“The Magnolia Messenger”

Fall 2014

Walter Reeves, The Georgia Gardener, spoke to the ladies at the Fall Magnolia District meeting in Americus. Walter is now the most respected garden guru in the Southeast. He is the author or co-author of five books on gardening. For 11 years, Reeves has hosted The Lawn and Garden Show Saturday mornings on Atlanta’s News Talk 750 WSB. He also writes a weekly column for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and distributes a bi-weekly e-mail garden newsletter.

“Planting Perfectly – Tips on How to Do It Right the First Time”

Walter Reeves

Gardening Tip

Bulb planting depth isn’t critical. Spring-flowering bulbs usually do fine if the top of the bulb is covered by a couple of inches of soil.

There are two critical times to feed your bulbs. They need nutrients in the fall when they are planted and they need more in the spring when they have leaves. For every ten square feet of bed, sprinkle two cups of 10-10-10 fertilizer over the soil and dig it in as you prepare an area for planting. Use the same amount next March when the leaves emerge.

Special bulb fertilizers are available which do not force unneeded growth in fall but which give bulbs the nutrients they need.
Magnolia District V Garden Clubs

“Daffodil Garden Club”

The Daffodil Garden Club, Albany held their May meeting at the beautiful home and garden of Penny & Charlie Williams in Lee County. After a delightful garden tour seventeen members and guests enjoyed a delicious covered dish luncheon around the pool. A brief business meeting was held and door prizes were awarded. Attending were: L-R. Marideane Maxwell, Sally Loska, Jil Powell, Joann Opperman, Dale Aycock, Kathy Hicks, Claudia Copeland, Pat Brinson, Glenda Bass, Paula Long, Loretta Massey, Linda Taylor, Betty Bailey, B. J. Hambrick, Mary Baynard, Joye Tye and Freddie Nation

“The Azalea Garden Club”

In May the Azalea Garden Club held their annual flower show at the Wynn House.

Dot Daniel won First Place!
“Vienna Garden Club”

Murray and Gloria Ledford

“Keeping Albany Beautiful”

“Blue Stars Markers”

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and The State of Georgia cordially invite you to the Dedication of a BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER a tribute to all members, past, present and future of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Friday, November 7, 2014, 11:00 A.M., in the West Tower Lobby of the Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, 205 Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia.

You are also invited to a Dutch Treat Lunch in the cafeteria following the Dedication.

COLUMBUS COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

Invites you to the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker at the National Infantry Museum Walk of Honor

Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 11:00 A.M.

Lunch will be served in the Continental Room at the National Infantry Museum and an optional tour of the museum will follow. Please RSVP by November 12, 2014. Cost is $25.00.
SAVE THE DATE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – SAVE THE DATE

“Fighting to Protect Our Flint River”

The members of Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants will meet at the Research & Education Garden Building, UGA, Griffin, located 40 miles south of Atlanta on Ellis Road, just off U.S. Highways 19/41.

Our speaker will be Gordon Rogers, Flint Riverkeeper. His presentation will begin at 10:30am.

ATTENTION: Survey “Flower Show School”

If you have a love of flowers and art and want to learn more about floral design, then you are going to be excited when I tell you that in [Mart h a Pr ice’s admin istr at ion] GCG will be offering a Flower Show School if there is enough interest. If you are an aspiring Flower Show Judge interested in attending Flower Show School or want to hear more about it, please answer the following questions and send an email to Joy Zaidan, Flower Show Schools Chairman, 770-493-8475, jzaidan@bellsouth.net. This is not a commitment on your part, just a survey to see if there is an interest.

The school will consist of four 2 ½ day courses, with each course scheduled 4-6 months apart. The course will likely be held in June of 2015. It takes a tremendous amount of planning, so we need to hear from you just as soon as possible. Upon completion of all 4 courses and the associated requirements, you will achieve the status of Flower Show Judge. The cost to attend each course of Flower Show School is approximately $100-120, but is dependent upon the number of registrants.

“FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL SURVEY”

1. How interested are you in attending Flower Show School and becoming a Flower Show Judge?
   Very interested  Somewhat Interested
2. Would you be willing to travel to Johns Creek (formerly part of Duluth), GA for the school?
   Yes  No
3. Would you be able to attend Course I in June of 2015?  Yes  No
4. Do you have any questions or comments?
“Penny Pines Program”

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a "Penny Pines Program" partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program. Your garden club can participate by contributing $68 to a Penny Pine plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees and/or trees indigenous (Not Just Pine Trees) to a particular damaged area, whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe. You may designate a specific State you wish to have benefit from this contribution. Contact Barbara at b.bourque@comcast.net 770-889-2596 (h) 404-374-2828 (cell)

“Jingle Bells and Seashells”

Cassina Garden Club’s
30th Annual Tour of Homes

Saturday, December 6, 2014
For information, contact Leslie Carlton at 912-638-9808, lcarlton@bellsouth.net, or go to www.cassinagardenclub.org

“Cherokee Garden Library”

Donating a book or other materials that fit the focus of the Garden Library collection is an excellent way to share a treasure and leave a legacy for future generations.

If you have books or materials you wish to donate, please contact Cherokee Garden Library Director Staci Catron at 404-814-4046 or SCatron@atlantahistorycenter.com.

“GARDEN THERAPY”

Garden therapy projects of Christmas stockings, Easter eggs, and Fig Leaf items may be distributed by clubs to the organization of their choice. Clubs may purchase candy or other items and place in stockings and eggs. The $1.00 donation has been stopped. As of January 1, 2014, Garden Therapy donations of $25 or more donated by March 1 for a certificate of appreciation will be distributed by application for needs at CSH in Milledgeville, Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah, west Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus, and Veterans Hospitals and Hoes in Dublin, Milledgeville, Atlanta and Decatur.
As we know, the children of today are our future leaders and garden club members of tomorrow! There are 49 sponsoring clubs as well as our GCG Youth Club Leaders and members who develop ideas, create programs and work with our young people on a regular basis.  

Susanne

GCG Youth Team 2013-2015

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“Announcements”

April 15-17, 2015, The Garden Club of Georgia, INC. Annual Meeting & Convention to be held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center, Jekyll Island.  Note the date change.

DEEP SOUTH REGION  54TH Annual Convention  
will be held in Birmingham, Alabama

Date: March 24 - 25, 2015

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