DURING THE APRIL 2019 GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, CONVENTION

Evelyna Rogers was installed as the new Magnolia District Director for the term 2019-2021. Her moto for the term is “Just Imagine That”. The 2019-2021 Magnolia District Board Officers are listed to the right. Call upon them to aid your club as may be needed. They look forward to serving with you for the benefit of the local garden clubs, the Magnolia District, and the Garden Club of Georgia.

Half the interest of a garden is the constant exercise of the imagination. By “Mrs. C.W. Earle, Pot-Pourri from a Surrey Garden 1897

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"JUST IMAGINE THAT!"

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You Are Only Limited By Your Imagination
MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2019 – 2021 DISTRICT DIRECTOR,

EVELYNA ROGERS:

DIRECTOR’S CORNER: Evelyna Keadle Rogers, Magnolia District Director

“THINK LEFT AND THINK RIGHT:
THINK LOW AND THINK HIGH:

THE THINGS YOU CAN THINK:
IF YOU ONLY TRY” - Dr. Seuss

- Hello Magnificent Magnolias,

Each one of you is needed. -Oh, what a difference we can make. JUST IMAGINE THAT!

I am excited to serve as the Magnolia District Director for the 2019-2021 term. My Co-Director is Nilsa Summey, and we are busy dreaming up a wonderful adventure for you Magnificent Magnolias, and we hope you are ready to join us on this journey. The sights we will see, the work we will do, and the fun we will have. JUST IMAGINE THAT!

Our theme is “JUST IMAGINE THAT! To make a difference, to make great things happen, to grow- first we must IMAGINE IT, and then we must BELIEVE we can make it happen, and we must take ACTION. Imagination has no boundaries- the things we can dream, and the things we can make happen- it’s up to us. JUST IMAGINE THAT!

When I was a child one of my favorite party favors was the little cardboard kaleidoscope. Until it fell apart, I rotated and rotated fascinated as the tiny pieces fell into changing patterns of color and shape. That is my vision for our Magnolia District (not that we fall apart but that we continue to make new shapes, new combinations, new patterns that we will continue to move and change into beautiful patterns and shapes. One of the few things I ever wanted growing up and never received is a wonderful wooden kaleidoscope with brass trim and seemingly endless variations.
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The tiniest bits of shape and color made major contributions to the pattern- each club, each member is vital to the shapes and patterns we will make. JUST IMAGINE THAT!

Each of the seven districts of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a different pattern and shape, a different size and all together make up the colorful and unique whole that is The Garden Club of Georgia. JUST IMAGINE THAT!

The Magnolia District is made up of many clubs each with its own goals, traditions and patterns. Within each club individual members bring their own unique talents, ideas, and goals. Each contribution defines the pattern of the club and always the patterns are changing. While looking into those kaleidoscopes of long ago I was always sure the present pattern was the most beautiful even as I anticipated the next one, and each time the next one exceeded the one before. Together we can keep making new and even more exciting patterns. JUST IMAGINE THAT!

No matter what is planted in our garden, the seasons, and even the hours of the day change the colors, and the shapes-our gardens are living limitless kaleidoscopes. JUST IMAGINE THAT!

I love variety in colors, shapes, and styles, and I hope you do too. To meet the needs of garden clubs a variety of talents are needed. To make a real difference local, district, state, Deep South, and national we all have places to fill, jobs to do. And what a difference we can make together. Come along for this journey and what a difference we can all make together. JUST IMAGINE THAT!

“UNLESS SOMEONE LIKE YOU CARES AN AWFUL LOT, NOTHING IS GOING TO GET BETTER

ITS NOT.” Dr. Seuss

Let’s twist that kaleidoscope a few more rotations and see what new patterns we make. Each one of you is needed. Oh, what a difference we can make.

JUST IMAGINE THAT!

