



MARCH 2025

Hello Federation Friends,

Happy Spring!



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 27**, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Our program will be ***In Honor of Women's History Month.*** Many of history's most celebrated botanists were women, often defying convention in the pursuit of knowledge.

Our speaker, **Beth Langhorst**, is a mom, grandma, plant and animal admirer, children's portrait photographer, and a member of Avondale Estates Garden Club. Her wilding garden, located in Avondale Estates, is a paean to her interest in women's contributions to the understanding and appreciation of our natural world, how they persevered, and what they accomplished.

(**Nancy Martin**, Programs Chairman)

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

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

(**Rigby Duncan**, Fundraising Chairman)

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

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

Hunting Hill Garden Club

Participating clubs will be contacted before the meeting.

(**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:

Stonecrest Garden Club – Theme Celebrations!



(**Vicki Cooper**, 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.**



(Michèle Spears, Horticulture Chairman)



IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE

Please mark your calendars for a change of date for our Federation Awards Ceremony in April. The original date of April 24 has been changed due to a scheduling conflict with Callanwolde.

The new date for our meeting will be Thursday, April 17 at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde.



LIFE MEMBER CEREMONY

At our annual **Federation Life Member Recognition Luncheon** held last month, we honored the following new Life Members, bringing our total to **409**! DeKalb Federation donates the life membership funds to the Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund which benefits Georgia college students majoring in garden-related areas. This year the following were recognized by their garden clubs:

Avon Garden Club

Jody Harris (will be recognized in April)

Avondale Estates Garden Club

Patricia Calcagno

Helen Dorroh

Susan Stewart

Hunting Hill Garden Club

Aly Palmer

Lullwater Garden Club

Becky Bracewell

Lynn Hart

Linda Manners

Mountain Mums Garden Club

Lisa Armistead

Shenandoah Rose Garden Club

Frank "Buz" Smith (will be recognized in April)

Smoke Rise Garden Club

Paula McEvoy

Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

Melanie Chastain

Geri Houpt-Burns

Faye Long

Stonecrest Garden Club

Cheryl Anderson

The Life Member Program highlight was the presentation of the DeKalb Federation 2025 Life Member of the Year to **Bonnie Pennington**.

Bonnie is a wife, mother, grandmother, realtor, archivist, facilities manager, a mentor to the first class of women at West Point Military Academy, and her rank when she resigned her commission was Captain in the United States Army. She is a Gwinnett Master Gardener, serves on the DeKalb Federation Board as our Garden Therapy chairman, serves on the Redbud Board as Parliamentarian and on the Garden Club of Georgia Board as Promoting Native Plants chairman. She is a Life Member of the Garden Club of Georgia, and the 1st Vice President of the Smoke Rise Morning Glories whose responsibility is to secure programs for the year and assisting the President when needed.

And if that is not enough, she serves as a Trustee of the Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Association Foundation, Inc., and is very active with the American Legion Post 207 in Tucker, creating a new raised bed garden for the veterans.

Bonnie is a native of Ohio and a graduate of Ohio University with a theatre major, a very proud Alpha Delta Pi, and a PEO and DAR member. And she clerked at the 2025 Camellia Society show and won two blue ribbons for her camellia entries! When does she sleep?

She belongs to several plant societies and affiliates. If you mention a plant society or related group, she is a member! In addition, she does yoga, walks and attends Tucker Recreation senior exercises with her husband of fifty-five years, Bill. We were delighted to have Bill and daughter Brooke Parris as surprise guests to honor this special member.

It was our pleasure to recognize Bonnie Pennington as 2025 Life Member of the Year in recognition of her wonderful warm spirit and love of garden clubbing.



Honoree Bonnie Pennington (L) with Federation President Quill Duncan

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

The Garden Center continues to be closed; however, if you need to visit it, please contact me and I will arrange to meet you; a.purr@comcast.net; 770-921-9070.

(Garden Center Director, **Ann Purr**)



ROLLING BOOK SALE ROLLS ON!!

The book sale is on! We will bring a selection of books to our meeting this month to sell at minimal prices, most of which are priced at \$2.00. The proceeds will be donated to NCG's Natural Disaster Fund. Please bring your donated books to our meetings or call me and I will pick them up; 770-921-9070.

Going forward, book sales will be held in the months of January, March, September and October.

(Treasurer, **Ann Purr**)



FEDERATION PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND ANNUAL DUES

Thanks to all of the clubs who have submitted their President's Club Activity Report and paid their annual dues. If you have not done so, please send them in as soon as possible.
(Federation President, **Quill Duncan**)



FEDERATION AWARDS

Thanks to everyone who submitted awards applications! We received 50 applications from 9 clubs, and the Awards Committee has met and judged the awards. We are really looking forward to our Awards Luncheon next month when it's. . .



