Dear Garden Club Friends~

Welcome back to a new year of Youth Garden Club Adventures! As young people return to school and their regular activities, I trust you will help them continue learning of nature and our environment. Many of the pages herein make excellent hand-outs for your use. You received these back in the spring but I want to share them again so you know right where everything is when you need it! Remember, YOU have the knowledge to share with our young people to ensure they have the tools they need to make good decisions for our world as they mature and “Scatter Joy as they Bloom & Grow”. As always, most youth contests are due December 1st. Contact your Chairmen or GCG on-line GUIDE for details. All of your Youth Team District and State Chairmen are ready to help you or answer a quick (or a complex!) question. Let’s keep youth as a top priority in our clubs, after all,

Districts Dig Youth!

Susan

GCG Youth Team 2013-2015

Youth Coordinator, Youth Awards & Youth Garden Clubs Chairman:
Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp Co-Chairman:
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Home/Office: 770-922-4411  Cell: 404-502-8147  glencree@bellsouth.net

Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp & Youth Sculpture Contest Chairman:
Molly Kimler – 555 West Hightower Trail, Social Circle 30025

High School Gardeners Essay Contest and High School Awards State Chairman:
Barbara Wheeler-Horner – P.O. Box 815 Evans, Georgia 30809-5360
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Jean O'Shields – 400 Valley View Drive, Fort Valley 31030-3443
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Youth Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest State Chairman:
Mary Ogden – 51 Horton Road, Odum 31555-7832
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Youth Garden Clubs, Contests & Awards Applications are ready for your participation!

Congratulations to our many youth winners for their creative entries in the various GCG sponsored contests. I hope you have read the entire listing of our numerous youth winners in the Fall Edition of Garden Gateways. As your Youth Awards Chairman, I was very excited to receive so many entries from our garden clubs sponsoring youth clubs and GCG State Contest Chairmen. Just like our GCG adult club awards, we want to recognize all your hard work with youth clubs so please apply; we will love to hear from you! I know from my experience with the Bluebells Junior Garden Club, the girls really like to participate in the contests and always learn something new; a perfect combination.

We are so appreciative of our 49 sponsoring clubs as well as our GCG Youth Club Leaders and members who develop ideas, create programs and work with our young people on a regular basis. Don’t forget our High School students. These young people will benefit so much from the lessons you have to share with them. Teens are so much fun to work with and are eager to help with your clubs projects, too. Think of all those GCG & NGC Special Projects your club wants to accomplish! I think these young people would love to know more about bees and other pollinators. Check out the wonderful Crown Bees video sent by Judy Kirkland, our GCG BeeGap Chairman: fascinating! http://www.growingagreenerworld.com/solitary-bees-pollinators/.

As we know, the children of today are our future leaders and garden club members of tomorrow! Let us do all we can to give them the knowledge they need to make wise decisions for our planet. Remember, Youth Gardeners love the same things we love...you have a lot to share!

Susan
NGC & GCG CONTEST INFORMATION

There are a variety of contests for our youth to participate in, all the while learning valuable lessons and having fun, too! Ask neighbors, friends and civic organizations to help sponsor children for these contests. Perhaps there are Private Schools in your area who would love to know about our Youth Contests and the value they bring their youth education program. Do you know any families who Home School? Again, learning how to prevent wildfires with Smokey Bear, litter and land management with Woodsy Owl and the other environmental education topics of our contests are sure to be valuable resources for a variety of educators. Rules are available from Chairmen and from NGC www.gardenclub.org. Remember, children do not need to be a Youth Garden Club Member to participate in GCG contests. Youth need only be sponsored by a GCG Garden Club...that’s you!!

However, Youth Contests are a great way to get started with a GCG Youth Garden Club and “feel the waters” in working with our youth. Trust me; it is easier than you think and so very rewarding! A minimum of five programs a year gets you started to make a difference in the lives of many children you reach with information on our natural world. Attached is an information sheet I developed a few years back but the information is equally relevant today. All it takes is YOU! Each of your Chairmen promises to help you with any questions you have and make it fun to join our Youth Team!