Evelyana & Nilsa
Your New 2019-2021 Magnolia District Board Officers

From right to left: 2019-2021 District Director (Evelyna Rogers), District Co-Director (Nilsa Summey), June Ewing, stand in for Phyllis Argo (Corresponding Secretary), Parliamentarian (Bess Hartley) Treasurer (Clara Jenkins) and Recording Secretary (Ann Howell): Missing are Phyllis Argo and Chaplain, Joyce Carreker

GET TO KNOW:

DISTRICT DIRECTOR: EVELYNA ROGERS: My first gardening experience was a container garden. An elderly woman, my mother sent me to deliver something to, gave me a gift in return. I admired the variety of Coleus she grew. She went out to her back porch and returned with a coffee can filled with tiny shoots just poking up above the soil. She said to feed them about a teaspoon of water each morning. I carried my treasure home went to the silver chest and removed a Chantilly iced teaspoon. To this day the sight of Coleus makes me smile. Children and gardening are a good mix. Evelyna is a member of the Camilla Garden Club and former co-president for two consecutive terms of Camilla Garden Club She is serving her fourth term on The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Board of Directors and has served as delegate to the Deep South Convention. She was instrumental in the creation of the GCG Wildflower Photo Contest.

DISTRICT CO-DIRECTOR: NILSA SUMMEY: At the invitation of friends, Nilsa joined the Winchester Garden Club, Columbus in 2013 after retiring from a 38-year career in federal civil service as a Contracting Officer/Contracting Division Chief. She served on the Garden Club of Georgia Board of Directors as Co-Chair of the 2019 State Convention and is the Civic Improvement Chair, Cemetery Chair, and Holiday Decorations Chair for 2019-2021. She attended the Deep South Convention in Jekyll Island and was a delegate at the National Garden Club Convention in Biloxi, MS. For 2019-21, Nilsa is President, Columbus Council of Garden
Clubs and Co-Director of the Magnolia District. She is also a UGA Master Gardener Extension Volunteer. Nilsa is looking forward to working with her new garden club friends in the Magnolia District and the state board.

RECORDING SECRETARY: ANN HOWELL: Ann is the Recording Secretary, Blue Star Chairman, Historical Markers Chairman for GCG.....member of Beautiful View Garden Club where she serves as 1st Vice President and Youth Chairman. Ann loves to work in her yard and enjoys watching the ever-changing colors in her yard. She grows blueberries, blackberries and muscadines and enjoys making jelly to share with friends. She is a member of Buena Vista First Baptist Church and she is passionate about Operation Christmas Child.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: PHYLLIS ARGO: Phyllis is a retired Teacher of the Deaf, who is serving as Magnolia District Corresponding Secretary and Tab Chairman, member of Sumter County Federation of Garden Clubs, and serves as Immediate Former President and Co-Secretary of Azalea Garden Club of Americus. Garden Club has given Phyllis an opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and to learn skills to share with her community. She loves arranging flowers for herself and friends and growing houseplants and herbs.

TREASURER: CLARE JENKINS: Clare has a long history as treasurer of the district as well as: Member of the Azalea Garden Club - Cuthbert 2003-present, Former Club Treasurer, Club President 2013-present, former member of Designing Women Garden Club, Magnolia District Director 2009-2011, Magnolia District Board 2009-present, Magnolia District Treasurer 2013-present, GCG State Board 2009-2019, National Flower Show Judge 2011-2015, and 2019 GCG State Convention – Chairman. All of the job duties had endless duties but lots of joy.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: BESS HARTLEY: Bess has a long history of service to the Fort Gaines Home and Garden Club, Magnolia District, Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South Garden Club, and the National Garden Club. She knows her job well and you will enjoy knowing her. Once you meet Bess, you will never forget her or the impression she makes upon you.

CHAPLAIN: JOYCE CARREKER: Joyce lives with her husband Doug, in Americus on the family farm. We are blessed with six children (three by marriage) and eight grandchildren (two by marriage)! Major activities are loving the Lord and working in Bethel Baptist Church. Reading, playing piano, and, of course, gardening are favorite hobbies.

