Dear Garden Friends,

This Director continues on her summer journey attending the Bee Gap Program given by GGC Environmental Bee Chairman, Sandra Wheeler at the Perry Welcome Center. Your Redbud Bee Chairman and I gleaned a wealth of information on our bee pollinators and look forward to additional information coming your way. Dogwood & Redbud Districts combined our efforts in sponsoring the Club Officers Workshop presented by Sara Lanier at the Bellmere Garden House, and the Awards Workshop presented by Jackie Fulmer at Briarlake Baptist Church, both of which were well attended.

Now to tell you about our District Board meeting in Griffin that was sponsored by the Evergreen GC of Griffin. The board is so thankful to President, Jane Langford and her wonderful committee for their gracious hospitality, coffee and goodies at an ideal venue, the spacious and welcoming Spalding County Extension Office. This was a special and moving experience for this Director, seeing our new and old board members so energetic and pumped with dedication to making our neighborhoods, State and Nation a better place for the future. We came together with much purpose.

September brings our District Yellow Daisy Flower Show, “Daisy is Bewitched” and the Fall Annual Redbud District Meeting at Dunaway Gardens, October 15. See more information in this newsletter.

Janet

COMING TOGETHER WITH PURPOSE

Editor: Vickey Cooper – vickey1@bellsouth.net
Wilma Coney – Gardener Extraordinaire

Wilma Coney, formerly of the Smoke Rise Community, has moved to Massachusetts. The greater gardening community and Smoke Rise GC will miss her.

Wilma began her garden club adventure in 1966. Over the years she served in many club positions. Among her many accomplishments Wilma helped found Smoke Rise Garden Club, became a DeKalb Master Gardener, and served on the Redbud District Board. She was a founding member of the Georgia Hosta Society and won many awards for her plants.

Garden Therapy Project Continues

Our new contact at Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta is Shaheen Solomon, Director of Community Resources. He is very interested in having our support both as volunteers for the activities as well as our clothing contributions. They particularly need pants in all sizes.

As you plan your garden club activities, please put this worthy cause on your list.
Joanne Bennett, Chair – joanneB57@aol.com

Saving Forests $68 At A Time - Penny Pines Program

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing $68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. If you wish, you may designate the Chattahoochee or Oconee National Forest in Georgia, to benefit from this contribution.

Anyone may participate in this program by donating in multiples of $68. The donation may be made in honor or memory of ONE individual, organization or theme. The contribution must be accompanied by the completed form which can be downloaded from the NGC website (www.gardenclub.org) and mailed to GCG State Chairman Barbara Bourque, 6445 Holland Drive, Cumming, GA 30041.

Deanna McFarlan, Chair - dmcfarlan18@earthlink.net
GCG Wildlife Workshop

Find The Butterfly?

Picture taken at the recent GCG Community Wildlife Workshop held at the Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division in Forsyth, GA.

Also pictured are Terry Johnson Executive Director, T.E.R.N. and Melissa Hayes, Wildlife Resources Div. Non-game Conservation Section. Both are always willing to answer your questions at tjwoodduck@bellsouth.net for Terry, and Melissa at melissa.hayes@dnr.ga.gov. Give them a try for birds, butterflies, frogs & amphibians & other wildlife in your gardens

Trees and Shrubs
Garden clubs have a great opportunity to improve their communities by promoting tree and shrub planting in neighborhoods and school yards. These plantings prevent soil erosion, increase home value and beautify the community. It all starts with you and your garden club.
Carol Weaver, Chair – 770-775-3205
Calling All Cooks - We’re Doing a Cookbook

Redbud is planning an exciting fund raising project for 2016 – a cookbook containing all our favorite recipes. There will be all the usual chapters and some new: Happy Health (grains, tofu, etc. and dishes for those with allergies); Entertaining/Receptions; Meals for a Crowd; Quick and Easy; Classics; Using Herbs; and Cooking Tips. We will include any chatty little comments to give this book a personal touch.

To be successful, every garden club needs to participate.

