



JANUARY 2018

**Hello Federation Friends,**



Well, we have now experienced our second snowfall of the season, so it is an opportune time to remind you that, in case of inclement weather, please remember that if the DeKalb County schools are closed, our meeting will probably be canceled. We will send out an e-blast either the night before, or early the morning of our meeting if that happens.

We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday season (Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year!), and are ready for more Federation activities. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, **January 25** beginning promptly at 10:00, but we invite you to join us at 9:30 for refreshments.

Our program this month is *“Camellias: Intricate, Colorful, Captivating”*



Presented by Jim Pruckler, Retired Microbiologist, CDC; Member, North Georgia Camellia Society and American Camellia Society; Camellia Expert  
Iowa native Jim Pruckler moved to Atlanta with his wife after graduate school and discovered, to his delight, that some plants bloom in the winter down south! Chief among them was the species of Camellia. As a scientist, Jim began to try a wide variety of ways to propagate his collection and add to it with air layering and seed collection. He will enchant us with cuttings from his garden, and include slides of favorites that might not be in bloom at the time of his presentation. Jim is considered a regional authority on camellias and was tapped to go to Charleston, SC for a month long effort to rescue the camellia collection at Middleton Place Plantation after the historic flooding in October 2015.

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

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

**Ladybugs and Lake Ivanhoe Garden Clubs**

Hospitality Chairman, **Beth Wielage**, will contact the 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! 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:

**Avon Garden Club – Theme: *Fireworks***



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



We are pleased to announce that the Fifteenth Annual ***Leading Lights Bingo Gala and Salute to Veterans*** was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who contributed items to the raffle and to our sponsors: NYSA Capital, for the silent auction items and restaurant gift cards; Karafotias Realty; and Shorty’s Restaurants. Thanks also to Buddy Pittard, our Bingo Caller, and his wife, Marsha; Deanna and Sandy for coordinating the raffle; Joy and Glendolyn for the centerpieces and Bingo prizes; Linda Fraser, our pianist; Beth who served as Registrar, Quill with publicity; everyone who helped with set-up and tear-down, served as hostesses and sold raffle tickets; to all of our vendors; to businesses who made monetary donations and other goods and services; and certainly to Mount Carmel Christian Church. But most of all, thanks to all of you who came and supported our event! We especially appreciate our special guests of honor, the five veterans whom we honored as our salute to Veterans Day.

(Fundraising Chairman, **Rigby Duncan**)

## GARDEN CENTER NEWS

The Garden Center still has some openings for volunteers. Please contact Garden Center Director **Diane Hunter** if you can volunteer in any capacity, or if your club would like to schedule an event in the Conservatory; [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com), 404-992-7381.



## PULL A TAB FOR RONALD MCDONALD

I want to remind all the clubs to get their aluminum tabs in by the March General Meeting so they can be counted for the Tabs Award at the Awards Luncheon. If you can weigh them and remove any metal tabs, it will be appreciated, but if not, I will do it, and deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House.

(Pull A Tab Chairman, **Judy Lemoine**)

## FEDERATION PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND ANNUAL DUES

Just a reminder that Presidents' Reports and dues are due by March 1. Forms will be sent in a separate e-mail.

(Federation President, **Glenn dolyn Hallman**)



## FEDERATION AWARDS

Federation awards applications are due by March 1. Complete details and forms will be sent in a separate e-mail. Our Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on April 26.

(Federation President, **Glenn dolyn Hallman**)

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## *“Celebrating Homegrown Heroes”*

### **Plant Patriotic**

We want to encourage you to use red, white and blue plantings in beds or containers at your homes, subdivision entrances, Blue Star Markers, or any other public place. Take red, white and blue plants to the VA Hospital, assisted living facilities, fire stations or nursing homes. Plant patriotic-named plants (Roses such as Veterans Honor, Peace, Heroes, Memorial Day, Welcome Home or Grateful Heart). Please take a photo and submit it to me.

(Community Improvement, **Joy Zaidan**)

## Honoring Our Heroes Valentines for Veterans



February is just around the corner, and time to work on Valentines for the veterans at the VA Medical Center!

Cards should not be personalized, but signed with the name of your club, or with a message such as "Thank You For Your Service," or "From a Grateful American," etc. Envelopes should not be sealed as the cards are reviewed by hospital staff prior to distribution. Finally, no glitter on the Valentines, please!

