



Oleander Leaflets

Oleander District Newsletter

“Oleander ~ Our Garden Paradise”

Summer 2011

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 14-15
GCG Board Meeting
Tifton

September 16
East GA Judges Council Mtg.
Metter

October 8
Coastal WildScapes Seminar
Richmond Hill

October 11
District Meeting
St. Simons Island

October 14
Deadline for Fall Oleander
Newsletter Articles

October 15
Deadline for Yearbook Award

Director’s Message

Enhancing the Legacy ...



Beautification, Conservation, Education.

These key words reflect the 83-year legacy of The Garden Club of Georgia. This year our challenge is to enhance this legacy through a renewed commitment by the 70 clubs in our District to reach out in our communities and focus on initiatives that beautify our surroundings, conserve our resources and educate our members and the public.

Our theme for the next two years, *Oleander~ Our Garden Paradise* offers exciting opportunities to enhance the legacy. Please review the variety of National, Regional and State projects and find the ones that are perfect for your club.

Membership development is critical in preserving our legacy. Twenty-seven counties comprise the Oleander District, but there are 8 counties with no garden clubs. During this term, let’s focus on creating garden clubs in Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Evans, Johnson, Long and Pierce counties and add clubs in our participating counties. Bring friends who are not garden club members to the District meeting in October. Let them share the excitement and learn about the good works of the clubs and councils in our District.

A special welcome to each of you as we begin this new term of office. Our 72 Board Members and I are here to support your efforts and look forward to working with you. Join the excitement and let us all do our part to enhance the legacy of The Garden Club of Georgia.

Sharon Flores
Director

Youth Symposium

“Encouraging Youth to Grow in Our Garden of Georgia,” the GCG symposium was held June 6th in Macon. Representing the Oleander District were Joni Thompson, Youth Garden Clubs Chair, Dierdre Teal, Poetry Contest Chair, both of Sylvania, Paula Karrh and Director Sharon Flores. The meeting, lead by GCG Youth Coordinator Molly Kimler and 3rd VP and Youth Liaison Susan Turner focused on promoting youth activities and garden clubs. The workshop featured informative presentations by many GCG officials including President Caroline Silcox who stressed that “no child should be left inside.” The emphasis of the Youth program is to encourage children to get outside to discover the excitement that nature provides.



L-R: Caroline Silcox, GCG President; Paula Karrh, GCG High School Essay Chair; Joni Thompson; Dierdre Teal.

Officers Workshop

Sara Lanier conducted the Officers Workshop on July 13 at Shellman Bluff with a record attendance of 70 Oleander Officers, Club and Council members. Hosted by one of Oleander’s newest clubs, Spartina, the session provided invaluable information to incoming officers with a focus on *Pathways to Successful Leadership*.



Garden Therapy



GCG officers attended the annual Garden Therapy Orientation held at Central State Hospital in Milledgeville on August 2nd. The sessions featured a tour of the State Hospital and meetings with hospital officials about the importance of garden therapy in treating the patients. Pictured L-R seated: Azalea District Director Pat Hathaway; Caroline Silcox; Terry McGee, COO, Central State Hospital; Sharon Flores; standing: Redbud District Director Lorene Faulkenberry; Camellia D.D. Naomi Gerson; Laurel D.D. Mary Ellen Roos; Magnolia D.D. Faye Frazier; Pamela Reese, CSH Garden Therapy Program Director; Suzanne Wheeler, GCG 1st Vice President.

Awards Workshop

The District Awards’ Workshop was held in Midway on August 11, and was conducted by GCG Awards Chair, Suzanne Wheeler. With the many new changes in the NGC, Deep South and GCG Awards programs, this was a most important meeting. Forty-one representatives from the Oleander District attended and received a comprehensive manual explaining the revised awards programs.



Oleander Board of Directors Meet in Statesboro



Board Notes

The Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs, lead by President Hilda Rushing, hosted the first Board of Directors meeting of the new term on August 3rd. Forty-eight Board Members attended the meeting and luncheon at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro. With many first-time members representing garden clubs throughout the District, the inaugural gathering presented an opportunity for Board Members to meet and become acquainted with each other as well as with their new job responsibilities. Reports were presented related to the various workshops held during the summer, and Oleander Committee Chairmen gave their respective updates. The 2011-12 budget was approved and special presentations were made. Co-Director Marilyn Cheney presented a certificate of appreciation to Immediate Past Director Winette Almon for her two years of service and announced that a contribution in Winette's honor has been sent to LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation. The Board also voted to contribute \$200 to the Brown Thrasher Scholarship Fund in memory of Helen Jordon and \$200 to the Cherokee Rose Scholarship Fund in memory of Mary Helen Ray. Both were former Garden Club of Georgia Presidents from the Oleander District. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in Jesup on January 25, 2012 and hosted by the Wayne County Garden Club Council.



