South Regional Director. What better way to focus on Georgia's vital pollinators than to be in one of the State's premier gardens during the height of spring?

Activities include tours of the Day Butterfly Center, and Roosevelt's Little White House where we will dedicate the gardens that Redbud Clubs and members financed. On Wednesday we will install the 2017-2019 Redbud Officers at our District Breakfast, and that evening we will be cheering for the Remarkable Redbuds who will go home with awards they receive at the Awards Banquet. (DeKalb Federation has applied for six State awards, so keep your fingers crossed!) The due date to register is April 1, and the registration form was sent via e-mail last week.

**Convention Chairman Diane Hunter** (404-992-7381), [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com)

**Convention Registrar Rigby Duncan** (404-321-1733), [whatarig@aol.com](mailto:whatarig@aol.com)

## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS

*Government*



### Federation Clubs Advocate for the Environment

Did you know that coal ash is being exported to Georgia landfills and the companies doing it are not liable for environmental and health damage if heavy metals in the ash leech into groundwater under landfills? Or, that there is a bill to eliminate the storm water collection and disposal fee to developers who use a local government's storm water runoff system? This, and several other critical water issues are currently working through the Legislature. DeKalb Federation Garden Clubs were well represented on February 15 for **Capitol Conservation Day**. Over 160 attendees from 20 environmental organizations attended a breakfast where the latest in Georgia's water issues were discussed along, with strategies for approaching our legislators.

The event was cosponsored by, among others, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Redbud District, Dogwood District, the Sierra Club, Georgia Riverkeepers, Environment Georgia, Southern Environmental Law Center, and the Druid Hills Garden Club. Federation members attending: from Avon Garden Club: Michelle Spears, Bruce Johnston, Barbara Swicegood; from Smoke Rise Morning Glories: Janet McGinnis, Tally Sweat; from Ladybugs: Pat Kahn, Karen Bricker; from Smoke Rise: Edith Morton; from Shenandoah

Rose: Deanna McFarlan and from Breckenridge Garden Arts I: Diane Hunter. Follow water issues through the legislature by going to <http://www.gawater.org/updates>. (GCG State Legislative Chairman, **Tally Sweat**; [tsweat06@parksprings.net](mailto:tsweat06@parksprings.net))



## 2017 Historic Preservation Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE! Laurel District is pleased to host Tara Dillard, award winning and nationally recognized author and speaker, who hosted her own CBS-TV Show, "The Better Gardening Show." Tara is the author of five books, including *Garden Paths and Stepping Stones*, *Beautiful by Design* and *The Garden View*.

Tara will lecture on Modern Garden Design with Historic Inputs, a subject that is close to her heart. The lunch and lecture will take place Wednesday, April 26, 2017, on the beautiful campus of Berry College in Rome Georgia. The \$40 individual ticket includes lunch, lecture and tour of Martha Berry's House and Gardens at Oak Hill located across the street from Berry College. Prior registration is required.

- 11:30 am to Noon - Check in at Ford Dining Hall - Lobby of Berry College
- Noon to 1:00 pm - Luncheon in Ford Dining Hall
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - Tara Dillard lecture and book signing
- 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Tours of Oak Hill and Gardens
- Contact Marie Purser for questions, [.nanapurser6@gmail.com](mailto:.nanapurser6@gmail.com); 770-815-6356

### CALLANWOLDE CORNER



## Volunteers Needed!

Callanwolde is holding its annual

### *Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt*

on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm, and needs volunteers to help in the Mansion. The hunt features thousands of candy-filled eggs, along with 3 golden "prize" eggs and, of course, the Easter Bunny. In addition, there'll be family gams, LEGO building station, face painting, and kids' dance floor. Please contact [kholland@callanwolde.org](mailto:kholland@callanwolde.org) and make sure you let Diane Hunter ([drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com)) know so she can add your volunteer hours to your club's total. (It's always a fun time when hundreds of little ones are hyped up on sugar!)

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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:

- Installation of 2017-2019 Officers **March 23**
- Annual Awards Luncheon **April 27**
- Recognition of Club Presidents, and 90 Year Members **May 25**
- Annual Sale of Donated Jewelry and Gently Used Purses **May 25**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Deep South Convention, New Orleans, LA **March 26-28**
- Flower Show School Course IV, Bellmere **March 27-30**
- Deadline to Register for GCG State Convention **April 1**
- GCG Annual Convention, Callaway Gardens **April 18-20**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 16-22**
- GCG Historic Preservation Fundraiser, Berry College **April 26**
- NGC National Convention, Richmond, VA, **May 16-21**

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