



**MAY 2025**

**Hello Federation Friends,**



**Our** final General Meeting of this club year will be on **Thursday, May 22, 2025**, at **10:30 a.m.** in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. (**Jewelry shopping begins at 10:00 a.m.**)

**“Women Pioneers in Landscape Architecture and Design in Georgia”**

**Cherokee Garden Library Director, Staci Catron**, will explore the lives of four pioneering women - Helen Hawkins Clarke, Constance Knowles Draper, Edith Harrison Henderson, and Clermont Huger Lee - who worked in the field of landscape architecture in Georgia from the 1930s through the close of the 20th century

**Following** the program, the new members of the **Legends Club** will be recognized for their service.

**And**, don't forget our monthly raffle. The Federation Board is donating our raffle prize this month! 1 ticket for \$2.00; 3 tickets for \$5.00.

**Hospitality Volunteers**

**The** following are responsible for refreshments before our meeting this month:

**Lake Ivanhoe Garden Club and the Federation Board**

Hospitality Chairman, **Christi Granger**, will contact the club(s) prior to the meeting. We will follow the refreshment guidelines outlined in the Federation yearbook.

A close-up photograph of a large pile of various pieces of jewelry, including watches, necklaces, and bracelets, mostly in gold and silver tones, with some colorful accents like red and blue. The items are densely packed together, showing a variety of designs and materials.





## **GARDEN THERAPY - NURTURING WITH NATURE**

(The following article was written by Mary Cochran, GA Regional Activity Therapy Coordinator)

The Georgia Regional Garden patients have been busy with the late winter and early spring vegetables. The seeds were started in pots. Our electric skillet has come in very handy as we cook our garden bounty. We use the kitchen in the Gym Break Room.

We tried sweet potato and taro latkes and then cooked our cabbages, radishes, and cilantro. The hit of the spring season was our bountiful crop of asparagus. We were able to enjoy it on several occasions. (See photos below.)

The work on the Skilled Nursing Unit is coming together, and we so appreciate the \$600.00 donation from the **Avondale Estates Garden Club** that is helping make the updated improvements possible.

(**Bonnie Pennington & Quill Duncan**, Co-Chairmen)



Asparagus



Sweet Potatoes, Taro, Cilantro



Sweet Potato Latkes



Cabbage



Cabbage, Radishes, Cilantro

## **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; [a.purr@comcast.net](mailto:a.purr@comcast.net); 770-921-9070.

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





## BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS

**May** 2025 has been an interesting weather month in Atlanta. Hot and sultry one day, and then we awakened to chilly 49 degrees on several mornings. And the rain and the storms have been loud and often.! We were not sure if May 8<sup>th</sup> would be a rain-out, but we took a chance. Ten gardeners from the following clubs gathered to garden on this beautiful day: Avon, Avondale Estates, Smoke Rise and Smoke Rise Morning Glories.

**We** replaced the played-out pansies with bright fresh begonias and added coleus and begonias to the four round containers. (See photos below.) We planted beautiful zinnias in the pollinator bed and weeded to remove those plants that we did not want sharing that space. Hostas from Bonnie were also great additions. The new look is refreshing and so very pretty for the warm months ahead. Thanks to everyone pictured below for your hard work and great spirit!

**Next** time we will be pruning and weeding and probably watering, but who knows? If you want to join us, contact:

**(Quill Duncan & Sandy Reed, Co-Chairmen)**



(Front Row) Glenndolyn Hallman, Sandy Reed, Dolly Moy, Kim Fair, Peg Wyse, Dee Montgomery  
(Back Row) Frank Mullins, Bonnie Pennington, Quill Duncan, Faye Brown)





## **AWARDS! AWARDS! AWARDS!**

**What** a great time we had at our Annual Federation Awards Luncheon on April 17! Several clubs were *Celebrating*, and we had lots of winners! Many of the winning clubs received cash awards – total awarded was \$650! See all the photos on our website. The BIG winner was:

**Club Member of the Year – Gale D. Thomas**  
**Nominated by Stonecrest Garden Club**



**Gale Thomas & Quill Duncan With the Garden Center Engraved Plaque**

### **First Place Club Awards (by Club Size)**

**Avondale Estates** - Program Award, Gavel Award, Special Achievement, National Garden Week, Website, Newsletter

**Conyers** - Yearbook, Community Service, Garden Therapy, Achievement in Design, Youth (Bluebells)

**Lake Ivanhoe** - Horticulture Study/Activity, Friend of Birds

**Leafmore** - Attendance Award

**Lullwater** - Environmental Award

**Mountain Mums** - Pull-A-Tab Award

**Shenandoah Rose** – Club Exhibits Award

**Smoke Rise Morning Glories** - Attendance, Yearbook, Community Service, Garden Center Participation, Holiday Decorating, Sweepstakes Award, Bird Count, Pollinator Count