53rd Annual Fall District Meeting, St. Simons Island, October 11

You will not want to miss this very exciting District Meeting to be held at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. Hosted by the St. Simons Council, the day will be all about magic – *The Magic of Flowers* with a floral demonstration by noted designer and floral magician Edward Armstrong. Priority seating will be given to those with **early** reservations. Tables will seat eight so send in **all** reservations from your club in **one envelope**, and you will be guaranteed a table up front to see all of

Edward's fabulous creations. Caroline Silcox, Garden Club of Georgia President will be the special guest along with other GCG Board members and 250 representatives



from Oleander District garden clubs. If you are planning to spend the night, make your room reservations now. The Island will become crowded due to the Sea Island McGladrey Golf Classic at the end of the week. Call Kelly Maloy, Epworth by the Sea at 912-638-8688 for reservations.

Once your reservation is received you will receive a package which will provide you with a site map and a complete outline of the days activities. There will be a drop off point for your items for the Country Store as well as a Will-Call station and pick up area to gather your purchases following the meeting. Please complete your District Meeting reservation form on the next page and mail to St. Simons Council, P.O. Box 24188, St. Simons Island, Ga. 31522. After October 1st the late registration fee will be \$30.00. Any questions please contact Patsy Harrison at 912-230-8134.

Don't delay – MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

The Garden Club of Georgia – Oleander District

Cordially Invites All Garden Club Members to the Fifty-Third Annual Fall District Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

“Oleander – Our Garden Paradise”

Epworth By The Sea

100 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

www.epworthbythesea.org - 912-638-8688

9:00 am

Coffee & Registration

10:00 am

Meeting Begins



Program: **The Magic of Flowers**

presented By **Edward Armstrong**, St. Simons Island’s own floral stylist extraordinaire, with a demonstration of wonderful tips on arranging flowers.

Honored Guest: Caroline Silcox, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Reserve Exhibit Space: Contact Fran Shaw, 912-638-8341 or email: yardperson02@yahoo.com

Please include Chairmanship/name of display. Please indicate if you need to reserve ¼ or ½ of a 6 ft. table.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR EXHIBIT SPACE

Complete the Registration Form below and return by **October 1, 2011.**

Include a check for **\$25 for Registration made out to St. Simons Council**

Mail to: **St. Simons Council • P. O. Box 24188 • St. Simons Island, GA 31522**

Questions?

Patsy Harrison
District Meeting Co-Chair
912-230-8134
patsgarden@bellsouth.net

Sharon Flores
District Director
912-638-2412
sharon.flores@bretton-woods.com



Registration Form – Oleander District Fall Meeting - October 11, 2011

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Garden Club _____ District _____ Phone _____

Check all that apply:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Voting Delegate |

New Garden Club Member in 2011 **1st Time Attendee District Meeting**

After October 1st, late registration fee will be \$30.00

OLEANDER DISTRICT MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

Lodging

Accommodations are available on site at Epworth By The Sea.

There are three options for rooms.

1. Pitts Motel is \$81.00 plus tax [\$92.03]
2. Robertson Inn is \$91.00 plus tax [\$103.39]
3. Turner Lodge is \$122.00 plus tax [\$138.60].

When making reservations please ask for Kelly Maloy at 912-638-8688

Directions

After reaching Brunswick take the F. J. Torras Causeway to St. Simons Island.

At the end of the Causeway stay in the left lane and continue around the round-about to Sea Island Road. Go straight through the traffic light, staying on Sea Island Road. Turn left at the first street, Hamilton Road, and then turn right onto Arthur J. Moore Drive. Go through the gates and follow the signs to parking.

Epworth By The Sea

100 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

www.epworthbythesea.org

912-638-8688

PLEASE MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY DUE TO THE ANNUAL MCGLADREY GOLF CLASSIC ON ST. SIMONS ISLAND

PRIORITY SEATING

To take advantage of priority seating being offered at this year's meeting, include in one envelope this form with your regular registration forms and the checks for all members who would like to be seated together. If you delay, the best tables may magically vanish. You will not want to miss any of Edward's magic tricks!