Local Club members are encouraged, but are not required, to do the following:

1. To attend District Meetings
2. To attend the Annual GCG Convention, held in a different district each year
3. To attend the schools offered
4. To do local community projects
5. To apply for awards for their club based on club projects
6. To sponsor students for state scholarships
7. To hold Standard Flower Shows

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New President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for the 2019-2021 period

Meet Barbara Bourque, the new President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for the 2019-2021 period. “Plant America- Nurture the Garden We Call Georgia”. Barbara has served in numerous positions at all levels of the local, the district, and the Garden Club of Georgia. She will Nurture the Garden We Call Georgia.

Magnolia District is proud to support Barbara and have her lead us in the coming years.

Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Awards for Magnolia District

1. Award # 4 Bird Award Small Clubs: 1st PL. Beautiful View Garden Club, Buena Vista, Magnolia District
2. Award #7 Special Achievement Award: Small Clubs: 3rd Place: Beautiful View Garden Club, Magnolia Dist.
3. Award # 8 Conservation Project Award: Small Clubs: 1st Place Beautiful View Garden Club, Magnolia District.
4. Award # 13 Civic Improvement Award: Small Clubs: 2nd Place Oglethorpe Garden Club, Magnolia Dist. Oglethorpe
5. Award # 16 Yearbook Award: Medium Clubs: 3rd Place Oglethorpe Garden Club, Oglethorpe, Magnolia Dist.
6. Award # 26 Poem Award: 2nd Place in My Garden, Tricia Welch, Oglethorpe Garden Club, Magnolia District.
7. Award #28 Publicity Press Book Award: Small Clubs: 1st Place Oglethorpe Garden Club, Oglethorpe, Magnolia D. HM: Beautiful View Garden Club, Magnolia District, Buena Vista
Medium Club: 1st Place Butler Garden Club, Butler, Magnolia D.
8. Award #31 Garden Club Council: Best Project: 2nd Place. Columbus Council of Garden Clubs, Magnolia District
9. Award #39 Marker Award: Medium Clubs: 1st Place:

Chaplain’s Message – Joyce Carreker

Magnolia District Chaplain Message, June 29, 2019

Is this beautiful South Georgia summer hot and humid—or what!! So, for me—and probably for many of you—the morning is just the reasonable time to work in our yards and gardens. As we go about our “fun” work, consider joining David, the psalmist, and me with these wonderful thoughts: “In the morning, O Lord, Your hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.”

Hope you enjoy praying as you garden!!
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Butler Garden Club, Butler, Magnolia District
10. Award #51 Butterfly Conservation: Small Clubs: 1st Place Oglethorpe Garden Club, Oglethorpe, Magnolia Dist.
HM: Beautiful View Garden Club, Buena Vista, Magnolia District.
11. Flower Show Award: 23A4b,29DS: Flower Show Schedule Award for one or more Districts “Celebrating the Best”, Magnolia and Camellia, District, 1st Place

The GOLDEN SHOVEL Award!!!!!!!!!!!!

Magnolia District won the Golden Shovel Award! The Golden Shovel Award was a two-year award given by the GCG for the District that achieved the most points for following the NGC theme "Plant America". There was a three-page form to complete. As District Director, Jean O’Shields asked for pictures and events that fit in the three Categories (Beautification, Conservation, Education). There were many activities within the District and many pictures from the District Clubs filled every category with at least one example. Most of the categories had three examples with pictures (from around our district). The photos were used not only for the shovel that was presented to State from Magnolia District but for that award application. Well Done Jean O’Shields!!!!See photos of Jean with the shovel in the Convention section below.

