Well Amazing Azaleas! Summer is almost gone and fall will be here soon. I hope that each of you are having a wonderful and safe summer. I am so proud of each one of you that attended the State Convention in Macon back in May. Thanks to Jane Hersey for arranging and taking care of the arrangement for Azalea District for the convention. It looked great Jane. Hats off to each club that entered an award and congratulations to those that walked away as winners. You are to be commended and I hope that many of you are preparing to enter more awards this year. Azalea has some outstanding members and the projects you do need to be recognized. Let’s show our stuff.

Members from Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. are working very hard in Augusta making preparations for the upcoming Gardening Study Schools. The first course will be held August 29-30, 2014 in Augusta. Future courses are set for November 14-15, 2014 and February 27-28, 2015 and May 1-2, 2015. You may want to jot these dates down now. You will hear more about them later.

Garden Club members in the Milledgeville area are planning an exciting and informative District Meeting for October 22, 2014. Plan your other events around this date so that you will be represented in Milledgeville. Azalea District Board meeting is coming up on August 19th in Athens. Remember all club presidents, Azalea District Board Chairmen, and all council presidents are urged to attend and any members that so wish.

Remember, I’m here for you if you need me, so just give me a call or send me an email. Stay safe and healthy.

Peggy H. Tucker
District Director
Staci Catron, Director of The Atlanta History Center/Cherokee Garden Library, Peggy Tucker, Azalea District Director; Suzanne Wheeler, State President; Pine Tree Member, Laura Rider and Linda Harris, Pine Tree President pause for a photo shoot. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful tour of the library that displays many of the plants that were on the path of William Bartram and his son, John.

These Garden Club Members visited during National Garden Week. Each described the tour as interesting, informative, educational.
Fall Fun in the Founders Memorial Garden

To continue celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Founders Memorial Garden, the UGA College of Environment and Design (CED) will be hosting three Friday evening events that will feature dance, music, poetry, and a movie. What a wonderful place to enjoy a stroll through a beautiful garden and see an evening of FREE entertainment. Dates are Sept. 12th for jazz music and dance, Oct. 10th for poetry reading, and Oct. 24th for a viewing of the Wizard of Oz movie for all ages (Halloween costume contest, too!) For further information go to the CED.uga.edu website or call Melissa Gogo at (706) 542-0700.

AZALEA DISTRICT CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AWARD

The District Civic Improvement Award is given annually at the Azalea District Meeting to a club presenting the most outstanding Civic Improvement Project. The club should submit a report no longer than two pages which are typed and double spaced. Only one project should be submitted.

Please mail by September 30 to:
Shirley McCorkle
Azalea District Civic Improvement Chairman
1650 Lane Creek Drive
Bishop, Georgia 30621
shirley.mccorkle130@gmail.com
706-769-3148
Peggy Tucker and two of her grandchildren, Carter and Caroline, built fairy gardens to start the week off. Peggy then explained the process at the monthly picnic and meeting of the Pine Tree GC and showed her results.

Pine Tree GC members, Bobbie Gaines, Sandra Brown and Peggy Tucker presented felt eggs to nursing home personnel with a dollar in each to be used with patients for Bingo prizes. This was Georgia Garden Week.

Georgia Garden Week was celebrated by Pine Tree Garden Club presenting a potted lily to the YMCA.

Pictured L to R: Janet Massey, Cory Knight, Director of YMCA; Ruth McCurry, Marcia Powell.

Members of Pine Tree GC pose in front of large picture of Hartwell Dam at City Hall after Mayor Brandon Johnson read the proclamation of Georgia Garden Week as proclaimed by Gov. Nathan Deal. L to R Linda Harris, President of Pine Tree, Laura Rider, Georgia Garden Week Azalea Chairman, Peggy Tucker, Azalea District Director.
FABULOUS FUND RAISERS — GREAT FOR BOOKS, GROCERIES, KNITTING, BIBLE STUDY, ETC.

For only $7.50 donation to the GCG scholarship fund, you can have one of these beautiful bags. They are handy bags and they also support GCG State President, Suzanne Wheeler’s "Ban the Bag" project. These bags will be made available at District Board meeting and our Annual District meeting in Milledgeville.

