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"Service in Action – Leap into Action"



Our clubs and programs foster peace, beauty, tranquility, and life - things which are increasingly important and dearly needed. Our International Affiliate membership ranks continue to grow, and the number 2 and 3 languages used on our website are Mexican Spanish and Portuguese. As we grow and expand our influence we are more and more aware that we are speaking to the world, not just our immediate neighbors. We have invested in technology to serve our members more immediately, present our message, materials and activities and make our organization more accessible to potential members. Going forward, I see that trend increasing and we will meet the challenge, remaining a very viable, vibrant organization that fulfills very important needs.



**BUSY
FUN
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Beautiful View Garden Club in Buena Vista had a program in January 2016 about the Community Wildlife Project sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Several of the members had previously completed the backyard certification application and the remaining members completed the application at the club meeting. Each member was able to take home a newly constructed nesting box.



The nesting boxes were made by Troy Fitzpatrick and students at the Floyd County School College and Career Academy-which is many miles away from Buena Vista. The nesting boxes were made and delivered with the help of three special garden club members, Diane Harbin, Kathy Donahue, and Jean O'Shields. These ladies coordinated the delivery of the completed nesting boxes to Ann Howell of the Beautiful View Garden Club. This project was successful because GCC members worked together across the state from Rome to Buena Vista. Beautiful View Garden Club GGC members and subscribing members were involved. The nesting boxes were transported on December 15th. The Beautiful View Garden Club appreciates the effort of the special people who made this project a success.

Holidays are in the past. Santa has landed on the beach! Here's hoping that some stockings were filled with subscribing membership notes.



But in case you did not Valentine's Day is headed our way. This would be a sweet time to say thank you for your support by making that **special person a subscribing member**



**AND THE WINNER IS not the focus.
Teamwork is the KEY**

GCG applications for Birds and Butterflies and Garden Therapy were judged in Rome at the home of Diane Harbin, on December 15. Participants were from: Laurel District, Dogwood District, Azalea District, Magnolia District, and included subscribing members, husbands, and community partners. The timing was perfect for Jim O'Shields to pick up and transport the nesting boxes for the Magnolia District.



Peggy Tucker, Diane Harbin, Mary Ann Bryant, Starla Chandler, and Ann Bridges work on the applications.



William Tucker transferring the nesting boxes.

DID YOU KNOW that the Georgia state insect is the honeybee and the state amphibian is the green tree frog? Again, you are reminded to **Join Us** as we "**Leap Into Action,**" while we "**Sow Seeds of Knowledge and Reap Conservation with Beauty.**"



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