



JANUARY 2020

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 23** beginning promptly at **10:30**, but we invite you to join us at 10:00 for refreshments.

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 will be presented by the State President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., **Barbara Bourque**, who will present “**Garden Club of Georgia: Where We Are and Where We Are Going**”
(Programs Vice President, **Bonnie Pennington**)

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

Lake Ivanhoe Garden Club

President, **Sandy Reed**, 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 follow the theme **“Come Grow With Us.”** This month’s exhibitor is:

Lullwater Garden Club *Enjoy the Splendor of Winter*



(**Vickey Cooper**, Mini-Flower Show Chairman)

~ **Leading Lights 17th Annual Event!!** ~

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. hosted the 17th Annual **Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show** on November 7. More than 150 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 photos on our web site, www.dekalbfederation.com; click on **Links**, then **Shutterfly** and go to **Recent Activity** where you can pull up Leading Lights photos.) 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. We hope to see you at the 18th Annual on November 12!!
(Fundraising Chairman, **Rigby Duncan**)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

We're back on schedule after the holidays, Monday and Wednesday from 10:00-2:00. Due to water issues in the basement, the Library has been moved upstairs, so we are working on classifying and shelving all of the books. We are also considering options for storage in the lower level.

The Garden Center still has some openings for volunteers. Please contact Garden Center Director **Ann Purr** if you can volunteer in any capacity, or if your club would like to schedule an event in the Conservatory; a.purr@comcast.net; 770-921-9070.



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**)

RESTORING THE BEAUTY

This project is a complete “re-do” of the 30 year old landscaping around the Garden Center. Volunteers, along with some professionals that we hired, have worked diligently the last several months clearing, removing trees, weeding, spreading pine bark, and planting, most recently a Florida anise, “Florida Sunshine,” and a special redbud, “The Rising Sun.” There was a work day on December 20, with more to follow this winter with weather permitting.

(Landscape Initiative Chairman **Quill Duncan**)

NURTURING WITH NATURE

A new Garden Therapy project was started in 2019 in conjunction with Georgia Regional Hospital. DeKalb Federation has supported the establishment and expansion of therapeutic gardens at Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta by giving advice on plants and planting and monetary contributions. A member of one of our clubs is a Licensed Social Worker at the hospital and has been the driving force behind the establishment of their garden therapy program. A grant from Espoma Organics has also supported this program. The patients were very proud of their first vegetable harvest this fall.

(Garden Therapy Chairman **Bonnie Pennington**)

FEDERATION YEARBOOKS

The 2019-2021 DeKalb Federation Yearbooks will be distributed at our General Meeting on January 23.

(Yearbook Chairman, **Rigby Duncan**)

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, **Sandy Reed**)



FEDERATION AWARDS

Federation awards applications are due by March 1. Complete details and forms will be sent in a separate e-mail, and can be found on the Federation website, www.dekalbfederation.com. New awards have been added for 2019-2021, and cash incentives have been added to several of our existing awards. Our Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on April 23.

(Awards Chairman, **Glenn Dolyn Hallman**)



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 23, or deliver them to the Garden Center by 2:00 on **Monday, February 3**. They may also be delivered to my home by the **February 4** (please call before coming). My address is:

2780 Hunting Hill Lane, Decatur 30033, 404-636-3856

(Community Service Chairman, **Joanne Bennett**)

Celebrate Life Members

Our February Meeting on Thursday, **February 27**, will honor all Life Members of our Federation and honor a new Life Member of the Year. This year's theme is "Honoring Today for Future Tomorrow." In the 27 years since beginning this program, 348 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 and pin during our meeting.

(Life Member Chairman, **Gale Thomas**)

Holidays for Heroes

Many thanks to all of you who contributed holiday cards. I was pleased to deliver 1,887 cards to Dobbins Air Force Base for distribution to active duty military personnel serving around the world! (Last year's count was 1,222.)
(Holidays for Heroes Chairman, **Carol Hayes**)

CLUB/PLANT SOCIETY NEWS

Dunwoody Garden Club Annual Fundraiser

You are invited to the Dunwoody Garden Club's 43rd annual card party, luncheon, fashion show, and silent auction on Tuesday, **February 18th**, 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!"