Recipes off the Internet are acceptable, if given proper credit.

Please start digging out your favorite recipes NOW. Maybe each club could have a cookbook chair.

MORE INFO COMING

We will want your name, garden club, recipe and comments, contact info: phone and e-mail.

Julianne Goecke, chair – jggoecke@att.net
Emily Wilbert, co-chair – themememw@gmail.com

Another Wonderful FunRaiser

“Experience the Magic of Redbud”

Redbud’s fundraiser for this year has been magically disappearing off the shelves. It’s not only a fantastic fundraiser, but also a FUNraiser! It’s a magic wand that turns your Christmas tree lights or a lamp off and on with a magical sound. This wand appeals to all age groups. It’s perfect for children during the holidays and throughout the year, especially those little princesses. Residents in assisted living facilities can use it to turn on a bedside lamp. And I haven’t stopped playing with it, so even adults are fascinated with this magic wand and are stocking up on wands for themselves or to give as gifts. I thought I would pre-sell a few, but now they’re nearly all gone, and more will have to be ordered before the October District Meeting. The selling price is $25.00, and more than 200 wands have already been sold. Please support Redbud District’s FUNraiser and buy several wands at the annual District Meeting in October at Dunaway Gardens. I know you will be as captivated with these magic wands as I am! Experience the Magic of Redbud!

Joy Zaidan, Chair – jzaidan@bellsouth.net
November 2, 2015  LaGrange, Georgia  
2nd Annual Elms & Roses Garden Council Lecture  
Del’avant Ballroom, 141 Main Street

Join garden expert Sara Henderson, Director of Gardens for Atlanta’s Historic Oakland Cemetery for her lecture: “Heirloom Flowers: Passing the Test of Time.”

Wine and cheese: 5:30-6:30; lecture: 6:30-7:30.

$20 for one ticket; $15 for additional tickets purchased at the same time. To purchase, call 706 884 5081.

Everyone interested in gardens and garden history is welcome.

Come and enjoy the fun!

THE CHILDREN’S GARDEN

For children young and old everywhere, the State Botanical Garden in Athens is building a 21st century Children’s Garden. Operating under the realization that today’s children are better connected to a virtual world of technology than to the natural world, this garden reaches out to hundreds of children and teachers with the message of environmental stewardship.

One enters the garden through the Georgia Discovery Plaza, an arc-like amphitheater which features a giant colorful map of Georgia introducing families and school groups to the geography, culture, ecology, and natural history of our state.

There will be a wonderful underground den of roots and soils, a multi-level tree house village, forest adventure, bogs and a wetland water ferry, outdoor galleries, work spaces and theaters, and a two-part Garden of Wonder with programmed zones for the really young. The Busy Bees zone is for 1 and 2-year-olds to explore nature in a safe, age-appropriate way. Sweet Peas zone for 3 and 4-year-olds features a bee-dance pavement design, a green maze, and a flowery meadow which provides the opportunity for children to learn about our pollinators’ behavior as they trace the flight of a bumble bee. The Dig and Grow zone will introduce children to the lifelong love of planting and gardening. A canopy walk high up in the trees will give a bird’s eye view of the garden’s ecosystem.

It is only in our helping children acquire a love of nature and a deep intuitive understanding of our natural world that we can assure that the future of our earth will follow a course of sustainable development.
Another three day *Wild & Wonderful Experience* was enjoyed at our GCG Environmental Education Camp held at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Mansfield. All 17 campers had a great time participating in the many classes held for them July 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday we started with hiking to learn more about the camp, followed by an interactive program presented by GCG President Martha Price. She used an inflatable earth ball and apples to teach our campers how much of our water is actually potable. By cutting the apples and doing a little math, the results are staggering. Jean O'Shields was on hand to add humor with a lesson on litter. Our campers could recite the water lesson results for their parents on our last day!

Container gardening, the Lay of the Land Enviro-scape and identifying frog sounds with Linda May (Environmental Outreach Coordinator, Nongame Conservation ,DNR) rounded out the afternoon. Linda will be a speaker at an upcoming program for The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. in 2016. You will not want to miss her program! Date TBA.