Youth Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Awards for Magnolia District will be listed in the next issue as I do not have a complete list. K S Hagler

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Scenes from the Garden Club of Georgia’s 2019 Convention in Columbus, Georgia, April 16—18, 2019

Magnolia District was the organizer and host District for the convention. Clare Jenkins, Convention Director and Nilsa Summy, Co-Director completed a flawless conference from the first minute until the time to say goodbye. Floral arrangements from every district graced the entrance to the registration desk. Faye Frazier created the large traditional mass design arrangement of pale pink roses in honor of Garden Club of Georgia President Jane Hersey that positioned at the main entrance of the Trade Center.

Floral Arrangement from Magnolia District in honor of Jane Hersey, outgoing Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. President.

Magnolia District’s Floral Arrangement

Bess Hartley of Magnolia District entertained everyone with her speeches. She was an excellent speaker and gracious lady. She has many jobs at all levels of the Local, District, State, Region, and National Garden Club organizations. One of her numerous jobs has been LIFE Membership state chairman for many years.

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Magnolia District Breakfast with installation of 2019-2021 Officers

Photo to left: 2017-2019 District Director Jean O’Shield gives a farewell address at the District Breakfast. Martha Price prepares to install new officers for the 2019-2021 period.

In the photo below, outgoing President Jane Hersey and Incoming President Barbara Bourque visit the Magnolia District Breakfast where the 2019-2021 District Board Officers were installed. Ann Brooks (pink jacket) had a special duty — she was page to President Hersey.

Standing left to right: Barbara Bourque, Ann Brooks, Jean Hersey, and Jean O’Shields. Seated left to right: Ann Howell, Martha Price, and Clare Jenkins.

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Magnolia District and Camellia District Joint Leadership and Awards District workshop.

Hostesses Jan Thiese, Camellia District Director, and Evelyn Rogers, Magnolia District Director welcomed attendees to the workshop. Fellowship and learning went hand in hand as presenters enlighten participants with words of wisdom and new information.
In the above photo, right to left is: Evelyna Rogers (Magnolia District Director), Martha Price, Barbara Bourque (President GCG), Jan Theiss (Camellia DD), Nilsa Summer (CO-Director Magnolia District) Clare Jenkins, Magnolia District Treasurer, Rita Hightower, Co-Director Camellia District, Bobbie Liggett, and Jean O'Shields

The 2019 Leadership and Awards workshop was held June 26, 2019 in Tifton, Georgia. The Leadership workshop lead by Sara Lanier, Leadership Chairman for South Georgia, taught participants the job obligations of local Garden Club leadership. Knowing the job requirements and communicating with others are essential skill for successful interpersonal and community communication. The meeting was a great time of fellowship with questions and answers revolving around leadership. The Awards workshop was led by Betty Benner, June Thomas, and Mary Ogden. They provided information about new awards for the 2019-2021 period.

After completing the Leadership workshop, attendees should be able to clearly:

- Identify the officers required to meet the needs of a garden club,
- Identify the job duties of the officers, and
- Understand the levels of the garden club organization.

After completing the Awards workshop, you should be able to:

- Identify available awards within the awards system, and
- Know how to compete within the categories.

**News From GCG:**

1. Barbara Bourque, President’s theme for 2019-2021 is “Plant America – Nuture the Garden We Call Georgia”.

2. The Awards Committee has added **new awards** to the number of awards applicable. Please review the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Awards Handbook and identify the new awards. The awards Committee Chairman is Betty Benner, bbenner18@hotmail.com. The new awards handbook should be listed on the website.

3. Themes for 2019-2021:
   - National Garden Club, Inc.: Theme: “Plant America”
   - Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.: “Plant America – Nuture the Garden We Call Georgia”.

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Funding opportunities:

National Garden Club

Grants Available for 2019-2020
Guidelines, Application, and Budget

- Click to download the Plant America Community Project Grants Guidelines and Application

Project Eligibility
Projects submitted for receiving a grant may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects in communities may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- School gardens/classrooms
- Landscaping for Habitat for Humanity Homes
- Landscaping of Blue Star Memorial Markers
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

Grant Amount: Up to $1,000.00 is available to be used for direct expenses of projects

Who May Apply: Individual garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc., and did not receive a grant in 2017 or 2018. Application Deadline: October 15, 2019. Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by January 31, 2020. Projects must be completed by February 28, 2021, and final report forms are due by April 1, 2021.

