



## JANUARY 2019

**Hello Federation Friends,**



Welcome back! 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 24** beginning promptly at 10:00, but we invite you to join us at 9:30 for refreshments.

**Please note that we will be meeting in The Retreat, as Callanwolde will be setting up their Artist Market in the Courtyard. A separate e-mail has been sent which outlines the details for parking, etc.**

As a reminder, 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.

Our program this month: *“The Queen of the Garden and the Rest of the Court of Iris”*



Presented by **Ken Duke**, Landscape Designer; Master Iris Judge  
Iris is a wide-ranging genus with more than 200 species, and is found on every continent except for Antarctica. Within our area, there are many varieties that can extend the bloom season far beyond the usual two weeks in April and May for the famous Tall

Bearded Iris that are often called “The Queen of the Garden.” Ken will share details on how to grow them successfully and introduce us to some of the Iris that might be unknown to growers. Iris is drought tolerant, often deer resistant and is a wonderful cut flower for arrangements with vivid colorations in every hue.

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

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

### **Lullwater 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:

**Avondale Estates Garden Club – Theme: *America the Beautiful***



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

### **DeKalb Federation Celebrates 70 Years!**

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual **Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show** on November 8. 180 guests enjoyed shopping the many vendors, bidding on silent auction and raffle items, a delicious lunch, and gorgeous fashions provided by Von Maur at Perimeter Mall, and modeled by our own Federation Lovlies! (See photo below.) The highlight of the day was a commendation for 70 years of service to our community, presented by GCG President, Jane Hersey, to Federation President, Glendolyn Hallman. Special recognition was given to Avondale Estates Garden Club, charter Federation member,

who have been active members for the last 70 years. Recognition was also given to all former Federation Presidents in attendance, representing the last 50 years. We are so grateful to all the clubs and businesses who donated to our raffle and silent auction, as well as all of our members who worked so hard to make this event so special. But most of all, thanks to all of you who came and supported our event.  
(Fundraising Chairman, **Rigby Duncan**)



Models (from left) Helen Pettway, Larae Coates (Von Maur); Joanne Bennett; Diane Hunter, Janet McGinnis; Sherry Paulfrey (Von Maur); Ann Purr; Susan Turner

### **GARDEN CENTER NEWS**

We're back on schedule after the holidays, but please be aware that there are several things going on.

First, there is increased filming at Callanwolde. Volunteers will be notified with schedules, but always call before you visit.

Second, we're doing a lot of clean up so things will be crowded. Water issues in the basement have resulted in having to move books and other items upstairs. It'll be a little chaotic.

Third, the Garden Center will be closed on January 24 so that Callanwolde can prepare for its annual Artists Market on January 26 and 27. We hope you'll visit the artists. Last year the art was superb!!

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.

Also, at Leading Lights someone handed me a Chico's bag with a round plastic container and four bags of tabs just as someone else walked up and asked a question, and then yet another person handed me tabs! Unfortunately, there was no identification in the Chico's bag so I don't know which club to credit. Please let me know if this is your club.

(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 25.

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

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## ***“Celebrating Homegrown Heroes”***

### **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 24, or deliver them to the Garden Center by 2:00 on **Monday, February 11**. 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 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 28**, will honor all Life Members of our Federation and honor a new Life Member of the Year. In the 26 years since beginning this program, 333 members, clubs and friends have joined this group. Application forms were sent in a separate e-mail, and are 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.

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

### **Holidays for Heroes**

Many thanks to all of you who contributed holiday cards. I was pleased to deliver 1,222 cards to Dobbins Air Force Base for distribution to active duty military personnel serving around the world!

(Holidays for Heroes Chairman, **Carol Hayes**)

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **Dunwoody Garden Club Annual Fundraiser**

You are invited to the Dunwoody Garden Club's 42nd annual card party, luncheon, fashion show, and silent auction on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, [1548 Mount Vernon Rd](#), from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Tickets are \$25.00 for a light breakfast with Starbucks coffee, luncheon salad with beverages, dessert and fashion show featuring collections from Von Maur at Perimeter Mall. Silent auction items are donated by local merchants and friends with 100% of the proceeds going to the club's many projects to help beautify Dunwoody and environs. ("We Dig Dunwoody!")

The invitation and ticket order form have been distributed in a separate e-mail; tickets may also be purchased through their web site: [www.dunwoodygardenclub.com](http://www.dunwoodygardenclub.com)  
(Information Provided by **Bonnie Barton**, Dunwoody Garden Club)

### **Smoke Rise Morning Glories Lend a Helping Hand at Christmas**

During the 2016-17 club year, the Smoke Rise Morning Glories learned about an organization that supports women and children who are in transition from abusive situations. Located in Gwinnett County, the Battered Women's Shelter provides temporary housing for women and children and assists them in finding a better life through counseling and job placement. The garden club voted to adopt this organization by providing assistance to the shelter's residents. Putting that support to action, the club donated new or gently used purses filled with gift cards and cosmetics for the women at our last two April meetings and new toys for Christmas 2017 for the children.

Following a suggested list of gifts provided by the shelter director, this December 2018 the club donated toys and gift cards valued at over \$1400 to the children. President Bonnie Pennington and members Gloria Cooke and Vivian Nickelsen delivered the items to the director who met them at a neutral site near the shelter in early December (see photo below).

The toys are stored at the shelter and are "purchased" by the mothers using points that are earned by the women while they are in residence by performing various tasks that benefit the shelter such as house-keeping, cooking, maintenance etc. This way, the children are remembered at Christmas and there is some level of normalcy in a very tough situation.