Applause Applause! It is time for your club to sparkle and shine at our Annual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, **April 17** in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Invitations have been distributed and the due date for reservations is **April 10**. We will be recognizing lots of winners, enjoying a delicious catered lunch, and **celebrating**, so we should have an exciting time! Invitations have been sent electronically, and we have also attached one for your convenience.

(Awards Committee Chairman, **Glenndolyn Hallman**)



BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS

On March 4 Peg Wyse, Frank Mullins, Dolly Moy, Faye Brown and Joy Abrams, with Quill Duncan, worked on our beautiful Callanwolde Garden Center grounds. Spring's lovely early blooms were a highlight as we groomed and weeded and pruned. Frank and Peg tackled a dying azalea and removed it from our grounds. Plants have life spans and many of our older hardy shrubs need extra attention to keep them revived or in this case to say goodbye! The daffodils were in full bloom across the grounds and in the rock garden. (See photos below)

We loved seeing the results of our years of maintaining and adding new bulbs to enhance the overall beauty of our property. When you next visit Callanwolde take time to admire the colorful displays! And by the way, Faye Brown is a new member of the Smoke Rise Morning Glories, and she has already volunteered twice with the garden team. Welcome Faye!

If you want to join the fun, please contact Quill Duncan at 770-414-4766 or Sandy Reed at 404-772-2854. We work a few hours and enjoy the fellowship and labor of creating a lovely accent to the grounds of Callanwolde.

(Quill Duncan & Sandy Reed, Co-Chairmen)



The League of Legends



OUR LEGENDS RETURN!

Let Us Meet Your Legends!

We will be celebrating some truly remarkable women on May 22, 2025. And we don't just mean the pioneering women in landscape architecture! We're adding another beautiful crop of outstanding women to our **Legends Club**. We created the club in 2017 to honor those wonderful, long-term, dedicated members who've reached the age of 90 during the past year, June 2024 through May 2025. We're asking club members to scan your old and new rosters and identify the amazing women who've given so much inspiration to your clubs and the Federation. Don't worry if you've found that you've missed someone in past years; just send their names along, too. Each honoree will get special recognition and a special PowerPoint presentation with their accomplishments. We're asking nominators to gather a little bit of information about each honoree – comments, a couple of photos. Each honoree will have roughly four slides. Each member will get a lovely certificate, a framed copy of Michele Spears' invitation and listing in the yearbook and garden center.

Send your information and/or questions to Diane Hunter (drmchunter@yahoo.com, 404-992-7381) no later than **May 2, 2025**.

Information Requested:

Local Club and Person Nominating

Legend's Name

Legend's Mailing Address

Legend's Phone

Legend's email, if any

Two or Three Member Comments About the Legend

Four Photos of the Member From Any Time Period- suggestions – one current, one showing them gardening, one with club members, one early on.

Thanks for making this an amazing event!

(Legends Chairman, **Diane Hunter**)

Mark Your Calendars – for our Annual Federation Sale of



Donated Jewelry and Gently Used Purses

at our May 22 General Meeting

“Bring your Bling” to the March and April Meetings,
(Fundraising Chairman **Rigby Duncan**)

~ 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!



Dunwoody Garden Club – Swing into Spring Annual Fundraiser

CARD PARTY, CHICO’S FASHION SHOW, LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025, 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Rd, Dunwoody

Tickets now on sale, only \$35!! Please come – it is a fun, relaxing event! We provide a continental breakfast, serve a delicious lunch and have a great fashion show by [Chico’s of Northpoint](#). In between games, you can peruse the fabulous merchandise and gift cards donated to our silent auction by generous businesses and friends who support the work we do, speak with our sponsors, or maybe even win a door prize.

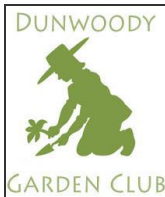
Your generous support allows the Dunwoody Garden Club to continue its many projects to help and beautify our community as well as supporting many other groups/organizations/activities; i.e. master gardeners, the Dunwoody Nature Center, the Garden Club of Georgia scholarships and many others.

Please mark your calendars, invite your friends and buy your tickets today! The deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, April 1, but don't dally because this party sells out every year. Tickets can be purchased on our [website – dunwoodygardenclub.com](http://dunwoodygardenclub.com)). Please be sure to include your name, phone number, number of tickets, and your address if you want tickets mailed to you (or let us know you want tickets held at Will Call).

Let's Swing into Spring!

Dunwoody Garden Club

We Dig Dunwoody!



Dunwoody Garden Club is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
www.DunwoodyGardenClub.com



LULLWATER GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

The Historic Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour, the oldest such tour in Atlanta, will be held From **Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 4**.

