



SEPTEMBER 2015

Hello Federation Friends,



Welcome back to another year of garden club fun and activities! (Club Presidents, please share this information with your members.) 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, **September 24**.

As a reminder, we will again be having coffee and “nibbles” provided by two garden clubs each month, 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 *New Urbanism: Living, Working and Playing in the New Atlanta*. Renowned architect, urban planner and college planner, Tom Walsh, Founding Principal TSW Designs, shows us how New Urbanism is remaking the Metro into a sustainable, livable environment, less dependent on the automobile and vitally linked to natural environments. Tom has led some of the most transformative projects in the metro area like Glenwood Park, Vickery, Downtown Woodstock and many other notable local projects. TSW has also been responsible for developing town center plans for Alpharetta, Duluth and Suwanee. Take an exciting peek into the latest trends in urban and suburban Atlanta living. (Programs Vice President, **Diane Hunter**)

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

Smoke Rise and Lake Ivanhoe Garden Clubs

Hospitality Chairman, **Beth Wielage**, will contact these clubs 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)





Friday, September 11, DeKalb Federation participated in the Memorial Service for 9/11 first responders by providing and placing a wreath on the memorial, which is located in front of the DeKalb County Public Safety Complex in Tucker. Approximately a dozen Federation members (plus husbands) attended this moving ceremony. Webmaster **Barbara Maaskant** has posted pictures on the Federation web site.

Plans are being finalized for the Thirteenth Annual **Leading Lights Luncheon** on Thursday, November 19, also in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. The proceeds from this event will be used to fund our many projects. Invitations and reservation forms will be sent out soon. Vendors are reserving their tables, and we are searching for a fashion show provider, so begin planning for the spectacular basket your club will donate for the raffle! (Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan**)

It is once again time to remember our friends at Georgia Regional Hospital. **Project Fig Leaf** is in full swing, 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 toiletries of any size. The Hospital is again accepting donations of Christmas stockings and Easter Eggs, but request they be filled with candy, rather than dollars. (Contact Garden Therapy Chairman, **Joanne Bennett**, for details; joanneb571@aol.com)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

The Garden Center begins its regular hours this week, 10:00-2:00, Monday through Friday. But we still have some **big** slots to fill -- we miss you Frances! Right now the following volunteer opportunities are open:

3rd Monday	1st Wednesday	5 th Thursday	5 th Friday
3rd Tuesday	2 nd Wednesday	1 st Friday	
5th Tuesday	5 th Wednesday	2 nd Friday	

Please consider taking one of these dates. We have internet access; it's a great way to catch up on your planning. If you don't feel you can make a large commitment, consider taking one of the 5th week dates.

This year, we've scheduled regular grounds clean-up days:

Saturday, October 3, 2015	Saturday, February 20, 2016
Saturday, November 14, 2015	Saturday, April 16, 2016

June 5-11, 2016 – National Garden Week

This will help keep the grounds ship-shape. Stay tuned for more details!
If you want to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Garden Center Director, **Diane Hunter** (drmchunter@yahoo.com) or phone 404-992-7381.

AWARDS

It may seem a little early in the year to talk about Federation awards since they are not due until the end of February, but we want to inform you about two new awards that are being offered.

DIANE HUNTER NATIVE PLANT AWARD #37

A perpetual silver trophy, a Silver Bowl presented by members of the Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club in 2015, in honor of Diane Hunter, club member and Garden Center Director, may be awarded TO A GARDEN CLUB OR AN INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBER FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PROMOTION AND/OR PLANTING OF NATIVE PLANTS DURING THE AWARDS YEAR.

- A. Garden Club
- B. Club Member

MARY JANE SHEARER PULL-A-TAB AWARD #38

A perpetual silver trophy, a Silver Ladle presented by Judy Lemoine in 2015 as a memorial to honor Mary Jane Shearer, Lake Ivanhoe Garden Club Member and DeKalb Federation Board Member, may be awarded TO A GARDEN CLUB FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING COLLECTION OF ALUMINUM TABS (based on weight). NO APPLICATION NECESSARY.

- A. Small Garden Club of 20 members or less
- B. Large Garden Club of 21 members or more

Complete details and criteria may be found on the Federation web site, and will be included in the 2015-2017 Federation Yearbook.

We still need a volunteer(s) to serve as our Awards Chairman/Co-Chairman. Please contact President **Renie Faulkenberry**; renief@comcast.net, 404-378-4632.



THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

Invites **YOUTH** to participate in the
NGC YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

**The 2015-2016 Contest Theme is
"Croaking Leaping Frogs"**

Be imaginative; express your knowledge and share your insight as to the importance of these amphibians to our earth!

Eligibility: General Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade. Special Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade. English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade. Due by December 1st. (Contact Youth Chairman **Susan Turner** for details; glen Cree@bellsouth.net)

REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

Congratulations to all of you who entered designs, horticulture and exhibits in the **Yellow Daisy Flower Show** this week. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes on staging, entries, serving as clerks and hostesses, hospitality, setting up and tearing down the properties, and everything else. This is a HUGE job, and we appreciate all of you! (Show Chairman, **Susan Turner**)

And be sure to make plans to attend the **Redbud District** Annual Meeting, *"Tea in the Garden,"* on Thursday, October 15, at Dunaway Gardens in Newnan.



The guest speaker will be owner Jennifer Bigham, and tours of the gardens will be offered. Registration forms will be available at the Federation meeting next week. (Registrar, **Rigby Duncan**)

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

Callanwolde is currently conducting a fundraising drive to support their **Veterans Scholarship Program** that focuses on offering wellness and art classes to local Veterans in the state of Georgia. They are also raising funds to house Callanwolde's new **Rick Baker School of Music and Music Recording**, under the direction of three-time Grammy Winner Phil Tan, and their new **School of Horticulture/Culinary Arts**, as well as partnering with **Captain Planet Foundation** as one of their learning farms. They are also fortunate to be housed in one of the most beautiful locations in the South, and we are fortunate to be their neighbor! You can visit their website to get a full account of Callanwolde's history and events at [Callanwolde.org](http://callanwolde.org). To support these programs, this is the link for on-line giving: <http://callanwolde.org/giving/make-a-donation/>
Mark Your Calendars for **Christmas at Callanwolde!** November 30-December 15, 2015

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:

September 24	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde
October 1	Federation Board Meeting
October 15	Due Date to Submit Yearbooks for GCG Award
October 15	Redbud District Meeting Dunaway Gardens, Newnan
October 22	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde
November 5	Federation Board Meeting
November 19	Leading Lights Luncheon, Callanwolde Courtyard
Nov. 30-Dec. 15	Christmas at Callanwolde

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