



Camellia District Newsletter

"Together We Can"

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hi Classy Camellias,

I just can't believe that summer is over and we are getting ready to begin another garden club year! It just seems like only about three hours ago I said goodbye to many of you in Savannah after the April convention and remember saying "See you in the fall." Is it just me or does time fly?

Hope you are ready for a great and marvelous year. We are going to start off our year with our Annual Fall Meeting, October 15th. This year's meeting will be held in Thomasville at the historic Pebble Hill Plantation. We are going to do something different this year, for it marks our 50th anniversary as Camellia District. Our theme for the fall meeting is *It's All About You Camellia District* and I have a program full of surprises for the garden clubs and our members. Remember, this meeting is opened to ALL CAMELLIA DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS and I want to see all of you there.

We are really in for a great time as The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. stages its Eighth State Standard Flower Show at Pebble Hill Plantation in Thomasville. The theme for this show is *Southern Charm Among The Pines* and this is going to absolutely be the place to be come February 20th and 21st, 2009. Each district is responsible for not only 150 specimens of horticulture, but flower designs, youth designs, youth horticulture and an educational exhibit. Make sure you mark your calendars for this and tell everyone you know to make this an outing for the day. We will be having more on this in the coming months so be on the lookout.

Then there is our marvelous symposium, the *Wildflower and Native Plants Symposium* held every 4th Wednesday in March. This year Merlyn Harris, Patty Parrish, Mary Phillips and Amy Carter say it will be the best we ever had, so mark those calendars for March 25th, 2009 to be in Tifton for a informative and fun day.

This is my swan song year as Camellia District Director, and I have enjoyed every minute! It has been a pleasure to serve this district and its members. You all are awesome and deserve many pats on the backs for all that you do for this district, your community and your garden clubs. Thanks for allowing me to represent you. YOU ARE THE BEST.

Call me if you need to and see you in October!

Remember... Together We Can,
Marge

**BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER
DEDICATION IN MACON**

The Alberta Crummey Garden Club of Rochelle plans a dedication ceremony of a Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker in the fall, probably November. It is to be placed in a local Bicentennial park.

**PICTURES OF YOUR CIVIC IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT NEEDED**

Have your club or council represented by mailing on the Civic Improvement poster at the October District Meeting. Send pictures to:
Virginia Pennington - Civic Improvement Chairman
229-387-0537 or vpennington@mchsi.com
4804 Cobb Lane, Tifton 31794

THE GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Purchase a Life Membership in the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. to honor those who have made valuable contributions to your club, council or district. To become a Life Member, or to give the gift of Life Membership to someone else, please complete the application below and forward with a check to Bess Hartley. Questions? Call Bess at (229)768-3577 or e-mail: bhartley@alltel.net

Name of Applicant	
Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Garden Club	
District	
Honored by	
Check Membership desired	
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Life \$100.00 Make check payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deep South Life \$50.00 Make check payable to Deep South Region
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Life \$200.00 Make check payable to National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Mail check and completed application to: Bess Hartley 250 Cotton Hill Road Fort Gaines, Georgia 39851	

NEW CAMELLIA DISTRICT GRANT

Community & Garden Club Properties Partnership Grant, an exciting new Camellia District grant is available. At the August 7th, 2008 District Board Meeting the Executive Advisory Committee proposal for this grant was passed.

Who is eligible? District Garden Clubs

What is the Purpose of the Grant? To encourage garden clubs to beautify their community by bringing recognition through landscaping and/or container gardening. To express appreciation to a public facility such as a church, bank, or senior center for services rendered to the club at no cost.

Where is the money coming from? To enact this grant, we are asking the clubs to have a district bake sale, plant sale, or garage sale because this is not state funded. This grant is of our own design to beautify our own school, church, or neighborhood and help one another.

What must the grant application include?
The application for the grant includes:

- Emphasis on the use of trees, shrubs, native plants, low maintenance garden plan, and drought tolerant plant material.
- A workable plan
- A watering schedule
- An ongoing maintenance plan

How much can a club apply for?

The grant provides clubs with matching funds up to \$100. For example, if your club puts up money from its treasury or through community donations, the District will match that amount up to \$100.

For more information contact: Virginia Pennington - Civic Improvement Chairman
229-387-0537 or vpennington@mchsi.com
4804 Cobb Lane, Tifton 31794

DO YOU HAVE A BEE PIN?

If you have you sponsored a new member you and the new member can get a charming bee pin. To receive your pins contact Camellia District Membership Chairman, Karen Hendrix:
4008 London Lane ~ Tifton, 31793
229/382-9093 or hhendrix1@mchsi.com

FUTURE LANDSCAPE DESIGN COURSES

Future Course Dates:

Course Three - January 12-13, 2009

Course Four: June 8-9, 2009

Prices:

- Full Course (with exam) \$60
 - Refreshing (LD Consultant) \$60
 - Non-credit student \$55
 - One day(Monday/Tuesday) \$50
- Lunches and breakfast snacks are included

For more information contact Betty Lawrence, State Chairman, Landscape Design School at 706/596-8288 or bettylawrence2@bellsouth.net.