Your Youth Team members have developed labels for use with the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest and the Poetry Contest. The information you provide on the label is affixed to the reverse of the contest entry on the lower right side. This documentation assists us in identifying the entries. It is most critical that we know who the contact person is for that entry, including name address, phone number and email. If you have already used an earlier edition of this form or printed out your labels that is OK. Please just be certain to add the Club Contact information for each entry. A page of these labels will fit perfectly on Avery white shipping labels 3 1/3” X 4” #5164. There are also store brand comparable labels available. A full page template is available from this chairman and on the website at www.gardenclub.uga.edu

This information will be so helpful at awards time!

NAME_______________________________________
Grade________ Teacher________________________
School_______________________________________
Garden Club __________________________________
District_______________________________________
Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.; Deep South Region.
Club Contact: _________________________________
Address: _____________________________________
City/St/Zip__________________________
Ph.#________________________ Email________________________
District Contest Chairman: _______________________
Ph.#________________________ Email________________________
Child Pt/Guardian____________________________
Address____________________________________
City/St/Zip____________________________________
Ph.#________________________ Email________________________
GCG YOUTH AWARDS LISTING

Details of Award requirements may be found on the GCG website @ www.uga.edu/gardenclub and the NGC website @ www.gardenclub.org

GCG ADULT YOUTH RELATED AWARDS – ADULT WORK WITH YOUTH.
Contact Susan Turner, Youth Awards Chairman for questions on applying for these Youth Related Awards at 770-922-4411 email: glencree@bellsouth.net
Awards are due December 1st to Susan Turner, unless otherwise noted.

- GCG Award #57 – Junior and/or Intermediate Activities (See NGC Award #8)
- GCG Award #58 - Junior Club Leadership Award (See NGC Award #60)
- GCG Award #59 – High School Gardeners Activities Award (See NGC Award #8)

GCG JUNIOR &/OR INTERMEDIATE AWARDS:

Contact Susan Turner, Youth Awards Chairman for questions on applying for Youth Awards at 770-922-4411 email: glencree@bellsouth.net
Awards are due December 1st to Susan Turner, unless otherwise noted.

J-1 Junior and/or Intermediate Activities Award (Now reference GCG Award # 57 and NGC Award #8)
J-2 Yearbook Award
J-3 Civic Beautification Award
J-4 Horticulture Program Award (See NGC Award #14)
J-5 Conservation Award (See NGC Award #32 and DSR #22A)
J-6 Certificate of Merit for Jr. and/or Intermediate Garden Club (See NGC Award #10)
J-7 Junior Club Leadership Award (Now reference GCG Award #58 & NGC Award #60)
J-8 Environmental Concern Award (see NGC Award #55 & DSR #22A)
J-9 Flower Show Achievement Award for Jr. and/or Intermediate Gardeners (See NGC Award #47 A&B) Refer to HB for Flower Shows, 2007.
  Apply to Marge Willis 19258 GA. Hwy. 3 Thomasville 31792-8940
J-10 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – Apply to District Chairman by Dec. 1st
J-11 Jr. and/or Intermediate Poetry Contest (NGC Poetry Contest)
  Apply to your District Chairman by Dec. 1st

See the High School Awards listing below!
Announcing the 2015 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2015 National Garden Clubs, Inc., Poster Contest!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.

SMOKEY SAYS: ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!
Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey’s message, “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!” encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

WOODSY SAYS: LEND A HAND, CARE FOR THE LAND!
Woodsy Owl is America’s icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to “Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!” and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste; planting and caring for trees; using resources wisely; and not littering.

PRIZES:
• The National Grand Prize Winner of the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest will be honored with a Recognition Ceremony in Washington, DC. Round-trip airfare and accommodations for four will be provided.
• The National Garden Clubs, Inc., will award $50 to each of the First Place national winners in all five grades.
Recognition Ceremonies

• It is recommended that local and/or State recognition ceremonies be coordinated in conjunction with local events during Earth Week in April or during National Public Lands Day in September. Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear should be present at these award ceremonies if at all possible.

