



MARCH 2018

Hello Federation Friends,



Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 AM in the Courtyard of Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Our speaker will be **Katherine Kennedy**, Executive Director, Concrete Jungle, Inc., who will speak to us about *“Bridging the Gap Between Surplus Fruit and the Hungry.”*



Did you know that Atlanta has over 1600 different neglected fruit and nut trees? The amount of food collected from these trees translates into thousands of pounds of fruits and nuts that are being harvested by volunteers all over the city. The produce is distributed to the Atlanta Community Food Bank and many other organizations who serve the needy all year long. Katherine Kennedy is the Executive Director of the Concrete Jungle organization here in Atlanta. She will share with us how she recruits volunteers to harvest, show us the farm where they grow vegetables for additional distribution, and also tell us how we can participate in a “Pick It” event in your community.

(Programs Vice President, **Quill Duncan**)

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

Avondale Estates Garden Club

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

Mini-Flower Shows will be held three times each year: **October, January, and March**, and each show will feature a patriotic theme. This month's exhibitor is:

Mountain Mums Garden Club – Theme: *And The Rocket's Red Glare*



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

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**,)

At our annual **Life Member Recognition Luncheon** held last month, we honored 18 new Life Members three of whom will be recognized at the March meeting, bringing our total to **333!** Congratulations to **Joanne Bennett, 2018 Life Member of the Year** (shown here with Life Member Chairman, Deanna McFarlan).



Special recognition was given to David Rocker, NYSA Capital, LLC, for the more than \$15,000 in donations and solicitations made on our behalf in the support of our Leading Lights fundraiser during the last three years.



Former Life Members of the Year joining Joanne were (from left): Sandy Suggs (2017), Deanna McFarlan (2009), Diane Hunter (2014), Renie Faulkenberry (2013), Joanne Bennett (2018), Joy Zaidan (2011), Edith Morton (2012), and Rigby Duncan (2006).



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 are still trying to schedule a work date to clean up the grounds around the Garden Center. Please let Diane know if you are interested, and if you would prefer a weekday or weekend.

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

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, **Glenn dolyn Hallman**)



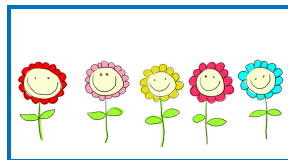
FEDERATION AWARDS

Thanks to everyone who submitted awards applications! We have received a record number of 46! On March 9, fourteen qualified volunteers met to judge them, each of which was judged by three different individuals. We are really looking forward to our Awards Luncheon next month when we announce . . . (see below)



Applause Applause! It is time for your club to *sparkle and shine* at our Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 26 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Invitations have been distributed and the due date for reservations is April 18. A record number of awards applications have been received, so we should have an exciting time!

The League of Legends



Our Legends Return!

In 2017 we created the Legends Club to recognize long term, dedicated members of our Clubs who have 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 clubs 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.

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 **March 30**. 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 March and April Meetings,
or Drop Off at the Garden Center!**

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

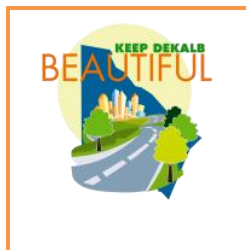


ROLLING BOOK SALE

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.

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

KEEP DEKALB BEAUTIFUL



Bags and bins are out – rolling blue carts are in! The changeover to the County mandated rolling recycling carts must be done by December 28. A **roll cart exchange community event** will be held at the Tucker Recreational Center on March 24, 2018. Current

recyclers must trade in/return their 18-gallon blue bins and submit a subscription form before receiving a roll cart.

DeKalb County will conduct a **hazardous waste disposal event** on Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon, at the Sanitation Division's Central Transfer Station 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur, GA 30032. This event is FREE and open only to DeKalb County residents. Proof of DeKalb County residency is required. Residents are limited to 10 gallons of paint per vehicle. No commercial vehicles are allowed. Early arrival is highly recommended.

(Keep DeKalb Beautiful Chairman **Barbara Adam**, 770-934-6320, barbaraadam@att.net)

REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

WIN BIG WITH THE GCG Cash Raffle!!



What a way to make a buck for Redbud! Packets of 10 raffle tickets have been delivered to each Club President for the GCG fundraiser raffle. For **\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20**, you'll win a *chance at the **First Prize of \$1000, Second Prize of \$500 and Third Prize of \$250***. Drawing for the prizes will be held during the Annual Meeting in Macon on April 11 and 12. You do not have to be present to win.

We're asking all clubs to sell tickets by **April 5, 2018**. If Redbud sells its allotment of 350 tickets, the District receives \$250. So...you may win, the District wins and GCG wins! What a deal! So, how are we doing? We've sold 53% of our share. We've got a way to go. Don't let the other districts beat us!