VINEVILLE GARDEN CLUB \$130 DOLLARS FOR \$SCHOLAR\$ CHALLENGE

Last year Vineville Garden Club passed the jug at each meeting and collected \$130 for GCG Dollar\$ for \$scholar\$ program. Can your club top this?



For more information on the program contact:

Jeanette Partin, Camellia District Dollar\$ For \$scholar\$ Chairman
4014 Applecross Road ~ Valdosta, 31602.
Telephone 229/224-6146
Email: jeanettepartin@bellsouth.net

PROGRAMS FOR CLASSY CAMELLIA

Even "classy" ladies are sometimes stumped when looking for an interesting or "different" program to present to their members. If you have found such a program or know of a good source or person who would be willing to share their knowledge or talent with others, please provide me with this contact information:

- Name:
- Address/E-mail:
- Telephone:
- Brief Description of Presentation or Topic:
- Fee and/or expenses:
- Distance they are willing to travel.

Program Resources Chairman:
Susan Griffin
1477 Broxton Hwy. Fitzgerald, GA 31750
Phone: 229-423-7417

HABITAT for HUMANITY

Camellia District has over \$800 available for matching grants up to \$100 to clubs that participate in landscaping Habitat homes. Clubs may apply before or after completing the project. If applying afterwards' provide receipts for money spent. To request funds the following information must be provided.

Name of Club			
City			
County			
President of club			
Phone & E-mail			
Contact person			
Phone & E-mail			
Make check out to			
Mail to Street City, Zip			
# of Plants	Type	Est. or actual cost per plant	Total cost of items
# of Trees	Type	Cost per tree	
# of Tools	Type	Cost per item	
# of Fertilizer	Brand	Cost per bag	
# of Mulch	Type	Cost per bag/load	
TOTAL COSTS			

Mail the form to:
Ximena Holcombe, H4H Chairman
2605 Rolling Road
Valdosta, GA 31602
If you have questions, contact Ximena at:
229-242-4800 or xnjholcom@bellsouth.net

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE 8TH
SOUTH GEORGIA NATIVE PLANT &
WILDFLOWER SYMPOSIUM**

Last year's symposium was sold out so mark your calendars now for the eighth annual symposium. The symposium is a popular day long event featuring renowned speakers from the native plant community. It is cosponsored by the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Camellia District, and the University of Georgia. It will be held at NESPAL the fourth Wednesday in March, 3/25/09.

To get your application as early as possible, check the website regularly at <http://www.nespal.org/community%20events%20list.html>.

SPRINGTIME TULIP TOUR TO HOLLAND

This is your chance to see the world-famous tulip fields, the Keukenhof Gardens with over six million daffodils, hyacinths and tulips in bloom. You will stroll through the ancient village of Delft, marvel at the Aalsmeer Flower Auction where flowers and plants are auctioned for distribution to all corners of the world, and visit The Hague and Amsterdam's superb museums. Take a canal barge ride to see the floating flower market and visit Anne Frank's House.

This 7-day trip is planned for May 13-20, 2009. For those wishing to extend their trip, we will arrange for three days in England where we will have a day in London, visit private gardens, and the Chelsea Flower Show.

Please call or e-mail Maryel Battin, who will be your tour guide, at 478-742-4414 or mbattin875@cox.net to receive further information. Minimum of 12 people required for tour to operate. The Federated Garden Clubs of Macon will receive a donation from each participant.

**WORTHY GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA
PROGRAMS**

Garden Club of Georgia sponsors many programs that would be too big for one club or district to do on their own. By pooling our resources, much is accomplished. Please support as many of these worthwhile endeavors as your club can afford.

Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens: For Certificate of Appreciation, send \$10.00 or more by March 1 to the State Chairman., Ruthellen Anderson, 537 Chestatee View Drive,

Dawsonville, GA 30534. 706-216-5034
asptsman@alltel.net

Garden Therapy: This supports the Horticulture Therapy Programs at all seven State Psych Hospitals. For Certificate of Appreciation send \$25.00 or more by March 1 to Margaret Ballard, P.O. Box 338, Cornelia 30531-0338. Make checks payable to Garden Club of Georgia and put GARDEN THERAPY in the memo.