For ticket information, contact dunwoodygardenclub@gmail.com, or call 770-639-3510.
(Information Provided by **Bonnie Barton**, Dunwoody Garden Club)

Georgia Iris Society

Georgia Iris Society will meet on Saturday, **February 8**, at 2:00 pm at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 1790 LaVista Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Our speaker will be retired attorney, Mr. Bill Waldrop, owner of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Farm.

Join us for education, beautification and recreation. Our meetings are free to the public and all are welcome. Lite snacks and door prizes will be offered.
(For More Information, Contact **Kathy Blackwell**, 678 471 2604)



REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

On **Monday, February 10, 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 notify District Director Quill Duncan if you are unable to attend.
(Meeting Chairman, **Rigby Duncan**)



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.

GCG is now a designated charity for the Amazon Smile program. A portion of your order will benefit our scholarship fund each time you shop at www.smileamazon.com.
(GCG Scholarships Chair, **Susan Turner**; glencree@bellsouth.net)

Government



Every member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is invited to attend **Capitol Conservation Day** on February 26, 2020. 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).

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 2019-2021 Federation Yearbook):

GCG State President, Barbara Bourque
Redbud District Director, Quill Duncan
Federation President, Sandy Reed

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!!

Make plans to attend The **Garden Club of Georgia 92nd Annual State Convention in Macon, March 25-26**, hosted by Laurel District. Registration/hotel information can be found on the GCG website, and in the winter edition of *Garden Gateways*.

GCG is conducting a cash raffle fundraiser, and the winners will be drawn at the Convention (you don't have to be present to win). Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. The prizes are:

Grand Prize - \$500
Second Prize - \$250
Third Prize - \$125

See your club President for tickets!

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

A **BIG** shout out and thank you to the folks at Callanwolde for all of the help they gave us with Leading Lights. It is such a pleasure to work with their staff, and we could not have done it without them!

Artist Market



The weekend of February 7-9 will bring the 2020 Artist Market, a unique winter indoor art festival, to Callanwolde. The Market features over 70 artists working in a variety of media. Artists will have display spaces throughout the 1920 Callanwolde mansion.

The Artist Market will kick off with a Preview Party on Friday (*Feb 7th, 6PM to 9PM*), and then continues onto Saturday (*Feb 8th, 10AM – 5PM*) and Sunday (*Feb 9th, 11AM – 5PM*)! Each day of the Market we will have various food, dessert, cafe, and bar refreshments available.

The Market brings together artists from across the Southeast and the Callanwolde visual arts programs. The Artists Market is geared toward art lovers and local patrons interested in original yet affordable art in a wide variety of media.

Ticket information can be found at their website www.callanwolde.org.

Callanwolde is celebrating the 100th anniversary of this historic home in 2020, so stay tuned for details of exciting events coming up this year!!

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 23**
- Deadline for Valentines for Vets **February 4**
- Federation Board Meeting **February 6**
- Deadline for Life Member Application Forms **February 15**
- Annual Life Member Recognition Luncheon, **February 27**
- 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 5**
- Federation General Meeting **March 19**
- Aluminum Tabs due for award by **March 19**
- Federation Board Meeting **April 2**
- Annual Awards Luncheon **April 23**
**(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:

- Redbud District Board Meeting, Callanwolde **February 10**
- Deadline for GCG Presidents' Reports **February 15**
- Conservation Day at the Capitol **February 26**
- Deadline for GCG Annual Dues **March 1**
- GCG 92nd Annual Convention, Macon **March 25-26**
- Deep South Convention, Tampa, FL **April 13-16**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 19-25**
- NGC National Convention, Milwaukee, WI **May 11-14**

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