NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

The Garden Club of Georgia has a reputation among the other member states of the National Garden Clubs as usually receiving the ‘lion’s share’ of NGC Awards at the annual National Convention. This year was no exception. GCG President, Suzanne Wheeler, returned to Georgia after the 2014 National Convention in Norman, Oklahoma with an armful of awards. One of the First Place awards received by GCG was the Publications Award #13, category 2, for an educational publication dealing with environmental, landscape, gardening, or horticulture therapy. The award was given for the “Scatter Info As We Bloom and Grow” newsletter!!!

As one of the three co-editors of the “Scatter Info As We Bloom and Grow” newsletter, I feel honored to have been a contributor to this new endeavor of GCG. It has been a real privilege working with Gail Berthe and Judy Keenan to bring President Suzanne Wheeler’s vision to fruition. And, I am delighted that our joint efforts brought home another NGC award for Georgia.

From a personal perspective, producing the Landscape Design edition of this newsletter has been an extremely rewarding experience for this co-editor, albeit at times somewhat challenging but challenging in a positive way. I do hope that this third Landscape Design Edition contains something of interest for each newsletter reader. Remember, if there is something that you would like to see covered in a future LD Edition, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Jane Hersey, Landscape Design Editor
At the 86th Annual Meeting of GCG held May 14-15, 2014 in Macon, Helen Grogan was acknowledged by GCG Four and Five Star Chairman, Virginia Palmer, for achieving National Garden Clubs Four Star Membership. Helen has completed all aspects of the four schools offered by NGC – Landscape Design, Gardening Studies, Environmental Studies, and Flower Show School. Four Star status represents a significant individual achievement and Helen joins a small minority of garden club members who have successfully completed these demanding requirements. She is a Life Judge and member of the North Georgia Judges Council and is a Consultant in each of the other three Councils. Helen serves as the Dogwood District Director, the President of Pine Center GC, and is also the President of the Environmental Consultants Council.

**CONGRATULATIONS, HELEN!!!!**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL RECEIVES A TOP NGC AWARD**

The Landscape Design Consultants Council of Georgia was among those proud Georgia winners at the GCG 2014 Convention Awards Banquet when it was announced that the Council was the recipient of the Hubert Bond Owens Silver Trophy – National Garden Clubs Award #40. The NGC award is given for the most outstanding program of continuing landscape design education. The award application was submitted by Jane Hersey on behalf of the Council for the Tri-Refresher sponsored by the Landscape Design Consultants Council which was held last fall in Augusta. Judy Kirkland served as Chairman for this event. The Tri-Refresher was featured in the first Landscape Design Edition (November 2013) of the “Scatter Info As We Bloom and Grow” newsletter.

Landscape Design Council President, Jane Hersey (center), and Vice President, Judy Kirkland (right), accepted the engraved silver and gold trophy plate from the President of National Garden Clubs, Linda Nelson. The plate will be displayed at the GCG headquarters house.
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO UGA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS

Three students majoring in Landscape Architecture at the University of Georgia were each recipients of several scholarships awarded by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for the academic year 2014-2015: Kaitlyn Lowe, Phillip Shippey, and Daniel Sizemore. Two of these three students received scholarships donated by the Landscape Design Consultants Council.

The scholarships awarded to Kaitlyn Lowe included a $1,000 scholarship given by the Landscape Design Consultants Council in memory of Brencie Werner. Scholarships awarded to Phillip Shippey included a $1,000 scholarship given by the Landscape Design Consultants Council in memory of James B. Cothran. Daniel Sizemore received the Founders Memorial Scholarship and a GCG Scholarship. He was one of two Georgia recipients to also receive a $5,000 National Garden Club Scholarship.

Thanks to Emily Wilbert for contributing the following “personal” information about Kaitlyn, Phillip, and Daniel and also the photo of Daniel.

Kaitlyn Lowe learned many life’s lessons while following her grandmother in the yard. From learning types of weeds, and weeding, to plant names and uses, she says she will never forget what she learned from her grandmother. As a high school student, she became quite active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and at one point was part of a group which went to a community day-care where they set up gardens, provided gardening information, and interacted with the clients at the day-care. As a member of FFA, she went to the state level of plant ID competition. One of her professional goals is to live in a Southeastern urban area and work for a large landscape architecture firm. After acquiring expertise, she would like to establish her own private firm to focus on residential work. Currently, she is part of a study group touring the Northeastern part of the USA, Boston, Philadelphia, Wilmington, and has learned that those areas are also exciting to consider as a professional home base. For several years she has worked with GCG member Mary Byrd at Ms. Byrd’s home and property, and has gained a good appreciation for the heavy lifting sometimes required of a professional in the landscape architecture field. Lowe is one of the first in her family to attend college, and thanks The Garden Club of Georgia for their help in providing funds for students to continue their college studies.

