Wow! The days are getting shorter, and fall is upon us. I know you can feel the crispness in the air and some are beginning to see the changes of colors of the leaves. It’s been a short but good summer.

Amazing Azaleas have been busy with all their projects and getting started back on regular club meetings.

You have all received the State Chairmen reports about any changes that might be taking place with various projects. I can see from all that is happening that it is going to be a busy two years.

Many members from the Augusta clubs were very busy preparing for our 55th Annual District Meeting. They made lovely Centerpieces from leaves molded into containers which were for sale and small leaf paperweights for all attending. It was an exciting and great meeting. Congratulations to all that won District Awards. Many thanks to members of the After Six GC, Azalea GC, Cherokee Rose GC, Dogwood GC, Garden Arts GC, Greenbrier GC and Iris GC. What an outstanding job you did to make the Azalea District Meeting a great success!

The new Insulated Tote Bag was for sale at this meeting and many purchased one or two or more. We sold 126 at the meeting and have sold most of the others since. We are in the process of getting another order sent off with some new colors. (See notice in this Newsletter). This is a great Fundraiser for our District and will be very useful and quite lovely. Buy them, use them and support our District fundraiser. This will also add to the “Ban the Bag” project of State President, Suzanne Wheeler. Our Ways and Means chairman, Marilyn McDonnell, is working on a couple more Fund Raiser ideas, so keep in touch.

I hope that many of you have entered for some Awards. I know you do the work and you really need to enter. Please check the on-line Guide for due dates on each Award. Some of them are coming up soon. IF YOU DON’T SEND IT IN---THEN YOU WILL NOT WIN!

Azalea Director’s Message

“Learning and Growing in Life’s Garden.”

Fall/Winter 2013

The Azalea District had a William Bartram Trail Marker damaged and in need of repair. It seems to have been hit by mowers and the post needed to be replaced. The cost of a new post is $325.00 plus shipping. After talking with the President of the Historical Society in Oglethorpe County, he has agreed to purchase the new post and have the sign put back up if the Azalea District would take care of refurbishing the sign. We voted at the District meeting to refurbish the sign once it is back up. The cost will be around $800.00. Some of our profit from the Tote Bags will be used for this. (continued on next page.)
(Director’s Message Continued)

Remember to Save your Pull-A Tabs each month for the Ronald McDonald House. Azalea District was first place in the state for Pull-A-Tabs. Over $1700 was used for the Ronald McDonald house for this project. We need at least two clubs to start a Youth Club this year and would love to have many more. We have to teach our children and grandchildren and get them interested in all phases of this green earth. Our District sponsored eleven of the twenty Wild & Wonderful Campers this year.

As we all work to promote “Beautification, Conservation and Education” let’s join together and make this a great year. Let’s meet and make new friends, get new members and support all District projects, State projects, Deep South Region and National projects. Working together we can all make a difference in most everything that we try to do. Take care and stay healthy and happy until the next time and … “Let's All Learn and Grow Together”.

Peggy H. Tucker
Azalea District Director

Attention All Garden Clubs of Georgia

Awards Deadlines are drawing near. December 1, 2013 is deadline for many awards. Please remember to email the application to the state chairman in the awards description of the Guide and also to the State Awards Chairman, Helen Huddleston.

One of the last deadlines is for Scrapbooks. These are due to State Chairman (Janet Massey) on or before February 1, 2014. Since books are reviewed by no less that three judges, books that come apart in shipment, are very difficult to manage. Please wrap and tape bubble wrap around heavy books before shipping.

An Awards Workshop was held in Union Point on July 31, 2013 with 35 attendees.
Pictured are: Peggy Tucker, Azalea District Director; Martha Price, Violet Dawe, Suzanne Wheeler, GCG President and Shirley McCorkle, Azalea District Co-Director. It was a great hands-on workshop. Please make plans to attend our next one.
Attending the Redbud District Annual Meeting on October 18, 2013 at the Stone Mountain Inn at Stone Mountain, Ga. were:

Azalea Co-Director Shirley McCorkle; Azalea District Director Peggy Tucker; Garden Club of Georgia President Suzanne Wheeler; Oleander District Director Marilyn Cheney.

It is not only fun, but very important for each of the District Directors to support other districts by attending their annual meetings. Getting to know other members from around the State of Georgia makes getting together for the State Convention so much better because you already have many friends to visit with. Remember - ANYONE can attend a district meeting, just send in the appropriate call letter and enjoy being with other gardeners of like mind.
Azalea 55th Annual District Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2013
Kroc Center in Augusta.

Pictured left to right:
Susan Turner, First Vice President Garden Club of Georgia; Violet Dawe, President
Watkinsville GC; Shirley McCorkle Azalea District Co-Director;
Peggy Tucker, Azalea District Director; Suzanne Wheeler President GCG.

