2012 Garden Club of Georgia Convention News
April 16th – 17th
Mariott Hotel and Convention Center
Macon, GA
A Garden Jubilee
Martha Price, Convention Chair

Magnificent Magnolias, you have an opportunity to show off how great you can be. We are hosting the Annual Meeting For The Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc. on April 16-17, 2012 in Macon, Georgia at the Marriott Hotel on Coliseum Drive. It is "A Garden Jubilee".

We have a "Floral Jubilee" planned on April 16, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. starring Darrell Humphries. Then at 7:00 P.M., we plan a "Jubilee Celebration" for our Awards Banquet.

On April 17, 2012, it is "Jubilation Time". We shall take care of our business. Followed by our Life Membership Luncheon, "Our Jubilee of Joy” which will close out our Garden Party.

We need a complete bouquet for this event; therefore, be sure you make a special effort to invite the Azaleas; Camellias; Dogwoods; Laurels; Oleanders, and Redbuds that you correspond with from time to time.

Magnolias, if you are not lending a helping hand, find out where you can be of service and do the following: register; signup and back your bags. COMPANY IS COMING!
The Dogwood Garden Club of Americus, Magnolia District of the Garden Club of Georgia, observed Arbor Day in Georgia on February 17, 2012, by planting a dogwood tree on the grounds of the Sumter County Agriculture Center. The tree was planted in memory of Deborah Allen, a Dogwood Club member and club officer. Guests at the ceremony were Sumter County Commissioner, Randy Howard, Gene Allen, and County Agent Bill Starr. Mr. Howard shared a poem about the symbolism of the dogwood tree and Mr. Starr planted the tree.

**High School Essay Contest**

*Ann Howell, District Chair*

The theme for 2013 is *Ways We Can Protect Aquatic Ecosystems*. Club presidents are urged to take the essay information to a high school teacher in his/her town to encourage Magnolia District participation. Essays are to be sent by the sponsoring Garden Club to State Chair Paula Karrh before December 1st.
Blue Star Marker Price Increases

Sewah Studios (manufacturer of the Blue Star Markers) has advised that there will be a price increase effective May 1, 2012.

Effective May 1, 2012 the new pricing will be as follows: Memorial & Highway Markers: $1,350.00; By Way Plaques: $450.00. Price includes delivery. It is up to the club to have the plaque mounted.

Refurbishing a marker goes up $50 to $800 per marker. New posts remain $325.

This pricing will be in effect until May 1, 2014. For more information, please contact Ann Mobley, 706/327-2766 or ramobsquad@aol.com.

2013 Calendars Ready!

This morning our esteemed leader, Caroline Silcox gave me a message with regard to our newest "Expressions" Calendar for 2013. She pointed out that this will be the 60th year of printing the calendars. She also encouraged me to share this bit of historical information with all of the Garden Clubs in Georgia. Can you imagine! What a legacy - Sixty years of printing calendars to support scholarships.

So, again I prevail upon all clubs to send orders in now to be able to pick up your calendars at the one-day Convention in Macon. Calendars will be ready for pickup on Tuesday, April 17 after they're previewed at dinner the night before.

Thank you for your continued support. I'm always so appreciative of your participation.

Charolette "Bee" Thompson, State Calendar Chair
GCG 2013 CALENDAR ORDER FORM - Check One Method of Delivery

☒ Pick Up Calendars at the Spring Mini-Convention in Macon - To pick up calendars in April in Macon, (BIBB County) return this form with your payment to Charolette Thompson, 7744 Linton Rd, Sandersville, GA31082-9534 478-552-1671 e-mail: SouthernStitchin@aol.com

☒ Pick Up Calendars At The District Meeting in October 2012 - To pick up calendars at your District meeting, return this form with your payment to YOUR District Calendar Chairman prior to the District meeting. List the county of your district meeting below for sales tax purposes.

☒ Mail Calendar Order If you want your calendars shipped, return this form with your payment to Charolette Thompson, 7744 Linton Road, Sandersville, GA31082-9534 478-552-1671 e-mail: SouthernStitchin@aol.com 

List the county to which the calendars are being shipped.

CLUB: ___________________________ DISTRICT: ___________________________

PRESIDENT’S NAME: _______________________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________

CITY ___________________________ STATE ___________ ZIP ________________

PHONE: ___________________________ EMAIL: _______________________________

No. of Calendars Desk Size (5-1/2”x 8-1/2”) @ $ 8.00 ea. = $ __________

Shipping and Handling if mailed (see rates below). $ __________

Subtotal: $ __________

County ___________________________ GA. Residents Add 7% Sales Tax (tax on shipping too) $ __________

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or the county of the meeting/location where you will pick up calendars)

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**(Enclose Check Made Payable to THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.)

CALENDAR CHAIRMEN

State Chairman: Charolette Thompson, 7744 Linton Road, Sandersville, GA31082-9534

478-552-1671 e-mail: SouthernStitchin@aol.com

LAUREL DISTRICT

2012 Fall meeting in Hall County
Jackie Fulmer
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770-684-8229 cell: 722-8229
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CAMELLIA DISTRICT

2012 Fall meeting in Coffee County
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Dublin, Ga. 31021
478-272-3796
sottomcleod@bellsouth.net

AZALEA DISTRICT

2012 Fall meeting in Clarke County
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Sandersville, GA 31082-9534
478-552-1671
SouthernStitchin@aol.com

MAGNOLIA DISTRICT

2012 Fall meeting in Dougherty County
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115 Kingsland Road
Hawkinsville, GA. 31036-8603
478-987-2981
jackielampley@gmail.com

OLEANDER DISTRICT

2012 Fall meeting in Toombs County
Meg Bremer
309 Wickersham Drive
Savannah, Ga. 31411-1377
912/598-9548
megbrem@aol.com

DOGWOOD DISTRICT

Fall meeting in Fulton County
Barbara (Bobbi) Wilbanks
4030 Fernway Court
Norcross, GA 30092-1822
770-448-7948
barbarawilbanks@yahoo.com

REDBUD DISTRICT

2012 Fall meeting in Upson County
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706/882-1691
mmfitzsim@hotmail.com

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For postage rates for 50 or more calendars, call Charolette
2011–2013 NGC President’s Project

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for PUBLIC and SPECIAL PLACES

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  3rd place –  $100

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  2nd place –  $150  Manchester Center, VT 05255
  3rd place –  $100

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DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2012 and APRIL 1, 2013

Complete form on NGC website as projects are completed for
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Coordinator Betsy Steele at betsysteele@truvista.net or 803–789–5451.