88TH GCG ANNUAL MEETING

The membership team was excited to end the first year with a new member, goody bags and (the best and exciting treat) a visit with Nancy Hargroves, NGC 1st Vice-President. Nancy had many exciting words for the team that will be ground for encouragement for the coming year. The posters prepared for membership were on display.

If you do only one thing this month PAUSE AND REBOOT! Why you ask? Because the Spring has been busy and fun. Georgia attended the Deep South Region in Mississippi, the National Garden Club Convention in Grand Rapids, AND hosted the 88th Annual State Meeting in Macon. There was food, friends, flowers, and awards. Georgia has done well in all areas. Join us is ready to continue with membership, motivation, and ideas. The membership team consists of:

MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Laurel-Sharon Payne; Azalea-Sue Edenfield; Oleander-Mary Ogden; Camellia-Helen Huddleston; Magnolia-Kathryn Hicks; Dogwood-Carol Martin; Redbud-Diane Hunter; 4th Vice President, GCG Membership Development-Diane Harbin
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As we approach year two for this membership team, the little graphic below could be a little motivation for the team.

As we remember the Keys to Membership, let’s use another acronym M.R.S. What does this mean to the GCG? First focus on MEMBERS. GCG has wonderful members and leadership; however, there is room for many more. As a
membership team the question becomes HOW do we get new individuals involved?

Take a minute to review suggestions:

1. Door Hangers with GCG information on one side and your business card on the other.
2. Sip and Tip Socials: Where you invite the public, provide beverage and have handouts on gardening tips an joining GCG procedures.
3. Youth Projects that would benefit the youth, the community, and encourage parents to be involved.
4. What are your suggestions, please send them by e-mail so they can be included.

**Business Cards**
Being able to hand a card with information about your club to prospective members is an easy activity.

Check out the website where you can find a template for membership and personal cards http://gardenclub.uga.edu/membership.html

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Frogs continue to be a focus this year. Bannester (Banny) Harbin attended the NGC conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan and took a minute to pose with one of the floral displays.

After a busy spring these dedicated gardeners are ready for meetings and fairy garden displays. Such fun days need publicity so that interested individuals would see what goes on at our meetings.

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