

JANUARY 2023

Hello Federation Friends,



Gardening As We Age

Our next General Meeting will be on **Thursday, January 26, 2023**, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Dottie Myers, Landscape Architect, will give us tips on how to age gracefully in the garden by modifying our landscape plan and adjusting our way of gardening.

And, don't forget our monthly raffle. Avon Garden Club is donating our raffle prize this month!

1 ticket for \$2.00; 3 tickets for \$5.00.

(Susan Turner and Joy Zaidan, Programs Co-Chairmen)

Hospitality Volunteers

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

Avon Garden Club

Hospitality Chairman, **Christi Granger**, will contact the club(s) prior to the meeting. We will follow Covid safe protocols.

(Christi Granger, Chairman)

MINI-FLOWER SHOWS are held three times each year: **October**, **January**, and **March**, and each exhibitor will follow the same theme. This month's exhibitor is:

Shenandoah Rose Garden Club - Theme Anything Goes



(Vicki Cooper, Mini-Flower Show Chairman)

PLEASE remember to bring **horticulture** "stuff" to swap – seed, plants, or rooted – to our meeting. 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.



(Acting Horticulture Chairman Bonnie Pennington)

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

The Garden Center is available by appointment, so if you need to visit it, please contact me and I will arrange to meet you; <u>a.purr@comcast.net</u>; 770-921-9070. We are planning to open on a limited basis sometime this year.

(Garden Center Director, Ann Purr)



RESTORING THE BEAUTY (Garden Center Grounds)

Hosta Donations for 2023!

In December 2022 the DeKalb Federation Garden Center received a donation of a dozen Hosta plants from a grower in Stone Mountain Village. The grower and his partner had an extensive Hosta and shade plant nursery on their expansive property. Due to the death of the grower this summer, the partner is selling the house and grounds and is selling or

donating the Hosta to various organizations in our community. The Georgia Hosta Society has received many of the plants as well as members of the Georgia Iris Society, and now DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs. We will be planting the Hosta in early March. The plants are not labeled so it will be a kind of "Plant Surprise!" to see what emerges in early Spring!

Hosta prefers shade and well-drained soil, so we are scouting the best places on our garden center grounds to add the new plants for best effect. We have one advantage at Callanwolde that is actually the envy of most Hosta growers. We have **NO DEER** on the grounds of Callanwolde, at least to this point! Deer love Hosta... and the more expensive the variety the more they love it! Watch for the new collection to be added to our grounds in early March! We welcome fellow gardeners, so let Quill know if you want to join the fun! quillduncan@msn.com

(Quill Duncan, Sandy Reed, Co-Chairmen)



BOOK SALE ROLLS ON!!

The book sale is still on! We will 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 NCG's Natural Disaster Fund.

(Treasurer, Ann Purr)



PROJECT FIG LEAF

We are so very appreciative of the support that we received from our clubs for this very important project. On December 5, I delivered 635 items to Georgia Regional Hospital from the following clubs:

Avon	42
Avondale Estates	101
Hunting Hill	130
Mountain Mums	53
Lullwater	15
Shenandoah Rose	12
Smoke Rise	60
Smoke Rise Morning Glories	191
Non-Federation Donations	31

(Denise Finley, Community Service Chairman)



Hugs for Heroes

What a great response we had to our drive for holiday cards for our military heroes! This year **3,285** cards were picked up on November 12 for delivery to Fort Gordon Army Base in Augusta for later distribution to bases in Kosovo, Djibouti, Qatar, and Kuwait. Heartfelt thanks to the following clubs for their participation:

Avon	260
Avondale Estates	550
Breckenridge Garden Arts I	116
Conyers	20
Dunwoody	993
Hunting Hill	93
Lake Ivanhoe	145
Lullwater	12
Mountain Mums	284
Shenandoah Rose	17
Smoke Rise	282
Smoke Rise Morning Glories	<u>513</u>
Total	3285

Details

Merry Christmas	3211
Hanukkah	38
Service dogs	9
Glitter	27

(Denise Finley, Chairman)

~ RECYCLE AND REIMAGINE! ~

We are continuing to collect recyclables at each of our meetings, so please bring them when you can.

(**Glenndolyn Hallman**; 770-491-7398)



POP A CORK FOR THE FEDERATION

What have you been doing with all those wine corks? Just bring them to a Federation meeting! We will send them to an organization that repurposes them into shoe soles, carpet, etc.



DON'T DISPOSE OF THE DISPOSABLES

Remember all those packets of disposable utensils we got with take-out meals during the pandemic? Well, we have found a home for them with a non-profit that distributes meals to those in need. **Most important** – the utensils must still be encased in their original plastic wrap.