• Certificates of Participation are available at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation and www.gardenclub.org.

• The 1st place National Winners for each grade level category and the National Grand Prize winner will be announced at the 2015 National Garden Clubs, Inc., Annual Meeting.

• Certificates and prize money ($50) for the four national winners will be mailed following the 2015 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting. The National Grand Prize Winner will receive their check and certificate at the recognition ceremony in Washington, DC.

• The recognition ceremony for the National Grand Prize winner takes place every year during late Spring or Summer in Washington, DC.

• Forest Service conservation education and wildfire prevention regional coordinators can help you identify local Forest Service units that may assist you by having Smokey and Woodsy appear at your event. A list of coordinators is available at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation.

Poster Tips
1. A good poster has a bold and simple design.
2. Its message is easily understood, and is delivered both in picture and in text.
3. Educators can provide paper to children in order to initiate the program.
5. Posters will be judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.

Check out this website for detailed photos of Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl.
Poster Rules

1. All poster entries must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and must not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey’s wildfire prevention message: Only you Can Prevent Wildfires! Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy’s conservation message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!
4. Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
5. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
6. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. The choice of paper is up to the child.
7. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
8. The following information should be written on the back of the poster in the lower-right corner: The artist’s name and grade; the name of the sponsoring local garden club; and the name, address, phone number, and email of the contact at the local garden club (such as the Club President or the Youth Chair). If it is permissible, the following information should also be included: teacher’s name and the address, phone number, and email address of the artist and/or his or her parent or guardian. Dark markers should not be used because they may show through. This information may be either written directly on the back of the poster or written on a separate sheet of paper that is then pasted in place.
9. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists. Competition may include students from first to fifth grade.
10. Clubs apply to your District Chairman by December 1. The District Chairman must submit the poster entries to his or her State Chairman no later than January 20, 2015. The State Garden Club Chair must submit the five winning posters from his or her State to Regional Garden Club Chairman by February 14, 2015.
11. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate. Check the colors on the Web site www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation

“Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!”

“Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!”
Poster Rules (continued)

12. Students should be reminded to check spelling. Posters with spelling errors will be disqualified.

13. Any group of children can participate. Scout troops, after-school programs, and the like are perfectly appropriate. The child's grade must be included on the poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category.

14. Local Garden Club coordinators should offer certificates of appreciation to all participants. Certificates are available for download at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation and at www.gardenclub.org. They are also encouraged to organize a recognition ceremony. If there is a national forest nearby, the forest can be contacted to ask if Smokey or Woodsy can come and join the recognition ceremony. National forest addresses are available at www.fs.fed.us.

15. The Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest is an opportunity for local Garden Clubs to connect with their communities. The contest may be used to promote the club, attract children and their parents, and raise awareness of the importance of caring for the environment.

16. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.

17. Past winners are permitted and encouraged to participate again.

18. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. 3D posters are not allowed.

19. A poster may include just the head of Woodsy or Smokey.

20. National Garden Clubs, Inc., local coordinators for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest should contact their State or Regional Poster Contest Chairman in order to get promotional materials. Promotional materials are also available at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation and www.gardenclub.org.

21. Posters that compete for the National Grand Prize become property of the Forest Service. They ARE NOT returned to the participants. Participants and State and Regional Poster Contest Chairmen should make copies or scan and save the posters they submit.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Moreno, moreno_jen@aps.edu, or Iris Velez, ivelez@fs.fed.us.
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Invites

YOU

to participate in the

NGC Youth Poetry Contest

The 2015 Contest Theme is

“Good Stewards of Our Earth”

This year’s theme embraces many aspects of our lives and even characteristics of our own neighborhoods. Through poetry we recognize these attributes and can be profound about them. What can you do to insure that our world continues to be healthy for us?