You’re going to ❤️ them.

Ladies, We all love to shop. These are a great buy for only $10. They are insulated, just perfect for shopping in our Hot Summer Climate!

Please support your District Projects by buying at least one.
“At Home with Flowers”: Basic Floral Design

You are invited to a day of creative fun at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens, Wednesday, August 27th.

The popular basic floral design series is beginning again at the garden. There are five day-long classes, usually spaced several months apart to allow some practice time in between different topics. Basic design principles are taught and students complete designs that are critiqued at the end of class. There are no tests and upon completion of the series the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. awards a certificate to each participant who completes all five units of study. This is a wonderful starting place for those of you who have always wanted to know how to put together flowers for your home. The Basic Design courses consist of these five different units of study:

Unit 1: Line and Line-mass, the oriental influence, mechanics, conditioning
Unit 2: Mass (including foliage only designs) and color-harmony
Unit 3: Table Designs (including using a tall candleholder as container)
Unit 4: Using fruits and vegetables, plus designs with a featured object
Unit 5: Creative designs and miniature design types
Unit One is now open for registration and may be accessed online at The State Botanical Garden of Georgia Education-Adult Courses, or you may call Cora at the garden: 706-542-6156 (please leave her a message and she will get back to you).

Celia McQuaid Brown-Chairman
For information about setting up this study, please contact Azalea District Chairman: Celia Brown 706-546-5246 or cell 706-207-1443
Celia’s email address: celiagardens@att.net
A Day At Waynesborough Academy Senior Residence

Burkeland Garden Club members Marjorie Cockran and Myrtice Bradham helped plant vegetables at Waynesborough Academy Senior Residence.

Humming bird feeders were also hung in the courtyard so the seniors could enjoy watching the humming birds.

Tabs, Tabs, & Tabs

Pull-tabs are as good as gold for our Azaleas! We are collecting pull-tabs from soda cans, cat food cans, soup cans, etc. for our district and each one you collect helps the Garden Club of Georgia’s effort to support the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

All you have to do is put your pull-tabs into a plastic bag with your name/garden club name, seal them up and take them to your monthly meetings and turn in to your chairman. If you are in the Athens area, you can send to Rachel Tribble, Azalea Pull-Tab Chair or Betty Davis, State Pull-tab Chair (if you are in the Augusta area).

Our Pull-tabs help fund the Ronald McDonald House in August. It benefits families seeking medical treatment for their sick or injured child. The home has helped more than 16,000 families since opening its doors in 1984.

Please contact Rachel Tribble at racheltribble@att.net or 706-207-6244 for more information or to coordinate donations.

**REMEMBER:** Pull-tabs are a great way to recycle and keep metal out of our landfills!
Wild & Wonderful Experience

We are home from camp! The 7th Annual Wild & Wonderful Experience camp at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Mansfield has ended with so many new memories for the campers and counselors alike. Azalea District was well represented with 13 very energetic campers.

The campers hiked and learned about Native American lore, fished, visited with endangered species, made a container garden, learned about basic design, painted bird houses, had a lesson in astronomy and many more activities. These activities gave the campers a wonderful new look at the world around us.

We are thankful to the Azalea District for your continuous support of the Wild & Wonderful Experience camp. I would like to personally thank Evergreen GC Monroe, Gateways GC Social Circle, Watkinsville GC, Monticello GC and Gray GC for scholarships so campers from their area could attend camp. I hope you and your clubs will continue to share this mission with children in your lives. As they prepare to enter 5th or 6th Grades, they too can join us at the 8th annual GCG Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp! Our next date is July 12-14, 2015; mark your calendar and we’ll see you at camp!

Molly Kimler
Azalea District & GCG Youth Team

W&WE Chairman
770-464-3589

While we’re on the subject of recycling...How about sharing ideas at each Garden Club Meeting?

Have you ever imagined all the neat things that you can do with recyclables? Jars can be used over and over (less trash in landfill). Goof Off can remove paper labels and alcohol makes stamped ink disappear. Let’s help keep our landfills low and be good stewards of our money!

