



## MARCH 2016

**Hello Federation Friends,**



Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 10:00 AM in the Courtyard of Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, and we are very fortunate that our own Janet McGinnis will present our program. Janet, who is currently serving as Redbud District Director, is a Master Flower Show Judge, serves on both the GCG and NGC Boards of Directors, and is a member of Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club and The Designers Judges Study Club.

In 2005, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. hosted a statewide flower show, **“Under the Gold Dome,”** at the Capitol during the legislative session. This rare event brought together horticulture entries from North to South Georgia, from the Savannah to the Chattahoochee, and from the Mountains to the Coast. Designers presented vignettes, miniatures, hanging designs, floor designs, table settings, modern, mass, stable designs, plaques and more. Even the legislators entered! On March 24, Janet brings the show back to life with slideshow highlights of this magnificent effort. Expect to be dazzled! Make plans to attend - and start to get jazzed for the Yellow Daisy Flower Show in September.

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

### **Avondale Estates and Shenandoah Rose 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:

### **Ladybugs Garden Club**

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



At our annual **Life Member Recognition Luncheon** held last month, we recognized 17 new Life Members, bringing our total to 304! Congratulations to **Lorraine Loftis, 2016 Life Member of the Year** (shown here with Life Member Co-Chairman, Glendolyn Hallman).



### GARDEN CENTER NEWS



Many thanks to Renie Faulkenberry and Deanna McFarlan for clean-up day at the Garden Center on an absolutely beautiful Saturday. Over eight bags of weeds, limbs and pruned branches went into a compost pile. Rose bushes were trimmed, the butterfly bushes cut slightly, and ivy neatened up. **We will be holding another work day on April 16.** If you can't make that day, remember we still have National Garden Week – or, you can come anytime and prune loropetalum!

Unfortunately we are losing another volunteer. Berna Spencer is retiring as a Garden Center volunteer. We thank her for her years of dedicated, reliable service. Please consider volunteering for our open slots. Better yet, get your club to volunteer. Lake Ivanhoe has been doing this for years. They have one day per month which several members rotate through. This is an even less intrusive way to volunteer. We really need folks to step up now that we're looking at major projects with the library and figuring out what we do next. If you are interested in working as a club, contact Sandy Suggs, [sandysuggs@gmail.com](mailto:sandysuggs@gmail.com) to find out how they do it. And, as always, contact **Garden Center Director Diane Hunter** (404-992-7381), [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com) with any questions or to volunteer.

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.

### 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)



## SCRAPBOOK

The Federation scrapbook will cover the period March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017 (*this is a change from last month's Newsletter*). I would like to include a page for each of our member clubs, so please remember to send me pictures and/or articles of your clubs' special activities.



(**Mickie Holton**, Scrapbook 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



It is time for your club to **shine** at our Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 28 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Invitations will be distributed this week, and the due date for reservations is April 20. A record number of awards applications have been received, so we should have an exciting time!

## REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

**Redbud District** is compiling a cookbook for sale!



Please send your recipes to Julianne Goecke, [jggoecke@att.net](mailto:jggoecke@att.net).



**SAVE THE DATE!** **Redbud District** will host a tour featuring The Arnold-Tedder House "Oak Grove" in Newnan, Georgia located in Coweta County, on April 30, 2016. This plantation is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The house was built circa 1835.

George and Liz Tedder have owned the property since 1983. They have lovingly restored this traditional farmhouse. The layout has four rooms up and down with a central hallway

and originally heated by four huge chimneys and fireplaces. Mrs. Tedder is currently writing a book about the discovery, renewal, years of living in the house, and continued growth of the gardens.

The cemetery garden and the other gardens have been greatly expanded over the last twenty years. Docent led tours of both the house and the gardens, and "interpretive restoration" of a plantation landscape will be held all day.

