



*Cercis Canadensis*  
Eastern Redbud  
Signature Tree of  
Redbud District

# Redbud Reporter

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**REDBUD DISTRICT**  
*The Garden Club of Georgia*  
*National Garden Club, Inc.*

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## A Friendly Message from your Director to All Remarkable Redbuds

It hardly seems possible that my two-year term as your District Director is coming to a close. It has been a very rewarding experience for me to see the accomplishments of the clubs of Redbud. We, as a District, have worked in a National Garden Clubs National Convention; hosted a very successful one day state meeting in Macon; contributed to state, regional and national projects; sponsored our own Green 101 project; contributed to Wafa; sponsored two outstanding, award winning, Yellow Daisy Flower Shows; sponsored Environmental Studies Schools; sponsored Landscape Design Study Schools and hosted two successful Redbud District annual meetings. BRAVO !!!

There are still a few things that need to be brought to your attention before my term of office is concluded.

State dues are due March 1st. Be sure your new officers are listed and names and addresses of members are correct when you send in your dues. This is the list used for members to receive their award winning GCG magazine "Garden Gateways".

Your President's Reports are due February 15th. Let's be 100%. We want to hear from you even if your club or council only holds a few meetings a year. You are part of us and we want to stay in touch. Please—if you want to be considered for district awards give us a description of your work including where, when, how many, how much, etc. We don't know if you don't tell us. Write a paragraph or two to inform us of the bare facts.

PLEASE -- remember to attach a separate sheet with a short paragraph or essay on what Redbud's "GREEN 101" Project meant to your club and its members. \$\$\$ will be awarded for the best essays at District Breakfast at state convention in April.

Semi-annual GCG State Convention is coming up April 26-28 in Athens. Registration is in "Garden Gateways" and elsewhere in this "Redbud Reporter". Redbud will have a hospitality suite for all of us to enjoy.

We have a wonderful, capable, enthusiastic new District Director for the 2011-2013 GCG term. Renie Faulkenberry has been elected as your new District Director. She needs your support. She would like to have members on the Redbud Board from all areas of the District. Please say yes, when you are asked to serve or better yet, VOLUNTEER..

Something else we should reflect upon is our pride in being members of GCG and NGC. We are a small part of a whole and a part of many projects and programs that make our world a better place. We learn new things, stimulate our minds with studies and views from many places. Remember to be proud of your membership in both state and national garden club organizations.

Once again, it has been a special two years that I will value forever. Friendships formed are dear to my heart. We have "Accentuated the Positive and Flourished for the Future."

HUGS,

*Alice, your friendly district director*

## Redbud District News

### ∞ Legislative Report ∞

#### **The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. *Mission: Beautification ... Conservation ... Education***

**Legislation & Governmental Affairs: Mary Lovings, Chairman; Marian Hill, Advisor  
Helen Grogan and Johnnie Berry, Committee Club Representatives**

PLEASE NOTE: Legislative messages are sent to inform members and to help fill the *Education* part of the GCG Mission in a way that is neither partisan nor personal and within 501(c)(3) constraints. To do effective volunteer advocacy, members need information and are often directed to additional sources for continued constituent self-education. GCG's effective advocacy is respected and effective statewide. Your participation is important; it helps *Conservation* happen in Georgia.

You have already received the weekly reports from Mary Lovings as a Listserve message; therefore, they will not be repeated here. Please remember how important this information is to us as members of GCG and as citizens of the state of Georgia. These messages will continue throughout the legislative season. Be aware of them and participate at the level comfortable for you. Share in information with your club and promote a better Georgia. Mary and the members of the committee deserve and need our full support.