Do you care for animals, our forest, our water, even our air? Without care, these elements of our world can disappear. We all depend on each other as a resource. Embrace your creativity! Be profound! Through the art of poetry you can make a difference!

Sing to your World about your Stewardship!

Be imaginative; create your work of art and shout what it means to be a Good Steward!
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Eligibility: General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade,
Special Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade,
English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Contest Rules

1. All entries must be typed and titled.

2. Include name, age, grade, school, school address on the back of entry.

3. Sponsoring garden club and contact person and state federation/club name must also be identified. **Contact person is mailing address for any winning entries.**

4. 'Generations of Gardeners" sponsoring garden club may be that of a Grandparent.

5. All entries become the property of NGC, Inc.

6. Poems do not have to rhyme.

7. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems (diamonte), limerick, Haiku, Lune, Tanka, tongue twisters or jump rope rhymes.

Scale of Points

Title – 10; Content – 40; Creativity – 30; Style - 20

District Poetry Contest Chairman, send your winning District entries to

State Chairman by **December 10th Deadline**-Send 1st & 2nd Place in each category to:

Jean O’Shields
400 Valley View Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030-3443
oshieldsjj@bellsouth.net
478-397-7660

State Winning Entries to **Regional Junior Chairman – January 1st**

Note: Only Regional winners are considered in the judging for National winners. National contest winners will not be allowed to win in two consecutive years. All of the winning entries will be compiled into a booklet, which will be made available to the winners!
Invites you to participate in the
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST &
HIGH SCHOOL GARDENER AWARDS

High School Gardeners Essay Contest Theme:

2014-2015 Theme
“Choosing to Make a Difference for a Better World”

Eligibility: Contests are open to high school students attending 9th through 12th grades. A single member garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts, or a state garden club must sponsor the contest. All entries become the property of NGC. Emphasis is on the theme, as stated.

Length of essay to be between 600-700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. All entries must be typed and titled. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in the NGC publication, The National Gardener.

Please refer to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org for complete Contest Rules and Scale of Points. For additional information contact Barbara Horner, contest State Chairman.

Deadlines: All Entries are sent directly to GCG State High School Essay Chairman to be received by DECEMBER 1st Mail to: Barbara Horner, GCG High School Gardeners Awards & Essay Contest Chairman P.O. Box 815 Evans, Georgia 30809 706-860-0769 cell: 706-955-6699 bawhorner@aol.com
THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

HIGH SCHOOL GARDENER AWARDS

All Due Dates are December 1st

Please refer to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org or our GCG website at www.gardenclub.uga.edu for complete Contest Rules, descriptions and Scale of Points on all High School Gardener Awards.

H-1 Scrapbook Award

H-2 Yearbook Award

H-3 Outstanding High School Gardeners Club Award

H-4 High School Gardeners Activities Award

H-5 High School Gardener Conservation Award

H-6 Flower Show Achievement Award for High School Gardeners

H-8 High School Gardeners Essay Award

2014-2015 Theme
“Choosing to Make a Difference for a Better World”

NGC YOUTH AWARD #76

The High School Distinguished Service Project Award along with $100 for first place and $50 for second place may be awarded to a high school student, grade 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, etc. A single member club, group of member clubs, districts or a state garden club must sponsor the contest.
Youth Sculpture Contest

The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our planet.

Contest Rules:

1. Children in 4th grade through 8th grade will be eligible to enter the contest.
2. Sculpture must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials.
3. Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 ½ X 11 inches.
4. Height should be proportional to width.
5. Entry form can be found on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org
6. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form but 2-4X6 photograph are recommended.
7. Entries should be submitted to the State Chair by January 1, 2015. Please send photo and entry form to: Molly Kimler, 555 W Hightower Trail, Social Circle, GA 30025
   For more information call Molly Kimler at 770 464-3589 or email mkimler@uga.edu

Scale of points
Creative use of materials and self-expression – 60 points
Description of sculpture and materials use – 30 points
Craftsmanship and techniques - 10 points

Molly Kimler
GCG Youth Sculpture Chairman
555 W Hightower Trail Social Circle, GA 30025
770-464-3589 mkimler@uga.edu
ATTENTION GIRL SCOUT YOUTH CLUBS!