Historic Preservation: Clubs donating \$25.00 or more to the Historic Preservation of Gardens and Sites Program will receive a "Preservation Partner" certificate. Make checks payable to GCG and mail before March 1st to the State Chair, Barbara Taylor, 1950 Drummond Pond Road, Milton, GA 30004 770-777-6642 rkataylor@comcast.net A donation of \$100 or more will afford you the designation of "Patron of Historic Preservation".

Land Trust: Marshall Forest Request for information or donation to Land Trust Chairman, Caroline Alford, 7 Pine Valley Road, SW, Rome, GA 30165, 706-291-0684 carobonne@aol.com For Deed of Gratitude send \$25.00 or more by March 1st.

LeConte-Woodmanston: To join Friends of LeConte-Woodmanston at one of the following levels: Student- \$15, Garden Club/Individual- \$25, Family- \$35, Supporter- \$100, Sponsor- \$250, Patron- \$500, or Benefactor- \$1,000 or more send check payable to: LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation, P. O. Box 179, Midway GA 31320-0179. For information on programs contact Winette Almon, GCG Chairman, 912-832-2358 almonw@bellsouth.net

Natural Disaster Support: To make \$25 or more donation- mail check to GCG c/o Geneva Nichols, Natural Disaster Chairman, 444 East Magnolia, Jesup, GA 31546-3825. 912-427-7081 gnichols@accessatc.net. These funds will be used in states where natural disasters have occurred – to aid them in restoring garden related areas. "Greening of the Gulf" is the current thrust.

**2009 STATE FLOWER SHOW – CAMELLIA
DISTRICT DESIGNS**

All designs for the state flower show at Pebble Hill Plantation in Thomasville that were assigned to Camellia District are taken. Designers will receive a reminder from the designs entry chairman, Mary Lou Ryan before the October Camellia District Meeting in Thomasville. For more information contact Design Entry Chairman Mary Lou Ryan at 229-985-5989 or ryan5989@windstream.net.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR GCG TAGS ?

Betty Grimes, our GCG 1st Vice-President and Chairman of Scholarships needs your support. By purchasing a GCG tag you will not only have a distinctive tag, you will be supporting the scholarship program. There is a form on the government website you can fill out on computer and print (be sure to print at least 2 copies – one to send in and one to keep for your records),

The tag does not go into production until we have 1000 paid applications. When you fill it out you need to either take or mail to you're your local tag office and you will be issued a receipt.



When 1000 GCG tags have been paid for, you will receive your new tag. Please act now! Complete the form and pre-pay the \$25 for your GCG Auto Tag. Follow the link below to obtain the application print and complete. Mail it to your local tag office.

http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/forms/pdf/motor/MV_Special Interest License Plate Application.pdf

KEEP PULLING THOSE TABS!

There are more than 245 Ronald McDonald Houses in 28 countries which started in 1974. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of tabs to support this effort and we in the Camellia District certainly won't do our part in collecting as many tabs as we can. This is just one little thing you and I can do (Together We Can) that will mean so much to so many. For more information contact Beulah Hennly 1308 W. Park Ave., Valdosta, Ga. 31602 or 229-244-6146 or bhennly@mchsi.com.

HISTORIC CEMETERY RAMBLE

On October, 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Robert Apsley, a Historic Rose Hill Cemetery Foundation advisor and local Landscape Architect will conduct the Fall Ramble at Rose Hill Cemetery. Contrary to the usual format of historic education in the form of tales about interesting persons buried in Rose Hill, Rob will share the vision HRHCF has for the future of Rose Hill Cemetery. A comprehensive master plan for restoration, preservation and education was completed several years ago, and the Foundation would like to public to know more about it. Mark your calendar and come out and enjoy the day. The cemetery is located at 1071

Riverside Drive, Macon. For more information contact the cemetery at (478) 751-9119

ARBORETA & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Make a donation to show your appreciation of the Coastal Plain Research Arboretum in Tifton for the assistance we receive from the staff and support their many worthy on-going projects i.e. the cottage, wildflower trail, native azaleas. A Certificate of Appreciation will be presented at State Convention to the club making a contribution of \$25 or more by March 1st. To donate make your check as follows: **University of Georgia Foundation**, designated for **CPRA**. Mail to: Amy B. Carter, NESPAL/CPRA P.O. Box 748 Tifton, GA 31793

COMMUNITY PLANT SWAP IN VALDOSTA

The Amaryllis Garden Club, member of The Garden Center, Inc. of Valdosta, will host a community plant swap on Sunday, September 7 at The Crescent, 904 N. Patterson Street, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring anything plant-related, such as plants, seeds, bulbs, even gardening tools or books, which you have in excess or no longer need, and trade these items for others that you want to add to your collection.

The swap will be held on the front lawn of The Crescent; participants may bring a card table to set up for placement of items if desired. Items available for trading will be placed atop the table; collected items not available for trade will be placed underneath.

