Notes from Jackie

October Glory, Red Sunset and Sugar Maples – When the first tinges of red, yellow and orange appear on these trees, we know that fall is here and time to rush to the mountains to view the incredible beauty bestowed on us by these gifts of nature. Some of our members are fortunate enough to call the mountains “home.”

It is time to “learn and grow” just a little more. Follow us to Marietta and the wonderful old home that houses the Marietta Educational Garden Center. We thank the Marietta Council of Garden Clubs for hosting this four session event. You will find registration forms at the Laurel District Meeting. Look for Flower Show Schools to be starting soon somewhere near you. And Gardening Study School is also being planned in our district. Don’t overlook these and other opportunities to learn. “Growing as We Learn” and “Learning as We Grow” are main themes for this term of Laurel district. Make sure that you are part of this

“Celebrating Georgia Harvest” is the theme for the 2014 Laurel District Meeting to be held in Canton on October 14. Registration forms have been sent out by List Server. If you haven’t yet registered, do so as soon as possible. The Garden Club Council of Cherokee County has wonderful plans for us. District Meetings are the most anticipated event of a District’s year. Clubs are recognized for excellence, certificates are given, winners are announced, elections are held and a host of other activities take place. See you there!

We all love to grow and exhibit our horticulture, but let’s also remember to grow our clubs. Now that the school year has begun, it is a great time to get active with our youth clubs – or plan to start a new youth club. As said before and repeated once again – “Youth are our future.” Also, think of sponsoring a new adult club or add members to your own clubs. Think of younger members for our adult clubs. Or perhaps form a young adult club with your younger friends and relatives. It’s probably not as hard as we think. We recently met a young lady at one of our schools. We told her immediately that she needed to be in a garden club. She is now a “twenty-something” member of a garden club. If there is one young person interested, then there must be more. We must find them!

And finally as fall approaches, think on these words by the English poet, John Donne – “No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face.”
Kathryn Litton, above center, pictured with her daughter Kathy Norman and son-in-law, Robert Norman of North Augusta, South Carolina, recently was inducted into the Union County Agriculture Hall of Fame at Union County Farmers Market, Blairsville, Georgia. This program is sponsored by Union County Historical Society.

Kathryn, the only female, along with a former County Extension Agent, and two farmers were chosen for this 2014 honor from a number of entries. Her selection was based on her work in the horticulture field, and many accomplishments in horticulture through Garden Club work.

She has received many honors through the years for research and study of cold hardy factors for plants that would survive the extreme temperatures of the north Georgia mountains. Tennessee Valley Authority awarded her a competitive grant for this work in 1989. Kellogg Foundation chose her in a competitive grant for the Kellogg Award this same year for community service as a non-professional educator in Georgia.

Kathryn has served for the past nine years as State Roadside Beautification Chairman in Garden Club of Georgia, working directly with the Ga. Department of Transportation promoting the planting of wildflowers on state highways. She has also worked for more than twelve years with the State Department of Natural Resources in the endangered wildflower program, and worked directly with State Parks on their native plant landscaping projects.

In 1993, Kathryn won the National Council of State Garden Clubs Education Award and blue seal for her display of native plants at “Celebrate Autumn”, a standard flower show sponsored by The Garden Center of Greater Atlanta, held at Atlanta Botanical Garden during their fall gardening festival.

She also received the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Award at the Southeastern Flower Show in 1994, representing Laurel District, Garden Club of Georgia, depicting the best use of native plants in a garden setting. This was a difficult exhibit to do in February of that year, forcing native azaleas and other spring flowering plants to come in full bloom for the show with all the cold weather in the north Georgia mountains. Heating cables and heat lamps were kept on the plants in her greenhouse for weeks before the show to accomplish the winning exhibit.

*As a final note, her booklet “Here Come the Natives” won first place in NGC competition, and is in the library of Georgia authors at the Governor’s mansion in Atlanta.
News from Spade and Trowel

In May Spade and Trowel Garden Club, Rome, ended the club year with a luncheon and auction held at the Village at Maplewood clubhouse. It was a time of fellowship and fun, and the club raised funds by members bringing plants, containers, and household items to be auctioned. Jane Davis served as auctioneer.