REMEMBER. Reuse, Recycle, and Reclaim:

- Pull Tab Bracelet
- Pickle Jar Spa
- Milk Jug Sprinkler
“Babes in the Woods”
November 5 & 6th, 2014
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
And Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center
Mansfield, Georgia

Have you ever wished you could go back in time and enjoy that wonderful camp experience?

Well, the time is now. November 5-6, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. will take over Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center and host an ADULT camp for GCG members offering hiking, archery, grocery shopping as the Native Americans did it, building birdhouses, learning to care for our earth, and much more. Enjoy the quiet, yet active, two days packed with fun, great food, and fellowship. GCG will now grant your wish! Registration for “Babes in the Woods” is now open. Space is limited. Send in your $85.00 registration soon, so you can go to camp and create new memories.

The Garden Club of Georgia proudly presents Babes in the Woods

Go back in time and experience camp again as you hike, do archery, build birdhouses and more!

Enjoy two fun filled days at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

November 5 & 6 2014

Space is limited so get your registration in today.

$85.00 per person

See you at Camp!
Molly Kimler
“Babes in the Woods” Chairman
555 W. Hightower Trail
Social Circle, GA 30025
(770) 464-3589

Camp Director: Molly Kimler

Send registration forms to: Linda Cobb Co-Chair
PO BOX 1048
Social Circle, Ga 30025

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Making a World of Difference: Choices Matter Workshop

9:30 am to 3 pm, Saturday August 9, 2014
The Augusta Richmond County Public Library Auditorium

The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs is sponsoring a free one day workshop which includes topics related to the NCG 2013-2013 President’s Special Project Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter-. Box lunches may be ordered on site, but preregistration is suggested so that we may prepare enough handouts and have enough chairs. The workshop is open to the general public and includes participation by nine local organizations.

Purpose: To provide a free educational program for the general public to promote responsible decision making with regards to conservation of our natural resources.

Topic areas: Forrest, Water, Air, Land, Wildlife

Schedule:
9:30 - 10 am Registration and opportunity to order and pay for a boxed lunch
10 - 10:30 Overview – Ginny Allen
Includes introduction to the topic, ACGC Environmental Awareness Committee activities, location of displays by the Augusta Utilities Water Dept. and the Augusta Richmond County Extension Office, and general information.
10:30 - 11 Forrest - Cathy Black from the Georgia Forestry Commission
11:00 – 11:15: 15 minute break
11:15 - 11:45 Water - Ruth Mead from SE Natural Sciences Academy/Phinizy Swamp Nature Center
11:45 - 12:15 Air – speaker from Georgia Power and display about air quality
12:15 – 1:00 Lunch break
1 - 1:30 Land - Tripp Williams from the Columbia County Extension Service
1:30 - 2 Wildlife - Lois Stacy from Audubon Society
2 - 2:15 Break
2:15 - 2:30 Resources - Debbie Barron will describe “What is a Reference Librarian”, how to identify resources available at the Augusta Public Library and reference lists for each topic.
2:30 - 3 Summary and how to get involved with programs in the CSRA

Each speaker will describe the impact of problems within their topic area, the key threats to that area in the CSRA, and what is currently being done to monitor or protect the resource.

Co-chairmen of the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs committee for this project.
Ginny Allen, vallenotr@aol.com, 706-736-6793
Judy Kirkland, jukirkland@knology.net, 706-556-3417
Attention All Azalea District Clubs:

Please have pictures and information to be included in the July Trumpet to me on or before July 15, 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!

Newsletters will be published four times per year. Deadlines Are:

- Winter/Early Spring: January 15
- Spring/Early Summer: April 15
- Summer/Early Fall: July 15
- Fall/Early Winter: October 15

Suggestions and feedback about Newsletter are always welcomed.

Janet Massey, Newsletter Editor  jandjmassey@usa.net

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

(Conventions and Board Meetings)

August 19 - Azalea District Board meeting, Athens
  (Club or Council presidents and District Board Members).

September 16-18 - State Board Meeting, Helena, GA

October 22 - Azalea District Meeting in Milledgeville
  (ALL Azalea District Club Members urged to attend)

These get-togethers are so important to the success of the Garden Club Of Georgia and all the individual garden clubs in our great state. Please try to attend as many as you can.