



OCTOBER 2017

Hello Federation Friends,



We really got off to a good start last month, with a great program and delicious refreshments! Our meetings are held the fourth Thursday of September, October, and January through May at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, **October 26**. Coffee and “nibbles,” provided by member clubs each month, will be served beginning at 9:30. President **Glenn Dolyn Hallman** will call the meeting to order promptly at 10:00, so come early, catch up with your friends, and continue to enjoy your refreshments during the meeting!

Our program this month is “*A Wooded Wonderland in the Heart of Decatur*”



Woodlands Garden Executive Director, Kate Baltzell McAlphin, and Garden Manager, Ben Ackerley, will introduce you to the seven acres of wooded beauty donated to the city in 2002 by the Morse family. Kate will share the garden history, tell us about the many community and educational activities at the garden, and bring us up to date on the many changes in store with the purchase of the additional acre lot on the corner of Scott Boulevard and Clairemont Road in Decatur in 2016. Ben will feature the many unique varieties of native and non-native plants and specimen “Champion Trees” that populate the grounds, and emphasize the volunteer programs that maintain the green space for the community.

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

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

Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

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

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**,)

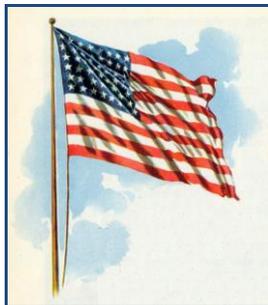
Mini-Flower Shows will be held three times each year: **October, January, and March**, and each show will feature a patriotic theme. This month’s exhibitor is:

Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club – Theme: *Homegrown Heroes*



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

This will be our last General Meeting of this year. The next General Meeting will be on January 25, 2018.



PLANS are being finalized for the Fifteenth Annual ***Leading Lights Luncheon*** on **Friday, November 10**, at **Mount Carmel Christian Church** in Stone Mountain. Invitations and reservation forms have been sent, vendors are on board, businesses are being contacted for donations, and Veterans are being invited to attend as our guests.

This year we are returning to an old favorite, and will be playing Bingo, **so begin planning for the spectacular basket your club will donate for the raffle!** Since our event is the day before **Veterans** Day this year, we will again feature a red, white and blue theme, and a salute to our **Veterans**. We are expecting a big turnout, so get your reservation in to Beth Wielage ASAP! (Fundraising Chairman, **Rigby Duncan**, whatarig@aol.com)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Project Fig Leaf Georgia Regional Hospital has requested that we continue to provide them with Fig Leaf items so bring to our meeting your donations of new underwear and socks, new or gently worn clothing (especially men's pants, no belts, elastic waist preferred, and ladies sports bras), and toiletries of any size. They also have requested help with preparing and serving their Thanksgiving meal, and/or monetary donations. The VA Hospital also needs Fig Leaf items. Joanne will divide items received between Georgia Regional and the VA Hospitals. A list of needed items was sent in a separate e-mail, earlier this month.



(**Joanne Bennett**, Community Service Chairman)

B.E.E. GRANTS

We are pleased to announce that the following schools are recipients of Beautification and Environmental Education grants of \$500 each for projects at their schools during the school year:

Montgomery Elementary School
Sagamore Hills Elementary School

(**Judy Lemoine**, B.E.E. Grant Chairman)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

Volunteer and Win Big (Well, Big Thanks!)

It's that time of year again. We are looking for volunteers for the Garden Center to staff the following days from 10-2. We're never open during District, Board and General DFGC meetings. You can work quietly on our new computer. (Thanks, Barbara Maaskant!) Or, you can help with projects. Can't commit to more than one day? Get your club to sign-up and share the workload. Remember, your club gets credit for volunteering and can win an award. It's easy! Ask Shenandoah Rose and Lake Ivanhoe.

Openings:

- Monday - First and 5th Mondays of Month
- Tuesday - Third and 5th Tuesdays of the Month
- Wednesday - Second and 5th Wednesday of the month
- Thursday - Second and 5th Wednesday of the month
- Friday - **First, Second, Third and Fifth Fridays!**

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

Callanwolde Wants You to Help Celebrate!

The Callanwolde Foundation and The GreenHouse invite all Garden Club members to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Celebration of restoration of the gardener's greenhouse on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Don't have many Trick or Treaters?

Join Ann Purr and Diane Hunter in the Conservatory on Friday, October 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. We'll be hosting a segment of Callanwolde's Halloween Celebration. There are some amazing costumes and really cute kids. We'll be promoting the Federation! Contact drmchunter@yahoo.com to sign-up or questions.

“Celebrating Homegrown Heroes”

Healing Heroes is our hands-on Garden Therapy project, working with Veterans at the VA Annex on Henderson Mill Road. The initial planting, as part of their “Recovery Through Creative Expressions” class, was completed. With our guidance, the Veterans planted four raised wooden planters, flanking two wooden benches donated and installed by Home Depot. The second planting will be done this fall. The committee will determine day and plants. We received a matching grant of \$250 from GCG for the Hometown Heroes project. Over \$250 in donations has been received from clubs and individuals. We are asking each of our clubs, if possible, to donate \$25 for this worthwhile project, and list it on your President’s Report.

(**Joanne Bennett**, Garden Therapy Chairman)

Holidays for Heroes was 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. **Over 2,300 cards were brought to our meeting last month!** Thank you, DeKalb Federation members, for helping bring a little bit of home to those who do so much for us!