YES! Our group would like to take advantage of priority seating. Please seat those listed below together.

Name	Club	Name	Club
1. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____	8. _____	_____

Oleander Country Store

Under the Tent at District Meeting

Get ready to shop!



Responses to the survey that was sent to Club Presidents in the Spring indicate that Oleander members are interested in purchasing the following items at the Country Store in October.

Consider including some of these in your Club's contributions to the Store.

Baked Goods: Include a recipe or list of ingredients for each item. Favorites: homemade cookies, cakes and breads.

Bulbs, Plants and Seeds:

Include care instructions for the plants, seeds or bulbs (sun or shade) and a description of the plant or picture accompanying the seeds and bulbs. Preference for plants from gardens. Mark plants clearly with name and price.

Cookbooks and Garden Books:

Books should be new or gently used.

Craft Items: New garden-themed items for Fall and Christmas ranked high on the Survey.

Garden Items: Unusual gardening tools, garden art, and birdhouses ranked very high. All should be in very good condition.

Homemade Jams and Jellies: Clearly mark type of jam or jelly and include year when made.

Pots: Containers should be clean and in good condition. Vases should be unusual – not similar to grocery store bud vases.

Please Remember ...

- Pre-Price your items.
- Each District Club is responsible for contributing items valued at \$25 or making a monetary contribution of \$25.
- A Drop-off point for Country Store items will be shown on site map.
- Will-Call area to store purchases until end of District meeting.

Oleander District Awards ~ Apply Now!

The Oleander District recognizes OUTSTANDING OLEANDERS each year at the Fall District Meeting. Please apply now for the District Awards listed below. Your Club, Council or one of your members could be a WINNER! Just follow the easy Guidelines and submit your nominations to District Awards Chair Dixie Diffenderfer by September 30th. How exciting to be a District Winner! Apply NOW.



Guidelines

- List award and a description of the project, achievement or member to be nominated
- Include all pertinent information:
 - who/how many were involved
 - results of project/achievement
 - reasons for the nomination
- Include name, address, phone and email address of the person making the nomination
- Nominations must be received no later than September 30, 2011
- Mail to Awards Chair:

**Dixie Diffenderfer; 16 Sweetgum Crossing; Savannah, GA 31411;
diffsav@comcast.net**

Awards

Sara Lewis Award

To the INDIVIDUAL who has accomplished achievement in the field of HORTICULTURE.

Nelle Pope Award

To a CLUB or GROUP OF CLUBS that has accomplished achievement in the field of HORTICULTURE.

Shirley M. Lewis Environmental Awareness Award

To a CLUB or GROUP OF CLUBS that has accomplished the most in the environmental field.

Mary Helen Ray Beautification & Historic Preservation Award

To an INDIVIDUAL or GROUP who has accomplished the most in this field.

Martha Miller Butterfly Award

To a CLUB or GROUP OF CLUBS that made outstanding environmental contributions through planting and maintaining a butterfly garden.

Outstanding Garden Club Member

To a garden club MEMBER who has demonstrated outstanding service to garden related activities.

Louise Stewart Membership Award

To the CLUB that has the greatest membership increase over last year's membership. This is a total increase, not just new members added.

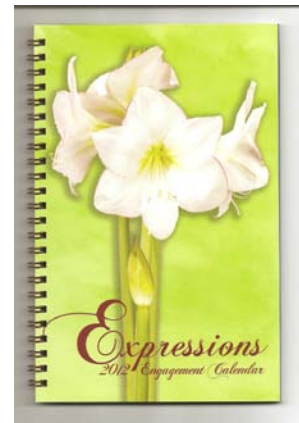
The Garden Club selling the greatest number of State Engagement Calendars.

The Garden Club that has applied for and /or won the greatest number of Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South and National Garden Clubs awards.

GCG 2012 Calendar Order Form

Check One Method of Delivery

- Pick up Standard size Calendars at Oleander District Meeting – October 11 and save postage. Return this form with your payment to Meg Bremer, our District Chair by October 1, 2011.
- Mail Calendar Order. If you want your calendars shipped, return this form with your payment to:
Charolette Thompson; 7744 Linton Road; Sandersville, GA 31082
Charolette has a small supply of Pocket calendars so order quickly.