Application Information
Send the completed application form and budget to: plantamericagrants@gmail.com.

Program Criteria
In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to projects that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- Benefits to the community
- Clearly stated plan for future maintenance and/or monitoring of the project

District Member Garden Clubs

Albany:
- Albany Garden Club 05-005
- Daffodil Garden Club 05-020
- Palmyra Heights Garden C. 05-050
- Serendipity Garden Club 05-048
- South Georgia Designing Women 05-055

Americus:
- Azalea Garden Club 05-060
- Dogwood Garden Club 05-075
- Early Bloomers Garden C 05-078
- Glendale Garden Club 05-080

Buena Vista:
- Beautiful View Garden Club 05-145

Butler:
- Butler Garden Club 05-150

Byron:
- Village Green Garden Club 05-155

Camilla:
- Camilla Grand Gardeners 05-211
- Sadie Mae Cullens Holly Garden C 05-214

Colquitt:
- Colquitt Garden Club 05-213

Columbus:
- Azalea Garden Club 05-215
- Green Island Garden Club 05-245
- Tea Olive Garden Club 05-315
- Winchester Garden Club 05-330

Cuthbert:
- Azalea Garden Club 05-335
- Camellia Garden Club 05-340

Ellaville:
- Rainbow Garden Club 05-375

Fort Gaines:
- Fort Gaines Home and Garden Club 05-380

Fort Valley:
- Magnolia Garden Club 05-390

Georgetown:
- Georgetown Garden Club 05-405

Leslie:
- Town and Country Garden Club 05-420

Oglethorpe:
- Oglethorpe Garden Club 05-440

Plains:
- Iris Garden Club 05-455

Richland:
- Richland Garden Club 05-465

Vienna:
- Vienna Garden Club 05-485
Garden Clubs or Councils **may apply for a $200 matching grant for** qualifying projects. As of September 2015, there have been nearly 300 projects that received the COMM grant, resulting in thousands of GCG dollars that local clubs or councils have used to beautiful their communities over the years. The GCG garden clubs and councils are urged to continue to apply for the COMM grant.

**Horticulture TIP: It is a Native Plant**

BEAUTY BERRY, French Mulberry One of our native plants that puts on a spectacular show in the fall is beauty berry (Callicarpa americana), a member of the verbena family. Although it blooms in the summer, it is the magenta color of the berries in the fall that call attention to the plant. It is said that some Native Americans made a medicine for malaria and dysentery from this plant. (page 132 of Native Flora of the Golden Isles) At my home, beauty berry is growing beside the swimming pool and all around the yard. When I see it, I simply let it grow up if I want it located there. The leaves have a lemon smell. The seeds and berries are important foods for many species of birds, particularly the Northern Bobwhite. Foliage is a favorite of White-tailed Deer. The berries last well into the winter and are a favorite of cardinals, mockingbirds, and thrashers. From: www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=caam2
Activity: A Happening: Upcoming Events

Plant Sale north of Americus, Ga

Mickey Moore, Private Plant Grower, is reducing his number of potted plants.

Saturday, July 13
8 to 11 AM

172 Highway 19
North Americus, GA
(on right going north)

Plants include: Variegated Hibiscus, Impatiens, Shrimp Plant and many more to select from. 75 to 100 pots, both large and small available.

Upcoming Events

July 31, 2019: Community Wildlife Project Workshop for District Directors and Chairmen, at the DNR office Rum Creek For well over ten years, homeowners have been certifying their backyards through this program. Although this is a Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. project, you do not need to be a Garden Club member to participate. Please encourage all Georgia residents to participate in this easy and important program. It's a win-win situation! By caring for and protecting our wildlife through Backyard Habitats, we also create wonderful viewing environments. As an added bonus, your club receives points on the annual Club President’s report if you have members with certified backyards. For further information, contact Terry Waith, GCG Community Wildlife Co-Chairman, at 404-252-4473 or by email at twaith@bellsouth.net. Or Leanne Penman, our Dogwood District Chairman leannepenman2@gmail.com or 770-277-0331.

