



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
2017 Fall State Board Meeting
OFFICIAL CALL
September 25-26, 2017
King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort
201 Arnold Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Dear Friends –

Thank you so much for accepting a position on the Board of Directors of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for the 2017-2019 term. Some of you are returning members of the State Board and some are new Board members. A warm welcome is extended to each of you. Your service is greatly appreciated and I am looking forward to working with you.

The first State Board Meeting will be held on St. Simons Island at the King and Prince Resort. The Finance and Executive Board will meet on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 2:00 pm and dinner Sunday night will be a Dutch treat with people ordering from the menu at a close-by local Seafood Restaurant. The full Board will meet on Monday, September 25 at 2:00 pm. We will have our Board Dinner at 7:00 on Monday evening at the resort with a social hour/cash bar at 6:00 preceding dinner. The Board Meeting will resume on Tuesday morning at 9:00 and we will be finished in time for you to head for home by noon.

It is always a pleasure to be able to conduct business at a beautiful location – St. Simons Island certainly fits the bill. And, the King and Prince is one of the most sought after destinations on the island. If you are able to do so, come a day early and just enjoy the area before the meeting begins. I hope each of you remembered to make your room reservations early as requested back in June – the absolute deadline is August 24.

Since there will be no Winter Board Meetings, I hope everyone will be able to attend this meeting. However, if you are unable to attend the meeting, you must send your request for an excused absence to Recording Secretary Nancy Muggridge and to me. And, please don't forget to send your meeting reservation form to Deanna McFarlan by September 9th.

The deadline for submitting recommendations for consideration at this meeting is Sunday, September 10. Please email all recommendations to Recording Secretary Nancy Muggridge and to me. Also send to the Chairman who will be affected. All recommendations for expenditures should also be sent to the Finance Officer and the Treasurer.

The reports of the Officers and the District Directors will be limited to 5 minutes with the exception of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer who may take the time needed for their reports. Committee Chairmen will be limited to 2 minutes. Chairmen, you do not have to give an oral report but you must turn in a written report.

Let Georgia's 2017-2019 theme "PLANT AMERICA – Georgia's Heritage, Georgia's Legacy" guide us as we go forward together to achieve the mission of GCG – Beautification, Conservation, and Education.

See you in September on St. Simons Island!!!!

Jane

STATE BOARD MEETING HOTEL RESERVATION

The King & Prince Beach & Golf Resort

201 Arnold Road

St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone # for Reservation 800-342-0212

Hotel Reservation Deadline: August 24, 2017 for GCG Rate

**There is one night charge if cancelled less than
14 days before arrival**

Standard Room - King or 2 Queens - \$149 + tax

Resort View - King or 2 Queens \$165 + tax

Partial Ocean View - 2 Queens \$179 + tax

Ocean Front - King or 2 Queens (Queen Rooms have 2 queen beds + sleeper
sofa to accommodate 3 persons if desired) \$216 + tax

Ask for Garden Club of GA Group Rate

BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Sunday, September 24, 2017

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Finance & Executive Committee Meeting

Retreat Room

Monday, September 25, 2017

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Retreat Room

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Social Hour/ Cash Bar

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Board Dinner

Delegal Room

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Board of Directors Meeting

Retreat Room

Please print this “Call Letter” and keep it where you can easily find it so that you don’t forget to send in your Board Meeting reservations on time.

All State Board Members MUST reply by SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

State Board Meeting Reservation Form

Monday, September 25, 2017

\$45.00 Registration

Banquet Dinner in Delegal Room

King & Prince Beach & Golf Resort, St. Simons Island, GA

Meeting Reservations due by Saturday, September 9, 2017

NAME: _____

CHAIRMANSHIP: _____

I WILL ATTEND

I WILL NOT ATTEND

I WILL HAVE A GUEST (\$45.00)

EXCUSE SENT TO SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT

MAKE \$45.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO:

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC. plus _____ for Guest

(Include \$45.00 for each guest)

RESERVATIONS RECEIVED **AFTER September 9, 2017 - Additional \$10.00 Late Fee**

MAIL THE CHECK AND THIS FORM TO:

Deanna McFarlan

3772 Allsborough Drive

Tucker, GA 30084-2403

Check # _____ \$45.00 or \$55.00 (**LATE RESERVATION**)

Excused Absences

The GCG Policy, (M. State Board Meetings - Absences in the GUIDE require a written request to be excused from attendance at a State Board meeting). Send your request for an excused absence, including the reason, to Recording Secretary, Nancy Muggridge (nanmugg@aol.com); GCG President, Jane Hersey (jhersey@bellsouth.net) and Deanna McFarlan (dmcfarlan18@earthlink.net). The list of absences will be presented at the State Board Meeting (Bylaws Article VI, Governing Boards, Section 2).

Written Reports

A report is due after the Board Meeting. Please put only your name and chairmanship in the upper right hand corner and a short paragraph or two about your chairmanship. Please keep a copy of your report and provide facts pertinent to your committee (i.e.: donations received for each year, numbers of members that participated, # of awards applications you judged, grants awarded -- how much and to whom, etc. Also list any events that you sponsored. Keep it concise, but provide details. Send your report by e-mail to Barbara Bourque (b.bourque@comcast.net) for posting to the LISTSERV. Remember: Attachments cannot be posted over the LISTSERV.

Recommendations

All recommendations for consideration must be submitted two weeks prior to the State Board Meeting. The **ABSOLUTE** deadline date is **Sunday, September 10, 2017**. Send **ALL** recommendations to GCG President, Jane Hersey and Recording Secretary, Nancy Muggridge. Recommendations dealing with finances must also be sent to Finance Officer Mary Denney (srdenney@mindspring.com) P.O. Box 77, Moreland, Ga 30259 and Treasurer, Brenda Griner (brendagriner@bellsouth.net), 244 Satilla Drive, Brunswick, Ga 31523. All recommendations must also be sent to any committee chairman involved or affected by the proposal, on or before the deadline date.

Directions:

From South of Brunswick: (North on I 95)

- I-95 North to exit 29, first Brunswick Georgia Exit.
- Right off Exit ramp onto U.S. Highway 17.
- Approximately 9.3 miles take a right onto FJ Torras Causeway, the only access to St. Simons Island.
- Once on the island, get in the right traffic lane and continue straight on Kings Way.
- Continue approximately 3.3 miles through the Village area.
- Turn right onto Arnold Road, at the yellow blinking light. You will notice The King and Prince sign on the left. The Resort is one block ahead on your right.

From Atlanta / North GA (South on I 95)

- I-75 South to Macon, Georgia - I-16 East to Savannah, Georgia.
- I-95 South to Exit 38 - Brunswick Georgia.
- Turn left onto Spur 25 (Golden Isles Parkway)
- Spur 25 merges with US Highway 17 South
- Take a left onto FJ Torras Causeway, the only access to St. Simons Island.
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