Club: _____

District: **OLEANDER**

President's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Standard Size Calendars (5½" x 8½") _____ @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____

of Pocket Size Calendars (4" x 6") (same price) _____ @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____
(Pocket Size available only from Charolette Thompson)

Subtotal \$ _____
Georgia residents add 7% Sales Tax \$ _____
Shipping and Handling if mailed (see rates below) \$ _____
Total Amount Due \$ _____

Enclose Check Payable to THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

Shipping and Handling Charges Within the U.S.	
<i>Standard or Pocket Sizes</i>	
1-2 Calendars	\$ 4.00
3-10 Calendars	\$ 7.00
11-25 Calendars	\$13.00
26-49 Calendars	\$16.00
<i>For postage rates for 50 or more calendars, please contact Charolette Thompson</i>	

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GCG Life Membership

The Gift That Lasts A Lifetime

Life Membership in the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. provides an excellent means of honoring those who have made valuable contributions to your Club, Council or District. This year let's make Oleander District number one in Life Membership.

If you wish to become a Life Member, or would like to give the gift of Life Membership to someone else, please complete the application below and forward with a check to Geneva Nichols. For questions, e-mail Geneva at nichols3410@att.net.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Garden Club: _____

District: _____

Honored by: _____

- State Life \$100.00** Check payable to Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
- Deep South Life \$50.00** Check payable to Deep South Region
- National Life \$200.00** Check payable to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Mail check and completed application form to:
Geneva Nichols, 444 East Magnolia Street,
Jesup, Georgia 31546

Club and Council History

The Way We Were ~ Write it Down!

Bebe Moses, District Historian and Archivist encourages Oleander Clubs and Councils to record their history. Our goal is for every Club and Council in the District to have a written record.

Presidents, does your Club or Council have a Historian or a History Committee? Please send the name to bebemoses@windstream.net, or mail to Bebe at: P. O. Box 189, Uvalda, GA 30473; phone #: (912) 594-6690. Let's take a look at the important accomplishments from our past. It will be an inspiration for our future.

LeConte Woodmanston Foundation Update

Winette Almon reports that exciting things have been happening at LeConte Woodmanston during the spring and summer. Native plants rescued from Fort Stewart have been planted along the nature trail, and the Coastal Georgia Greenway Project has provided metal picnic tables, trash containers, and a paved handicap parking area and picnic pad near the entrance. Plum Creek Timber Company provided funding for a boardwalk over the bog garden, and Savannah College of Art and Design students have provided creative designs using materials from nature along the nature trail. The Liberty County Commissioners and Road Department graveled the access road to the site.

A grant from the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Historic Landscape & Garden Grant Program has provided funding for irrigation for a new camellia garden. Cuttings that were gathered last summer are ready to pot. Air layers gathered last fall will be transplanted into the garden area this fall. A grant from the *Community on My Mind* Fund through the Spartina Garden Club has helped provide funding for irrigation for the camellia nursery and potting material. Research is being done by the LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation Board to determine historical plants that would have been prevalent in Louis LeConte's botanical garden. These additional plants will be added to the garden in the near future.

Volunteers are an essential part of LeConte-Woodmanston. A workday is held each month to help maintain the site. Thanks to those garden clubs who have supported LeConte-Woodmanston with their donations. Twenty-six Clubs in the Oleander District contributed a total of \$1,625. The continued support of garden clubs throughout Georgia is essential and appreciated to preserve this historic site.

NGC HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST & HIGH SCHOOL GARDENER AWARDS



Start now to encourage a young person in your life to research and write an essay for entry in this GCG & NGC contest opportunity!

2012 H.S. Essay Contest Theme

"The Benefits of Community Gardens"

Eligibility: Contests are open to high school students attending 9th through 12th grades. A single member garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a state garden club must sponsor the contest

HIGH SCHOOL GARDENER AWARDS

- H-1 Scrapbook
- H-2 Yearbook
- H-3 Outstanding HIGH SCHOOL Gardeners Club
- H-4 HIGH SCHOOL Gardeners Activities
- H-5 HIGH SCHOOL Gardener Conservation
- H-6 Flower Show Achievement Award for HIGH SCHOOL Gardeners
- H-8 HIGH SCHOOL Gardeners Essay

All Due Dates are December 1st

For Information, contact:

Paula Karrh P.O. Box 620 Swainsboro 30401
478-237-7035 pfkarrh@bellsouth.net

Wild & Wonderful Experience

Oleander's participant in this summer's camp at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Mansfield was Joey Haigh of Rocky Ford. He



experienced activities including hiking, star gazing, fishing, studying birds and reptiles, as well as building birdhouses, creating flower designs and container gardens, participating in a butterfly release and

much more! The campers, all rising 5th and 6th graders, take home so much knowledge of trying to make a difference in the world. Next year's Camp is July 8-10, 2012. Let's send two campers from our District!

