



MAY 2018

**Hello Federation Friends,**



I hope that you are all enjoying a *Happy Spring!*

Our final meeting of this garden club year is Thursday, May 24, at 10:00 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde, and the program is *“Atlanta’s Verdant Beauty: What it Takes to Keep it Green,”* presented by Dave Simpson, Education Program Coordinator for Trees Atlanta, Inc.

Since 1985, Trees Atlanta has been working to protect and improve Atlanta’s urban forest through planting, conservation and education. Through the combined efforts of the staff and board, and dedicated volunteers, and the relationships with the community and corporate partners, Trees Atlanta has planted over 119,000 trees since its founding. Simpson will share with us how the plantings have changed over time with greater emphasis on using native trees that are more drought tolerant and disease resistant.

We will also conduct our *“Presidents Recognition Ceremony,”* honoring our current club Presidents, as well as former Federation Presidents.

The following club is responsible for refreshments before the meeting this month:

**Avon Garden Club**

**Hospitality Chair, Beth Wielage; 404-294-5765; [bwielage@bellsouth.net](mailto:bwielage@bellsouth.net)**

## The League of Legends



Our May meeting will also honor our second class of Legends, our 90+ members. Invitations have been sent to all whose names were submitted by their garden club, 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.

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. Let's make this another special event!

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

**DON'T FORGET OUR SALE, BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM, OF . . .**



**Donated Jewelry and Gently Used Purses**



**“Bring your Bling” to the Meeting,  
or Drop Off at the Garden Center!**

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

The next Mini-Flower Show is scheduled for October.



Mini Flower Show Chair, **Sandra Wheeler**; 404-634-3572; [swheels12@gmail.com](mailto:swheels12@gmail.com)

**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**)

## GARDEN CENTER NEWS



We will have **clean-up days** on Wednesday, **May 16** and Wednesday, **June 6** from 10:00-2:00. DeKalb Master Gardeners will be invited, and **Sangria and Sandwiches** will be served, so bring your tools and join the fun! I will pursue getting mulch put down this summer.

**Summer hours** for the Garden Center will be Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00-12:00, beginning June 4 until August 17. While the Center won't officially be open full time until after the Yellow Daisy Flower Show, several folks will be in and out the last week of August and the first week of September. If you need access to the Garden Center any other time, please contact me and we can make arrangements.

**Garden Center Director**

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

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## *“Celebrating Homegrown Heroes”*



### **Healing Heroes**

As a continuance of our project begun last spring, next Tuesday, May 15, we will be working with veterans from the Northlake Clinical Annex of the Atlanta VA

Medical Center located at 2296 Henderson Mill Road NE in Tucker, at the intersection of Henderson Mill and Northlake Parkway, located in the rear of the building. This time we will be refreshing the plants in the four planters in the front of the building. The veterans will be doing the gardening – we will be providing guidance. Your assistance will be appreciated - the only thing you will need to bring is garden tools. Everything else will be there.

**Garden Therapy Chair, Joanne Bennett; 404-636-3856; [joanneb571@aol.com](mailto:joanneb571@aol.com)**

### **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 May, 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](mailto:hayescarol37@gmail.com), 404-909-5004)**

## **DEKALB FEDERATION AWARDS**

Last month our clubs enjoyed a time to “strut their stuff” as we recognized their accomplishments during the past year.

Congratulations go to **Club Member of the Year:**



**Sandy Reed, Shenandoah Rose Garden Club**

and to **Club of the Year:**



### **Avon Garden Club**

(Club President, Bruce Johnston, and Presenter, Rigby Duncan)

Here is the list of the **first place** Federation winners; complete descriptions of these awards may be found in the back of the 2017-2019 Federation Yearbook.

Attendance Award #1 (small club)  
Attendance Award #2 (large club)  
Program Award #4 (small club)  
Program Award #5 (large club)  
Scrapbook Award #6 (small club)  
Scrapbook Award #7 (large club)  
Yearbook Award #8 (small club)  
Yearbook Award #9 (large club)  
Beautification Award #10  
Community Service Award #12  
Birds/Wildflowers Award #13  
Environmental Award #14  
Tree Award #16  
Flower Show Award #17  
Horticulture Study/Activity Award #18  
    A-1  
    A-7  
    B-1  
Club Exhibits Award #19  
Garden Therapy Award #20  
Garden Center Participation Award #21  
Perennial Award #22  
Library Award #23  
Gavel Award #24

Shenandoah Rose GC  
Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC  
Shenandoah Rose GC  
Avondale Estates GC  
No First Place Winner  
No Entries  
Ladybugs GC  
Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC  
Avondale Estates GC  
Smoke Rise Morning Glories GC  
No Entries  
No First Place Winners  
No Entries  
No Entries  
  