During the summer the officers and other members met to plan programs for the 2014 – 2015 meetings. We are looking forward to some great programs and tours: a program on watering systems in September, a fall tour of Gibbs Garden in October, and a Fairy Garden workshop in November. And of course, the club will be preparing to enter horticulture in the Coosa Valley Fair show in late September.

Spade and Trowel’s flower show judges, Helen Lane, Melanie Caldwell, Jane Davis, Irene Harper, and Vivian Toles have been busy judging flower shows in Ellijay, Hiawassee, and Summerville, and will be judging at the North Georgia Fair flower shows in Marietta in September. Jane Davis and Vivian Toles attended flower show judges symposium in Athens in July, and Irene Harper attended symposium in Birmingham in August.

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 22, 2015
The Garden Club of Georgia’s Dogwood District will host the Historic Landscape and Garden Grant Fundraising Lecture

Presenting Andrea Wulf
Author of
The Brother Gardeners
Botany, Empire & the Birth of an Obsession

Ansley Golf Club
Atlanta, GA
7:00 pm
Reception and book signing to follow.
Garden Therapy Program

The Garden Therapy Programs purpose is to promote the therapeutic aspects of gardening. It began in 1950 and provides funds for gardening activities at state hospitals and regional psychiatrist hospitals.

Recently the program has undergone some changes. Now Garden Therapy projects of Christmas stockings, Easter eggs and Fig Leaf items may be distributed by clubs to the organization of their choice. Some suggestions are the nearest regional hospital, Central State Hospital, veterans’ homes or hospitals, senior centers, nursing homes, hospitals women’s shelters, Boys and Girl Club or any worthy local group.

The $1.00 donation for each stocking and egg that was used by hospitals to buy candy for stockings and eggs has been discontinued. Instead, clubs may purchase candy or other items and place in stockings and eggs.

As of January 1, 2014, garden therapy donations of $25.00 or more donated by March 1 for a certificate of appreciation will be distributed by application for needs at Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah, East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta and the Veterans Hospitals and Homes in Dublin, Milledgeville, Atlanta and Decatur.

For more detailed information on the Garden Therapy Program, visit the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. web site. Also for further information contact Garden Therapy State Chairman, Diane Harbin at 706-346-6510 or Garden Therapy Treasurer, Ann Bridges at 770-336-7053. Donations are to be mailed to Ann Bridges, 38 Cowan Drive SW, Cartersville, GA 30120-5301. Please enclose the Donation Voucher when sending your check.
COMMUNITY ON MY MIND...

“Community on My Mind” is an exciting means of funding your Club/Council Civic Improvement project. Sponsored by Georgia Power, information and applications may be found on The Garden Club of Georgia website under Grants/Scholarships. Further assistance may be obtained from State Chairman, Sheryl Beck, sherlecbeck@gmail.com To date, two applications have been received leaving monies for nine recipients available.

Mary Kate Minge
Laurel District
Community on My Mind
Chairman

Don’t Miss the 56th Annual

Laurel District Meeting

“Celebrating Georgia Harvest”

Hosted by the Garden Club Council of Cherokee County
Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Registration 9 am – Meeting 10:00 am
Canton First United Methodist Church, Canton, GA
Registration deadline – October 1
Please encourage your club members to support the Arboreta, Botanical and Memorial Gardens. Donations of $10.00 or more, if received by March 1st, 2015, will receive a certificate at the Garden Club of Georgia State Convention. Include club name and number, district name, club president’s name and complete address.

Gifts in honor and memorials are encouraged. Please send name and address of person being honored or memorialized and name and address of family or person to receive acknowledgement card. If you desire an individual or club membership to the State Botanical Garden, send a check for $20 payable to Friends of the State Botanical Garden.

Make sure you include a form (Where to Send Your GCG Donations, 2013-2015) with your club’s name and address, President’s name, email address, and a telephone number. (see below)

Thank you for supporting our gardens.

Ruthellen Anderson
Laurel District
Arboreta & Botanical Gardens Chairman

Garden Club of Georgia

Garden Club __________________ Club# ________ District ________

President: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Treasurer: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Check # ________

Donations to the following GCG programs may be sent to the State Treasurer

Make check payable to Garden Club of Georgia and mail to:

Brenda Griner, GCG Treasurer
244 Satilla Drive
Brunswick, Georgia 31523.

