



## OCTOBER 2025

**Hello Federation Friends,**



**Our next General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10:30 in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. Club Presidents, please share this information with your members.**

**Our program, “The Lullwater Conservation Garden,”** established in 1931, owned and maintained by Lullwater Garden Club, is over five acres of land. A woodland area, this garden is home to Georgia native trees, shrubs and flowers. A panel of club members, Heather Ewing, Jennie Richardson and Nan Loftis, will share information about this conservation garden here in DeKalb County.

**(Gale Thomas, Programs Vice President)**



### **Hospitality Volunteers**

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

#### **Smoke Rise Garden Club**

**Hospitality Chairmen, Melanie Chastain and Faye Long,** will contact the club(s) prior to the meeting. We will follow the refreshment guidelines outlined in the Federation yearbook.

**And don't forget our monthly raffle. Smoke Rise Garden Club is donating our raffle prize this month! 1 ticket for \$2.00; 3 tickets for \$5.00.**

**Mini-Flower Shows** are held three times each year: **October**, **January**, and **March**, and each exhibitor will follow the same theme – **Seasons!** This month's show will be presented by the **Shenandoah Rose Garden Club**.



(**Sandy Reed**, 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)

## 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**)



## BOOK SALE ROLLS ON!!

**The book sale is back!** There will be a book sale at our meeting on **October 23**. Bring your donations to add to the table or contact Ann ahead of time and she will pick them up. (770-921-9070; [a.purr@comcast.net](mailto:a.purr@comcast.net)). The proceeds will be donated to NCG's Natural Disaster Fund.

(Treasurer, **Ann Purr**)



## Holidays For Heroes

We hope you have been saving your Holiday Cards! We are, once again, collecting cards for our military heroes around the world. We will need to receive your cards at the **October 23** Federation meeting. This year the cards are going to the airport at Fort Gordon for distribution to active-duty military stationed at bases overseas.

They take Christmas and Hanukkah cards in English and Spanish and have even taken cards for military dogs!

Please remember the following guidelines:

- Keep envelopes **unsealed**
- A positive message
- Nothing political
- No personal information
- No food
- No postage
- NO GLITTER

**Glitter** can get into a wound. Several cards wind up in the hands of wounded soldiers. Glitter can also get everywhere and show an enemy where they have been.

You can sign them with the name of your garden club, or simply a message that says, "Thank You for Your Service," or "A Grateful American."

**Glenndolyn Hallman** is the Chairman of this project, so please contact her at [gkh44@aol.com](mailto:gkh44@aol.com) with questions.



## PROJECT FIG LEAF

We continue to collect donations of men's and women's **new** underwear and socks, and toiletries of any size for the patients at Georgia Regional Hospital. (**Please, no bars of soap of any size.**) The Hospital has explained that we are the only organization delivering new underwear, and our donation is **greatly** appreciated by staff and residents. Please bring your donations to our **October 23** meeting, or you can deliver them to the home of Glenndolyn Hallman, 2244 Spencers Way, Smoke Rise; 770-630-5539. She will be making a delivery of donated items before the holidays.

(**Glenndolyn Hallman**, Community Service Chairman)



## Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs (Dekalb Federation Garden Clubs)

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Organized in 1948, The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs (DFGC) is composed of 17 member clubs and 3 plant societies. This council of garden clubs maintains a Garden Center at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in Atlanta.

We now have a Facebook page! Many thanks to 1st Vice President **Dee Montgomery** for setting this up. We'll be using this page to get out information on upcoming events and to highlight Federation projects and programs. Check it out!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579020582892>.

If your club has an activity they'd like to have posted to the site, send it to Sandy Reed ([sandyreed17@gmail.com](mailto:sandyreed17@gmail.com)) or Dee Montgomery ([deengillie@outlook.com](mailto:deengillie@outlook.com)).  
(**Sandy Reed**, President)



## The 21st Annual Leading Lights Luncheon, Fashion Show

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

**Where** – Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

**What** – Catered Luncheon, Vendors, Raffle Baskets and  
Fashion Show Presented by **Carolee's Historic Norcross Boutique**

**Invitation and Reservation Form Are Attached**

**Featuring Our Lovely Federation Models**

**And Our Awesome Vendors**

Carolee's Gifts, Apparel & Décor

Angela Garvin

Georgia Gifts & More

Lorraine Harrison

NJS Fashion Handbags

Ornaments by Dawn

Janice Taylor

Gale Thomas

Reservation Due Date is **November 4!!**

**(Rigby Duncan, Fundraising Chairman)**





## **BEAUTIFYING THE GARDEN CENTER GROUNDS**

### **DeKalb Federation Digging In Amidst a Movie Crew!**

**On** October 7, 2025, several of us gathered our gardening tools and headed to Callanwolde to plant our pansies and brassicas in the containers around the garden center. Little did we know that Callanwolde had agreed to be the site of a movie being filmed that day! It was a wild scene with huge cranes, shuttle vans, equipment, generators, craft services tent in the parking lot and “honey wagons!” They did reserve parking spaces for us and that was a relief once we made our way past the gauntlet of the huge equipment trucks and cabling. We are thrilled that Callanwolde can add to their coffers with the movie industry rentals.