### ∞ Flower Shows ∞

*Save the Date, February 25-27, 2011*

And join us for the

## **2011 Southeastern Flower Show**

Presented by The Southeastern Horticultural Society

## **"In Tune with Bloom"**

**Prelude to 25 Years of the Flower Show**

**Friday, February 25 through Sunday, February 27, 2011**

**Cobb Galleria Centre**

**Groups of 10 or more purchased at one time include 1 free ticket**

## SPEAKERS FOR THE 2011 SOUTHEASTERN FLOWER SHOW

### On the Home Depot Stage

#### Friday

- 11:00 Franklinia Speaker to be announced
- 12:30 Chef
- 2:00 Walter Reeves
- 3:00 P. Allen Smith - "Small Space Gardening for Herbs and Vegetables"
- 4:00 Dr. Michael Dirr "Garden Making in the Southeast: The Best of New Trees, Shrubs and Vines"

#### Saturday

- 11:00 John Grady Burns, Floral Designer
- 12:30 Ann Byrn, The Cake Mix Doctor
- 2:00 Ashton Ritchie - "How To Have A Great Looking Lawn"
- 3:00 Buddy Lee, Originator of Encore Azalea
- 4:00 Ray French - "New plants you will be seeing at retail in 2011"

#### Sunday

- 12:30 Chef to be announced
- 2:00 Dave Konseur – "Container Gardening with Proven Winners"
- 3:00 Floral Designer to be announced
- 4:00 Speaker to be announced by Eagle Eye Books. Vince Dooley and Chef Marc Cicerone from M.E. Armore have agreed to appear but the exact time and date are to be decided

### On the Demo Stage

#### Friday

- 10:30 Joe Coleman, Basics of Rhododendrons
- 11:30 Geri Laufer, Growing and Using Herbs
- 12:30 David Gregory, Coyotes and Other Critters that Share Our Gardens
- 1:30 Brian Killingsworth, The Dirt on Dahlias
- 2:30 Mike Francis, The Secret to Japanese Maples
- 3:30 Speaker to be announced by Eagle Eye Book Store

#### Saturday

- 10:30 Abra Lee, Shade Plants
- 11:30 Mary Woehrel, Introduction to Wild Mushrooms
- 1:30 Eleanor Craig, Wonderful World of Ferns
- 2:30 Judy Kaczorowski, Floral Arranging
- 3:30 Speaker for the Youth Division

#### Sunday

- 12:30 Kim Bailey, Creating Habitats and Gardens for Hummingbirds
- 1:30 Anna Hauser, Pruning of Small Trees and Shrubs
- 2:30 Merrily McLaughlin, Daylilies
- 3:30 Speaker for the Youth Division

**For more information: [www.flowershow.org](http://www.flowershow.org)  
Phone 404-351-1074**



### Daffodil flower show

March 19 and 20 are the dates for the annual Daffodil Flower Show at the Chattahoochee Nature Center near Roswell. For more information about this show either to participate as a designer or to attend the show please contact Betty Williams at 770 448 5604.

### ∞ Basic Horticulture ∞

If you would like monthly garden tips and conversation you can be put on the Basic Horticulture Newsletter email list and receive it at the first of every month. Email Gail Berthe, Redbud Basic Horticulture Chairman to be added to the list. [gberthe@aol.com](mailto:gberthe@aol.com)

Another excellent resource is the Gardening Tidbits Blog available at <http://www.gardeningtidbits.blogspot.com/> It can also be found in the Links section of the Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc., website: <http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub/> Simply click on the [WWW.Links](#) Tab. Alan F. E. These maintains this blog and is interested in gardening information and discussion.



## ∞ Improved Cultivars ∞

I want to encourage you to get to know your locally owned garden center. The big chains are fun for huge quantities, but the small center is more likely to listen to you about the needs of new plants.

The first plant I want to tell you about is Lenten rose. Hellebores ‘Winter Jewels Apricot Blush’ Lenten Rose. We all love Helleborus and this one is such a lovely color. The peachy-apricot blooms with darker rose veining appear in early spring. This plant prefers full sun to part shade, and a well-drained soil. The plant source is Monrovia.

Another bright addition to the garden is Pink Double Delight Cone Flower, also from Monrovia. These spectacular pink flowers are great for the cutting garden. Blooms appear for two to three months. Butterflies love them. Once established, they are drought tolerant.

Be sure to visit your garden center and ask about these plants. They are sure to brighten up your perennial garden.

It’s a cold winter, but we can think good gardening thoughts to make us feel better. I’ve found some more interesting plants for you to consider.