In conjunction, the Lullwater Garden Club will hold their Annual Plant Sale located in the Lullwater Conservation Garden – 834 Lullwater Road, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., all three days.

They will be selling annuals, perennials, heirloom tomatoes, and their ever-popular moon vines.



AVONDALE ESTATES GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Dreaming of spring flowers? This is your chance to get some!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Avondale Estates Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, April 19, 2025

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Lake House at 59 Lakeshore Drive, Avondale Estates

The sale will be open rain or shine!



Photo From 2024 Plant Sale at Lake House

GEORGIA IRIS SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW



SAVE THE DATE!

Georgia Iris Society Show and Sale

Saturday, April 26, 2025

The Sale Opens at 10:00 a.m. - The Show Opens at 11:00 a.m.

Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

1790 LaVista Road, Atlanta GA

See Quill Duncan for details!



REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

Remarkable Redbuds will be very busy this summer planning the 52nd Annual Redbud District Flower Show (aka Yellow Daisy) in September! The date, location, and theme will be announced at a later date.

And stay tuned for news of our upcoming Flower Show FUNdraiser!!

(**Kim Fair**, Redbud District Director)



DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

We were pleased to learn that the following Federation clubs were award winners at the Deep South Convention in Valdosta last week:

#27 Flower Show Schedule - A. Small Standard Show

Smoke Rise Morning Glories

#28 Small Standard Flower Show - Includes \$50 Cash Award

Smoke Rise Morning Glories

#31A Club Yearbook Award

Clubs under 20 members: Honorable Mention

Conyers Garden Club

Clubs 20 to 29 members: Honorable Mention

Smoke Rise Morning Glories

Clubs 45 to 69 members: 3rd Place

Avon Garden Club

Clubs 70 to 99 members: 3rd Place

Avondale Estates Garden Club

#31B. Yearbook Award- 2nd Place

The Dekalb County Federation of Garden Clubs



National Garden Clubs Annual Convention 2025

May 18-22, 2025, North Charleston, SC

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Center

Register by 4/20/25 to Avoid Late Fees

<https://gardenclub.org/2025-ngc-convention-details>



~ GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA ~

IT'S CONVENTION SEASON – One Last Reminder!!

97th Annual Garden Club of Georgia Convention!

Remarkable Redbuds, it is time to register now to attend the April 29-30th convention in Augusta at the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center. "*Gather on the River*" is the theme. **Registration deadline is April 18, 2025**, and complete information can be found in the winter issue of *Garden Gateways*, and on the GCG website; www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org.

Four DeKalb Federation members will be installed as officers for the 2025-2027 term of office:

Diane Hunter – President
Gale D. Thomas – 2nd Vice President
Quill Duncan – 4th Vice President
Frank Mullins – Assistant Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIPS

Members of The Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Committee recently met and reviewed the applications of students applying for GCG, Deep South, and NGC scholarships. The total amount awarded was **\$90,000**.

Thank you so much for your support of scholarships. It means the world to our students!

(**Susan Turner**, GCG Scholarship Chairman)

CALLANWOLDE CORNER

CERAMIC WORKSHOP



The Making of Warrior Women

with Alice Woodruff

**2 DAY WORKSHOP
APRIL 12-13, 2025**

*Discover the studio secrets
to the success of Alice
Woodruff's 100 warriors.*

Join us for an exclusive workshop exploring the techniques and creative process behind Alice Woodruff's renowned *100 Warriors* series. Open to all potters and clay sculptors, both hand-builders and throwers—this workshop offers a deep dive into figurative ceramic sculpture.

Alice will guide participants through her entire process, from initial concept and sketching to assembling sculptural elements.

For more information, please visit the Callanwolde website; 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 upcoming **Federation** events:

- Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde **March 27**
- Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center/**Zoom April 3**
- Reservation due date for Awards Luncheon **April 10**
- Dunwoody Garden Club Fundraiser **April 11**
- Annual Awards Celebration, Callanwolde **April 17**
- Avondale Estates Garden Club Plant Sale **April 19**
- Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center/**Zoom May 1**
- Due Date for Legends Nominations **May 2**
- Lullwater Garden Club Plant Sale **May 2-May 4**
- Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde **May 22**
- Legends Club Recognition Ceremony **May 22**
- Recognition of Club Presidents **May 22**
- Jewelry and Purse Sale **May 22**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Registration Deadline for GCG Convention **April 18**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 20-26**
- Georgia Iris Society Plant Show/Sale **April 26**
- GCG 97th Annual Convention, Augusta **April 29-30**
- NGC National Convention, Charleston, SC **May 18-22**

Rigby Duncan
Communications Chairman
404-321-1733 (h)
678-644-9502 (c)