



## CELEBRATING 70 YEARS!

OCTOBER 2018

Hello Federation Friends,



We really got off to a good start last month, with a great program and delicious refreshments! 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, **October 25**. Coffee and “nibbles,” provided by member clubs each month, will be served beginning at 9:30. President **Glenndolyn Hallman** 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 *“Restoring Heritage Gardens: Lessons Learned from Oakland Cemetery’s Restoration”*



Oakland Cemetery’s Director of Gardens, **Sara Henderson**, will share the history of Oakland and how the restoration of the grounds has evolved over the years with the help of many volunteers and great planning.

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

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

**Conyers and Dunwoody 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:

**Shenandoah Rose Garden Club – Theme: *Anchors Aweigh***



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

**Home for the Holidays!**



**PLANS** are coming together for the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show**, and celebration of our **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, at Callanwolde on **Thursday, November 8!** **Von Maur** at Perimeter Mall will provide the fashions,

invitations and reservation forms have been sent, vendors have reserved their tables, and we are working on the program, so begin planning for the spectacular basket your club will donate for the raffle! Raffle Basket Chairmen, Deanna McFarlan and Quill Duncan, will be in touch soon!! We are expecting a **BIG** turnout, so get your reservation in to Beth Wielage ASAP!

(Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan**)

### **GARDEN CENTER NEWS**

**We still need volunteers!** The hours are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on weekdays. We man the phones, do various Federation chores and pick up the mail. There's usually plenty of time left to catch up on your own club work or just chill. Please contact Diane to learn what days we need to fill. (FYI, Diane has now moved to Big Canoe in Jasper, and her available time in the Garden Center will be somewhat curtailed, so we really need your help!)

(Garden Center Director, **Diane Hunter**)

### **B.E.E. GRANTS**

We are pleased to announce that two schools have applied for the \$500 environmental grants – more news to follow!

(**Judy Lemoine**, B.E.E. Grant Chairman)

### **PROJECT FIG LEAF**

We continue to collect 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. If you wish for your donations to be given to Georgia Regional Hospital, you must indicate this on your donation. Otherwise, they will be given to the VA Hospital. Please bring your donations to our October General Meeting.

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



### **ROLLING BOOK SALE**

Through a generous donation, we are in possession of dozens and dozens of really nice books, most of which are hard bound and beautiful. Most of these are books on gardening and home decorating, and are of "coffee table" quality. We will continue to bring a selection to each of our meetings to sell at minimal prices, most of which are priced at \$2.00. The proceeds will be donated to GCG's Natural Disaster Fund.

(Treasurer, **Ann Purr**)

## **YOUTH TEAM ACTIVITIES**

GCG Youth Award submissions are due soon! Complete details are on the GCG website:

Youth Poetry Contest: Theme, "Pop Goes the Seed" due by **December 1**

High School Essay Contest: Theme, "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply" due by **December 1**

High School Gardener Awards: Due by **December 1**

Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest: Due by **December 1**

Youth Sculpture Contest: Theme, "Reduce, Reuse & Recycle" due by **January 1**

Annual Youth Club Registration is due by **December 1**.

(Youth Team Chairman, **Susan Turner**)

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## ***"Celebrating Homegrown Heroes"***

is our theme for the 2017-2019 term, in support of National Garden Clubs and Garden Club of Georgia's focus of "Plant America."

**Healing Heroes**, begun last fall, is our hands-on Garden Therapy project, working with Veterans recovering from PTSD at the VA Annex on Henderson Mill Road. We provide the materials, and the Veterans do the actual planting. Last year we received a grant from GCG, and accolades from the Veterans Administration. Our next planting will be on Monday morning, October 23 from 9:00-10:00

(**Joanne Bennett**, Garden Therapy Chairman)

**Holidays for Heroes** was our opportunity to thank active military personnel serving overseas by sending holiday cards, to be delivered to Dobbins Air Force Base for distribution around the world. Thank you, DeKalb Federation members, for helping bring a little bit of home to those who do so much for us!

(**Carol Hayes**, Chairman)

## **Celebrating Our Own Heroes**

DeKalb Federation turned 70 years old this year! We are planning to recognize many of our wonderful members and leaders who have served our organization for all these years, at our Leading Lights Luncheon next month.

## REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

Wow – what a week we had! Our District Meeting, originally scheduled for October 11, was cancelled due to Hurricane Michael (the first time ever). However, our **Remarkable, Resilient Redbuds** regrouped, and the Redbud District 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, was held – finally, on Monday, October 15, at First United Methodist Church in Thomaston, hosted by the West Central Georgia Council of Garden Clubs (Green Thumb, Spade and Trowel, and Thomaston). Fortunately, most of those registered for the original meeting were able to attend our rescheduled event and had a wonderful day!