**We** unloaded our soil with the help from Ambrocio and the planting began. We had lots of interest from the hundreds of extras and support team for the film. And did I say it was loud? Nothing like our usual serene planting and weeding and watering chores.

We did replace the begonias with pansies and added the brassicas to the large container, and we will keep up the watering brigade until we get some relief from the promised rain. Thanks to Sandy Reed, Glendolyn Hallman, Renie Faulkenberry, Kim Fair and Quill Duncan for adding our winter interest garden display to the lovely DeKalb Federation Garden Center!

**(Quill Duncan & Sandy Reed, Landscape Advisory Chairmen)**



## HONORING OUR CLUB AND FEDERATION PRESIDENTS

At our Federation meeting last month, our current Club Presidents, and Former Federation Presidents, were recognized and honored with a beautiful long-stemmed peach rose, presented by current Federation President, Sandy Reed.

### Former Federation Presidents in Attendance



**Rigby Duncan (2007-2009) • Glenndolyn Hallman (2017-2019) and (2021-2023)**  
**Sandy Reed (2019-2021) and (2025-2027) • Quill Duncan (2023-2025)**

### Garden Club Presidents and/or Club Representatives



(Front Row) **Betsy Mabry & Marty Stephenson** (Victoria Estates), **Iwalani Barbazon** (Leafmore Hills)  
**Diane Hunter**, GCG President (Breckenridge Garden Arts I), **Victoria Crosby** (Smoke Rise)  
**Rigby Duncan** (Hunting Hill), **Sandy Reed** (Shenandoah Rose), **Amie Walsh** (Smoke Rise Morning Glories)  
(Back Row) **Frank Mullins** (Avon), **Julie Martinez** (Avondale Estates), **Gale Thomas** (Conyers)  
**Suzanne Caldwell** (Dunwoody), **Nan Loftis** (Lullwater), **Ann Purr** (Mountain Mums)  
**Felicia Mayfield** (Stonecrest), **Susan Turner** (Designers)

## **PUBLIC GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

**Did** you know that DeKalb Federation has a grant that supports member clubs in improving public grounds, including school grounds, libraries and other public areas? Up to two \$250 grants are available each year. Grounds Improvement includes beautification as well as environmental education. Last year, projects at Smoke Rise Elementary School (**photo below**) and the Tucker Police Station were funded.

**To** apply, clubs should submit the following: location of the project and how the project was selected; the scope of the project; value to the community and how it will be maintained; club participation in the project; before and after photographs. Clubs may apply for this grant at any time during the year for new or ongoing projects. For more information, contact Public Grounds Improvement Grants Chairman **Sheldon Fleming**, [sfleming@stonecrestga.gov](mailto:sfleming@stonecrestga.gov).



## **~ 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](mailto:rigbyduncan113@gmail.com)!

## **NEW YOUTH GARDEN CLUB**

**Smoke** Rise Morning Glories Garden Club has a new Youth Garden Club, Grow With Us Little Gardeners, led by Amie Walsh and assisted by Club members Kim Fair, Dolly Moy and Beth Woodward. (**See photos below.**)

The pre-school is part of Mountain Park United Methodist Church and involves 2-4 year old children. The first class was about "Worms" and how they help us in the garden.





Beth Woodward Reading With Amie Observing



Amie Walsh Reading; Staff Member Observing

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## 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REDBUD DISTRICT MEETING!

"Cruise With Daisy on the Highway of the Future" was the theme of the Annual Meeting on October 15 in Griffin, hosted by Dogwood Garden Club and The Garden Club of Griffin, and what a wonderful day it was. We enjoyed a delicious lunch, bid on awesome baskets donated by our clubs, and heard a wonderful presentation by Dr. Josh Weaver on The Ray Highway which hosts the nation's first pollinator friendly right-of-way solar project on I-85 in Troup County. The afternoon concluded with the presentation of Redbud Awards with the following Federation clubs big winners:

### Hallie Brown Schedule Award

1<sup>st</sup> Place Garden Club – Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club

1<sup>st</sup> Place Judges Study Club – The Designers Club

### Lullwater Gavel Award

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Conyers Garden Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Avondale Estates Garden Club

### Rita Compher Scholarship Award

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Dunwoody Garden Club

### Dorothy W. Hightower Community Improvement Award

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lullwater Garden Club

### Mimosa Garden Club Historic Preservation Award

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lullwater Garden Club

## **Garden Week in Georgia Award**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Lullwater Garden Club**

**Jerry Tubb Award of the Year** (Awarded to the club scoring the most points on the President's Report.)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Avondale Estates Garden Club**

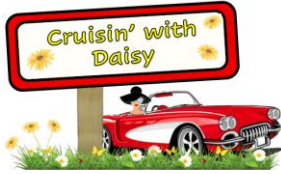
Julie Martinez, Avondale Estates Garden Club President, Accepting Award of the Year from Redbud Awards Co-Chair, Rigby Duncan.