UPDATE – Quill Duncan recently delivered a very large bag of these collected utensils to Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) for their homeless ministry.



PULL A TAB FOR RONALD MCDONALD

We are continuing to collect aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Many pounds were delivered last spring in grateful appreciation.



WAVE A WAND FOR THE FEDERATION

Don't dispose of your mascara wand (brush) when you are finished with it. Wash it to remove the residue and bring it to a Federation meeting. We will donate them to a group for their use in grooming rescued animals.



Our Lovely Models (from Left to Right)

Ann Purr (Mountain Mums), Diane Hunter (Breckenridge GA I and Designers), Christi Granger (Avondale Estates), Allison (from Chico's), and Janet McGinnis (Smoke Rise Morning Glories and Designers)

The 18th Annual Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show

was held on Thursday, November 17 and was a **big** success! 120 guests shopped our several vendors, purchased raffle tickets for our array of baskets and gift cards, donated by our clubs and businesses, and enjoyed the fashion show presented by Chico's North Point. Our models pictured above are wearing some of the outfits featured at the show. More photos, taken by our photographer Barbara Maaskant, can be found on the Federation's Shutterfly site https://dekalbfederation.shutterfly.com/pictures/6108 We are grateful to all of you who supported our event, especially the wonderful Callanwolde staff. After three years, it was really good to be back in person again! (**Rigby Duncan, Fundraising Chairman**)

~ CLUB CORNER ~

We would like to feature the activities and accomplishments of our member clubs, so please send your articles and photos to rigbyduncan113@gmail.com!

Celebrate Life Members

Our February Meeting on Thursday, February 23, will honor all Life Members of our Federation and honor a new Life Member of the Year. The application form was sent in a separate e-mail, and is due, along with your tax-deductible check for \$50 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, as a memorial, or someone who has given special support to your club. Please include a photo of your nominee who will be recognized with a short bio, and presentation of a life membership card and pin. The application form can also be found on the Federation website, www.dekalbfederation.com under Resources/Forms.

For further information, please contact me at <u>galedthomas@gmail.com</u> or 404-790-7101. (Life Member Chairman, **Gale Thomas**)



FEDERATION AWARDS

Federation awards applications are due by **March 1**. Complete details and forms will be sent in a separate e-mail, and a fillable form can be found on the Federation website, www.dekalbfederation.com under **Resources/Forms**. Our Annual Awards Recognition will be held on April 27.

(Awards Chairman, Glenndolyn Hallman)

FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND DUES FORM

Just a reminder that Presidents' Reports and Club dues of \$25 are due by **March 1**. Forms and instructions will be sent in a separate e-mail and can be found on the DeKalb Federation web site under **Resources/Forms**. Both the Yearbook Information and Dues Form and the President's Club Activity Report on the website are fillable. (Federation President **Glenndolyn Hallman**)



REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

On **Monday, February 13** at 10:30 a.m., all Board Members and Club/Council Presidents are invited to attend the **Redbud District Winter Board Meeting** in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Chairmen should email your reports by February 7 to both Recording Secretary, Denise Finley, <u>2finleys@bellsouth.net</u> and me. If you wish to present a report at the meeting, please let me know so that I can add you to the agenda. Following the meeting, we will enjoy a covered dish lunch, so please bring a dish (with serving utensil) to share.

(Redbud District Director, Gale D. Thomas)



American Daffodil Society Flower Show

On **March 10-11**, Redbud District is Co-Hosting. The American Daffodil Society, Inc. Standard Flower Show, *The Southeastern Daffodil Trail*, at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia Hotel, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30346. **Complete details are attached**.

$\tilde{\ }$ GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS $\tilde{\ }$

Just a reminder that Garden Club of Georgia annual dues and Presidents' Reports are due by February 15. Presidents' Reports are to be sent to:

GCG State President, Peggy Tucker Redbud District Director, Gale D. Thomas DeKalb Federation President, Glenndolyn Hallman

Their contact information is in the front of the Federation 2021-2023 Yearbook

Save the Date April 18-20, 2023



The Garden Club of Georgia's 95th Annual Convention Hosted by Dogwood District April 18-20, 2023 Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Conference Center Stone Mountain

Beautiful setting. Great room rates.
Afternoon workshops, Fantastic Speakers,
Wonderful Vendors for your shopping pleasure.

Complete registration information may be found in the Winter 2022/23 *Garden Gateways* and a fillable form will be on the GCG website in February



Thank you for making a difference with your support of Scholarships!