**Stonecrest** – Club Member of the Year, Butterfly Award

## **First Place Individual Awards**

**Sandy Reed** – Mickie Holton Designer Award

**Michèle Spears** – Betty Pothier Horticulture Award

**Quill Duncan, Ann Purr, Sandy Reed** – Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Service to the Garden Center

## **100% Club Attendance Awards**

**Avon, Avondale Estates, Conyers, Designers, Lullwater, Mountain Mums, Shenandoah Rose, Smoke Rise, Smoke Rise Morning Glories, Stonecrest**

## **Certificate for Standard of Excellence (Score of 90+ on President's Report)**

**Avondale Estates • Lullwater • Mountain Mums • Smoke Rise Morning Glories**

## **Certificate for Standard of Achievement (Score of 80-90 on President's Report)**

**Avon • The Designers • Conyers • Smoke Rise**



## **GREAT POLLINATOR COUNT**

### **Great Southeastern Pollinator Census August 22-23, 2025**

**Become** a citizen scientist - assist our University of Georgia in locating and counting the insects that you see during a 15 minute session. Flowers in your yard or a planter on your deck, easy, fun and helpful. Many eyes in many places give the scientists invaluable information.

**Go** to web page <https://gsepc.org> or just google Great Southeastern Pollinator Census. All the information needed and more.

**Put this on your calendar—Join in the necessary fun.**

**(Lorene Faulkenberry, Birds & Pollinators Chairman)**

## ~ CLUB CORNER ~



### BLUE STAR MARKER

#### Blue Star By-Way Marker Dedication Ceremony

**Lullwater** Garden Club will have a dedication ceremony for a Blue Star By-Way Marker in the Lullwater Conservation Garden located at 845 Lullwater Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 on Saturday, June 14th at 11:00 am.

**The** Blue Star Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. The Blue Star By-Way Marker is to be placed in areas such as parks, civic and historical grounds.

(**Nan Loftis**, Blue Star Marker Chairman)

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### CONYERS GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES GARDEN WEEK IN GEORGIA!

**In** celebration of *Garden Week in Georgia*, CGC held their last their Garden Therapy session of the club year at the Olivia Haydel Senior Center in Conyers. For the “Kitchen Herb Garden” project, the CGC provided each of the twenty senior citizen participants with a container designed to hold three plants, three potted herbs (rosemary, thyme and a lemon balm), and garden soil. Recipients of a 2024-2025 GCG Garden Therapy Grant, the Club used the funds to cover the costs of the containers, potted herbs and potting soil.

**Before** the session began, eight members of the garden club were joined by a guest (and potential member) to set up the workstations with the containers and plants. To facilitate the planting activity, they also filled each container half-full of soil. Each club member then served as a monitor for the workstations to provide any assistance needed.

**After** brief instruction by Garden Therapy Chairman, Gale Thomas, on how to repot the provided herbs, the participants repotted their herbs into the provided containers. The garden club members assisted by adding more soil to the pots as needed. After repotting their herbs, the session participants watered their new container gardens and labeled the plants. Individual pictures were taken of each participant and his or her new herb garden.

**This** session was a success with the senior citizen members expressing their sincere thanks for their new container herb gardens and for all the garden club sponsored activities. (See photos below)

(**Gale Thomas**, Conyers Garden Therapy Chairman)





**Conyers Members Preparing Supplies**



**Seniors Hard at Work**



**Showing Off Their Container Gardens!**

## **LOOK AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATE.....**



**On Wednesday, September 11**, which is Patriot Day, we will once again participate in the 9/11 Memorial Remembrance Ceremony of the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. Complete details will be sent later this summer.  
(**Susan Turner**, Remember 9/11 Chairman)

## ***The 21st Annual Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show***

**When** – Thursday, **November 13**, 10:30 a.m.

**Where** – Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

**What** – Catered Luncheon, Vendors, Raffle Baskets and Fashion Show  
Complete Details Will be Announced this Fall

(**Rigby Duncan**, Fundraising Chairman)



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## ~ REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS ~



**Daisy** is going to a classic car show, and we want you to join her!! Redbud District's 52<sup>nd</sup> Flower Show, **Cruisin' With Daisy**, will be held **September 11-12** in Tucker in conjunction with the **Tucker Cruise In** car show in downtown Tucker. Plans are being finalized, so please put these dates on your calendar so you can be part of the fun! (Set-Up begins on September 8.)

**And** thanks to everyone who supported our flower show with our



Mrs. Fields Cookie Dough Fundraiser, as well as your monetary donations. (Donations are still gratefully accepted!)  
(**Gale D. Thomas** and **Joy Zaidan**, Flower Show Co-Chairmen)

The **Redbud District** Fall Board Meeting will be held on Monday, **August 11** in LaGrange; our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 15** in Griffin. Complete details will be sent this summer.  
(**Bonnie Dudley**, Redbud District Director)

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~ **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA** ~

**Dogwood District and Redbud District  
Awards and Leadership Workshop**

**Presented by**

**The Garden Club of Georgia**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

**Bellmere Garden House**

**10777 Bell Road**

**Duluth, GA 30097**

(Complete Details on the Attached Registration Form)

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. 97<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Four DeKalb Federation Members were installed as officers at the convention in Augusta on April 30.



