



OCTOBER 2016

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 27**. Coffee and “nibbles,” provided by member clubs each month, will be served beginning at 9:30. President **Renie Faulkenberry** 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 ***Fabulous Frogs and Their Friends***

Linda May, Environmental Outreach Coordinator, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, will explain the vital role played by amphibians as harbingers of climate change, pollution and disease, and she'll show us how to give these unique creatures a new lease on life. May is a renowned communicator and has worked with the Federal government on new rules for the use and possession of reptiles and amphibians, and conducts workshops throughout the state, most notably at Wild and Wonderful Camp, sponsored by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

(Programs Vice President, **Diane Hunter**, drmchunter@yahoo.com)

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

Hunting Hill and Mountain Mums Garden Clubs

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!



(**Anita Brittian**, Horticulture Chairman)

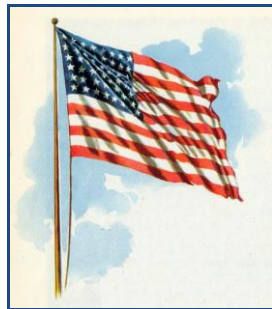
Mini-Flower Shows will be held three times each year: October, January, and March, and each participating club may select their own theme. This month’s exhibitor is:

Lake Ivanhoe Garden Club – Theme: *The Pumpkin Patch*



(**Sandra Wheeler**, Mini-Flower Show Chairman, swheels12@gmail.com)

This will be our last General Meeting of this year. The next General Meeting will be on January 26, 2017.



PLANS are being finalized for the Fourteenth Annual **Leading Lights Luncheon** on **Friday, November 11**, at **Mount Carmel Christian Church** in Stone Mountain (please note the change of venue). Invitations and reservation forms have been sent, vendors are on board, and Chico’s at The Forum will provide the fashions, so **begin planning for the spectacular basket your club will donate for the raffle!** Since our event is on **Veterans** Day this year, we will 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)

GARDEN THERAPY

Collections for **Project Fig Leaf** items for Georgia Regional Hospital are ongoing: new underwear (all sizes needed), as well as toiletry items, and new or gently worn pants (all sizes). Elastic waistbands would be helpful. Georgia Regional wants to participate in the Stocking and Egg projects. We no longer send \$1.00 per stocking or egg to GCG; instead we recommend sending candy to the hospital along with the stockings and/or eggs.

(Garden Therapy Chairman, **Joanne Bennett**, joanneb571@aol.com)



Members...Members....How Does YOUR Garden Club Grow?

I promised to share some ideas for growing your membership from some of our DeKalb Federation Clubs who have been trying new ideas to interest prospective members. Several clubs have reached out to invite the community to events in their neighborhood:

- A Garden Club Garage Sale in the neighborhood brought neighbors together, as well as a new member with gardening interests.
- A Garden Club sponsored a meeting at a local library that introduced representatives of Friends of The Parks, DeKalb Master Gardeners and garden related businesses to encourage garden clubs. The speakers provided wonderful information that resulted in having interest expressed in club membership!
- Another Garden Club sponsored a public meeting with a Landscape Architect and Environmental Horticulturist who presented a program on "Avoiding a Midlife Crisis in Your Yard" with a room full of visitors and two new members.
- Finally, we salute a club who has a neighborhood club with many new families moving into their area. They feel most of their success has been the development of their Facebook Page and having a very active social contact among the neighbors. They changed their by-laws to include men, and have several who are very active. As an evening club, since most of their members work during the day, this club had the most significant growth last year. **Hoe 'n Hope Garden Club** added **17** new members for a **53%** increase!

Tell us how your membership is doing this year - send me your ideas to share!

(**Deanna McFarlan**, 1st VP/Membership; dmcfarlan18@earthlink.net or 770-939-1282)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

The first Garden Center Grounds Clean-Up Day (Saturday, October 15) went off without a hitch. Starting off under overcast skies, the team of Debbie Hoaks, Renie Faulkenberry, Deanna McFarlan and Marilyn Perling attacked the rock garden with gusto. Weeds were decimated and dead branches clipped. And, it was fun! Much progress was made but more needs to be done. We're going to look at the purchase of more mulch and have scheduled the next workday on November 19. If we get mulch, we'll need folks with wheelbarrows and rakes. Don't worry, there'll still be plenty of pruning to do! Look for further announcements.

See work day picture on next page!

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



Marilyn and Renie hard at work!!

REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

The Redbud District 56th Annual Meeting, **Redbud Rocks**, was held on Thursday, October 13, at Smoke Rise Country Club.



Our guest speaker was Walter Reeves, radio host of The Lawn and Garden Show, and special guest was Frank Auman, the first Mayor of the newly chartered City of Tucker. Guests enjoyed the basket raffle, as well as the merchandising tables. The winning ticket for the cruise raffle was drawn at the end of the meeting, and the winner was Emily Wilbert, former Redbud District Director. District awards were announced, and several of our member clubs were winners:

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| Club of the Year | - | Conyers Garden Club |
| Attendance Award (Small Club) | - | Shenandoah Rose Garden Club |
| Attendance Award (Large Club) | - | Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club |
| Gavel Award (2 nd Place) | - | Conyers Garden Club |
| Garden Therapy Award | | |
| (1 st Place) | - | Ladybugs Garden Club |
| (2 nd Place) | - | Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club |
| Community Improvement Award | | |
| (1 st Place) | - | Avon Garden Club |
| (2 nd Place) | - | Hunting Hill Garden Club |
| (3 rd Place) | - | Ladybugs Garden Club |
| Historic Preservation Award | - | Lullwater Garden Club |
| Bird/Butterfly Gardening Program Award | - | Lullwater Garden Club |
| Club Newsletter Award | - | Shenandoah Rose Garden Club |
| Youth Award: | | |
| (1 st Place) | - | Conyers Garden Club |
| (2 nd Place) | - | Avondale Estates Garden Club |

Several of our clubs also received certificates for Standard of Excellence, as well as donations to Arboreta & Botanical Gardens, Cherokee Garden Library, Garden Therapy,

Historic Preservation, LeConte-Woodmanston, Natural Disasters, and Roadside Beautification. Congratulations!

CALLANWOLDE CORNER



Callanwolde is excited to announce **Halloween Night on Callanwolde Mountain**, a night of family fun for both kids and adults, Friday, October 28, 6:00-9:00. Join us with Legoland Discovery Center in celebrating this Halloween adventure with J&M Sound Design DJ. Callanwolde Concert Band with special guest Matthew Kaminski, organist for the Atlanta Braves, for a musical program featuring selections of spooky music. There will be trick or treating throughout the estate and a family friendly costume contest with big prizes! There will be a special appearance by the Nimbus Universal Records Bass Bot, too! Garden club volunteers are needed to help hand out candy to the children, and tell their parents what we are all about!! Contact **Diane Hunter**, drmchunter@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendars for **Christmas** at Callanwolde! Light Show November 21 - December 29; Designer Show House November 28 – December 13, 2016. Volunteers are needed; contact Callanwolde Volunteer Manager, **Kate Holland**, kholland@callanwolde.org if you can help.

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REMEMBER NOVEMBER 8!

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 27	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde
November 3	Federation Board Meeting
November 8	Election Day!
November 11	Leading Lights Fundraiser, Mt. Carmel Christian Church
November 19	Grounds Clean-Up at the Garden Center
Nov. 28-Dec. 13	Christmas at Callanwolde
December 1	Most GCG Awards Applications Due

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