Our guest speaker was Angelyn Tipton, a classic southern designer, who presented **“From My Mother’s Garden,”** a celebration of classic flowers and floral design.. Special guests were Doug Head, Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Thomaston, and Jane Hersey, GCG State President. Guests enjoyed the basket raffle, as well as the exhibit tables.. The District awards were announced (award descriptions are on the Redbud website), and several of our member clubs were winners:

Gavel Award (2 <sup>nd</sup> Place)	-	Conyers Garden Club
Garden Therapy Award (2 <sup>nd</sup> Place)	-	Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club
Calendar Award (1 <sup>st</sup> Place)	-	Lullwater Garden Club
(2 <sup>nd</sup> Place)	-	Avondale Estates Garden Club
Club Newsletter Award (1st Place)	-	Shenandoah Rose Garden Club

Several of our clubs also received certificates for Standard of Excellence, as well as recognition for Arboreta & Botanical Gardens, Cherokee Garden Library Partner, Garden Therapy, Historic Preservation, LeConte-Woodmanston, Natural Disasters, Parks Partners, and Roadside Beautification. Congratulations!

### Yellow Daisy Youth Awards

At last month’s Yellow Daisy Flower Show, **Daisy’s Got Game**, the Youth Division was well represented with 55 Horticulture Entries and 54 Design Entries. Top Award Winners sponsored by DeKalb Federation Clubs:

Horticulture:

Matthew Vega, Flowering (age 7) Smoke Rise Garden Club

Ginny Flory Cut Foliage (age 17) Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club

Alexandra Clary Fruits & Vegetables (age 8) Smoke Rise Garden Club

Design:

Ginny Flory, High School (age 17) Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club

(**Susan Turner**, District Youth Chairman)

## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

**Just** a reminder for GCG awards submissions: Yearbooks were due **October 15**, and most others are due **December 1**.

**Conservation Day** at the Capitol will be on **Wednesday, February 20**, beginning at 7:30 am with breakfast and briefing at Central Presbyterian Church. More to follow. (State and Federation Legislative Chairman, **Tally Sweat**)

**Mark** your calendars for the annual convention of Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., Jekyll Island Convention Center, **March 11-13**, hosted by GCG, who will be soliciting lots of volunteers! We will hear more in the coming months!

**Looking** ahead, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Annual Convention will be held April 16-18 in Columbus at the Columbus Trade and Convention Center (Historic Iron Works), Marriott Hotel.

## CALLANWOLDE CORNER



Callanwolde is excited to announce **Calloween at Callanwolde**, a night of family fun for both kids and adults, **Friday, October 26**, starting at **6:00 pm.** There will be trick or treating throughout the estate, live musical performances, an all-ages dance party, and a family friendly costume contest with big prizes! **Federation volunteers are needed to assist in handing out candy to the trick or treaters.**



**Christmas at Callanwolde – November 23 – December 9, Noon to 8:00 pm every day!**

The joy of the holiday season begins at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center with **The Christmas at Callanwolde Designer Show House**— an Atlanta holiday tradition for 40 years! Visitors of all ages will enjoy touring the 27,000 square-foot historic mansion elaborately decorated by Atlanta’s top interior and floral designers, as well as professional holiday displays, an expansive artists’ market, and themed events for all ages. Every room inspires and captures the spirit of the season. Callanwolde holds something for every member of the family. Special features for children include Breakfast With Santa and the Teddy Bear Tea. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or at the Callanwolde web site

**Volunteers are needed; contact Callanwolde if you can help, 404-872-5338.**

To learn more about the exciting programs at Callanwolde, visit [www.callanwolde.org](http://www.callanwolde.org).

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**REMEMBER NOVEMBER 6!**



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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.

**This will be our last General Meeting of this year. The next General Meeting will be on January 24, 2019.**



Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

<b>October 23</b>	Fall Planting at VA Annex
<b>October 25</b>	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Calloween at Callanwolde</b>
<b>November 1</b>	Federation Board Meeting
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Election Day!</b>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Leading Lights</b> Luncheon/Fashion Show Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, Atlanta
<b>Nov. 23-Dec. 9</b>	<b>Christmas</b> at Callanwolde
<b>December 1</b>	Due Date for Most Awards Submissions to GCG
<b>January 24</b>	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde

**We wish you a happy, safe holiday season. We hope to see you at Leading Lights, and at the January General Meeting!**

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