* if making donation

Description Amount $

Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens- For Certificate of Appreciation, send $10.00 or more by March 1

$_________00 donation for the State Botanical Garden in Athens

$_________00 for the Atlanta Botanical Gardens

$_________00 for Other Garden - list

Cherokee Garden Library: For Cert. of Appreciation, send $25 or more prior to March 1.

Founder’s Memorial Garden: A certificate will be issued for clubs sending $25 or more prior to March 1.
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## IMPORTANT DATE

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL**

**COURSE I**

**DECEMBER 1-2, 2014**

**MARIETTA EDUCATIONAL GARDEN CENTER**

**MARIETTA**

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT MEETING

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**LAUREL LETTERS DEADLINE FOR WINTER EDITION**

**DECEMBER 8, 2014**

SEND ALL ARTICLES AND PHOTOS TO

JACKIE FULMER AT
gcg.laureldistrict@gmail.com
COMMUNITY GARDENS

Congratulations to all the clubs and federations who have planted and harvested community gardens this summer! More and more of our members are becoming aware of the many rewards of such a venture. The community services welcome fresh produce, the occupants of housing facilities have the luxury of fresh vegetables and probably the most smiles come from the gardeners themselves. Please start now the process of finding suitable land for your club to use and make the community aware of your plans so they can participate... you will be helping folks who appreciate and need the experience of learning to garden and you will be teaching future gardeners the way to be active in their own experience of gardening. So get out your seed books, turn some soil, and inform the community, involve the many people young and old who would profit in many ways by participating in their food production. Call the county extension agent for soil samples and have a meeting that will pave the way for a garden. The good earth is just waiting on our garden clubs to get busy and be active participants in teaching and helping our neighbors to till and care for the gardens – you will receive more than you give, I guarantee! If I can be of help, please contact me at cnw8670@att.net.

A Big Thank You!!!

On August 14, 2014, Hoe’n in Euharlee Garden Club and President Marie Purser hosted the Laurel District Board. And what a remarkable meeting it was! From the moment we entered the Commissary in Euharlee to the beautiful sunflower theme and to the tour of the museum afterwards, it was a great day for everyone. Thank you for making it a wonderful day and for the beautiful ornament depicting the Euharlee Covered Bridge.
Two Voice Poem
13 Ways of looking at Three Rivers Garden Club

Garden Club is a road with Rose Petals.
**Garden Club is the Earth’s Keepers.**
  Garden Club is a Zip Line.
**Garden Club is Baskets of Flowers.**
  Garden Club is People with Talent.
**Garden Club is Friends willing to give.**
  Garden Club fills Promises.
**Garden Club opens Doors.**
  Garden Club is Soil Tillers.
**Garden Club is Banks of Wisdom.**
  Garden Club is Historians.
**Garden Club gives Promise.**
Garden Club gives Peace of Mind -----Garden Club gives Peace of Mind.
Submitted by Winnie Holland, President

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA CONVENTION

APRIL 15-17, 2015

JEKYLL ISLAND
BALL GROUND GARDEN CLUB FEATURED ON LOCAL TV PROGRAM

The Ball Ground (Anetsa Ga-Da) Garden Club was featured on the Cherie Martin Show on Tuesday, August 12, which airs at 11:00 am Monday-Thursday each week on ETC3 in Ellijay, GA. We had been featured once before approximately two years ago. Invited back were four past presidents, Jennie Byers, Paula Dorris, Vivian Little, and Evelyn Foster, pictured. Discussed during the one-hour program were our projects, promoting an upcoming Botanical Garden, Awards, Giving Back programs to the community and Ball Ground in general, scholarships, our partnerships with the Ball Ground Business & Community Association & City Hall, and our award-winning 60th Anniversary Heritage Cookbook. Cherie is a lovely southern lady who has family members with roots in Ball Ground, so it made it more interesting to the viewer, and a fun time for Cherie and the four of us who were included. A lovely lunch was enjoyed by our members at Anna’s in Ellijay, plus a stop at Panorama Apple House on the way home for some delicious fried pies. Always a fun time when garden club members get together! Submitted by Evelyn Foster, Awards/Publicity Chair
Laurel District Chaplain, Carolyn Walker, at the Basic Design School, Course I held at the State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia. The next class will be offered on October 15, 2014. Check the Botanical Gardens website for more information.