Avon GC  
Shenandoah Rose GC  
Gale Thomas, Conyers GC  
Breckenridge Garden Arts I GC  
Ladybugs GC  
Shenandoah Rose GC  
No Entries  
No Entries  
Avon GC

Butterfly Award #25	No First Place Winner
Friends of Birds Award #26	No Entries
Designer Award #27	Avon GC
Shade Gardening Award #28	No First Place Winner
Horticulture Award #29	Anita Brittain, Breckenridge GAI
Achievement in Design #30	Conyers GC
Youth Award #31	No First Place Award
History Award #32	No Entries
Special Achievement Award #33	Avondale Estates GC
National Garden Week #34	Conyers GC
Website Award #35	Avon GC
Newsletter Award #36	Shenandoah Rose GC
Native Plant Award #37	No Entries
Pull-A-Tab Award #38 (small club)	Lake Ivanhoe GC
Pull-A-Tab Award #38 (large club)	Avon GC
Horticulture in a Public Place Award #39	Smoke Rise

In addition, twelve clubs were awarded certificates for attendance at every Federation meeting. Six clubs were awarded certificates for Standard of Excellence, and five clubs earned a certificate for Standard of Achievement.

The following Garden Center volunteers were recognized for their service:

Diane Hunter (Garden Center Director)	Lake Ivanhoe Garden Club
Lorene Faulkenberry	Deanna McFarlan
Glennolyn Hallman	Sandy Reed
Carol Hayes	Michéle Spears
Debbie Hoaks	Gale Thomas

We will send a separate e-mail listing Federation club winners of State, Deep South Region, and National award winners after the NGC Convention, later this summer.

## REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

**Mark your calendars – September 7-9, 2018 – The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Yellow Daisy Flower Show “Daisy’s Got Game!” We are collecting board games to use for staging, so if you have any that you may like to donate, please contact Diane.**

GCG Gardening Studies School will be held at the UGA Garden Center in Griffin (Redbud District) the following dates:

August 3-4; November 2-3, January 18-19, and February 8-9. Emily Wilbert will serve as Chairman; however, we still need a registrar and a few proctors. Please let me know if you can help

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

## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS



### The Party Continues

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. will celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, June 9 from 1:30-3:30 at State Headquarters on the grounds of the State Botanical Gardens in Athens. There will be a tour of the house, followed by light refreshments and presentations. All are invited!

**Please RSVP by May 29 to:**

[b.bourque@comcast.net](mailto:b.bourque@comcast.net).

### Wild and Wonderful Summer Youth Camp

*Each year the Garden Club of Georgia teams up with the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center for our annual "Wild and Wonderful Experience." Garden Club of Georgia Youth Members who are rising 5th or 6th graders are invited to spend time learning more about nature, wildlife conservation and environmental issues.*

**Next camp date: July 8-10, 2018  
Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center  
Mansfield, Georgia**



*Group photo of youth and staff at 2017 Wild & Wonderful Camp*

We have many fun and exciting programs planned: fishing, outdoor recreation, night hiking, attracting birds and butterflies, guest speakers and of course, all the fun of the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center! Get the youth in your life involved with

this Wild and Wonderful experience offered by the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. The cost of camp is \$125 per youth member. Garden Clubs are encouraged to sponsor a camper. (See the GCG web site for registration form and additional information.)

**Youth Chairman, Susan Turner, 770-922-4411; [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)**

## CALLANWOLDE CORNER



Callanwolde's summer series, *Jazz on the Lawn*, will soon be in full swing. Here are the dates and the artists. Ticket prices may be found on their web site; [www.callanwolde.org](http://www.callanwolde.org).

June 15, 7:30 pm	Gwen Hughes
June 29, 7:30 pm	Diane Durrett
July 13, 7:30 pm	Joe Grandsen
July 27, 7:30 pm	Bradford Rogers
August 10, 7:30 pm	Bob Baldwin



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This will be our last meeting until September. We hope that you enjoy the summer break, and remember to:



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

- **Healing Heroes** Planting Project at VA Annex in Tucker **May 15**
- Garden Center Clean Up **May 16**
- Federation General Meeting and Jewelry/Purse Sale **May 24**
- Legends Club Recognition **May 24**
- Club and Council Presidents Recognition **May 24**
- Garden Center Clean Up **June 6**
- Federation Board Meeting **June 7**
- Leading Lights **November 8**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- NGC National Convention, Philadelphia, PA **May 21-24**
- National Garden Week **June 3-9**
- GCG 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception, Athens **June 9**
- Wild and Wonderful Youth Camp, Mansfield **July 8-10**
- Garden Studies School, Griffin **August 3-4**
- Redbud Summer Board Meeting, Griffin **August 13**
- Yellow Daisy Flower Show, Stone Mountain **September 7-9**
- Garden Studies School, Griffin **November 2-3**

**We'll See You In September!!**

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