Updated information on the 55th Annual Azalea District Fall Meeting. Registered members and guests were 186, with 44 Board Members present. The “Ban the Bags” fund raiser was a great success, with 126 sold at meeting. Good news is if you couldn't attend the meeting, bags may be ordered with delivery before Christmas. (see page 5).

To: Garden Club of Georgia Board Members
Information Regarding room reservations for Winter Board Meeting of Board of Directors. On January 15-16, 2014 in Americus, GA.
Executive and Finance Committees will meet on Tuesday Afternoon, January 14, 2014 at the Windsor Hotel.
Full Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday Afternoon, January 15 and Thursday Morning, January 16, 2014

Hotel Reservations Deadline: December 14, 2013.

Please check your emails for upcoming call letter.
Lets make every effort to be there.
Ban Plastic Bags
INSULATED, ZIPPERED, EXTRA-LARGE THERMAL TOTES

$10.00 each

Show your pride in the Azalea District
Reduce waste in our environment
Provide financial support for the District’s projects
Help Georgia Go Green!

Now accepting ORDERS!
Contact Marilyn McDonnell, Ways and Means Chairman, for ordering information
mmcdonnell25@comcast.net

Choose From:
Chocolate on Lime Green
White on Purple
Rose Pink on Hunter Green
Red on Black
Yellow on Royal Blue

NEW COLORS:
Red on Purple
White on Red
Deep Pink on Lime Green

~ Order by Thanksgiving to receive before Christmas! ~
~It’s Never too early to start planning for a fun time in Macon~

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

86th Annual Meeting & Convention will be held in Macon at the Marriott Macon City Center on May 14-15, 2014
The Convention Theme is “Gardening Southern Style”

Special Events

Terry Johnson, formerly with the Department of Natural Resources is confirmed to present a program on Wednesday afternoon, May 14 About the Community Wildlife Program’s partnership with the DNR and TERN.

It is proposed that a Botanical and Butterfly Garden Tour also be offered on Wednesday afternoon, May 14. The cost for this event would be in addition to the Registration fee.

It is anticipated that the cost for the Registration will be no more than the 2012 convention, which was $79.00.

Committee chairs have been selected and the first Committee Meeting will be on November 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Marriott Macon City Center.

A Registration Form will be in Garden Gateway’s Winter Edition

Jan Thiese  
2014 State Convention Chairman

Age doesn’t matter in “Gardening Southern Style”!
School Grounds Improve "Special Achievement Certificate"

A garden club may submit a letter of recommendation to the State School Grounds Improvement Chairman, Pat Hathaway successaugusta1@aol.com, requesting a "Special Achievement Certificate" for local schools who have engaged in worthy school grounds projects. The LETTER should address the areas of achievement - outstanding, overall appearance, litter control, development of outdoor class rooms and /or landscape design - and should include the school's name, principal and sponsoring club's name and address. Additional consideration may be given for development for specialty gardens, Arbor bay plantings and student participation. The annual deadline for Garden Clubs to submit this recommendation is March 1St. This certificate may be presented to the school by a Garden Club of Georgia member Garden Club.

Garden Club of Georgia - Youth Competition

Title for this year’s competition
"Today's Choices Affect Tomorrow's World."

Please ask all Garden Club members to think of a student that could write an Essay for our Garden Club of Georgia - Youth Competition. The title for this year is "Today’s Choices Affect Tomorrow’s World." Please ask members to go to the On-line Guide at http://www.gardenclub.org/ under Youth Awards for more information and specifics. Contest is open to high school students attending 9th through 12th grades. All entries become the property of NGC. Emphasis is on the theme. Essay length is 600-700 words. Due date is December 1, 2013. Mail essay to me no later than due date: Barbara Horner, GCG High School Essay & Contest Chairman, P. O. Box 815, Evans GA 30809.
Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. A great holiday celebration for family and friends to get together and be thankful for all their blessings. What a wonderful time for garden club members to display their talents on utilizing things from the kitchen and yard to dress up their tables and homes for the holidays. Hope you have a wonderful time and don’t forget to be of service to those less fortunate.

My greatest blessing this year is slowly, but steadily regaining my health. This edition of the Trumpet is many weeks late, but I am happy to say I feel good enough to get it ready—better late than never!

Janet Massey
Corresponding Secretary
Newsletter Editor

Message from Janet Massey, Newsletter Editor

Attention All Azalea District Clubs:
Please have pictures and information to be included in the January Trumpet to me on or before January 1, 2014. It would even be better if you email items to me as soon as you have your event, that way I can avoid the last minute panic!

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Suggestions for the Newsletter are always welcomed.