



SEPTEMBER 2017

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 28**.

As a reminder, we will again be having coffee and “nibbles” provided by member clubs each month, beginning at 9:30. President **Glenn dolyn 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 *“Monarchs and Milkweeds across Georgia,”* and our speaker is **Susan Meyers, Monarchs Across Georgia**, Volunteer and Trainer. Ladybug Garden club member, Susan Meyers, is a leading expert on the Monarch butterfly in Georgia. Her years of study and observation of the habits, migration and metamorphosis of the butterfly will provide fascinating insight. Susan will share the latest information on larval host plants such as native butterfly weed or *Asclepias tuberosa*, and what plants to include in your gardens to create a personal “Monarch Waystation” to welcome them to your kingdom.
(Programs Vice President, **Quill Duncan**)

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

Hunting Hill and Shenandoah Rose Garden Clubs

Hospitality Chairman, **Beth Wielage**, will contact the club prior to the meeting.

Mini-Flower Shows will be held three times each year: **October, January, and March**, and each show will feature a patriotic theme. Next month's exhibitor is:

Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club – Theme: *Homegrown Heroes*



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

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.



(**Anita Brittian**, Horticulture Chairman)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

Well we're starting another year at the Garden Center! Yellow Daisy is over and regular hours have commenced. Please note that we're always closed for GCG and Redbud Board meetings and convention, so please call before you come.

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. A new color printer/fax machine has been purchased, but has not yet been hooked up to the computer. There are problems with the new computer, so it has been returned and we are waiting for a replacement.

Garden Center Grounds Clean-up Days will be scheduled. Last year we had a few stalwarts but definitely need more. Please let me know what would work best for you and your clubs – weekends? Weekdays? Club assigned workdays? We are flexible and want to encourage all of you to participate.

The Conservatory and Garden Center are available for your club meetings. Please call the garden center or contact Diane Hunter (drmchunter@yahoo.com, 404-992-7381) to schedule. The air conditioning in the Garden Center and the Conservatory has been replaced, and the parking lot has been repaved.

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

Project Fig Leaf Georgia Regional Hospital has requested that we continue to provide them with Fig Leaf items 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. They also have requested help with preparing and serving their Thanksgiving meal, and/or monetary donations. The VA Hospital also needs Fig Leaf items. Joanne will divide items received between Georgia Regional and the VA Hospitals. She has a list of items needed by the VA, which will be sent in a separate e-mail, along with details of Thanksgiving assistance for Georgia Regional.



(Joanne Bennett, Community Service Chairman)

“Celebrating Homegrown Heroes” is the theme that President Glendolyn Hallman has chosen for the 2017-2019 term, in support of National Garden Clubs and Garden Club of Georgia’s focus of “Plant America.”



ON Monday, September 11, DeKalb Federation planned to participate 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. However, “Irma” got in the way, so the ceremony was canceled. However, Chairman Susan Turner, and President Glendolyn Hallman recognized that the wreath needed to be delivered as soon as possible for the Officers to enjoy, and know that we honor their service and the memory of the victims of 9/11/2001. So early Monday morning the wreath was delivered, and they were well received by Master Police Officer Mike Williams who has served DeKalb County for 37 years. They also met Sergeant Tina Dillard who was very kind and appreciative. They thanked them for their service and were delighted to present the wreath with these two fine Officers (pictured below).



Healing Heroes is our hands-on Garden Therapy project, working with Veterans at the VA Annex on Henderson Mill Road. The initial planting, as part of their “Recovery Through Creative Expressions” class, was completed. With our guidance, the Veterans planted four raised wooden planters, flanking two wooden benches donated and installed by Home Depot. The second planting will be done this fall. The committee will determine day and plants. We received a matching grant of \$250 from GCG for the Hometown Heroes project. Over \$200 in donations has been received from clubs and individuals.

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

Holidays for Heroes is 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. Do not sign your name on the cards, or seal the envelopes. A garden club could be listed, or simply a greeting, thanking our military personnel for their service. Holiday cards must be collected at the September 28 meeting, or delivered to the Garden Center by that date.

(**Carol Hayes**, Chairman)

Helping Hurting Heroes is the focus of our book sale in the Conservatory after our General Meeting on September 28. We will sell books from the Garden Center Library, as well as donated paperbacks and hard covers. Donations of books for the sale may be left at the Garden Center, or the day of our meeting.