(**Carol Hayes**, Chairman)

Helping Hurting Heroes was the focus of our book sale in the Conservatory after our General Meeting on September 28. We sold books from the Garden Center Library, as well as donated paperbacks and hard covers. Proceeds will be sent to a Hurricane Relief Fund.

(**Alice Boyd** and **Sandy Reed**, Chairmen)

Honoring Our Heroes

Plans are being finalized for the Fifteenth Annual **Leading Lights Luncheon** on **Friday, November 10**, at **Mount Carmel Christian Church** in Stone Mountain. (See article above.)

(Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan**)

Celebrating Our Own Heroes

Next year DeKalb Federation will be 70 years old, and we are planning a celebration in recognition of all the wonderful members and leaders who have served our organization for all these years. Plans are incomplete at this time, but will be announced after the first of the year.

REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

The Redbud District 57th Annual Meeting, *A Town in Bloom: Gardens Grow Communities*, was held on Wednesday, October 18, at First Baptist Church in Covington, hosted by Covington and Satsuki Garden Clubs.

Our guest speaker was Virginia Linch, Program Director of Butterflies and Blooms in the Briarpatch in Eatonton, GA. Special guests were Ronnie Johnston, Mayor of the City of Covington, and Jane Hersey, GCG State President. Guests enjoyed the basket raffle, as well as the merchandising tables. Our big fundraiser this year are umbrellas. The District awards were announced, and several of our member clubs were winners:

Club of the Year	-	Lullwater Garden Club
Attendance Award (Large Club)	-	Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club
Gavel Award (2 nd Place)	-	Ladybugs Garden Club
Garden Therapy Award		
(1 st Place)	-	Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club
(2 nd Place)	-	Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club
Calendar Award		
(1 st Place)	-	Lullwater Garden Club
(2 nd Place)	-	Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club
(3 rd Place)	-	Avondale Estates Garden Club
Community Improvement Award		
(1 st Place)	-	Shenandoah Rose Garden Club
(2 nd Place)	-	Avondale Estates Garden Club
Historic Preservation Award	-	Lullwater Garden Club
History Award	-	Shenandoah Rose Garden Club
Bird/Butterfly Gardening Program Award		
(1 st Place)	-	Dunwoody Garden Club
(2 nd Place)	-	Ladybugs Garden Club
(3 rd Place)	-	Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club
Club Newsletter Award		
(1 st Place)	-	Avondale Estates Garden Club
(2 nd Place)	-	Shenandoah Rose Garden Club
Youth Award:		
(1 st Place)	-	Avondale Estates Garden Club
(2 nd Place)	-	Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

Several of our clubs also received certificates for Standard of Excellence, as well as recognition for Arboreta & Botanical Gardens, Blue Star Marker Restoration, Calendar Sales, Cherokee Garden Library, Garden Therapy, Headquarters House, Historic

Preservation, LeConte-Woodmanston, Land Trust Marshall Forest, Natural Disasters, Parks and Public Lands, Roadside Beautification, and Patron of Scholarship. Congratulations!

GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

GCG has decided to discontinue their merchandising efforts, and instead will be conducting a cash raffle; First Place \$1,000, 2nd Place \$500, and 3rd Place \$250. Tickets will be mailed to each GCG member club this month, for sales at the local level. Winners will be drawn at the Convention in April. How many tickets will your club sell?

GCG will celebrate its 90th Anniversary next year, first with a “birthday party” at Convention, and again in June with a reception at Headquarters in Athens.

CALLANWOLDE CORNER



Callanwolde is excited to announce **Halloween Night on Callanwolde Mountain**, a night of family fun for both kids and adults, Friday, October 27, 6:00-9:00. This is a night of family fun for both kids and adults. There will be trick or treating throughout the estate and a family friendly costume contest with big prizes! **Federation volunteers are needed to assist in handing out candy to the children, and tell their parents what we are all about!! !! Contact Diane Hunter, drmchunter@yahoo.com.**



Christmas at Callanwolde – November 24 – December 12

The joy of the holiday season begins with **The Christmas at Callanwolde Designer Show House**, an Atlanta holiday tradition for 40 years! Visitors of all ages will enjoy touring the 27,000 square-foot historic mansion elaborately decorated by Atlanta’s top interior and floral designers, as well as professional holiday displays, an expansive artists’ market, and themed events for all ages. Every room inspires and captures the spirit of the season. Callanwolde holds something for every member of the family.

By evening, see the 12 acre campus of Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in a new light-
every building on the grounds will shine with professional light displays by **Illuminating
Design**. **Volunteers are needed; contact Callanwolde Volunteer Manager, Kate
Holland, kholland@callanwolde.org if you can help.**

To learn more about the exciting programs at Callanwolde, visit www.callanwolde.org.

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REMEMBER NOVEMBER 7!

We look forward to seeing you all at our meeting, and to hearing from you if you have any questions or need additional information.

Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

October 26	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde
October 27	<i>Halloween Night on Callanwolde Mountain</i>
November 2	Federation Board Meeting
November 7	Election Day!
November 10	Leading Lights Luncheon Mount Carmel Christian Church, Stone Mountain
Nov. 24-Dec. 12	Christmas at Callanwolde
December 1	Most GCG Awards Applications Due

We wish you a happy, safe holiday season. We hope to see you at **Leading Lights,
and at the **January General Meeting!****

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