This event is free and open to the public. Additionally, Amaryllis members will have a few select items available for sale at attractive prices.

For more information, call Vickie Johnson at 229-242-5777 or email hahira98@hotmail.com.

TIFTON ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE

The second annual Tifton antique Show and Sale, sponsored by the Tifton-Tift county Library Foundation, will be held at the UGA Tifton conference Center on October 25-26, 2009. Approximately 25 carefully chosen dealers from the Southeastern United States will be there.

On Saturday, October 25, two outstanding speakers, Mary Dargan, and internationally known landscape designer from Atlanta, and Valerie Deroy, an interior designer from Paris, France will be featured. For ticket information, call Bette Turner at 229-382-4486.

48th ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE - VALDOSTA

September 19-21, 2008 at Mathis Auditorium, N. Ashley St., Valdosta, GA.,

Friday and Saturday hours: 10AM to 6 PM
Sunday, 11:30 AM to 5 PM.

Admission \$5.00 (includes repeat admissions),
Door Prizes,
Home cooked lunches served each day.

To Benefit The Garden Center, Inc. ("The Crescent")

VALDOSTA – THE GARDEN CENTER, INC. WEBSITE

We have established a web page for The Garden Center, Inc. in Valdosta. This new tool will inform you of our beautiful house. Feel free to pull it up and take a peek at our work in progress. We are adding stuff daily.

www.gardencentral.org/georgia/thegardencenter

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. 81ST ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION APRIL 14-16, 2009

Save the date to enjoy “**Nature’s Palette**” the 2009 Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.’s 81st state convention.

Learn from other gardeners, enjoy speakers, be the first to see new plants and products. 3 days full of activities.

Hosted by Dogwood District at the JW MARRIOTT located in Buckhead and connected by enclosed promenade to Lenox Square Mall.

SUSTAINABLE TRAILS & RESTORATION WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 18 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon

Free; Advanced registration required for optional \$10 box lunch: contact dwillis@masmacon.com or (478) 477-3232 ext. 314

This workshop will teach invaluable information to individuals and groups interested in learning effective ways to build environmentally friendly sustainable trails. Georgia Trails Education Specialist, Walter Bready will teach essential steps in designing, building, maintaining, and managing natural-surface paths. The morning session will involve a two hour lecture followed by a break for lunch. The second session is optional and involves hands-on experience using trail building tools.

2009 GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

“EXPRESSIONS ” is hot off the press! Again we will have two sizes, the standard size perfect to keep by your phone and the pocket size perfect to carry in your purse wherever you go.

A STUDENT’S FUTURE DEPENDS ON US BECAUSE YOUR CALENDAR PURCHASE WILL MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE!

Your club’s order will be available for pick up at your district meeting in October. Just send your club’s order to your District Calendar Chairman by Sept. 15th so your order can be processed and be ready for your pick up at the district meeting. You may have them mailed if you prefer by paying the postage for shipping. A calendar order is at the end of this newsletter.

Clubs with 100% participation will receive a certificate at your district breakfast during our 2008 convention. The district that sells the most calendars will receive a plaque at the 2009 convention.

Send order form to: Mildred Wagner
8267 Lower Thomaston Road,
Macon, GA. 31220
478-935-8217 - 478-935-8224 (Fax#)

2009 CALENDAR ORDER FORM

CHECK ONE METHOD OF DELIVERY

PICK UP CALENDARS AT THE DISTRICT MEETING IN OCTOBER

To pick up calendars at the District meeting, return this form with your payment to Camellia District Chairman prior to the District meeting.

CAMELLIA DISTRICT IV

Mildred Wagner

8267 Lower Thomaston Road, Macon, GA. 31220

478-935-8217 - 478-935-8224 (Fax#)

MAIL CALENDAR ORDER

If you want your calendars shipped, return this form with your payment to:

Gerry Robertson, 120 Clarksville Court, Macon, GA. 31210.

Phone 478-477-2306 or GerryRobertson@bellsouth.net

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

PRESIDENT'S NAME _____

E-MAIL & PHONE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Standard Size (5 1/2" x 8 1/2") No. ____ @ \$ 8.00/each \$ _____

Pocket Size (4" x 6") No. ____ @ \$ 6.00/each \$ _____

NOTE 7% SALES TAX __ (GA. Residents Only) _____ \$ _____

Shipping for mail order \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

(* Enclose check made payable to Garden Club of Georgia)

SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES WITHIN THE U.S.

1-2 Calendars \$3.00

11-25 Calendars \$12.00

3-10 Calendars \$6.00

26-49 Calendars \$15.00

For postage rates for 50 or more calendars, call Gerry Robertson, State Chairman
Marketing & Distribution Chairman, at 478-477-2306 or e-mail GerryRobertson@bellsouth.net