Native Plants Patch for Girl Scouts
NUTURE THE EARTH - PLANT NATIVES

Discover, Connect and Take Action by earning the National Garden Clubs Native Plants Patch for Girl Scouts.

This program encourages partnerships between Girl Scouts and local National Garden Clubs to teach Girl Scouts about native plants in their area. Girl Scouts of all age levels are eligible to earn this patch. Learn more about this program at www.gardenclub.org and click on Youth. You may also contact Jo Sellers, Girl Scout Liaison for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Download the Native Plants Patch information sheet - WORD or PDF

The purpose of the Native Plants Patch is to encourage Girl Scouts and the National Garden Clubs to work collaboratively by:

- Promoting girl-to-girl, adult-to-adult, and girl-to-adult discussion about the National Garden Club initiative and partnership.
- Encouraging Girl Scouts to go to experts when they have questions while earning related badges, Try-Its, Interest Projects, or STUDIO 2B® charms.
- Showing girls a way to focus their earned awards when working toward the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

To earn the Native Plants Patch girls can:

* Discover native plants. Girls will learn what plants are native to their area and how to preserve and protect those native plants as well as what invasive species are in their area. Girls will learn about resources and partnerships offered by their local National Garden Clubs.

* Connect by working with their local National Garden Club members who will serve as project sponsor. In addition, girls are encouraged to make contact with native plant societies, horticultural professionals, and county extension services to help in completing project requirements.

* Take action by doing the following:* Interviewing someone about native plants in their area.
*Establishing a native beauty spot in a public garden, school, church, park, town or community.
*Spreading the word about native plants by sharing information learned with other troops and community groups, newspaper articles, radio and TV spots, or posters, fliers, and booklets.

Learn more about this program by contacting: Jo Sellers, josellers@cox.net
Girl Scout Liaison for the National Garden Clubs, Inc.
THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.
ANNUAL YOUTH CLUB REGISTRATION

Due annually by December 1st

Name of Youth Club ___________________________________________ Date __________________

Number of Member’s in Youth Club ___________ Est. No. of Mtg’s Planned (5+preferred) ______

Type of Group: Junior: K to 6th grade ____________ Intermediate: 7th & 8th ______________
High School: 9th-12th _____________ #Boys _______ #Girls _______ Average Age _____________

Clubs may be a combination of ages/group designation. Choose the most appropriate for your group & purpose.

Sponsoring Club ________________________________ District __________________________

President ________________________________ Email ________________________________

Address ________________________________ Phone Number (s) __________________________

Leader’s Name ________________________________

Address __________________________________________

Phone Number (s) ________________________________ Email ________________________________

Programs and projects planned or accomplished. Add any additional ideas or comments. Where do you meet?
(Describe briefly; use reverse or additional page if space is needed).

Plans for participation in Flower Show ______ Arbor Day ___ Earth Day ___ Nat’l. Garden Week ______

Civic/School Improvement ____________ National or State Programs/Competitions ______________

If your group has a garden, please describe where & what type.

If your group has a nature trail, please explain where, how funded, etc.

* Please include check made payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
* Annual Dues are $3.00 for Junior & Intermediate Youth Clubs or $5.00 for High School Youth Clubs.
* Youth Forms & Standard of Excellence forms also available on www.uga.edu/gardenclub.
* Mail with completed form to your State Youth Garden Clubs Chairman.
Susan Turner 3380 Glencree, NW Conyers, GA 30012-8102 glencree@bellsouth.net
Note: Dues are for each club registering, not per member. Form Rev. 4/13
It’s Not Too Late to Apply!
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Youth Garden Clubs Application for Standard of Excellence

Name of Youth Club ____________________ District ______________
Junior _____ Intermediate _____ Jr./Inter. _____ High School ______
(Indicate type of club and give number of members.)