Keep learning!

CHEROKEE GARDEN LIBRARY

GCG President Suzanne Wheeler, Laurel District Director Jackie Fulmer and other District Directors and their Cherokee Garden Library chairpersons met at the library on August 21, 2014. Orientation to the Library was provided by Garden Library Director, Staci Catron and GCG State Chairman, Lee Dunn.

The Library’s purpose of education, restoration of antique garden literature and conservation was discussed. The library is available to anyone from Wednesday through Sunday and by appointment. The available volumes and landscape designs have been preserved and are available for use – the library is not a museum of untouchables but available to anyone with a garden interest.

The library depends on grants and donations (monetary and literature) in order to preserve our gardening history. Consider a donation from your club or community to continue this effort for future generations.

Photo below shows Jackie Fulmer and Susan Roof with a rare garden book open to a botanical of a laurel.

Upcoming at the Atlanta History Center – a program by Lynden Miller, author of Parks, Plants and People: Beautifying the Urban Landscape, Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm
CAMELLIA GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

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A Few Fall Bloomers in Jackie’s Garden

Left to right
Sedum ‘Autumn Joy’
Goldenrod ‘solidago virgaurea’
Cardinal Flower ‘lobelia cardinalis’
Guara ‘lindheimer’
Sope Creek Garden Club  
Judy Neyland, President

This is one summer I don’t wish to repeat!

I, as President of this long standing garden club which dates back to 1947, am only a mere figurehead. The success of our club is the members and especially the committees. I would be lost without my Corresponding Secretary, Teresa Murray. We continue to add new members to the club. Several of the “old timers” still want to be considered a members, however, due to health issues many times it is impossible to attend. However, their wisdom and knowledge gets passed down to those in attendance every month. This past year we had several field trips one of which was to tour Oakland Cemetery in downtown Atlanta.

On September 2013 – Sarah Roberts of the Atlanta History Center with a presentation of “Historic Gardens”; October 2013 – Tour of Oakland Cemetery in downtown Atlanta, GA; November 2013 – Mickey Gazaway of Pike’s Nurseries on Winter Gardening; January 2014 - Becky Yawns, Landscape Architect; February 2014 – Carmen Cudd/Cobb County Master Gardener with a presentation of her favorite plants; March 2014 – A tour and presentation of Kathy Walton, Artist of art for the home and yard and the opportunity to purchase some of her craft. April 2014 – Hills and Dale Estate Tour in LaGrange, GA; May was a Garden Tour by the Sope Creek Members; June 2014 - Picnic and Plant Swap.

Our on-going projects are saving the tabs off of containers for the Ronald McDonald House. Garden Therapy Projects – help establish a garden/flower bed or container planting at Sterling Estates. The vegetables grown in the containers are used in their kitchen to serve to the residents at this independent and assisted living facility. We also provide “Easter Eggs” and “Christmas stockings” made out of felt material for the GA Regional Hospital at Atlanta in Decatur.

NEWS FROM WINDER GARDEN CLUB

The Winder Garden Club is looking forward to a good year. We begin on September 11th with a tour of the Founders Memorial Garden in Athens. We made a contribution to the 75th Anniversary fund, so we will hold our first meeting there. Last spring we went to Gibbs Gardens, so we'll return in October to see it in its fall glory. In April, 2015, we'll tour Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta, with a special emphasis on the landscaping there. Three of our members will present programs for us, and Rosemarie Sells will be back to entertain and inform us again. Our Christmas luncheon will be at the tearoom in Madison, and our end-of-the-year picnic will be held at the home of Andrea Craft. She opened her garden for us to tour this summer and invited us back to enjoy it next May. This is the time we raise funds for the next year with our sale of pass-along plants. All in all, we're looking forward to a gardening year full of information, inspiration, and service.
Anne Hathaway Garden Club capped off the season with a June picnic hosted by Member Nancy Martin. There was great food, fellowship and a tour of Nancy’s garden!