First is Gaillardia ‘Arizona Apricot’. This spectacular compact perennial shows off with 3 inch apricot blooms from spring to fall. Drought tolerant and relatively maintenance free. Gardeners may want to remove old flowers to encourage additional blooming. Requires full sun. This plant was chosen as a 2011 All America Selection.

Second on my new-find list is ‘Terenzo’ cherry tomato. It is a high yielding ‘Tumbler’ type of tomato that is a prolific producer on a low growing plant. Perfect for hanging baskets. You should have fruit about 56 days for transplant. Plant 20 inches apart. Requires full sun. This too was chosen as a 2011 All America Selection.

When you visit your local garden center, urge them to have available *All America Selection* plants. These plants have been “tested nationally and proven locally.”

**Vickey Cooper, Chairman for Improved Cultivars Committee**

## ∞ Landscape Design School ∞



Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, 2011 are the dates for Course 4 of the current series of Landscape Design School in LaGrange. This course will cover topics including the landscape design process, site design, appropriate landscape plants, the history of landscape design, and preservation of significant historical gardens. Very qualified instructors will present these subjects. This course is open to all interested persons and can be a valuable tool for your personal landscape as well as giving the student knowledge in the development of community landscape projects. Please contact Betty Lester, course registrar, at 706 837 0013 or [bettylester@charter.net](mailto:bettylester@charter.net) for information. The registration form is printed on the next page.

*“The curriculum, in a series of four courses, covers a wide range of subjects: from landscape design history to landscape architecture in the year 2000 and beyond. Since its founding in 1958, professional instructors have maintained the high standards originally incorporated in the study program. Also offered are many optional programs, such as conferences, symposia and tours. Students acquire the tools for making their own gardens more beautiful and easier to maintain. Many students have been motivated to serve in political decision-making areas where awareness of the impact of a well-designed landscape can enhance the beauty and enjoyment of life in the public arena.” National Garden Club, Inc. description of the goals of the course.*

**COURSE REGISTRATION  
LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERIES XXV COURSE II  
March 11-12, 2011**

**Registration deadline March 4, 2010**

**No refunds after March 4, 2010**

PLEASE PRINT (Use the same name as in previous records)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip (9 digit) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

May we include your phone # and email address in the list of attendees YES / NO

**Make checks payable to: Pine Needle Garden Club LDS 4**

Mail to **Betty Lester 100 Pine Tree Drive LaGrange, GA 30240-1030**

All fees include lunch and two breaks per day

Vegetarian lunch option YES / NO

Please check one of the following choices:

Full Course (with exam) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

Refreshing (LD Consultant) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-credit student \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

One day (Friday / Saturday) \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one)

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

∞ **Environmental Studies School** ∞



Course 4, Series V Environmental Studies School scheduled for June 13-14, 2011 at the Education Building, Research and Education Garden in Griffin. This four-session course covers the aspects of this most important topic, The Environment. Each course is 'self-contained' so attendance at the first three sessions is not essential. Those courses included an Introduction to Ecology, and Land—and Related Issues. This fourth course covers Water and Related Issues. All topics are taught by qualified UGA professors, government environmental agency representative, or Master Gardeners. Though the course is under the auspices of National Garden Clubs, it is open to all interested persons.

The cost of the course is \$60.00 plus a \$5.00 fee for certification test or for refreshing credit. This includes all fees and lunch and treats for both days. For further information and a copy of the course brochure please contact Gail Berthe, course chairman at [giberthe@aol.com](mailto:giberthe@aol.com), 770 228 8840 or Renie Faulkenberry, course registrar at [renief@comcast.com](mailto:renief@comcast.com) or 404 378 4632. The course is open to any interested person. Garden Club of Georgia membership is not necessary

**COURSE REGISTRATION**

**Environmental Studies School, June 13-14, 2011**

**Registration deadline June 8**

**No refunds after June 8, 2011**

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip (9 digit)** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Garden Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**May we include your phone # and email address in the list of attendees YES / NO**

Make checks payable to: Redbud District, EES Course 3

Mail to Renie Faulkenbery, 937 Oakdale Road, Atlanta, GA 30307

All fees include lunch and two breaks per day

Vegetarian lunch option YES / NO

Please check one of the following choices:

Full Course (with exam) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

Refreshing (ESS Consultant) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-credit student \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