Use them as gifts, rewards, prizes. This is such a painless way to raise money. You can also follow the lead of Shenandoah Rose Garden Club and have the club purchase all 10 tickets. That way, your club has 10 chances of winning up to \$1000 for its treasury. An easy fundraiser!

If you want more tickets, just let Diane Hunter know. If you have leftover tickets (not likely), just mail them back to Diane. If you never got a shipment, please email or call Diane at drmchunter@yahoo.com or 404-992-7381.

(Redbud District Director, **Diane Hunter**)

GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS

Government



Federation Members Visit the Capitol



Federation members Deanna McFarlan, Diane Hunter, Rigby Duncan, Julianne Goecke, Glenndolyn Hallman, and Ann Purr joined other GCG members, including State President Jane Hersey (left of Governor Deal) at the Capitol on March 1 to join hundreds of other Georgians in speaking out for a cleaner Georgia. Here's what we accomplished together:

Every Senator heard of the importance of promoting government transparency and honesty (the "Trust Fund" resolution). [TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT FACT SHEET \(HR 158\)](#)

- Representatives were put on notice that Georgia's coast should stay CLOSED to offshore oil drilling. [OFFSHORE DRILLING FACT SHEET \(HR 1041\)](#)
- Senators heard that 90% of Georgians believe utilities should have to notify communities before they pump water from coal waste pits into nearby rivers, lakes and coastal areas. [COAL WASTE FACT SHEET \(HB 879\)](#)

It will be interesting to watch the outcome of these proposals.

(GCG State Legislative Chairman, **Tally Sweat**; tsweat06@parksprings.net)



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)



It's a 90th Birthday Garden Party – and we're invited!

So make plans to attend the GCG Annual Meeting, April 11-12, Macon Marriott Center. Convention registration form and hotel information is in the winter edition of *Garden Gateways* and also on the GCG website under **Events Calendar**, *State Convention Information*.

CALLANWOLDE CORNER



Callanwolde is holding its annual

Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 31

Bring your basket and your camera for a family friendly Easter egg hunt amidst Callanwolde's beautiful spring gardens and grounds!

Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt features thousands of candy-filled eggs to find (including three golden "prize" eggs) and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. There will be family friendly games, a LEGO building station provided by [LEGOLAND Discovery Center](#), a face painter, [The Home Depot](#) station, treats for sale by [Cinnaholic](#), and a kids' dance floor (beats brought to you by [J&M Sound Design DJ](#))!

An indoor bar will also be available with beer, wine, mimosas, coffee, hot chocolate, and soft drinks for sale.

Schedule

- 8:00 AM: Doors open/Trolleys are running from Emory parking lot
- 9:30 AM: Easter egg hunt for newborns to 1 year old in Hydrangea Garden.*
- 9:50 AM: Easter egg hunt for ages 2 to 3 on the Portico lawn.*
- 10:10 AM: Easter egg hunt for ages 4 to 6 on the Front Lawn
- 10:30 AM: Final egg hunt for ages 7 and up at the Amphitheater!
- 12 PM/Noon: Event ends.

* Parents may accompany children under 3 during egg hunts

Egg Hunts *will* start on time. We recommend arriving early!

Parking & Transportation

No onsite parking available. Arrive early for parking.

Parking is located at **Emory Briarcliff Property's Parking Lot A** (1256 Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta GA 30306) for **\$5.00**

Trolley service will be available to and from the Emory Briarcliff Parking Lot. Trolleys will run every 10 minutes, starting at 9 AM. Thank you Georgia Trolley Service!

Small, foldable strollers are welcome on the trolley. However, we cannot accommodate large strollers.

Callanwolde Concert Band Performance - Spring Marches On **This event is FREE and open to the public! Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for a concert by the Callanwolde Concert Band under the direction of Conductor and Music Director, Glenn Moore, featuring works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Samuel Barber, Clifton Williams, Sousa, and others for everything around the term "**March.**" Event lasts about 80 mins.

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.

The Gallery Opening Reception will take place **Thursday March 29, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. This event is free and open to the public thanks to the Druid Hills Civic Association. Artwork and drinks will be available for purchase, complimentary desserts offered as well!

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; this award will be announced during the opening reception on March 29.

* * * * *

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 and Book Sale **March 22**
- Federation Board Meeting **April 5**
- Annual Awards Luncheon and Book Sale **April 26**
- Federation Board Meeting **May 3**
- Federation General Meeting and Book Sale **May 24**
- Legends Club Recognition **May 24**
- Club and Council Presidents Recognition **May 24**
- Federation Sale of Donated Jewelry and Purses **May 24**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Deep South Convention, Memphis, TN, **March 18-21**
- GCG Cash Raffle Ticket Sales Conclude, **April 5**
- GCG Annual Meeting 90th Celebration, Macon, **April 11-12**
- 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**

Rigby Duncan
Communications Chairman
404-321-1733 (h)
678-644-9502 (c)