Horticulture Therapy Expert in Oleander District

Garden Therapy Committee Chair, Kay Peacock is pleased to announce that Oleander District now has a Horticulture Therapy Expert located at Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah. John Paul Breault has relocated to Georgia Regional from the Regional Hospital in Rome where he held a similar position for the past 21 years. He is a registered Horticultural Therapist with a degree from Kansas State University in Horticultural Therapy. John Paul is available to give programs to Club,



and Council meetings. The Oleander District is fortunate to have John Paul in our area and available to educate our members about horticulture therapy. He is familiar with the following GCG Garden Therapy Programs: Fig Leaf, Christmas stockings and Egg-citing Eggs. John Paul is already scheduled to speak to clubs in Baxley, Richmond Hill, St. Simons Island and Savannah. Please contact him at jpbreault@dhr.state.ga.us.

Christmas Stocking & Easter Egg Project
Garden Clubs throughout the state are asked to provide small hand made decorated felt Christmas stockings or felt Easter eggs for patients in the State hospitals. Each Easter egg or Christmas stocking is a gift for a client. Clubs also donate \$1.00 per stocking/egg to supply funds to purchase treats or supplies for a holiday activity. For pattern and guidelines go to GCG website: www.uga.edu/gardenclub

Fig Leaf Project

There is a great need for underwear for clients, and District clubs are encouraged to send a collection of various sizes, for men, women and children to the Regional hospital in Savannah and the hospital in Milledgeville. These items are given to patients who might not otherwise receive such items from their families.

Recycling Comes To Bryan County

For years a glaring disappointment for newcomers and residents alike in Bryan County has been the lack of curbside recycling service. In 2007 one frustrated Richmond Hill resident even started her own business to help fill this need. 2011 has finally brought good news for Bryan County. On



February 8, the Bryan County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with a county-wide recycling program. This decision was based in part on a successful pilot program in the Buckhead community near Richmond Hill. The County program now serves about 7,500 homes in unincorporated Bryan County. Republic Waste Services has partnered with **Recyclebank**, an online program that offers rewards for recycling. Points are earned both by recycling and by taking short informational quizzes on everyday 'green' actions we can all take. Points can be used to shop for rewards such as groceries, merchandise and discounts at local and national retailers.

Did you know ...

- Most plastics require 100-400 years to break down in a landfill.
- Recycling one aluminum beverage container saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours or a TV for 2 hours.
- It takes about one million years for a glass bottle to degrade in a landfill.
- The USA recycles about 32% of its waste, a rate that has almost doubled during the past 15 years.
- Twenty years ago, only one curbside recycling program existed in the United States. By 2009 there were approximately 9,000 such programs.

November 15 is **America Recycles Day** (ARD). If curbside recycling is unavailable in your area see what you can do to 'green' up.

Toni Rose, Litter & Recycling Chair

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Winner

Joni Thompson, Youth Garden Clubs Chair, reports that Oleander can boast of having the State and Deep South Regional winner of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest! Logan Boswell of the SC Nature Kids Garden Club, sponsored by the Screven County Garden Club was the overall winner. Pictured below are Screven County Elementary School class winners, Lauren Deloach, third grade; Ansley Thompson, fourth grade and Logan Boswell. Standing are Joni Thompson on left and Dierdre Teal, Oleander Poetry Contest Chair.



Community Wildlife Project Workshop at Rum Creek

Julie Spivey, Community Wildlife Project District Chair and Director Sharon Flores attended the CWP Workshop in Forsyth on August 18th. The Community Wildlife Project is a statewide initiative that encourages towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become certified as wildlife-friendly communities. The project provides an excellent way for citizens to help restore and preserve wildlife habitats while enhancing the natural beauty of their communities.