**Diane Hunter, GCG President, Installed by Deep South President, Denise Thorne**



**GCG Officers Installed by Deep South President, Denise Thorne**

(from left) **Gale Thomas**, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; **Linda Dorion** (Dogwood District), 3<sup>rd</sup> VP;  
**Quill Duncan**, 4<sup>th</sup> VP; **Frank Mullins**, Asst. Treasurer; **Geri Shaw** (Oleander), Treasurer

DeKalb Federation, and several of our clubs, were big winners at the convention!

**Federation Awards Won:**

**First Place** – Yearbook Award (2<sup>nd</sup> Place Deep South)

**First Place** – Publications Award (Newsletter)

**First Place** – Council Award

**First Place** – Gardens for the Challenged Award (Georgia Regional Project)

**Second Place** – Website Award

**Club Awards Won (by Club Size):**

**Avon** – Yearbook (1<sup>st</sup>), Horticulture Program (2<sup>nd</sup>), Litter/Recycle/Reclamation (1<sup>st</sup>), PowerPoint Program (2<sup>nd</sup>), National Garden Week (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Avondale Estates** – Yearbook (1<sup>st</sup>), Newsletter (1<sup>st</sup>), PowerPoint Program (1<sup>st</sup>), Butterfly Conservation Individual (1<sup>st</sup>), Website (3<sup>rd</sup>), Social Media (3<sup>rd</sup>), National Garden Week (1<sup>st</sup>), Garden Week in Georgia (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Conyers** – Special Achievement (2<sup>nd</sup>), Garden Therapy (1<sup>st</sup>), Yearbook (1<sup>st</sup>), Poems for Children by Adults, Susan Turner (2<sup>nd</sup>), Member Participation (1<sup>st</sup>), Educational Exhibit (1<sup>st</sup>), Gardens for Challenged (1<sup>st</sup>), Public Relations (1<sup>st</sup>), National Garden Week (1<sup>st</sup>), Junior Activities (1<sup>st</sup>)

**The Designers** – Standard Flower Show (1<sup>st</sup>), Judges Study Club (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Lullwater** – Conservation Project (1<sup>st</sup>), Yearbook (HM), Website (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Smoke Rise** – Yearbook (2<sup>nd</sup>), Poems for Adults by Adults, Victoria Crosby (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Smoke Rise Morning Glories** – Yearbook (1<sup>st</sup>), Small Standard Flower Show (1<sup>st</sup>), Small Standard Flower Show Schedule (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Stonecrest** – National Garden Week (2<sup>nd</sup>)



*Gale Thomas is a Four Star "Star!"*

**The** Four Star Membership gives special recognition to those that have completed all four NGC Schools – Gardening, Landscape Design, Environmental, and Flower Show. The Five Star Membership recognition is given to those achieving Master status in all four schools.

**One** GCG member was added to the prestigious roster of those achieving Four Star status during the 2023-2025 administration. **Gale Thomas** attained Four Star status in 2024. She will be recognized for this significant individual achievement at the NGC Convention later this month, along with other Four and Five Star NGC members that have recently attained this status. GCG now has a total of 15 Four Star Members with 5 of those having achieved Five Star status.

**CONGRATULATIONS, GALE!!**

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~ **CALLANWOLDE CORNER** ~



**Salsa Socials at Callanwolde**

**June 6 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

**August 15 @ 6:00 pm – 10:00**

**Callanwolde Fine Arts Center 980 Briarcliff Rd NE, Atlanta, GA, United States**

**A night of Cuban music and dancing at the historic Callanwolde Mansion! Experience the fun of a salsa dance party! Dancers of all levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. Beginners, come early for free classes and stay for the DJ from 7-10pm. Featuring one room with Salsa and Bachata music.**

**\$15.00 per session**



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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 **May 22**
- Legends Club Recognition Ceremony **May 22**
- Jewelry and Purse Sale **May 22**
- Federation Board Meeting **June 5**
- Blue Star Marker Dedication, **June 14**
- Federation Board Meeting **September 4**
- Patriot Day Observance **September 11**
- Federation General Meeting **September 25**
- Club Presidents Recognition Ceremony **September 25**
- Leading Lights Fundraiser **November 13**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- National Garden Club Convention, Charleston, SC **May 18-22**
- National Garden Club Week **June 1-7**
- Redbud District Board Meeting, LaGrange **August 11**
- Great Pollinator Count, **August 22-23**
- Redbud District Flower Show, Tucker **September 11-12**
- Redbud District Annual Meeting, Griffin **October 15**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

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