After taking off July and August, we are preparing for another action packed season. The Fall Garden season kicks off in September as we prepare for the North Georgia State Flower Show in September. Our September program will be on Heirloom herbs by Master Gardener, Sue Burgess, from the Root House. We will also be collecting underwear for “Project Fig Leaf,” a Garden therapy project. Items collected will be sent to the Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah. Wrapped boxes will be available to take home and fill with children’s items for the Christmas shoe boxes. The October program will be “Hardscaping with Stone.” It will be presented by Stone Forest Materials. Wrapped boxes will be collected for the children and Christmas stocking material will be distributed. Ladies-get your glue guns ready! This is a Garden Therapy project. Flower Arranging will be the November program presented by Owens Flower Shoppe. The Christmas Stockings which club members decorate will be collected for Garden Therapy.

All programs are opened to the public. Bring a friend and come learn something!

December is the Christmas Luncheon at the Marietta Country Club. It will be a great time to visit and enjoy a delicious meal and prepare for 2015!

Submitted by
Barbara Spryn
Email Chairman
Anne Hathaway Garden Club
Wanslie Poole, Member of Clarkesville Garden Club.

Wanslie was recently presented a Lifetime Membership by the Clarkesville Garden Club. She was a founder of the club in 1996 and has been an inspiration and major force in the club since that time. We honor her.

STONEHEDGE GARDEN CLUB
BUFORD, GEORGIA

Stonehedge Garden Club doesn’t meet during the summer months, but we certainly look forward to gearing back up this Fall! We had a wonderful 2013-2014 year, ending with a delicious luncheon at The 1818 Club in Duluth. Our President, Betty Sue Taylor, always smiling, gave a wonderful summary of all that we accomplished this past year. Our Vice President and Program Chairman, Jean Bowen, had scheduled many very interesting and informative guests to come and speak to our Club. Here is a quick summary of some of our activities, our guest speakers and what 2013-2014 looked like for Stonehedge Garden Club: We started our new year in September where we had a very talented member of the Gwinnet Rose Society speak to us about rose gardening. We also gathered at the entrance of the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center to put decorations into place for the upcoming fall season. In October, we enjoyed hearing from a very artistic designer who had actually decorated a room and a Christmas Tree at the White House. He gave us a wonderful presentation on floral designs, both formal and informal. Our President presented those present at the October meeting with pink tulip bulbs in recognition of “Pink’tober” Breast Cancer Month. We had members attend the Laurel District Meeting in Rome Georgia. And we worked diligently all month on our Holiday Stocking Project. In November, Jean Bowen hosted our club in her lovely home where we held our First Annual Christmas Bazaar/Silent Auction Fundraiser. Beautiful Christmas items were brought in by our members and purchased as Christmas gifts. In November we also prepared Thanksgiving fruit baskets in Brenda Pruitt’s home to deliver to our local Fire Departments for Thanksgiving. In December we donated Publix Gift Cards to our local Co-Op. We decorated tables with beautiful Christmas decorations at a Buford nursing home, presented goody bags to each resident and we even brought in Santa for a visit! We took photos of each resident with Santa and oh, what happy,childlike smiles we saw on those sweet faces! We ended that day with refreshments
for all in the cafeteria, and took the printed copies of each photo as another gift to the residents. We also collected jewelry, handbags, clothing, etc. for the Wellspring Retail Store. In January, Mother Nature brought us snow – so we took the month off! In February we had guests from our local County Sheriff’s Department visit to discuss “How to Be Safe in an Unsafe World.” The Officers covered topics such as financial, residential, travel and personal safety. They also conducted demonstrations on Taser Guns and Pepper Spray. It was a very educational meeting on safety. In March we learned about Straw Bale Gardening. What an interesting concept from a very enthusiastic gardener! We also decorated tables for the Hi-Hope Gala with glorious spring floral centerpieces. In April our guest speaker discussed Southern Manners, and that was a very special reminder of the importance of teaching our grandchildren manners! We delivered Easter Basket to the nursing home and donated a beautiful dish garden to our local library in celebration of Garden Week in Georgia. In May we had our field trip to Oakland Cemetery with a guided tour. We also had a few spring work days where we installed new plantings and took care of our beds with a little clean up work at our beautiful meeting place, the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center. We celebrated all that we were able to accomplish at our June luncheon and really do look forward to all that 2014-2015 holds for our Club!