*(L-R)
Katherine Allen, GCG Coordinator;
Julie Spivey;
Caroline Silcox, GCG President;
Sharon Flores*

Thousand Tree Project

Over the last ten years the Live Oaks Garden Club of St. Simons Island has undertaken many island beautification projects. These have included roadside beautification, landscaping of historical buildings and the planting of an award winning butterfly garden in Demere Park. In March the club began their *Thousand Tree Project* with a goal of planting 1000 trees on St. Simons Island over the next ten years. This project, modeled after the New York City Million Tree Project, is designed to increase the island's tree canopy which has greatly diminished over the years. The first phase of the project was completed in May and resulted in the planting of forty, 16 foot tall, live oak trees along Airport Road. The trees have proven to be a wonderful improvement to this frequently traveled road. Public participation is key to this project as the club is not able to plant 1000 trees without help from the community. Through community outreach members encourage individuals and businesses to plant trees, particularly natives, on their own. The club will provide information regarding planting of native trees and issue certificates to those who participate. Donations will be accepted from the public and contributions for the planting of memorial trees will also be accepted. Club members will continue to scout locations for tree planting and plant as many trees as their treasury allows. All of the club's island beautification funds come from their annual poinsettia sale. Contact: Kitty Larkins - 912 634-0631.



Live Oaks GC members stand in front of recent plantings: L-R: Sharon Branca, Jane Johnson, Kitty Larkins, Patsy Harrison, Carol Grant

Odum Garden Club Celebrations

The Odum Garden Club celebrated National Garden Club Week, June 5-11 with the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to City Clerks Karen Howard and Robin Manners and gift certificates from Summer House Restaurant to city maintenance employees Michael Manners and Dana Kirksey. Connie Bishop and Mary Ann Griffis presented the gifts.

L-R: Mary Ann Griffis, Michael Manners, Robin Manners, Dana Kirksey, Karen Howard, Connie Bishop



The Club held its annual Appreciation Dinner in April to thank the people who have provided programs during the year. The installation of new officers also took place at the dinner.



2011-2012 Odum GC Officers: L-R: Mary Ogden, Parliamentarian; Betty Cason, Treasurer; Harriett Cooper and Delinda Pattie, Co-Secretaries; Cheryl Williams, Vice-President; June Thomas, President. Louise Robinson conducted the installation ceremony.

Lily GC Celebrates National Garden Week

To celebrate National Garden Week, members of Lily Garden Club in Screven made 25 flower arrangements and placed them in business locations throughout town. The colorful arrangements were a special reminder of Lily's community spirit.

Cassina Garden Club Preserves State Champion Tree

Cassina Garden Club members on St. Simons Island have taken care of the 400-year old Red Cedar tree adjacent to their property for many years. Following the advice of an arborist, they created a newspaper barrier and spread 3 dump truck loads of mulch to protect and nourish the specimen tree – the second largest of its species in the United States.



Savannah Area Non-Profit Groups Benefit From The Landings Fundraiser

In April, The Landings Garden Club on Skidaway Island used profits from their annual *Bow and Bulb* fundraiser to present charitable gifts in the amount of \$3,700 to groups that protect our local forests, marshes, native plants, wildflowers and birds.



Sea Oats GC Spruces Up Karen’s House of Hope in Brunswick

Members of the Sea Oats Club in Glynn County planted flowers, installed planter boxes and hung bird houses and bird feeders to provide visual comfort for cancer patients and their families who stay at Karen’s House of Hope while receiving treatment at Southeast Georgia Health System.



Springfield Members Accept Award at NGC Convention

Betty Waller and Beth Mosley from Springfield Garden Club attended the National Garden Club convention in Washington D.C. in May. Betty and Beth accepted the National Award given to the Garden Club of Georgia for the Conservation Workshop. The Workshop, “Cherishing Georgia’s Coast,” was sponsored by the Oleander District.



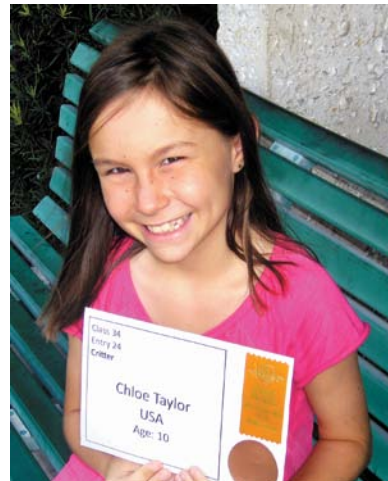
L-R: Betty Waller, GCG and District Board Member; Renee Blaschke, NGC President; Beth Mosley, Springfield GC President