One day (Monday or Tuesday) \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

∞ Flower Show School ∞

**COURSE III**

March 1,2,3, 2011

**Millen Baptist Church**

Educational Building

219 N Gray Street

Millen, GA 30442

**Sponsored by the**

**East Georgia Judges Council**

**State Flower Show Chairman**

Jane Johnson

809 Reynolds Street, Millen, GA 30442

[pincejohnson@bellsouth.net](mailto:pincejohnson@bellsouth.net)

478-982-5660 (cell 770-598-7846)

**Course Registrar**

Jeanette Brantley

844 Reynolds Street, Millen, GA 30442

Phone 478-982-4979

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS February 25, 2011

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Flower Show School consists of four courses of an in depth study of Flower Show Procedure, Horticulture and Design. An understanding of the standards of exhibiting and judging is acquired from the lectures, horticulture specimens, design, and student participation.

### GOALS OF THE FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL PROGRAM

To train and accredit flower show judges. To increase interest in and knowledge of the fields of horticulture and design. To encourage beautiful and educational flower shows.

Any interested individual may attend the courses. The Student Study Outlines will be mailed to students when registration is received. To be eligible for credit toward a NGC Judges Certificate, one must be an active member of a NGC club, have a current HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS, and a current subscription to THE NATIONAL GARDENER. Contact Jane Johnson, [pincejohnson@bellsouth.net](mailto:pincejohnson@bellsouth.net)

### FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

### COURSE III

### Registration Application

Deadline to register is Feb. 25, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

NGC Life Member # If applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

### FULL COURSE WITH EXAM

\$120 (Includes snacks, 2 lunches and registration fee for NGC.)

### ONE DAY LECTURE WITH LUNCH

\$40

DESIGN (Tuesday)

HORTICULTURE (Wednesday)

Make Check payable to **East Georgia Judges Council** and mail with completed form and National Gardener Magazine label to:

**Jeanette Brantley, Registrar**

844 Reynolds Street

Millen, GA 30442

Phone 478.982.4979

## ∞ Flower Show Judges Symposium ∞

The Symposium will be held at the Georgia Center For Continuing Education, Conference Center & Hotel in Athens, GA, 1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30602-3603 The phone # is 800-488-7827 [www.georgiacenter.uga.edu](http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu) July 10,11,12,2011 Sunday-Tuesday  
Contact Betty McGaughey for more information. [bcmc@windstream.net](mailto:bcmc@windstream.net) or 770 207 8804

### SCHEDULE FOR THE THREE DAY SYPOSIUM

Sunday July 10, 2011	Point Scoring
4:00 PM Registration	3:00-3:15 Break
4:30 Welcome & Announcements	3:15-5:15 Horticulture Point Scoring Exam
4:45 David Robson, Instructor " <i>So You Think You Know the Handbook</i> "—Allied Topic	Tuesday, JULY 12, 2011
5:45 Julia Clevett " <i>Flower Show Evaluation The Broad Picture</i> "	7:30 AM Registration
7:00 Dinner	8:15 Welcome & Announcements
Monday July 11, 2011	8:30-11:00
9:00-11:00 Horticulture	Julia Clevett,Instructor
David Robson, Instructor " <i>Heavenly Hostas</i> "and <i>Daylilies</i>	<i>Title</i>
11:00-11:15 Break	11:00-11:15 Break
11:15-12:30 "Collections & Displays"	11:15-12:30 PM Design
12:30-1:30 PM Lunch	<i>Title</i>
1:30-3:00 Horticulture Practice	12:30-1:30 Lunch
	1:30-3:00 Design Practice Point Scoring
	3:00-3:15 Break
	3:15– 5:15 Design Point Scoring Exam

Lectures are open to the public for the fee stated on the registration. Only NGC, Inc. judges are eligible to take this course for credit. To keep in Good Standing, all Accredited, Life and Master Judges and NGC, Inc. Instructors must continue their judging education by auditing a symposium every 3 years. Contact your State Judges Credentials Chairman to determine your eligibility. To take the symposium for credit/audit, out of State Judges must have their credentials **All Judges MUST bring a copy of the 2007 Handbook for Flower Shows.**

Verify your eligibility at least six weeks in advance by contacting Garden Club of Georgia Judges Credentials Chairman:  
Janet McGinnis  
2114 Minute Court  
Stone Mountain, 30087-1632  
Phone 770-939-8878

## Garden Club of Georgia News

### ∞ Convention News—Past and Future! ∞

#### **Announcement and Invitation to GCG Convention 2011**

Virginia Lassiter, Chairman for Azalea District hosting the 2011 convention issued the following invitation with a delightful fashion show depicting the theme of the event, *A Classic Flourish*. Her co-chairman will be Nina Herrington.