Phillip Shippey began as a child to garden, helping in the family garden. He says he learned to love to till the earth, plant the seeds, and watch the plants grow to harvest. While still a teen, he began to work at the golf course facility at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC). During this time he developed an appreciation for the built environment, and majored in Landscape and General Management at ABAC. Shippey has helped conduct land-planning studies in Cherokee County, GA, has generated residential design for two homes, each with over an acre in area, using both Computer Assisted Drawing (AutoCAD) and hand-drawn blueprints, and has studied with an internship in Guangzhou, China. While in China he saw lots of development of parks and public spaces on a grand scale. His interest in the use of developed greenspace is continuing, as Shippey still follows the news out of China in the landscape design field. Shippey, a student
member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, continues his studies at UGA, and expects to complete his degree requirements in two years. He expressed his deep appreciation to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for their financial help in his continuing studies.

Daniel Sizemore also credits childhood gardening, alongside all four of his grandparents, with developing a love for the land and how it impacts us for food, shelter, and beauty. His first exposure to the field of landscape architecture was in high school while taking a landscape design class and two years of AutoCAD through West Georgia Technical College. Summer work at Dunaway Gardens in Coweta County prepared him for the physical side of the field and began to develop his interest in the aesthetics of landscape design. Sizemore studied Ceramics and Sculpture during his undergraduate years at UGA. This developed his natural tendency toward design and aesthetics. As a practicing sculptor and potter, Sizemore’s main intention was to design objects that were not only aesthetically pleasing, but also intellectually stimulating. He wanted to inspire the viewer to explore space from different perspectives. He continues to incorporate the exploration of space in his approach to landscape design. His continued studies have led him into the field of environmental restoration and to that end he is pursuing LEED accreditation. Sizemore wants to bring awareness of environmental regenerative practices to the public. Rather than designing a landscape which uses resources and energy to maintain, he wants to create landscapes that are not only self-sufficient, but also regenerative. He has done volunteer work with the Chew Chew and Rivers Alive in Athens, and re-established Emerging Green Professionals as a network opportunity for young professionals in the Athens area. Sizemore will use the funds provided by the GCG and NGC scholarships to further his research into regenerative design, which will allow a more accurate analysis of his thesis topic. Sizemore expresses his deep appreciation for the opportunity to dig deeper into the emerging field of ecological restoration.
“REFRESHING” AT LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL IN MISSOURI

By Jane Hersey

Since a Landscape Design School had not been scheduled in Georgia this year, I decided to attend a school given in another state so that I could stay on track to eventually achieve Master Status. When I registered to refresh at Course II of a Landscape Design School being offered in March at Fulton, Missouri, I had no idea that I would have such an incredible experience attending the school. First of all, I received an extra warm welcome from Joyce Lewis, the President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri; Linda Houston, the State Chairman for the Landscape Design School; and the other garden club members from all over the state of Missouri that were also attending the school. I was the only “foreigner” attending the school but everyone treated me like I was one of their own. Interestingly, one of the little tidbits I learned was that our Crepe Myrtles – a mainstay of Southern landscaping which Georgians often take for granted – are much envied by Missouri gardeners as they cannot grow large, mature specimens successfully in the ground due to climate constraints. Most winters the growth is killed back to the ground. At best, they are grown as potted plants that must be protected in winter.

All of the school’s instructors/lectures were very informative and quite enjoyable. However, the highlight of the overall experience for me was an afternoon visit to the University of Missouri campus in Columbia. Mizzou is the first public institution of higher learning established west of the Mississippi River whereas UGA lays claim to being the oldest public university in the US. UGA was the first to receive a charter to function as a public university although two other universities (the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the College of William & Mary) claim title to being the oldest for different reasons.