Star Gazing with the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club is always a treat. Pluto was a hot topic while we were at camp. We all pointed to Pluto at 8:53 pm while learning that the light was the same on earth as it was on Pluto at 12:00pm.

Monday morning brought hiking with Mr. Pete, learning about the Native American “grocery store” and a Stream Study with the CEWC interns. In the afternoon Ranger Pete brought in “Amazing Animals” birds of prey and reptiles. Next on the agenda was a scavenger hunt of the Visitors Center, painting birdhouses and an underwater flower/basic design class. Our evening entertainment began with The Apostles of Bluegrass members Johnny Roquemore and John Nipper. A campfire and s'mores rounded out day two.

Tuesday we completed our camping experience with Archery, visiting the Brooke Ager Discovery Center and Fishing. As each camper departs for home, they take along the knowledge to always keep our world better than how it was found. A focus on clean water and our water supply was the theme of this 2015 environmental education camp.
Wild and Wonderful Camp 2015

The W&WE camp continues with the dedication and support of you, members of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the allegiance of the staff at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. Plans are underway for July 10-12, 2016. Please consider a child who will be entering 5th & 6th grades that you, your club, council or district would like to sponsor. Registration will open March 1, 2016. This W&WE Co-Chairman would love to share this experience with our Remarkable Redbud Youth! For additional information visit www.gardenclub.uga.edu or Contact Susan Turner at glencree@bellsouth.net

Growing Membership

Attention club membership chairmen: Great promotional helps are now available online from GCG including member cards, a powerpoint called “What is this thing called Garden Club”, new member forms and a membership development handbook. So the time is RIPE for new members: (R)ecruit men into the mix; (I)nvestigate after hours garden clubs; (P)rocure young professionals and (E)stablish youth garden clubs.

As another spur to membership, the district membership chairmen have been asked to survey local nurseries in the District to determine if they give discounts to garden club members.
Daisy is Bewitched Yellow Daisy Festival
September 11-13, 2015

Over 46 garden clubs from 18 counties in Redbud District VII of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc., have chosen Daisy is Bewitched as title and theme for their 2015 Standard Flower Show in cooperation with Stone Mountain State Park to be held on September 11-13 as its part of the annual Yellow Daisy Festival. Admission to the show in Memorial Hall is free to the public with admission to Stone Mountain State Park. Show Hours are 4 - 7 PM on Friday; 10 AM to 6PM on Saturday; and 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday. Titles have been inspired by a bewitching and beguiling Daisy perched on a broom that appears on the show’s Schedule/Program cover. This year’s show with a lighthearted Fall Halloween theme includes season appropriate titles for public enjoyment and enchantment. All exhibits in the show will be judged and scored. Awards will be made for high scoring entries in all three show Divisions. Local residents are encouraged to enter horticulture exhibits.

Division I, Design, will include 36 separate exhibits with sizes starting at five inches high and will include designs on tables, blocks, pedestals, doors, and easels as well as hanging designs.

Division II, Horticulture, will include both cut specimens of plant materials as well as plants growing in pots and include fruits, vegetables, vines, and herbs in addition to trees and shrubs grown by exhibitors. Plants will be identified and will showcase familiar cultivars and newer introductions, all grown within Redbud District, with Janet McGinnis as District Director. The Horticulture Division of a show gives visitors hundreds of ideas for what they can plant in their own gardens, large and small, and that will grow successfully throughout the District.

Division III, Special Exhibits, includes both Design and Horticulture for Youth, preschool through 18 in 3 categories, Juniors, Intermediates, and High School. The great creativity and ingenuity in Youth Design entries are always a show standout. The other portion of Division III is the Educational Division. Informative exhibits prepared by adult club members that will this year teach attendees about culinary herbs and about bats and/or bat houses. The show fills the Garden Club of Georgia Mission: Beautification ... Conservation ... Education.