Welcome to the 2011 State Convention April 26, 27, 28 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) in Athens at The Georgia Center, UGA's Convention Center and Hotel. Featured will be:

- 7 [seven] District Breakfasts [first time since 2008]
- National award winning menus
- 193 newly renovated rooms
- Seated dining for up to 450 in the Memorial Ballroom
- Masters Auditorium for meetings
- Well known speakers
- Adjacent parking, reasonable fees
- Exhibit and Vendor rooms; Flower designs
- Tours on UGA buses to: GCG Headquarters, State Botanical Gardens, Founders Garden, as well as an easy walking tour of the US Trial garden just yards away from the hotel.
- Information regarding visiting local plant nurseries
- Information regarding visiting Athens, the "Classic City" and much more!

2011 Convention Chairman, Virginia Lassiter, GCG, Inc., 706/202-0574, [valassiter@gmail.com](mailto:valassiter@gmail.com)  
 2011 Convention Co-Chairman, Nina Herrington, 706/540-0454, [herrington.nina@gmail.com](mailto:herrington.nina@gmail.com)

**The Beginning Was Here ♦ April 26-28, 2011**  
 The University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center & Hotel  
 1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, Georgia 30602, 800.884.1381

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w/area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**  
**\*All State Board Members are Voting Delegates; Please check Voting Delegate box if applicable.**

<input type="checkbox"/> State President	<input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> My first GCG Convention
<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Council President	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Voting Delegate*	<input type="checkbox"/> Former State President	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member

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**THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER** (Please check one):

**Package Plan** Includes Registration fee, five meals (Opening Dinner, District Breakfast, Youth Luncheon, Awards Banquet, Life Member and Installation Luncheon  
**Package Total**.....\$190.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PART TIME PLAN**

<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Presidents' Dinner, Keynote Presentation.....	\$45.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: District Breakfast & District Installations.....	\$20.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Youth Luncheon, 4-H Dance Troupe & Speaker...	\$30.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Awards Banquet.....	\$45.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Life Member Luncheon & State Officers Installation	\$30.00	\$ _____
REGISTRATION FEE.....(Per Day) \$10.00 x _____		\$ _____
<b>PART TIME PLAN TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

∞ Events of Interest ∞

**“FOUNDING GARDENERS”**

by Andrea Wulf

**A FUNDRAISING LECTURE**

**BOOK SIGNING AND CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION**

Benefiting the Historic Landscape and Garden Grant Fund  
of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

To Be Held at McElreath Hall at the Atlanta History Center  
Through the kind support of the Cherokee Garden Library

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

Andrea Wulf, renowned author of the award-winning book, *The Brother Gardeners*, will be speaking about her newest book *Founding Gardeners. The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation*. *The Founding Gardeners* offers a fascinating look at the revolutionary generation from the unique and intimate perspective of their lives as gardeners, plantsmen, and farmers. [www.andreawulf.com](http://www.andreawulf.com)

**\$30 per person or \$50 per couple (fully tax deductible)**

*Make checks payable to GCG and send to: Lee Dunn, 8050 Nesbit Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30350. Include name, address, and email contact with your check. Your reservation will be held at the door.*

Individuals or clubs may help sponsor this lecture by being a \$200 Patron of the event. Your contribution is fully tax deductible and all money will go to The Garden Club of Georgia's Historic Landscape and Garden Grant Fund to help restore Georgia's public historic landscapes and gardens. Your gift will be

recognized in *Garden Gateways* and the evening of the event. Two tickets to the lecture will be included with your Patronage. For further information contact Lee Dunn 770-394-2834 or lee@dunnshouse.com.