Please bring your cards to the Federation General Meeting on January 25, or deliver them to the Garden Center by 2:00 on **Monday, February 5**. They may also be delivered to my home by the same date (please call before coming). My address is:

Joanne Bennett  
2780 Hunting Hill Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033  
404-636-3856

Let me remind Clubs to send \$25.00 for Garden Therapy to GCG for seeds and planting beds to be furnished to the various hospitals in Georgia. This money should be received by GCG by March 1<sup>st</sup>. (See the GCG web site for complete instructions.) Your club will receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the Redbud District Meeting.  
(Garden Therapy Chairman, **Joanne Bennett**)

## Celebrate Life Members



Our February Meeting on Thursday, **February 22**, will honor all Life Members of our Federation and honor a new Life Member of the Year. In the 25 years since beginning this program to benefit our Garden Center Endowment Fund, over 300 members, clubs and friends have joined this group. Included in this newsletter you will find an application form (due by **February 15**) to submit a nominee for this honor, or fill it out for yourself if YOU are not a Life Member. You may honor a friend, a club member, your garden club, a speaker or someone who has given special support to your club. The

Tax Deductible Membership is \$50 and you or your nominee will be recognized with a short bio and presentation of a life membership card during our meeting. Life Membership pins are also available at the Garden Center for an additional \$10.

**Let's celebrate 25 years of Life Memberships with 25 NEW Life Members!**

(Life Member Chairman, **Deanna McFarlan**)

## **Healing Heroes**

In early 2017 the Psychosocial Rehabilitation & Recovery Center Director of the Atlanta VA Medical Center contacted The Garden Club of Georgia's Garden Therapy Chairman regarding their Garden Therapy program. She described her patients as recovering from PTSD and was convinced the Garden Therapy program would be a valuable tool in their treatment. She suggested the grounds of their clinic for the project where there were six wooden benches with planters on either end. These had been built and donated by Home Depot several years earlier, but not maintained.

The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. voted to make this a new Garden Therapy Project, *Healing Heroes*, which fit in perfectly with the theme, "*Celebrating Homegrown Heroes.*" Our Garden Therapy Chairman presented this to the full membership and offered ways for them to get involved.

On May 30, 2017, nine members (one a veteran herself) met at the VA Clinical Annex to guide and supervise five veterans and four social workers in the first planting of the four raised planters at the ends of the two benches located closest to the building entrance. Six clubs were represented as the caladiums, coleus, begonias, dracaena and ivy were placed into each planter by the veterans. Under the close supervision of the veterans and their social workers, the planters were watered and cared for throughout the summer.

The *Healing Heroes* Committee met in October to discuss Phase II of the project. This would include a fall seasonal planting for the front four raised planters and another session to plant perennials and the remaining eight planters along the shady trail leading to the lower side of the building.

On October 30 three veterans and staff came out for the planting assisted by thirteen garden club members. The low turnout of veterans was due to inclement weather. Pansies, ornamental kale, lemon ball sedum and creeping jenny were arranged in each of the four planters. The remaining planters had to be refurbished with additional potting soil. Eight clubs volunteered to supply and add the needed soil to the eight remaining planters in preparation for the next planting day.

On November 16, thirteen garden club members from eight clubs along with five veterans and their social worker planted Lenten Rose and Eco Easter evergreen Iris in each planter. One Master Gardener member donated the plants from her own garden for the eight planters.

Due to the ongoing interest and involvement of the Veterans, the Federation has offered to continue this project for the next year.

(Federation President, **Glennolyn Hallman**)



## REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

On Monday, February 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., all Board Members and Club Presidents are asked to attend the **Redbud District Winter Board Meeting** in the courtyard at Callanwolde. Coffee and morning snacks will be provided prior to the meeting so we can all visit. Chairmen will need to present a brief report. Attendees should bring a covered dish to share for lunch.

### WIN BIG WITH THE GCG Cash Raffle!!



What a way to make a buck for Redbud! Packets of 10 raffle tickets have been delivered to each Club President for the GCG fundraiser raffle. For **\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20**, you'll win a *chance at the **First Prize of \$1000, Second Prize of \$500 and Third Prize of \$250***. Drawing for the prizes will be held during the Annual Meeting in Macon on April 11 and 12. You do not have to be present to win.

We're asking all clubs to sell tickets by **April 5, 2018**. If Redbud sells its allotment of 350 tickets, the District receives \$250. So...you may win, the District wins and GCG wins! What a deal! So, how are we doing? We've sold 24% of our share. We've got a way to go. Don't let the other districts beat us!

Use them as gifts, rewards, prizes. This is such a painless way to raise money. You can also follow the lead of Shenandoah Rose Garden Club and have the club purchase all 10 tickets. That way, your club has 10 chances of winning up to \$1000 for its treasury. An easy fundraiser!

If you want more tickets, just let Diane Hunter know. If you have leftover tickets (not likely), just mail them back to Diane. If you never got a shipment, please email or call Diane at [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com) or 404-992-7381.  
(Redbud District Director, **Diane Hunter**)



## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

### Dollar\$ Educate Scholar\$

January is "Scholarship Month". All clubs are asked to donate \$1.00 per club member for scholarships from your club treasury. All monies collected from each club are sent to Rosemary Maulden, Assistant Treasurer, 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick, GA 31525-9447. Your donation will be acknowledged by Rosemary. If your club participates, extra points will be given on the President's Report. Over 6% of the scholarships awarded came from the "Dollars Educate Scholars" fundraiser last year!