Sponsoring Club ________________________________________

Advisor/Leader’s Name ______________________ Phone No. __________
Address ____________________________ Email _____________

Return completed form to designation GCG State Youth Chairman by August 1st. Must achieve a minimum of eight (8) of the eleven (11) numbered items. Additional consideration may be given for any special activities listed.

Sponsoring club is a member of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. ______ Have met requirement for a minimum number of members. ______
Have met requirement for a minimum number of meetings. ______
Registration form sent ______ & dues paid ______

_________________________________________________

Participation in Flower Arranging Workshop in Flower Show. _______

Describe Litter Control or Clean-up Activity. ______________________

Describe Garden Therapy Activity. ______________________________

Describe Arbor Day or other Tree Planting Activity. _______________

Describe Other Special Activities. ______________________________

Has applied for State Award (List Name & Number). ________________

Use separate sheet or reverse, as necessary. * Youth Forms & Standard of Excellence forms also available on www.uga.edu/gardenclub. * Mail with completed form to your State Youth Garden Clubs Chairman. Susan Turner 3380 Glencree, NW Conyers, GA 30012-8102 glencree@bellsouth.net_ Form Rev. 4/13
DISTRICTS DIG YOUTH!

Our forty-nine GCG sponsored Youth Garden Clubs are thriving due to your efforts and enthusiasm extended to our young people in all areas of gardening. We love seeing the work being done and the smiling faces as these young gardeners reap their rewards!

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has a Photo and Video Release for Minors Form available as permission from parents and guardians. This form is vital for us to make use of and have on file for the protection of all parties concerned. Children love to have their photo made and are even more excited to see themselves in print. Whether in a hometown newspaper, your district newsletter or on our GCG website, let us be sure we have this document in hand.

Parents are very gracious to allow us use their child’s image for the promotion of our youth programs and projects. We need to be respectful that they agree should we choose to show a group or individual photo of their child. The form is simple and self-explanatory. If anyone has any questions or concerns, you may direct them to me. Contest winners, youth clubs, and GCG sponsored events with minors all need to have a Photo Release form signed to allow us to use a child’s image in any type of publicity or publication. The form, (copied below), is available on our website www.gardenclub/uga.edu, via email or U.S. Mail from this chairman.

Let’s continue to:

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DISTRICTS

DIG YOUTH!

For additional information contact
Susan Turner
GCG 2nd VP / Youth Coordinator
Youth Clubs Chairman
770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Photo and Video Release for Minors

I hereby give The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) or its District Administration permission to publish or reproduce photos or videos of a minor child and to use these photos or videos in the development of educational or promotional materials such as GCG publications and the GCG website.

Name of person photographed (print) Age of minor

Street Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Signature Date

Printed name of Parent or Legal Guardian Relationship

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www.uga.edu/gardenclub

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So what have our Youth Gardeners been doing?

Junior Gardeners Design entries for the Redbud District 43rd Annual Yellow Daisy Flower Show “Daisy Rocks the Mountain” held Sept. 5-7, 2014 at Stone Mountain Park.

A priceless story accompanied this Top Award winning pumpkin in the recent Yellow Daisy Flower Show. Our entrant Virginia composted a pumpkin last year. As time went by and she was turning the compost, she noticed several seeds that had not decayed. Virginia planted them and reaped her rewards! She had 10 horticulture entries from her garden; eight 1st Place blue ribbons and two 2nd place winners. Virginia won a Top Award in her design, too. She is a busy gardener!

Check out upcoming Flower Shows in your area and sponsor a child to enter; you will each have a wonderful time! Thinking about having a Flower Show? Don’t forget the Youth Section!
The Millen Garden Council, Millen, Oleander District sponsored youth with their show “Ladies of the South” held March 8, 2014. The creative collage theme “Naturalist” was beautifully done.

Love the vibrant colors!

