Outstanding Oleanders,
This has been a very quick two years. We have made many fruitful accomplishments throughout our journey. My sincere thanks go to all of the dedicated board members, the district meeting host clubs and board meetings host clubs.

The Historical Preservation event raised $9,000.00, the largest amount since 2002. Lee Dunn acquired Dean Norton from Mount Vernon, Virginia who gave a very informative and entertaining presentation. If you missed this event then you missed an excellent opportunity. The chairs for this event, Lisa Hall and Linder Suthers did a superb job! Linder was responsible for the stunning table arrangements while Lisa handled the registration! We acquired several sponsors and printed our own tickets which aided in the terrific earnings.

Leslie Riggins is currently working on our Oleander web site. Click this link to visit us. http://www.oleanderdistrictgcg.org

June Thomas has served as 2013-2015 editor of our Oleander Leaflets for which I owe her a debt of gratitude.

Odum Garden Club was named Garden Club of the Year both years and continues to rise above and beyond in the commitment to their community and The Garden Clubs of Georgia. I salute all of you.

Deborah Hardage, current co-director and president of Pine Forest Garden Club of Baxley, is working on a community garden and would be happy to send you information to begin one in your area.

As you all know we lost our State President, Suzanne Wheeler, in February but many of you may not know that the Executive Board donated $1000 for a named scholarship in Suzanne’s honor at the January Board Meeting. She was notified of this before her death and was very grateful.

Oleander District will be placing a Blue Star Marker on Fort Stewart so watch for notifications of this dedication; things in the government tend to move slowly.

A deep appreciation goes to Geri Shaw, Jekyll Island GCG Annual Convention chairman. She worked very diligently through a difficult time during the death of her beloved husband, Dave, on March 7th. She is indeed a very dedicated garden club member and officer.

Thanks for the memories, Marilyn
Oleander Hosts GCG on Jekyll
Thanks to Geri Shaw & her committee for a JOB well done.

*Convention 2015 was SUPER!!*
Oleander GCG Award Winners
GCG/Jekyll continues
GCG Candids
Oleander’s Kathryn Fowler of Soperton Garden Club captured 3rd in GCG Wildflower Photo Contest
The Wilmington Island Garden Club members are preparing terrariums and herbs for the Rose Festival at the Botanical Gardens on May 2nd. They will be selling live arrangements at the Farmer’s Market on May 9th. Please come see us and say hello. The WIGC participated in the Keep Chatham Clean cleanup day on March 25th...and clean up we did!!! In the Spring of 2016 we will be hosting a garden tour with some special surprises. More information to follow!
Screven County Youth Club, Nature Kids, with the assistance of the Georgia Forestry Department and under the direction of Arbor Day chairman, Gloria Parker, planted 180 pine trees at the Screven County Recreation Department on Arbor Day. The pines were planted to replace the trees that were destroyed in the 2014 ice storm.
Screven County Garden Club celebrated its 75th anniversary with a reception for the community. To entertain and inform their guests, members dressed in 1940’s attire and displayed a timeline of club activities through the last seven and one-half decades.
“Community on my Mind” is what Sea Oats Garden Club is all about. Over the years Sea Oats Garden Club members have installed and maintained plantings at several public locations. Recently we did plantings at two local agencies: Marsh’s of Glynn Public Library and Karen’s House of Hope, a center for out-of-town families to stay free of charge while their patient is undergoing cancer treatment at Southeast GA Health Center.

The mission of The Garden Club of Georgia is to promote Beautification, Conservation and Education. GCG offered a “Community on My Mind Grant,” made possible by a generous donation from the Georgia Power Foundation. Sea Oats GC members visited SHARE Speech and Hearing Center in Brunswick where they saw a real need for some TLC. They applied for and were awarded a “Community on My Mind Grant” from the Garden Club of Georgia to underwrite a landscape project for SHARE. Sea Oats members raised money for the matching funds at their annual bazaar selling plants they had grown and hand-made items made by their members.