August 1st, 2019, Thursday: Magnolia District BOARD Meeting: The meeting will be held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 1974 Cotton Hill Road, Fort Gaines, GA. Please forward your $20 registration fee covering morning coffee and lunch by JULY 26, 2019 to Clare Jenkins, 495 Hunters Ridge, Coleman, Ga 39836. (This is an opportunity to meet your new district board members!) August 21, 2019: Cherokee Garden Library Orientation for District Directors and Chairmen.

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## Professional Development Courses Offered

The Garden Club of Georgia offers adult education in several different subject areas. The instructors are phenomenal, and all courses are accredited by National Garden Clubs, Inc. Garden club councils or one of the seven Districts might sponsor the various courses in different parts of the state. Watch the Events Calendar and announcements for enrichment opportunities.

**July 14-16, 2019: Flower Show Judges Symposium:** GCG’s Headquarters House at the State Botanical Gardens, Athens. Cookie Roland, Registrar, r_cookie@att.net

**August 7-8, 2019: Landscape School Course I** National Garden Club’s Landscape School Course 1, Rome, Ga. Contact: Jo Hernandez@ jelaynejewelry@comcast.net

**November 20-21, 2019: Landscape School Course II,** Rome, Ga. Contact: Jo Hernandez@ jelaynejewelry@comcast.net

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Call to Action:

1. **Attention: CLUB PRESIDENTS:** Attention Club Presidents- Please check to see if a member of your club is a member of the Magnolia Board of Directors and send the name and contact information to Evelyna (rogers2767@bellsouth.net). If no member of your club is on the Magnolia Board of Directors, please let Evelyna know this. One of our goals is to have each club represented on the Magnolia Board. Please help us meet this goal by sending the needed information.

2. **Magnificent Magnolias,** please help the meeting/convention hostesses plan adequate seating, meals and materials by promptly responding to meeting invitations/registrations immediately upon receipt or shortly thereafter. Every good hostess knows how stressful it can be trying to accommodate last minute changes. Let's be first RSVP trendsetters!!

3. **Seek to increase membership:** ASK = Membership Members... how to get them and how to keep them...that is the question! The bottom line is that the getting and the keeping rest largely with the club and its members. Ask someone to join. ... Share knowledge ... Keep them involved in activities.

4. **Send to the District newsletter editor** a list of members who have been in your club for 25 years or greater.

5. **Send to the District newsletter editor** a list of members who have passed from this life during the past three months prior to each publication.

6. **Please send to GCG, Inc., Bonnie Nash** updates of any Members who have a change of address so that the Garden Gateway will be delivered to the member or terminated as required.

**LOCAL CLUBS: YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE: YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!!**

GCG Scholarships Update 2019:  $75,000.00 Awarded - Another banner year!
The GCG Scholarship Committee met February 22nd in Perry to review applications submitted from students throughout our state. **Thanks to your support,** we matched our giving from last year. Congratulations GCG on another outstanding year in awarding $75,000.00 to our deserving students.

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News from the Clubs:

LET IT FLOW from your club to the DISTRICT and we will LET IT FLOW from THE DISTRICT to YOUR CLUB and the District!!!!