**Richmond Hill Garden Club
Holds Adopt-a-Wetland
Workshop**

The Richmond Hill Garden Club in partnership with the University of Georgia Marine Extension Service held a Coastal Georgia Adopt-a-Wetland workshop in July. The annual workshop certifies volunteers in chemical and visual monitoring of local wetlands including salt marsh, tidal creek, river, beach or swamp. Wetlands are valuable coastal resources, playing an important role in water quality, sediment retention, flood control and wildlife habitat. Volunteers perform monthly water quality testing and the data collected can potentially detect serious pollution problems or can be used by scientists to indicate water quality over time. The goals of the Adopt-a-Wetland program are to increase public awareness of the state's non-point pollution (pollution that is not from a single source but drains into waterways from many locations) and water quality issues to provide citizens with the tools and training to evaluate and protect their local waterways. Since the State program first began, more than 145 workshops have been hosted, training almost 1,500 volunteers. Workshop participants have adopted more than 75 coastal sites. There are currently 5 sites in South Bryan County and the garden club is looking for more volunteers. Contact Mary Burns for information: mburns_31324@yahoo.com.

**World Association of Flower
Arrangers Youth Winners from
Oleander District**

Two members of the Little Blythe Islanders Youth Club in Brunswick won First Place in the Youth Division at the World Association of Flower Arrangers 10th Annual World Flower Show held in Boston in June. Chloe Taylor, age 10, won First Place and a Bronze Medal in Class #34 which involved using dried plant material to create a 3-dimensional imaginary "critter." Chloe was the only medal winner for the United States in the Show's youth competition. April Bleakley, age 11, also was awarded First Place in Class #34. Both Chloe



and cousin April are the grandchildren of Oleander District Board member Sherle Beck.

Chloe Taylor shows her First Place Certificate

Photo: Lindsey Adkison/The Brunswick News

Did You Know?

Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems is a new NGC initiative for 2011-13.

The *Adopt-a-Wetlands* program is a timely project for Clubs along the Coast.

Inland Clubs can participate in the *Adopt-a-Stream* program.

www.georgiaadoptastream.org

Bloomin' Good Gardens

With a great resurgence of interest at the Savannah Botanical Garden and the historic Reinhard House, there are many groups visiting. Five children's groups visited this spring including 90 from Fort Stewart. A group of visitors at the Liberty Legends of Golf Classic in Hilton Head brought folks from across the United States as did 140 insurance agents on a bus trip in June. There are 10 acres to enjoy including a Rose Garden, Herb, Vegetable, Perennial, Children's, Shade and Fragrance Gardens. The pond and trails provide picnic areas. The Garden is a jewel of an area that is an inspiring haven for visitors.

Betty Ann King, President, Savannah Council

Screven County Garden Club Holds Garden Week Reception

Sylvania Mayor Margaret Evans proclaimed June 5-11 as National Garden Week, and Screven County Garden Club members held a reception for the community on June 9 at the Soda Shop Gallery. Beautiful floral displays by members filled the Gallery, and club scrapbooks, paintings and photos honoring Mary Daley and Betty Jean Zeigler, two recently deceased members were available for viewing. Pictured below is Club President Katherine Weeks seated next to Mayor Evans as she signed the Proclamation. Standing are Club members Pat Bazemore, Penny Rountree and Hilda Boykin.



On April 21, the Garden Club honored three special ladies who had been members for more than 50 years. President Weeks presented each with a red rose bouquet and thanked them for their leadership, dedication and support through the years.



L-R: Katherine Weeks, Sophie Jones and Voncille Mobley. Not pictured: Winifred High

27th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on St. Simons



Cassina Garden Club's 27th Christmas Tour of Homes and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, December 10th on St. Simons Island. The annual event promises to be full of *Trimnings and Treats* surprises. Among the five festively decorated homes will be an outstanding state of the art kitchen where tempting treats from recipes in Cassina's historic cookbook, *Coastal Cookery* will be served. Additional surprises at the Glynn Art Association, the special interest stop, will include hand carved carousel animals and replica miniature houses. Ornaments created by the woodworkers' guild, pottery studio members and Georgia Coastal Artists Guild will decorate their festive tree. Come to the Coast on December 10th for the Best Bake Sale in the Southeast from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and the self-guided Christmas Tour of Homes from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Purchase advance tickets at \$25 through the Cassina website (www.cassinagardenclub.org) 912-638-2880. Check the website for group rates and special hotel prices.

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