Sea Oats GC members contacted Coastal Landscape & Design for help with the selection and planting of appropriate plants as the goal was to achieve an attractive design with low maintenance. The plantings included Flax Lilies, White Iris, Dwarf Gardenia, Bottle Brush, and Hydrangeas. The bed was mulched with pine straw. It is located at the main entrance, which makes it more welcoming to Staff, Patients, and Guests. We feel very honored to receive funding from the “Community on My Mind Grant” to help another local agency. We thank GCG and the Georgia Power Foundation for helping to make our Community a more beautiful place to live and work.
Odum Garden Club members honored their nonagenarian member, Mrs. Onnie Osborne, at a 90th birthday reception at the Odum Baptist Church. Over 150 guests joined the celebration to wish Mrs. Onnie a very happy birthday.

Later in the week the club celebrated Arbor Day by planting a bottle brush tree in honor of Mrs. Onnie.
Left: Odum Garden Club sponsored the cotton candy and snow cone booth at the Special Olympics games. Sylvia Daniel, Harriett Cooper and Mary Ogden serve the athletes.

The Jesup Health and Rehab residents were treated to a delightful Easter party with a special guest—the Easter Bunny (Nancy Mylar, OGC member). Refreshments included home baked Easter cupcakes, whoopie pies, brownies and cookies along with chips and dip and a variety of drinks. Top R: Mary Ogden, Kay Koppedrayer, Harriett Cooper, Margaret Gignilliat, Betty Benner, June Thomas, Beth Hatton, Sharon Herrin, Pat Giles and Nancy Mylar hosted the Easter party.
The Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs and Botanical Garden

The newly completed pavilion by the Botanical Gardens pond is popular with our brides. The Compassionate Friends Savannah Memorial, our new project, is also on the side of the pond. We are delighted to have this wonderful group of people be a part of our Garden.

*Please come visit us to see our fabulous projects.*
The Seedling Garden Club Hosts Annual Festival Flower Show "KALEIDOSCOPE"
The Wayne County Garden Club Council held their Annual Meeting at the beautifully renovated Jesup Depot. The Wayne County DAR and Dogwood Garden Club presented USA and GA flags plus all the accessories to the Depot. Mary Ogden of Odum Garden Club was named WCGCC Citizen of the Year.
Saturday, May 16th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (approximately 3.5-hour tour)

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Tickets may be purchased for only $20.00 until May 9th! Mail your check to Mary Williams at 77 Crestwood Drive, Savannah, GA 31405, or go to our website at www.southbridgegardencub.com and purchase online. Make all checks payable to SOUTHBRIDGE GARDEN CLUB. Regardless of your method of purchase, your tickets will be mailed to you! No waiting in line for tickets!

All funds generated by the Gracious Southern Gardens Tour support new and ongoing projects in our community and the greater Savannah area.

Our gracious sponsors include Southbridge Greater Savannah Realty, Better Homes & Garden Realty, Traci Amick-Keller Williams Realty, Savannah’s Secret Gardens, and Southbridge Life Magazine. Thanks for your support!
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Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center  
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Would a child you know love an opportunity to be surrounded by nature, make new friends and have a wonderful time this summer? Check out the 8th Annual GCG Environmental Education Camp!

This camp is open to all children entering 5th or 6th grades. Our young people are invited to spend time learning about environmental and conservation issues plus much more! We have many fun and exciting programs planned with guest speakers and of course, all the fun of the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center!

Spread the word to your club presidents, members and friends, as space is limited. The fee is $125.00 per child.

Call or email for more information and get the Youth in your life involved with this Wild and Wonderful Experience offered by the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Info & Registration Forms may be found on our website www.uga.edu/gardenclub under “Youth”. Registration closes June 1, 2015.
GCG Calendar - Expressions2016

A limited supply has been ordered! Now is the time to place orders so your members get these new calendars!!

They are not just calendars anymore, but, recipes, ideas and designs for the home!

You can mail the order form to Oleander chair with a check for the total including tax (Effingham County is 7%). The orders may be picked up at the District meeting in October. You do NOT have to pay postage.

Or just click here: [http://www.gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/calendarorder.pdf](http://www.gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/calendarorder.pdf) to order by mail from the State Chairperson. You will have to pay postage.

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