(**Alice Boyd** and **Sandy Reed**, Chairmen)

Honoring Our Heroes

PLANS are being finalized for the Fifteenth Annual **Leading Lights Luncheon** on **Friday, November 10**, at **Mount Carmel Christian Church** in Stone Mountain. 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 working on the program, so begin planning for the spectacular basket your club will donate for the raffle! Our event will again feature a red, white and blue theme, and a salute to our **Veterans**.

(Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan**)

REDBUD DISTRICT

Congratulations to all of you who entered designs, horticulture and exhibits this week in the Yellow Daisy Flower Show, **Daisy Does Disney**. 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!

A BIG congratulations to the top award winners:

Stone Mountain Park Award (club winner of the most blue ribbons on show):
Breckenridge Garden Arts I Garden Club

NGC Sweepstakes Award (individual winner of the most blue ribbons in Horticulture):
Sandra Wheeler, Breckenridge Garden Arts Garden Club

Elinore Wilson/NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence:
Jan Bailey, Ladybugs Garden Club

Mickie Holton Inspirational Award:
Janet McGinnis, The Designers Club/Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

AND be sure to make plans to attend the *Redbud District Annual Meeting*, on Wednesday, October 18, at First Baptist Church in historic Covington, hosted by Covington and Satsuki Garden Clubs.

The guest speaker will be Virginia Linch of Eatonton, who will talk about how she helped lead revitalization of her town's downtown with a community butterfly garden. Registration forms will be sent via e-mail, as well as posted on both the Redbud and Federation web sites.

(**Diane Hunter**, District Director)

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. – Come for a visit!!

The elegant brick building encompasses 9,705 square feet and overlooks the International Garden and the Heritage Garden of the State Botanical Garden, in Athens, Georgia. The award-winning architectural firm, Smith Dalia of Atlanta, designed the plans and had oversight of the project. Smith Dalia Architects also designed the nearby Day Chapel at the State Botanical Garden. The Garden Club Headquarters building is of a neoclassical architectural style, best described as Jeffersonian. Tours of the Headquarters House are [available by appointment](#). There is a \$2 per person donation.



AWARDS

The following State, Deep South, and National awards were won, in the respective division, by DeKalb Federation, and our member clubs.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.:

DeKalb Federation:

Garden Center 2nd

Yearbook 1st

Garden Club Council 1st

Publications 1st

Website 2nd

Ladybugs:

Garden Club of Georgia Trophy 3rd

Civic Improvement 3rd

Yearbook 1st

Scrapbook 1st

Avondale Estates:

Special Achievement 2nd

Publications 1st

Avon:

Yearbook 1st

Smoke Rise Morning Glories:

Yearbook 1st

Conyers:

Yearbook 2nd

Poems Written by Adults for Adults, Gale Thomas

Poems Written by Adults for Children, Susan Turner

Member Participation Program 2nd

National Garden Week 1st

Shenandoah Rose:

Club History 1st

Publications 3rd

DVD/CD Flash Drive or PP Club Programs 1st

Website 2nd

Lake Ivanhoe:

National Garden Week 3rd

Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.:

DeKalb Federation:
Yearbook 1st

Ladybugs:
Yearbook 3rd
Unified Regional Project/Planting Efforts HM

National Garden Clubs, Inc.:

DeKalb Federation:
Newsletter
Yearbook

Avondale Estates GC:
Newsletter

Shenandoah Rose GC
Programs

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

Halloween Night on Callanwolde Mountain – Friday, October 27 – 6:00-9:00 pm. This is a night of family fun for both kids and adults. There will be trick or treating throughout the estate 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 24 – December 12

The joy of the holiday season begins 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.

By evening, see the 12 acre campus of Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in a new light- every building on the grounds will shine with professional light displays by [Illuminating Design](#). (Federation volunteers are needed as docents.)

To learn more about the exciting programs at Callanwolde, visit www.callanwolde.org.

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 28	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde Holiday Cards for Military due Today
October 5	Federation Board Meeting
October 15	Due Date to Submit Yearbooks for GCG Award
October 18	Redbud District Meeting First Baptist Church, Covington
October 26	Federation General Meeting at Callanwolde
November 2	Federation Board Meeting
November 10	Leading Lights Luncheon Mount Carmel Christian Church, Stone Mountain
Nov. 24-Dec. 12	Christmas at Callanwolde

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