Pete Millier, Director of Mizzou Botanic Garden and Landscape Services lectured on Landscapes as a Learning Experience and also Community Landscape Management. Attendees were treated to a tour guided by Dr. Millier and several members of the garden staff. The entire grounds of the Mizzou campus are designated a botanical garden by the state of Missouri – 1,262 acres! Currently the Mizzou Botanic Garden occupies 750 acres. Although we saw only a very small portion of the campus, it would be hard to come away without being awed and inspired by the incredible learning opportunity it presents for visitors as well as those connected with the university.

The Mizzou Botanic Garden was established in 1999, and like most gardens, it continues to be a “work-in-progress” as plants and gardens are added and areas expanded. Director Millier says that “Since its inception, the garden has become a living museum of thousands of plants displayed amongst famous icons, such as Jefferson’s original grave marker and the Columns of Academic Hall. The garden continues to delight campus visitors with its beauty and serves as a fertile academic environment for educators, researchers, and students. We currently have eleven thematic and seven special collection gardens around the Mizzou campus.” Tree Trails, with approximately 3 miles of over 100 identified trees, are also part of the garden and serve to even further expand the garden’s tremendous diversity and learning potential. Special QR codes are on each tree label to help Smart Phone users connect to online information about that tree.
Director Millier shared with me that Dr. Michael Dirr and Coach Vince Dooley had visited the Mizzou campus a little over a year ago. Dr. Dirr led a Winter Plant Walk that was hosted by the garden in partnership with the National Green Center. Millier said that he hoped that he would have the opportunity soon to accept the invitation from Dr. Dirr and Coach Dooley to visit Georgia. In researching the Mizzou Botanic Garden, I discovered an article that appeared in the Columbia Daily Tribune in January 2013 written by Jan Wiese-Fales regarding the Plant Walk. The author refers to Dirr as a “legendary horticulturist” and to retired Georgia Coach Vince Dooley as “Dirr's neighbor, friend and protégé who has become a passionate gardener as well as a recent author.” In regards to Dr. Dirr, Wiese-Fales further states “Through his research, teaching and writing, Dirr, a retired professor of horticulture, has made a huge impact nationally on landscape gardening, gardeners and those in the plant professions. The author of 12 books, Dirr's "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants" and his "Reference Manual of Woody Plant Propagation" are bibles in the landscape and nursery industry.” I knew that Dr. Dirr and Coach Dooley were great but didn’t realize they were recognized nationally as Superstars!

Most plants and trees on the Mizzou campus were still sleeping when I toured the campus in March. The following pictures were copied from the Mizzou Botanic Garden website. The website www.gardens.missouri.edu has a wealth of information about the garden and is well worth visiting. And, of course, if you ever have the opportunity to visit the Mizzou Botanic Garden in Columbia, Missouri, SEIZE IT – I guarantee that you will not be disappointed!

This garden is located on the west side of the Chancellors Residence on Francis Quadrangle. Students and visitors now have an opportunity to sit among many of the flowers once found in Thomas Jefferson's garden at Monticello, which include Columbine, Boxwood, Virginia Bluebells, Carolina Allspice, and Vitex. A bronze sculpture of Thomas Jefferson, as well as the original tombstone, a simple obelisk, which once sat next to Jefferson’s grave, is also located in the garden. The tombstone was given to Mizzou by his heirs in 1883 due to Mizzou being the first University founded with Thomas Jefferson’s Louisiana Purchase.
The historical campus is centered on Francis Quadrangle, a historical district that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Quad and five buildings are perhaps the best surviving work of architect Morris Frederick Bell. Jesse Hall seen in the background was designed by Bell and constructed in 1892. It serves as the administrative center for The University of Missouri. The dome rises nine stories above the Quad and is one of the most recognized symbols of Mizzou. The five columns located in the middle of the grassy area are all that remains of a former Academic Hall that burned in 1892. This is one of the most photographed areas in Missouri, second only to the Arch in St. Louis. *The lawn on the Quad is the most expensive plant in the garden – costing $15,000 to $25,000 every year to maintain.*

*Magnolia x 'Butterflies’ at the Memorial Union*
Joe Pye Weed and Monarch Butterfly
*Eupatorium purpureum & Danaus plexippus*
Butterfly Garden

Pink Double Delight Coneflower
*Echinacea ‘Pink Double Delight’*
Coneflower Garden

Red Flowering Horse Chestnut Tree (*Aesculus x carnea*)
Found on the Memorial Union Trail

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