### **Founding Gardeners. The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation.**

Andrea Wulf's new book *Founding Gardeners. The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation* will be published on 3 February 2011 by William Heinemann in the UK and in late March 2011 by Knopf in the US.

*The Founding Gardeners* offers a fascinating look at the revolutionary generation from the unique and intimate perspective of their lives as gardeners, plantsmen and farmers.

For the founding fathers, gardening, agriculture and botany were elemental passions, as deeply ingrained in their characters as their belief in liberty for the nation they were creating. Andrea Wulf reveals for the first time this aspect of the revolutionary generation. She describes how, even as British ships gathered off Staten Island, George Washington wrote his estate manager about the garden at Mount Vernon; how a tour of English gardens renewed Thomas Jefferson's and John Adams's faith in their fledgling nation; how a trip to the great botanist John Bartram's garden helped the delegates of the Constitutional Congress to break their deadlock; and why James Madison is the forgotten father of American environmentalism. Taken together, these and other stories are a revelation of a guiding, but previously overlooked ideology of the American Revolution.

*The Founding Gardeners* adds depth and nuance to our understanding of the American experiment, and provides us with a portrait of the founding fathers as they've never been seen before.

### **Georgia Native Plant Society**



#### **ATLANTA: Georgia Native Plant Society 16th Native Plant Symposium**

Saturday, February 19, 2011. The event this year will return to Mercer University Atlanta Campus near I-85 and I-285. The all day event includes lunch and several vendors in addition to a variety of topics: Gardens Inspired by Nature, When Plants are Affected by Transportation Projects, Showy Native Trees and Shrubs, The Soil Food Web, Invasives: Making a Difference in Your Back Yard. Please visit the website to get the details and register online: [http://gnps.org/shortterm/Symposium\\_Announcement.php](http://gnps.org/shortterm/Symposium_Announcement.php)

The Georgia Perennial Plant Association  
and the Atlanta Botanical Garden present

The Pleasure Garden

A Symposium and Silent Auction

Saturday, February 5, 2011

Atlanta Botanical Garden

Details are to be found in the link listed here.

<http://www.georgiaperennial.org/events/index.htm>

### Local Redbud District Club News

#### **Redbud Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting was held in Conyers at the Georgia International House Park on October 14. The Conyers Garden Club hosted a delightful meeting in a beautiful setting.

One of the highlights of this meeting is the presentation of District Awards. Recipients for 2010 include

- ❖ Jerry Tubb Award for the highest score on the President's Report
  - First Place was Johnstonville Garden Club (34 points)
  - Second Place was Avondale Estates (33 points)
- ❖ Grace Chandler Award for the highest percentage of members in attendance and with a membership of 20 or less
  - Shenandoah Rose Garden Club
- ❖ Lullwater Gavel Award goes to the club applying for the most awards at State, Deep South, and National, as reported on the President's Report
  - First Place was Lullwater Garden Club
  - Second Place was Conyers Garden Club
- ❖ Gladys Manning Garden Therapy Award is presented to the club with the most outstanding Garden Therapy Project, as reported on the President's Report
  - First Place was Avon Garden Club
  - Second Place was Avondale Estates Garden Club
  - Third Place was Thomaston Garden Club