Chairman for Daisy Is Bewitched is Susan Turner of Conyers. Co-Chairman is Betty Lester of LaGrange. Liaison to Stone Mountain Park is Lorraine Loftis of Atlanta. Clubs in Atlanta, Avondale Estates, Conyers, Decatur, Griffin, Jackson, Sharpsburg, Snellville, Stone Mountain, and Tucker also provide chairmen. Participation as exhibitors is expected to include members of District garden clubs.

Any amateur gardener within the District is eligible to enter Horticulture, and any youth is eligible to enter the Youth sections. Rules and the schedule are on the websites for DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs and Redbud District of The Garden Club of Georgia.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION GARDENS AND SITES

- Historic House and Garden Tour – Emily Wilbert, Chair, 2015 -
- Historic Landscape Initiative – Elaine Bolton, Chair, 2015 -

Everyone is encouraged to survey gardens in their area. Do especially seek gardens which have been in a family 50 years or more. Gardens may be associated with a significant house or occupant. Research may include articles, maps, garden sketches, and photographs to document the history and current condition of the property. Surveys are available from me, each district chair, or the Garden Club of Georgia web site www.gardenclub.uga.edu/historic.html.

The Historic Gardens Grant committee (Julie Groce, Chair) awarded $10,442.00 in grants last year. All clubs and individuals are encouraged to support the Historic Partners and Patrons (Betsy Robinson, Chair) fundraiser which helps to fund the grant program by donating $25.00 or more annually. Grant applications will be reviewed at the August meeting of the committee. The processes and progress is reviewed at the winter meeting.

Atlanta History Center Lecture
Oct 14 2015 - 7:00pm

"When gardeners garden, it is not just plants that grow but the gardeners themselves." - Ken Druse

To celebrate the Cherokee Garden Library’s 40th anniversary, the Garden Library hosts gardening superstar, Ken Druse. Called “the guru of natural gardening” by The New York Times, Ken Druse is a celebrated lecturer, photographer, and author. His most recent work, The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change is receiving rave reviews.

Individual tickets are $25.
Dollars Support Scholars

Here is a wonderful new way to assist our upcoming scholars. As you know, during the last administration we had the “Bagging for Scholarships” tote bags to sell to help the Scholarship Program meet their goals. Since the bags have almost sold out, we need to replace this fundraiser. We are introducing the “Dollars Support Scholars” fundraiser. January has been designated as “Scholarship Month”. We are asking all club members to support scholarships with a dollar per member contribution during the month of January. Please note that we are not replacing District Named Scholarships; they are vital to our program. This is in addition to the Named Scholarships. However, for every $1,000.00 raised, the district can add another Named Scholarship. The way it works is that the club treasurer will collect the dollars, deposit the cash and write a check to the GCG Assistant Treasurer, Susan Turner. She will electronically acknowledge the club’s contribution, credit the district and send a thank you note. Each club will be sent an electronic reminder of the fundraiser that contains information as to where to send the check, etc. closer to January.

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National Garden Clubs, Inc. encourages you to read and discuss *The Frightened Frog* with the children in your life. Even better, take them on a quest to find and egg mass, tadpoles, frogs and other amphibians. Become an environmental hero. Sit and listen while enjoying the mystery and magnificence of the natural world with the most important people in your life.

Price - $10
To order call 1-800-550-6007

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Pollinators and How They Help Us

What is pollination and who are the pollinators?

Pollination occurs when pollen is moved within flowers or carried from flower to flower by pollinating animals such as birds, bees, bats, butterflies, moths, beetles, or other animals, or by the wind.

What does pollination do?
The transfer of pollen in and between flowers of the same species leads to fertilization, and successful seed and fruit production for plants. Pollination ensures that a plant will produce full-bodied fruit and a full set of viable seeds.

Why does pollination matter to us?

- Worldwide, roughly 1,000 plants grown for food, beverages, fibers, spices, and medicines need to be pollinated by animals in order to produce the goods on which we depend.
- Foods and beverages produced with the help of pollinators include: apples, blueberries, chocolate, coffee, melons, peaches, potatoes, pumpkins, vanilla, almonds, and tequila.
- In the United States, pollination by honey bees, native bees, and other insects produces $40 billion worth of products annually.