BUTLER GARDEN CLUB:

A birthday party is always fun and festive; the Butler Garden Club celebrated its 80th birthday in May at the historic Union UMC fellowship hall. The members and guests were treated to lunch topped off with birthday cake. Awards received by the club at the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. convention in April were shown to the group. A history of the Butler Garden Club was presented by members, Eloise Doty and Sarah Riley. The first Garden Club in America was founded in Athens, Georgia in 1891. Following this proud tradition, the Butler Garden Club was organized in March 27, 1939. Mrs. Jeanette Wallace Oliphant, a native of Taylor County, and Mrs. L. A. Shirley residents of Macon were instrumental in establishing the Club. Vineville Garden Club in Macon sponsored the new club. The Butler Garden Club became affiliated with The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. in 1940. There were 21 charter members. Six additional members were added to the club at the first meeting, April 17, 1939. Times and fashions change but our unity in our purpose of the Butler Garden Club: beautification, conservation, and education, has remained constant. Pictured are the members of the Butler Garden Club and their special guests: Jane Hersey and Martha Price, Former Presidents of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.; Evelyina Rogers, Magnolia District Director; and Nilsa Summey, Co-Director of the Magnolia District.
The Albany Garden Club was forced to take a year off from its annual plant exchange last year due to the severe weather that has ravaged Albany in recent years. But the event is back on this year. The plant exchange *was held* from 9 a.m.-noon on April 13 at The Garden Center of Albany, located at 808 Fifth Ave. During that time, the public brought in plants, even from their own yards, to exchange with other growers. Garden Club members say it has been rare for there to be a shortage of items, or classifications.

“We have had 90-something plants, so it doesn’t matter if you did not have a plant (of your own to exchange),” Ann Almgren, a member of the club, said. Bulbs, annuals, herbs and perennials was what most participants expected to see. A table was available where growers registered and had their plants identified if they do not know what it is. The plants brought in were placed on the tables, and those who come for the event can browse and choose whatever they like. “We were there to (answer) questions and give advice,” Eileen Najjar, another member of the club, said. “(We see) everything from small trees. A lot of these plants are not available at big box stores unless they go to a specialty nursery.” The event, the attendance of which is often influenced by the weather, can be moved into the Garden Center if it rains. The plants will be *exchanged at no charge*, but the club has *supplies from its closet* — including pots, vases and other supplies — *it will sell at a low price*. The exchange is an event club member say they look forward to each year. It is a good way to meet new plant enthusiasts and interact with others with common interests at a time when clubs are looking to bring in some new blood. “These ladies worked so hard,” club member Joyce Bridges-Judkins said. “Some who have visited the plant exchange have asked about membership. We need young, new members.” Club members say it may be the recovery from Hurricane Michael that draws plant lovers out. “After a storm, people are looking for new plants to put in their yard,” Almgren said. The club will help identify plants, even if it means pulling out reference books. “Our knowledge is a draw — that we can identify plants for some people,” club member Mary Baynard said. “The Albany Herald” *A Good Idea*

**Photo Above:** A few members of the *Albany Garden Club*, from left, Ann Almgren, Eileen Najjar, Mary Baynard and Joyce Bridges-Judkins, are among the members who planned the club’s plant exchange.
Garden Club of Georgia Projects and Programs

Roadside Beautification: Wildflower Program: This is a reminder for all clubs to consider allocating money in their budgets for a donation to the Roadside Beautification Fund. For those who donate $25 or more, a certificate of recognition will be presented at the appropriate time. Budget cutbacks in funding for Highway Beautification in our state highway program make it even more important to give as much as we can to help keep our major highways and interstates beautiful. Many clubs are making donations as a memorial to a beloved garden club member who has passed on. This is a wonderful way to recognize the contribution that has been made by that person to the club. Notes of recognition will be sent to the family members when proper addresses are included with the donation. to the Georgia Department of Transportation for their special restricted fund that is only used to plant daffodils and flowers along the major highways. Travelers from all over the nation who use our roads then get to enjoy the beauty that Georgia has to offer. Give generously to this fund; use the proper forms that are available on the GCG website and send the money to the state treasurer with proper identification. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP An example of the project is off Interstate 95 around the Cordele exit. Yellow flowers abound and are impressive.

HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS ESSAY CONTEST

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Invites you to participate in the National Garden Clubs, Inc.’s Essay 2019-2020 Theme: "Challenges in Preserving our Natural Habitats"

All entries Due by December 1

High School Gardeners Essay Contest Rules & Eligibility: The High School Gardeners Essay Contest is open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. The contest must be sponsored by a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils, or districts or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. A $1,000 National Garden Club Scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner. If the winner is an underclassman, the $1,000 Scholarship will be held by NGC, Inc., without accrued interest, until such time that the student enters college. At that time, the money will be forwarded to the Financial Aid Officer of the college that the student will enter. The second-place winner will receive $100.

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**Length of Essay:** 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*.

**Scale of Points**

- **Content = Total 65 points**
  - Knowledge of Subject: 25 points
  - Practicality of Proposal: 10 points
  - Originality: 15 points
  - Subject matter well organized/Clarity of presentation: 15 points

- **Composition = Total 25 points**
  - Vocabulary: 15 points
  - Conformance to length: 10 points
  - Manuscript = Total 10 points: Name, Address, Phone Number, School Attending, Grade, List of Activities and Sponsoring Club (Photo Optional): 5 points
  - Neatness and legibility: 5 points

**Contest Deadlines**

Please refer to the NGC website at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) for complete Contest information. All entries are sent by December 1st directly to GCG High School Gardeners Essay Chairman: **Penny Machemehl**, 430 Old Homestead Trl, Johns Creek 30097 H-770-476-7335, C-770-289-2068, pennyanne.machemehl@gmail.com

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**Remember: Please Post on your Calendar:**

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Magnolia District Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 1, 2019:

The meeting will be held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 1974 Cotton Hill Road, Fort Gaines, GA. Please forward your $20 registration fee covering morning coffee and lunch by JULY 26, 2019 to Clare Jenkins, 495 Hunters Ridge, Coleman, Ga 39836. (This is an opportunity to send a timely RSVP!): No form -no worry. Mail a check with a note stating your name - address – and email. This will be an opportunity to meet your new district board members.

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HAVE MORE TO SAY? BY BETH ALSTON POSTED IN THE AMERICUS TIMES RECORDER; FOR THE GCG, INC. 91ST CONVENTION

I have planted the window box at the back door with colorful annuals and I bought a unique planter filled with red and purple petunias, dusty miller, and fennel that Faye Frazier, gardener extraordinaire and master flower designer/arranger, created. Faye, along with members of the Dogwood Garden Club, planted 36 containers for the 91st annual convention of the Garden Club of Georgia at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center last week. These colorful containers graced the tables at the district’s breakfast meeting the second day of the event, and there were compliments all around. Janice Cliett coordinated this project with members from Dogwood Garden Club digging in to plant with material from Joiner’s Feed and Seed on West Forsyth Street. Faye also created the large traditional mass design arrangement of pale pink roses in honor of Garden Club of Georgia President Jane Hersey that positioned at the main entrance of the Trade Center. Dogwood Garden Club members attending were Joyce Carreker, GCGA, chaplain, and Janice Cliett, Faye Frazier, Willie Maxwell, Mary Ann Parks, and Drenda Sternenberg; and Jane Wilson Abernathy of Leslie of the Town and Country Garden Club. Azalea Garden Club members there were June Ewing, Brooks Nettum, Sheilla Snell, and I. During the business session Phyllis Argo of Azalea Garden Club was appointed Magnolia District corresponding secretary and Joyce Carreker, chaplain. Keynote luncheon speakers Staci Catron, director of the Cherokee Garden Library at the Atlanta History Center, and Mary Ann Eaddy of Atlanta, retired historic preservationist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, authors of “Seeking Eden: A Collection of Historic Gardens of Georgia” was among the highlights. They gave a fascinating power point presentation about their book that took 12 years to write. They, along with photographer Jim Lockhart, crisscrossed the state visiting historic gardens to research information. The book is a stunner, and proceeds from sales go to the Garden Club of Georgia. I hope we can bring these two authors to Americus so more people can hear their story.