- ❖ Rita Compher Calendar Award is given to the club which sells the most GCG calendars for the current year, as reported on the President's Report
  - First Place was Satsuki Garden Club (62)
  - Second Place was Avondale Estates Garden Club (42)
  - Spade and Trowel (40)
- ❖ Dorothy W. Hightower Community Improvement Award is given to the club presenting the most outstanding Community Improvement Project as reported on the President's Report
  - First Place was Dunwoody Garden Club
  - Second Place was Moonflower Garden Club
  - Third Place was Laurel Garden Club
  - HM to Ladybugs Garden Club
  - HM to Thomaston Garden Club
  - HM to Johnstonville Garden Club
- ❖ Mimosa Garden Club Historic Preservation Award
  - First Place was Lullwater Garden Club
  - Second Place was Dunwoody Garden Club
- ❖ Margaret Strickland Bird and/or Butterfly Gardening Program Award given to the most outstanding program by a club emphasizing the protection of birds and/or butterflies as reported on the President's Report
  - Spade and Trowel Garden Club
- ❖ Dian Goldwire Attendance Award is given to the club whose membership is over 20 members having the highest number of their members in attendance
  - Conyers Garden Club
- ❖ Deanna McFarlan Club Newsletter Award for the best newsletter submitted for the awards year. Copies attached to the President's Report
  - First Place to Winding Woods Garden Club
  - Second Place to Hunting Hill Garden Club
- ❖ Mary Helen Lindsey Youth Award goes to the club or council presenting the most comprehensive youth project.
  - First Place Satsuki Garden Club
  - Second Place Conyers Garden Club
- ❖ Standard of Excellence is based on score totals from the President's Report
  - Twenty three clubs qualified for this award
- ❖ Fourteen clubs supported Arboreta and Botanical Gardens
- ❖ Twenty-six clubs received Certificates of Appreciation for their support of Garden Therapy
- ❖ Eight clubs supported Historic Preservation of Gardens and Sites
- ❖ Nine clubs made Land Trust Donations
- ❖ Nine clubs made contributions to LeConte-Woodmanston Conservation Project
- ❖ Fourteen clubs reported increased membership
- ❖ Eight clubs supported the Natural Disasters Fund
- ❖ Twenty one clubs contributed to Roadside Beautification

As you can see 2010 was a busy year for all of us and we are to be congratulated on our accomplishments. Please note all these awards are based on activities listed on the President's Report. It is so important for your club to submit their report to Alice Boyd in a timely manner.

## Avon Garden Club



Continuing a long tradition, Avon Garden Club members, as well as representatives from the Girl Scout troop the club helps support gathered on November 1, 2010 to pick up candy wrappers and other debris from the Halloween celebration the night before. Avondale Estates hosts literally hundreds of enthusiastic Trick or Treaters each Halloween and the youngsters can leave quite a bit of litter on the streets and sidewalks of our usually quiet little town. Avon Garden Club members and Girl

Scouts met at a central location and then divided into teams, each assigned to pick up litter from specific streets within the town. Many hands really did make light work as the participants were able to clean the city within a short period of time. The Club also conducts a similar clean up effort during the Easter season following the City-sponsored Easter Egg hunt.

## Thank You from Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs



Redbud's contribution to the landscaping project for the *Dover Air Force Base Memorial Garden for the Fallen* is sincerely appreciated by this group of dedicated garden club members in their work to establish a quiet and beautiful sanctuary for the families of fallen service members as they come to Dover AFB to greet their fallen family member.

The project goals are outlined in this statement: *"The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs has embarked on a project of constructing a Memorial Garden at the Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware. Most people have heard of the sad, heartbreaking task this particular base handles each day of receiving the bodies of service personnel killed while on duty. In January, the base opened a special building called, "Center for Families of the Fallen" which is used by the families while in Dover for the dignified ceremony of receiving the remains of their loved ones. The outside of this building desperately needs an enclosed garden area, screened from the road to afford families privacy and peace. We have submitted a proposal to the Secretary of the Air Force of providing this garden at the estimated cost of \$125,000. Rodney Robinson, a prominent Landscape Architect has drawn a plan for the garden."*

## Provisional Members of Redbud District, Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

The future of Garden Club is right here in the pictures on the next page! Concord Garden Club's two 'future members' share the club picnic with their mother (and club member) last June. Both little girls have been at special events and are 'provisional members' of Concord Garden Club, Redbud District, Garden Club of Georgia, National Garden Club. Are they not precious and an inspiration for maintaining the traditions and goals of garden club?



The members of the club attempt to set a very prim and proper example for the children in the picture at the lower left! Members pose in the beautiful organic vegetable/flower garden of one of our members. We also planted flowers in

the garden to honor special people in our lives suffering from cancer. It was a perfect evening with family and friends.