## **Former (and current) Redbud District Directors Attending**



(from left) Janet McGinnis, Diane Hunter (current GCG President)  
Kim Fair, Joy Zaidan, Quill Duncan, Renie Faulkenberry  
Dian Goldwire (Iris GC), Bonnie Dudley (current Director), Gale Thomas



At last month's Yellow Daisy Flower Show, the following Federation members were top award winners:

NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence; Redbud Elinore Wilson Trophy:

**Susan Barton, Avondale Estates Garden Club**

NGC Award of Design Excellence; NGC Designer's Choice Award; Mickie Holton Inspiration Award

**Barbara Crank, The Designers Club**

NGC Sweepstakes Award; Hallie Brown Memorial Trophy

**Michèle Spears, Avon Garden Club**

In addition, many of our members won ribbons in Horticulture, Design, and Botanical Arts (photography)

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*“Celebrating a Century of Beautification, Conservation & Education”*

**Join the Century Club and Support Our Celebration**

Help defray the costs of our many celebrations in 2028. Donate \$100 and receive a Century Club lapel pin and other benefits.

**ACCEPTING \$100 DONATIONS NOW**

Mail your \$100 check, payable to GCG to:  
Barbara Bourque, 100<sup>th</sup> Committee Chairman  
6445 Holland Drive, Cumming, GA 30041-4641  
[b.bourque@comcast.net](mailto:b.bourque@comcast.net) • 404-374-2828

See the GCG Website for details and the donation form.

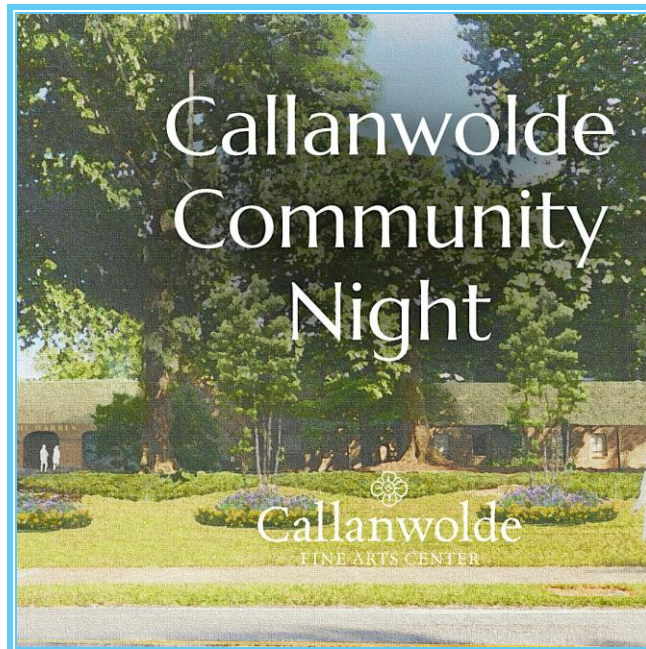


### **GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA AWARDS**

Just a reminder – GCG Awards previously due on December 1 are now due on **November 15**. They must be received by State Awards Chairman, Diana Malone, by that date. Most applications can be emailed, but yearbooks need to be mailed and, based on postal delivery problems we are experiencing, any application that is mailed should probably be done so by November 1 to ensure timely delivery to Diana.  
(**Glenn dolyn Hallman**, Awards Chairman)

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### **CALLANWOLDE CORNER**



**November 6 @ 6:00 pm-9:00 pm - FREE**

**[Callanwolde Community Night](#)**

**999 Briarcliff Rd NE , Atlanta, GA 30306**

A community gathering to learn more about Callanwolde's expansion. Callanwolde and DeKalb County are making a major investment in the neighborhood. Through a public/private partnership, the property known as Metro City Church is being folded into the Callanwolde campus. Together, we are fighting to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood and deepening the arts programming our community.



**Ho-Ho-Ho**

**Join us at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center for 9 days of  
Winter House 2025!**

**Experience the magic of the season at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center's  
Winter House 2025, a festive celebration running from November 30 to  
December 15. This enchanting event transforms the historic  
Callanwolde Mansion into a winter wonderland filled with art, music,  
and holiday cheer.**

**November 30**

**December 4 - December 7**

**December 11 - December 14**



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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 **October 23**
- Holidays For Heroes Cards Due By **October 23**
- Project Fig Leaf Donations Due By **October 23**
- Federation Board Meeting **November 6**
- Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show **November 13**

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Most GCG Awards Applications Due **November 15**

**This will be our last newsletter until January. We hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season and – we'll see you next year!!**

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