(GCG Scholarships Co-Chair, **Susan Turner**)

### Government



Every member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is invited to attend **Capitol Conservation Day** on March 1, 2018. Plans call for a Breakfast Legislation Briefing at 8:00 a.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, located across the street from the State Capitol. If members cannot "get to the church on time," then they may join the group at the Capitol at 10:00 a.m. for the opportunity to meet with the Governor and local legislators to share concerns with them. Complete information and registration will be sent in a separate e-mail - **and remember to wear something GREEN!**

(GCG State Legislative Chairman, **Tally Sweat**; [tsweat06@parksprings.net](mailto:tsweat06@parksprings.net)).



### *Celebrate Expressions 2018*

It's not too late to order your 2018 **Expressions** Calendar, featuring our own Sandy Reed! Plus the history of garden clubs, Georgia gardens, and much more. The calendars are \$9.00, plus shipping and sales tax. Please contact Redbud Calendar Chairman, Mary Denney, [srdenney@mindspring.com](mailto:srdenney@mindspring.com); 770-251-1670. Proceeds support the GCG Scholarship Program.



## **GCG Club President's Report and Annual Club Dues:**

If your club is a member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the annual report of your club's activities is due by **February 15**, sent by **US mail** to the following (their addresses are listed on page 2 of the 2017-2019 Federation Yearbook):

GCG State President, Jane Hersey  
Redbud District Director, Diane Hunter  
Federation President, Glendolyn Hallman

A fillable copy of the report can be found on the GCG website. Please note that this is a newly formatted form this, so don't use a previous year's form. (This is not the same as the Federation President's Report mentioned above.)

GCG club dues are due by **March 1**.



## **It's a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Garden Party – and we're invited!**

So make plans to attend the GCG Annual Meeting, April 11-12, Macon Marriott Center. Convention registration form and hotel information is in the winter edition of *Garden Gateways*.

## **CALLANWOLDE CORNER**

Welcome, Andrew Keenan, new Executive Director of Callanwolde! We look forward to meeting Andrew at our Federation meeting on January 25. His wife, Judy, is a member of Lullwater Garden Club. We look forward to working together!

Join the Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces (AFFPS) on Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21, 2018, as they celebrate the fifth annual Callanwolde Arts Festival. This award-winning, two-day indoor festival located in one of the most distinctive historic properties in Atlanta, this event promises to become one of the premier partnerships of art institutions in the area. It is a festival for Artists by Artists, letting the artist have a voice in the creation and operations of the festival. This event will feature approximately 86 painters, photographers, sculptors, metalwork, glass artists, jewelers and more! The Festival will also offer artist demonstrations, live acoustic music, plus gourmet food trucks with healthy alternatives and music and dance performances. Admission is \$5 at the door or [online](#).



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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 upcoming **Federation** events:

- Federation General Meeting **January 25**
- Federation Board Meeting **February 1**
- Deadline for Valentines for Vets **February 5**
- Deadline for Life Member Application Forms **February 15**
- Annual Life Member Recognition Luncheon, **February 22**
- Federation Board Meeting **March 1**
- DeKalb Federation Awards due by **March 1**
- \*\*DeKalb Federation President's Club Activity Report due by **March 1**
- \*\*DeKalb Federation Annual Dues due by **March**
- Federation General Meeting **March 22**
- Aluminum Tabs due for award by **March 22**
- Federation Board Meeting **April 5**
- Annual Awards Luncheon **April 26**  
\*\*(Forms are in the back of the Federation Yearbook, and will soon be sent to each club President and Treasurer)

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Redbud District Board Meeting, Callanwolde **February 12**
- Deadline for GCG Presidents' Reports **February 15**
- Conservation Day at the Capitol **March 1**
- Deadline for GCG Annual Dues **March 1**
- Deep South Convention, Memphis, TN **March 18-21**
- GCG Cash Raffle Ticket Sales Conclude, **April 5**
- GCG Annual Meeting 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Macon **April 11-12**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 15-21**
- NGC National Convention, Philadelphia, PA **May 21-24**

Rigby Duncan  
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**DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Life Membership Application**

Present a DeKalb County Federation Life Membership to a club member or to your club. A member who has supported club projects and/or Federation projects deserves recognition, as does your club. Please send your check for **\$50**, payable to DeKalb Federation and the attached form by **February 15** to Life Member Chairman, Deanna McFarlan, at the address listed below. All Life Members will be recognized at the February General Meeting and Life Membership Luncheon at Callanwolde. The Life Member of the Year will also be announced at the luncheon.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach a brief biographical sketch of the honoree, including the reason that she/he is being honored.)

\*Enclose a check for **\$50.00** payable to DeKalb Federation\*

Send this form and check, by **February 15**, to:

Deanna McFarlan, Chair  
3772 Allsborough Drive  
Tucker, GA 30084-2403