The Tifton Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., Tifton, Camellia District sponsored a Youth Section in their show “A Trip to the Museum” April 4-5, 2014. The Juniors created Fairy Gardens (bottom left) while the Intermediates depicted the theme “Kiss the Blarney Stone” and High School students interpreted “Leprechaun” (above).

I see future Designers and Flower Show Judges; what about you?
Elizabeth, shown with her teacher, proudly displays her 3rd Place Certificate and check from GCG as a winner in the Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. She was sponsored by Town & Country Garden Club, Azalea District. Charolette Thompson kindly forwarded this photo, along with the GCG Photo Release form. We send our congratulations to Elizabeth and look forward to her entry this year!

As a reminder if you choose, take photos of your young entrants with their Poster entry before you send it off!

As you know, the posters cannot be returned.

The Little Spade & Trowels Junior Garden Club, sponsored by Spade & Trowel Garden Club, Thomaston, Redbud District have been very busy in their community. They participated in Arbor Day and the “Let’s Make Thomaston Shine” event. These are just two of their many activities. Congratulations to all the Spade & Trowel gardeners!
Students take part in Make Thomaston Shine

The Little Spade and Trowel Garden Club at Westwood Christian Academy participated in the 11th Annual “Let’s Make Thomaston Shine,” held last spring. Citizens of the community were encouraged to get out and help clean up Thomaston. The club members chose their project to be “A Campus Cleanup” which quickly turned into a creative learning experience. Each student received a pair of gloves, debris bag, journal and pencil. Next, all were instructed to pick up debris and list each item in the journal. After the pickup, students assembled under trees and began studying their journal entries. Finally, with insight, stories were composed using hypothesis for possible ways the debris got on campus. Students shared their stories while enjoying snacks. Pictured is Project Coordinator and Birds and Butterfly committee chairman, Mrs. Gloria Johnson with students in Mrs. Carol Kennedy’s third grade class.
The Watkinsville Garden Club, Azalea District has been sponsoring a Youth Garden Club at Rocky Branch Elementary School. Their Youth Team assists a wonderful educator, Shawna McGrath. Shawna has built a school garden outside her classroom. The students’ plant, work in the garden and harvest. The day I visited the “Gardening with a Purpose” youth club had just picked their asparagus, lettuces, radishes and turnips. What is additionally wonderful is that food is shared with student families in need. Also, it is not just one class participating in this project. Classes are rotated so approximately 60+ students receive this valuable experience on a regular basis. Lastly, Ms. McGrath assisted in selecting two deserving students to attend this year’s Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp. We were thrilled to have Lena and Anna with us this year, sponsored by Watkinsville Garden Club. Thank you one and all for everything you do to help educate youth in Georgia!
The 7th Annual Wild & Wonderful Experience camp at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Mansfield has ended with so many delightful new memories for the campers and counselors alike. We hiked and learned about Native American lore, fished, visited with endangered species (various snakes, a Barred Owl and a Red-Tailed Hawk).

The campers each made a container garden and a flower design, painted a bird house and enjoyed many more activities. Lynn Mills spoke to us on Bees and Pollinators (with an encased live hive) and we tasted fresh, natural honey. Live music from Johnny Roquemore and a camp fire rounded out some of our evening activities.

One of the highlights was our annual astronomy lesson from the Greater Atlanta Astronomy Club, CEWC Chapter. The night sky cooperated beautifully as we saw the planets Saturn and Mars. One of the kids remarked of Saturn, “It looks just like it does in the book!” We were also able to see a star burning out, nebulae, various constellations (including the Dippers and Scorpio) and craters on the full Moon. Theo Ramakers and Frank Garner are so generous with their knowledge and time for us to enjoy all the night sky has to offer.

All these many activities gave the campers a wonderful new look at the world around us. Thank you to our many sponsors; clubs, individuals and friends of garden club. We are so appreciative of all your support. We are already set for our 8th annual GCG Wild & Wonderful Experience Camp! Our next date is July 12-14, 2015; mark your calendar and we’ll see you at camp!

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