This shelter is part of the non-profit organization known as PADV or Partners Against Domestic Violence. To learn more about this organization go to [www.padv.org](http://www.padv.org). Shelters are located across Atlanta and receive a majority of their funding from donations.

Services are provided free of charge to the participants.

The Morning Glories are scheduled to participate in this for the April and December 2019 meetings and consider this a continuing part of our community service projects. It is an effective way to support others in need with a concentrated effort to provide comfort and useful donations to those in transition.

(Information Provided by **Quill Duncan**, Smoke Rise Morning Glories)



Smoke Rise Morning Glories (from left) Bonnie Pennington, Vivian Nickelsen, Gloria Cooke



## REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

On **Monday, February 11, 2019** at 10:30 a.m., all Board Members and Club/Council Presidents are asked to attend the **Redbud District Winter Board Meeting** (hosted by DeKalb Federation), 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 (with serving utensil) to share for lunch. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

### Garden Studies Course

Get ready to dig as we get expert tips on growing fruits and vegetables, irrigation, pest management and plant diseases, and using fruiting plants in the landscape. Join us for Part II of Gardening School at the UGA Research and Education Classroom at the UGA Research and Experimental Garden in Griffin on February 8 and 9.. This is third class and is sure to get you ready for spring. Questions, ask course leader Emily Wilbert [themomemw@gmail.com](mailto:themomemw@gmail.com). Contact Registrar Barbara Adams [barbaraadam@att.net](mailto:barbaraadam@att.net) regarding registration.

(Redbud District Director, **Diane Hunter**)

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## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

### Dollar\$ Educate Scholar\$

January is "GCG Scholarship Month". All clubs are asked to donate \$1.00 per club member for scholarships from your club treasury. The club treasurer will write one check to GCG and mail with the Dollars Educate Scholars Transmittal Form (found on the GCG web site) to Rosemary Maulden, Assistant Treasurer, 302 Bushoan Road, Brunswick, GA 31525-9447. Your donation will be acknowledged by Rosemary

The winning district of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dollars Educate Scholars Challenge (based on membership percentage) will be recognized at the GCG Convention in April.

(GCG Scholarships Chair, **Susan Turner**; [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net))

### Government



Every member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is invited to attend **Capitol Conservation Day** on February 20, 2019. Plans call for a Breakfast Legislation Briefing at 7:30 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 Governor Kemp 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)).

### 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. (This is not the same as the Federation President's Report mentioned above.)

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

### It's Convention Time!!

On **March 11-13**, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. will host the annual convention for **Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.** at Jekyll Island.

Then, make plans to attend the **GCG State Convention in Columbus, April 16-18**, hosted by the Magnolia District. And plan to attend the Redbud District Breakfast where we'll install our new officers, and on the following day, anoint our fabulous new Director, Quill Duncan!

Both conventions will be looking for LOTS of volunteers, so be prepared to roll up your sleeves! Registration forms and complete information are available on the GCG Website, and in *Garden Gateways*.

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## CALLANWOLDE CORNER

A **BIG** shout out and thank you to the staff at Callanwolde for all of the help they gave us with Leading Lights. It was so nice to return “home” for our event, and we could not have done it without them!

And, Callanwolde has made it to the big screen, as the estate was featured on the January 14 episode of *The Passage*!

### Artist Market



The final weekend in January will bring the 2019 Artist Market, a unique winter indoor art festival, to Callanwolde. The Market features over 80 artists working in a variety of media. Artists will have display spaces throughout the 1920 Callanwolde mansion.

Saturday	Event:	<a href="https://callanwolde.freshtix.com/events/market-saturday">https://callanwolde.freshtix.com/events/market-saturday</a>
Sunday	Event:	<a href="https://callanwolde.freshtix.com/events/market-sunday">https://callanwolde.freshtix.com/events/market-sunday</a>

The Artist Market will take place Saturday (Jan 26th, 10AM - 6PM) and Sunday (Jan 27th, 11AM - 5PM), with a Friday night (Jan 25th, 6 - 9PM) Preview Party before they open to the public! Each day of the Market they will have various food, dessert, cafe, and bar refreshments available.

The Market brings artists from around the Southeast and from Callanwolde visual arts programs. The Market is geared toward sophisticated patrons interested in original, yet affordable, art in a wide variety of media. Jurors will be very selective to ensure the highest quality of work. Proceeds from booth fees and tickets support Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Callanwolde Estate and to be the premier public participatory arts and cultural organization.

Ticket information can be found at their website links above.

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 24**
- Federation Board Meeting **February 7**
- Deadline for Valentines for Vets **February 11**
- Deadline for Life Member Application Forms **February 15**
- Annual Life Member Recognition Luncheon, **February 28**
- 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 1**
- Federation Board Meeting **March 7**
- Federation General Meeting (Installation of 2019-2021 Officers) **March 28**
- Aluminum Tabs due for award by **March 28**
- Federation Board Meeting **April 4**
- Annual Awards Luncheon **April 25**  
\*\*(Forms are in the back of the Federation Yearbook, on the web site, and will soon be sent to each club President and Treasurer)

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Garden Studies Course, Griffin **February 8-9**
- Redbud District Board Meeting, Callanwolde **February 11**
- Deadline for GCG Presidents' Reports **February 15**
- Conservation Day at the Capitol **February 20**
- Deadline for GCG Annual Dues **March 1**
- Deep South Convention, Jekyll Island, GA **March 11-13**
- GCG 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention, Columbus **April 16-18**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 21-27**
- NGC National Convention, Biloxi, MS **April 29-May 2**

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