Are pollinators in trouble?

- Worldwide there is disturbing evidence that pollinating animals have suffered from loss of habitat, chemical misuse, introduced and invasive plant and animal species, and diseases and parasites.
- Many pollinators are federally “listed species,” meaning that there is evidence of their disappearance in natural areas.
- The U.S. has lost over 50% of its managed honeybee colonies over the past 10 years.
- A lack of research has hindered our knowledge about the status of pollinators. The E.U. has been so concerned that they have invested over $20 million investigating the status of pollinators in Europe.

What can you do to promote and protect pollinators?

- Plant for pollinators
  - Cultivate native plans, especially those that provide nectar and larval food for pollinators
  - Install houses for bats and native bees
  - Supply salt or mineral licks for butterflies and water for all wildlife
  - Reduce pesticide use
  - Substitute flower beds for lawns
- Watch for pollinators
  - Join a Pollinator Partnership or Native Plant Society
  - Volunteer for pollinator-friendly organizations and garden groups
  - Experience time outdoors and work with plants and animals
• VOTE! Make your voice be heard for conservation and pollinators
  o Reduce your impact
    • Buy locally produced or organic food
    • Walk, cycle, use public transit, carpool, telecommute
    • Reduce your consumption – reduce, recycle, reuse

Bonnie Pennington, Chair – BonniePennington@comcast.com

**Action in the Environment**
Presented by National Garden Clubs and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
November 12-13, 2015
Georgia Veterans State Park, Cordele, Georgia
Meeting and Lodging – Lake Blackshear Resort and Golf Club
Lodging reservations – 1-800-459-1230 (due by October 22, Code: Garden Club Reservation #240046
Registration – due by November 1, 2015
Make check payable to Garden Club of Georgia, mail to Merle Smallwood, 4102 Abbey Lane,
Tifton, GA 31793.

Name ________________________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
Street _____________________ city _________________________ state ________
e-mail ________________________

Garden Club __________________________ State (if not GA)________

Check all appropriate: Master Gardener ( ) National Gardener Subscriber ( )
Refreshing Consultant for: Environmental Studies ( ) Landscape Design ( )

Special dietary needs ____________________________

Cost: Workshop only $90  Refresher Credit $5 for EACH SCHOOL

Total Enclosed ____________________
In memory of former GCG President Suzanne Wheeler, North Georgia Council of Flower Show Judges is sponsoring a Flower Show School to be held at Bellmere Garden House in Johns Creek. We still have several openings, so come and join us September 28-30, 2015 for Course I. Learn the “ins and outs” of flower shows and how to judge floral designs and horticulture. Georgia’s own, Fay Brassie, NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor, will exhibit and discuss mass, line, line/mass and still life designs. If your focus is on horticulture, then you’ll want to come and hear Darlene Newell, NGC Flower Show School Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Instructor from West Virginia, talk about chrysanthemums and succulents and how to grow, show and judge them. She will also present Flower Show Procedure and the rules associated with holding a flower show.

Flower Show School is not only for prospective flower show exhibitors and judges, but also for all garden club members and all persons interested in flower design and horticulture. While the primary purpose of these courses is to train those aspiring to become flower show judges, many people attend for information only. Each of the four courses, offered approximately every six months, includes Horticulture curriculum, Flower Show Procedure and Design instruction. The cost for each course is $125.00. For further information, contact Joy Zaidan, GCG Flower Show Schools Chairman at jzaidan@bellsouth.net or 770-493-8475.
**Suzanne Wheeler**

**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL**

Course I

**Registration Deadline: September 14, 2015**

NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

**Course I: September 28-30, 2015**

(The 2007 *Handbook* is required for credit)

Name_______________________________________

Address_______________________________________

E-mail_______________________________________

Phone #_______________________________________

Garden Club__________________________________

Make Checks Payable To:

NGCFSJ Flower Show School

Mail to:  Cookie Roland, Registrar & Co-Chairman
2771 Anscot Court, Snellville, GA 30078-3005
r_cookie@att.net

(Check one)

Full Course, Students (with exam)  $125_____

Full Course, Students (no exam)  $115_____ 

Full Course, Judge’s Special  $  80_____

One Day, Tues., Horticulture, Judge’s Special  $ 50_____

One Day, Wed., Design, Judge’s Special  $ 50_____ 

Total Enclosed  $________

Fees include lunch and 2 breaks with snacks on
Monday and Tuesday
Redbud District
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Invites You to Attend Our

Annual District Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015

Dunaway Gardens
3218 Roscoe Road, Newnan, GA. 30263
678-423-4050

Program
“Tea In The Garden”
Owner, Jennifer Bigham, Program and Garden Tour

Registration and Hospitality at 9:30 am ~ Meeting begins 10:30 am

Honored Guest: Martha Price, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Remarkable Redbuds & Guests
Renew - Friendships Across and Beyond Redbud District
Peruse - Displays and Exhibits
Check Out - Country Store Items and “Magic Wands”
Winning Opportunity - Basket Raffle
DUNAWAY GARDENS

Opened originally in 1934 as a theatrical training ground for some of the country’s most beloved stage performances, Dunaway Gardens is a one of a kind rock and floral garden that boasts unsurpassed beauty throughout the seasons. Home for a time of Minnie Pearl and frequented in the 30’s and 40’s by colorful visitors including Walt Disney. Nearly forgotten under a blanket of vines and decay, the gardens were brought back to life in 2000 when Jennifer Bigham began restoring the hidden jewel to its original majesty and splendor.

~ Lodging Information ~

Hampton Inn, 50 Hampton Way, Newnan 30165, 770-253-9922 - $94+

Spring Hill Suites, 1119 Bullsboro Drive, Newnan, 30165
770-254-8900 - $114+

Town Place Suites Newnan, 4001 McIntosh Pkwy, Newnan 30263
770-400-8810 - $159+

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Driving Directions to Dunaway Gardens www.dunawaygardens.com.

From Atlanta: Take I-85 South to Exit # 69 Merge Right South Fulton Parkway (Spur 14) (stay in left lane for first two miles). Go 20.7 miles. Turn left onto Campbellton Redwine Road (this road becomes Highway 70 at Coweta County line). Go 7.1 miles. Turn Right just after the bridge into the stone and gated entranceway to Dunaway Gardens. Through entranceway bear left to parking uphill.

From South: Take I-85 North to Exit #47 in Newnan (Hwy34/Shenandoah/Newnan/Peachtree City). Turn Left onto West Highway 34 Go 0.8 miles. Turn Right onto 34 Bypass (N. Farmers Ind. Blvd. Go 2.9 miles. Turn Right onto Highway 70 (Roscoe Road) go 5.8 miles. Turn Left into the stone and gated entranceway to Dunaway Gardens. Through entranceway bear left to parking uphill.

Other directions can be found on the web site.
2015 Redbud District Meeting Registration Form
Mail completed registration form and check for $35.00, payable to Redbud District. Send to:
Rigby Duncan, 2800 Hunting Hill Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-1504

Luncheon Reservation Deadline: October 8, 2015 Late Fee: $10.00

Name______________________________________ E-Mail____________________
Address__________________________________ City ________________Zip_____
Garden Club________________________ District___________ Phone____________

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

____National Board Member   ____Past State President   ____District Board Member
____National Life Member      ____State Board Member      ____Council President
____Deep South Board Member  ____State Life Member       ____Club President
____Deep South Life Member   ____District Director       ____Club Member
____State President          ____Past District Director   ____Guest

____First Time Attendee at a District Meeting   ____ New Garden Club Member in 2015

Dietary Restrictions___________________________________________________________

I would like to reserve exhibit space for a display. I will need:

1/2 table _______ 1 table _______

Chairmanship/Name of Display ________________________________________________