**Local Children Sweep the Yellow Daisy Flower Show** (More provisional members?)

The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Yellow Daisy Flower Show was held September 11-13 at Memorial Hall in Stone Mountain Park, Ga. The show is sponsored by the Redbud District of the Garden Club of Georgia. Among hundreds of entries there is a special category for Youth. Each year children submit entries in keeping with the current year's theme. The 2010 was "Going Green—Daisy Style" Fifty-four sculptures were entered. They needed to include some plant material, but also have an ecological flair. The Mashman family lives in the Druid Hills neighborhood and all three of the children entered the competition and all three won First Place in their age brackets! The children scoured the creek in the Lullwater Conservation Garden and other sites to reclaim items for their sculptures.

Pictured below is Connor Mashman with his giraffe-like entry that utilized computer parts, wires and metal and carried a basket of grass. Devon Mashman entered a hand that grew out of an aerosol can planted in a copper container. And last but not least is Carly Mashman with her eco-gal that was made from bolts, metal, and a picture frame. Her entry sported a head full of hair made from plants. In addition her entry won Best in Show!

Congratulations Mashman children on a job well done. The pictures of the young people with their winning entries are below:



### **Lullwater Garden Club Honors Distinguished Members**

At their November meeting Lullwater Garden Club distinguished members Ray Brewer, Jean Givens and Joy Stuart were honored and awarded Emeritus Status. The accomplishments of these women are too numerous to mention. Together they have accumulated over 150 years of service to the community through the Lullwater Garden Club. Fay Brewer has been the historian extraordinaire. Jean Givens wrote a garden page for Garden Gateways for many years. She has published two books on horticulture and is a font of horticulture knowledge. Joy Stuart has served as Lullwater Garden Club's president, been Redbud District Director and President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Each of these ladies is an exemplary person and garden club member. Thank you for your service.

*Editorial note: It is the service of these honored extraordinary women as well as the dedication of so many garden club members that will enable our organization to prosper and contribute for generations to come. We thank them and all who serve. GBerthe*

### **Thomaston Garden Club Participates in the Christmas Parade**



The Thomaston Garden Club participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lighted Christmas Parade sponsored by the Downtown Business Association on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Members rode in a beautifully decorated horse drawn carriage. The theme was "We Are the World," and the club used the opportunity to made a stand for "Going Green" by placing a sign on the carriage that stated "We Are the World...Treat It Kindly...Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

Members left to right include: Janice Crutchfield, Dianne Jimmerson, Shirley Boldenow, Janice Goins, and LaVerne Newman, President.

**Joy Zaidan Presents “Wrapping-up the Holidays” for Concord Garden Club**

Joy Zaidan presented a very informative and ‘fun’ program featuring clever and easy to copy ideas for holiday package wrapping as well as ideas for decorations. The group constructed poinsettias from velvet outdoor type ribbon, which could be used as a package topping or as constructed flowers for an arrangement or decorative piece.



∞ Dates to Remember ∞

February 2011

1	Tues	North Georgia Judges Meeting	Bellmere, Duluth
14	Mon	Redbud District Board Meeting	Callenwald, Atlanta

March 2011

1-3	Tues-Thurs	Flower Show School	Millen
11-12	Fri-Sat	Landscape Design School	Lagrange
14-15	Mon-Tues	Deep South Convention	Lafayette, LA
17	Thurs	Scholarship Meeting	HO, Athens
21	Mon	Middle Georgia Judges Council Flower Show	Macon
23	Wed	S. Georgia Native Plant Wildflower Symposium	Tifton

April 2011

24	Sunday	GCG Finance & Executive Committee Meeting	UGA Athens
25	Mon	Trustees Meeting	UGA Athens
26-28	Tue-Thur	GCG Full Convention	UGA Athens

May 2011

15	Monday	Middle Georgia Judges Council	Macon
24-26	Tue-Thurs	NGC Pre-convention Meeting	Washington, DC
27-30	Fri-Mon	NGC Convention	Washington, DC

## June 2011

5-11	Sun-Sat	National Garden Week	
13-14	Mon-Tues	Environmental Studies School, Course 4, Series V	Griffin
15-19	Wed-Sun	WAFA World Flower Show	Boston

## July 2011

10-12	Sun-Tues	“Wild and Wonderful” Youth Camp	Charlie-Elliott Park
10-12	Sun-Tues	Flower Show Judges Symposium	UGA Athens