The \$35 individual ticket price brings you the beauty of the gardens, the uniqueness of the house, and a boxed lunch at midday on the grounds. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling **Emily Wilbert** at 770-502-8381.

The Arnold-Tedder House "Oak Grove"  
4537 North Highway 29  
Newnan, Georgia 30265  
(Redbud District Director, **Janet McGinnis**)

## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS

### Government



On February 17, ten members of DeKalb Federation donned their green gear and joined other members of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the Georgia Water Coalition for **Conservation Day** at the State Capitol. Following a Breakfast Legislation Briefing at 8:00 a.m., and a group picture on the Capitol steps, members sought out their State Senators and Representatives to talk with them on critical environmental issues. At 11:00, GCG members were privileged to have a private meeting with Governor Deal in his office, along with a group photo with him behind his desk.

(GCG State Legislative Chairman, **Tally Sweat**; [tsweat06@parksprings.net](mailto:tsweat06@parksprings.net))  
(Redbud District Legislative Chairman, **Sandra Threadcraft**; [sunmoontrine@yahoo.com](mailto:sunmoontrine@yahoo.com))



The Garden Club of Georgia's 88th Annual Convention will be held on April 13-14, 2016 at the Macon Marriott City Center, hosted by Dogwood District, and beginning with several workshops Wednesday afternoon. The Awards Banquet will be Wednesday evening, with a business meeting planned for Thursday morning, and the Life Member Luncheon will conclude the 2016 convention.

There will be three workshops carrying out the "**Nurturing the Passion**" theme. Dr. Wilf Nicholls, Director, State Botanical Garden of Georgia, will share the latest plans for the Children's Garden. Tommy Alden, owner of County Line Nursery, Byron, GA will present Camellias: A Southern Treasure. Johnnie Berry, Georgia Director of the African Violet Society of America, will discuss everything you want to know about African Violets. And don't forget the wonderful vendors who provide for your shopping pleasure.

A special guest at the convention will be Nancy L. Hargroves, First Vice-President of National Garden Clubs, Inc., who will join GCG President Martha Price in presenting

awards at the Awards Banquet Wednesday evening. The due date to register for the Convention is March 29, and the registration form, hotel information, etc. can be found on the GCG website.

## CALLANWOLDE CORNER

### Veterans Yoga



### Veterans Story Telling

## **Please make a gift to our Veterans Scholarship Program!**

For a few years now, we have been donating our time teaching yoga and wellness to U.S. Military Veterans who come to Callanwolde from Metro Atlanta and from nearby military bases to help them with PTSD recovery. Our yoga instructor, Kate Holland, saw a need for this and through her efforts, Callanwolde has served hundreds of U.S. Military Veterans. We have also held an annual “Veterans Storytelling” event at Callanwolde for four years, during which we bring families and veterans together to share their experiences of their time serving our country.

We want to continue and grow this program by offering scholarships for Veterans with financial need to be able to enroll in our yoga and wellness programs, along with any art or music class of their choosing. Callanwolde is a 501c3 nonprofit and our mission is to preserve this historic Candler estate and offer fine arts and outreach to the community. For over 40 years, Callanwolde has been a place for the arts, wellness, and outreach for all ages in our community.

**Would you consider donating to the Veterans Scholarship Fund to help Veterans achieve the education and wellness they deserve? We appreciate your support of Callanwolde. For every **\$200** you donate, a Veteran can take one 8-week class of their choosing. Visit [www.callanwolde.org](http://www.callanwolde.org).**

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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:

- Clean-up Day at the Garden Center **April 16**
- Deadline for Annual Awards Luncheon Reservations **April 20**
- Annual Awards Luncheon **April 28**
- Club Presidents Recognition Meeting **May 26**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- GCG Annual Convention, Macon **April 13-14**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 17-23**
- Historic Home and Garden Tour, Newnan **April 30**
- NGC National Convention, Grand Rapids, MI, **May 2-7**
- National Garden Week, **June 5-11**

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