On behalf of the GCG Scholarship Committee, I share our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to our Scholarship program this past year. Our 2023-2024 students are so appreciative for grants provided to them by you, our GCG members and friends.

As you plan your new budgets, please consider a contribution to Scholarships from your garden club, council, district or individually.

Invite our Plant Societies and Affiliate Members to join our Mission of Education.

So many ways to support our Scholarships program

- Named Scholarships and Patrons of Scholarships.
- Contributions for General Scholarships, Brown Thrasher & Cherokee Rose Funds.
- All the above may be given as an Honor or Memorial Contribution.
- Participation in the Dollars Educate Scholars Fundraiser
- Life Memberships
- Subscribing Memberships Comes along with a great gift of Garden Gateways! Share with family, friends, speaker gifts, prospective members and others. Our membership standing assists GCG in receiving two NGC Scholarships grants.
- When shopping at AMAZONSMILE, please choose GCG as your Charity of Choice.

Our grant recipients are dedicated to our mission of Beautification, Conservation & Education.

The Scholarship Committee meets annually in February to award our deserving students their scholarships. You can play a part in the future of a student who is seeking a life that speaks to our own hearts. We thank you again for the commitment you make to the success of a young person who is truly thankful for our support.

Most sincerely, The GCG Scholarship Committee Susan Turner, Chairman glencree@bellsouth.net

Janet Carn, Mary Denney, Brenda Griner, Lisa Hall, Rosemary Maulden, Edna McClellan, Marilyn McDonald, Peggy Tucker, Susan Turner, Dot Williams



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. "Dollars Educate Scholars"



Mark your calendars for January as our Official GCG Scholarship Month!

- Members donating \$1.00 or more now thru January will make a BIG impact on Scholarships.
- Dollars Educate Scholars contributions from members are given thru your garden club treasury.
- Your club treasurer writes one check to GCG to mail along with the completed form to:
- Assistant Treasurer, Edna McClellan, 180 Pacer Court, Unit 9044, Ellijay GA 30540

Please support your District and your Director in the 8thAnnual Dollars Educate Scholars fundraiser!

We will determine the winning District from contributions to Dollars Educate Scholars by funds and the percentage of district club participation.

Join the fun at the GCG Annual Meeting Hosted by Dogwood District, April 18-20, 2023 Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Conference Center, Stone Mountain. We will once again Crown the Queen of Scholarships!

For additional information contact Susan Turner, Scholarships Chairman 770-922-4411; glencree@bellsouth.net

Please write legibly. Contributions received through January 2023 will count in this giving period.

Name of Garden Club:		
Club Number:	District:	
Garden Club President or Representative Data:		
Name:	Title:	
Email:	Phone number:	
Number of Members in your	club:	
100% Participation? Circle of	one. Yes	No
Amount Enclosed: \$		_

~ CALLANWOLDE CORNER ~

KEEP THE ARTS ALIVE WITH A "LASTING LEGACY"

Callanwolde Legacy Bricks

Your brick can include your name, an encouraging message, or pay tribute to a friend or loved one who has been touched by Callanwolde. Go to the Callanwolde website and "Click to Order your Brick Today!"

Get complete information at their website, www.callanwolde.org

Callanwolde Spring Concert Series

The popular concert series showcasing R&B, folk, rock, and bluegrass talents returns to Callanwolde!

Callanwolde is proud to host the 2023 Spring Concert Series in our beautiful outdoor amphitheater. The Callanwolde Amphitheater provides an intimate atmosphere to spend time with friends, unwind, and experience an evening of live music surrounded by the natural beauty of the Callanwolde Estate. Guests are invited to bring blankets, chairs, and a picnic dinner with drinks. The amphitheater features VIP tables and Lawn seating.

Series Schedule

March 31st – Certainly So

April 14th – Dwayne Shivers

April 28th – Ruby Velle and the Soulphonics

May 12th – Luke Winslow-King

Complete details may be found at www.callanwolde.org.

We look forward to seeing you all at our meetings, and to hearing from you if you have any questions or need additional information.



Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

Federation Dates:

March 1

Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde
Federation Board Meeting Via Zoom & In Person
Due Date For Life Member Applications
Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde
Due Date For Awards Applications
Due Date For Club Presidents Reports

Due Date For Dues and Yearbook Info

GCG Dates:

January 31	Due Date For <i>Dollars Educate Scholars</i> Donations
January 31	Due Date For Donations to General Scholarship Fund
February 13	Redbud Winter Board Meeting, Callanwolde
February 15	Due Date for GCG Presidents' Reports/Dues
March 10-11	American Daffodil Society Flower Show, Atlanta
April 18-20	GCG 95 th Annual Convention, Stone Mountain

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