

Dogwood Dialogue

A newsletter of the Dogwood District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

"Dynamic Dogwoods.... Investing in the Future"

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Dear Dynamic Dogwoods,

Winter, 2010 Edition

Exciting News – Save the Dates

Dogwood District is going to have a Petite Standard Flower Show!

*Petite Standard Flower Show Title – *"Little Treasures"*

*When – March 24-26, 2011

*Where – Heritage Sandy Springs

The plans for the Show are well underway! The draft of the schedule has been written. There are design classes to meet everyone's creative style. Your favorites may be: *"Teeny Weeny Scenery," "Tiny Twinkles," "Elfin Wings," "Micro Vision," "Baby Steps,"* or *"Pintsize Powerhouse"*... to name a few!

Begin thinking about horticulture entries now. Read the article on page 3 to help answer your questions about what plants will meet the criteria for the Horticulture Division in a Petite Standard Flower Show.

Atlanta Abloom Read the Winter, 2009/2010, *Garden Gateways* (pages 24-30) and the Winter, 2010, *The National Gardener* (pages 4-17) to discover the interesting programs, seminars and entertainment that are being offered at the National Garden Club Convention, May 13-16, 2010. As you know The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is hosting this event! Your garden club members are needed to assist in many ways. Plan to get a group together so you can carpool, enjoy some of the seminars and programs and also volunteer. Read the information on page 2 to decide the job you would like to do. There are opportunities for everyone! This is the info from Barbara Taylor asking for volunteers.

Park Pride Parks may be the new black, in part because their futures sure are greener than ever. Register for this year's Parks and Greenspace Conference, and learn how economics and sustainability are changing park design. Listen as speaker Angelyn Chandler tells how New York turned the nation's largest landfill into a 2,000-acre sustainable park – or Eric King of the Georgia Urban Forest Council discusses bringing nature back into parks.

For more information, please visit www.parkpride.org.

To register, please visit <http://parkpride.kintera.org/2010Conference>

Conference (March 22) info & Tour (March 20 & 21) details, including itineraries are available at <http://www.parkpride.org/get-involved/events/conference>.

Together we will continue to conserve, educate and beautify!

Terry



Rec. Secretary Ann Fletcher and DDD Terry Waith compare notes at the Winter Board Meeting.



Atlanta Abloom

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is hosting the 81st National Convention in May at the Omni Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Pre-convention meetings and activities will begin on May 11th. The actual Convention will run from Friday, May 14th through Sunday, May 16th. There will be tours, workshops, fantastic speakers at all the meals and oh, so much more. The registration fee for Georgia club members is only \$10 for the whole convention!!! [Meals and tour costs are extra, of course] See Garden Gateways for information, or check out the details on the GCG website www.uga.edu/gardenclub/convention.html

Please come downtown with your club members to participate in some of the activities. It is not often we have the National Convention in our home state. Help share our Southern Hospitality with visitors from around the country.

**Needed: Dynamic Dogwood Volunteers
for the National Garden Club
Convention**

We all play an important role in making the upcoming National Garden Clubs, Inc. 81st Convention May 11-16, 2010, at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center a success.

There are **AT LEAST 500 volunteer positions** to be filled for this convention. We need your help recruiting volunteers from your clubs. There are volunteer positions and shifts available in many areas: registration, meal hostesses, exhibit room, pages, member services, volunteer check-in, tours, sales and vendors, spouses programs, public areas, etc. Club presidents please encourage your members to sign-up to volunteer today and send us a contact list (names, phone numbers and email addresses) for them ASAP.

Important: If you signed up at the Fall District Meeting, please sign-up again because for some reason the contact information is not available or illegible. Please help today. **Call us NOW!!!!**

Sincerely,

Your Convention Volunteer Coordinator Co-Chairmen,

Barbara Taylor
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Title – “*Little Treasures*”

March 24-26, 2011

Heritage Sandy Springs

Yes, we did mean 2011. We need to start planning now for this fun event. See the article below regarding horticulture that you can grow to exhibit. And view some of the photographs from the Deep South Petite Flower show in Huntsville. You will be amazed at what you and your club can do to have fun with this event.

Horticulture for the Petite Flower Show

One of the questions I am repeatedly asked has to do with what horticulture should be/ could be written into a schedule for a Petite Flower Show. When the Petite Show was first introduced it was written that permissible horticulture includes “miniature, dwarf or naturally small”

specimens. Well, that certainly takes in a lot of horticulture! Who decides if the specimen is dwarf or miniature? It is up to the grower or hybridizer. If **the tag** says it is a dwarf variety, then we go with that. “Sold to me as...”. Just be sure you are not looking at immature growth. We want the small version of the large plant.

We should look for **the species name** (usually descriptive) to include the words “*nana*” or “*nanus*” meaning dwarf, “*minima*” meaning least or smallest, “*minor*” or “*minus*” meaning smaller, or “*minutus*” meaning very small. How about “*inconspicuus*”, “*parvus*” or “*parvulus*” also meaning small? Other species names beginning with or including the prefix “*brevis*” which means short may also be considered if it refers to height. Have you seen a species name “*pumilus*” or “*bumilis*” meaning dwarf or low growing? See how the botanical Latin can help you? Additionally, **the cultivar name** may give you a hint as to size: ‘Tiny Tim’, ‘Lilliput’, ‘Baby Doll’, and ‘Tom Thumb’.

Almost every genus of plants has a dwarf or small variety, whether naturally occurring or induced by man. There are miniature and semi-miniature Begonias, Bromeliads, Ivies, Hostas, Roses, Daffodils, African Violets, Daylilies, and Cacti. There are dwarf fruit trees, Hydrangeas and Hollies. Where can you find examples of these? If you have the time, get on **the computer** and ‘Google’ search

‘dwarf plants’ or even ‘terrarium plants’ or visit www.botany.com. As an example, if you are interested in just dwarf Hosta then try www.bridgewoodgardens.com.

Got the idea?

Written by Tina Tuttle
Florida



Photos from the Petite Standard Flower show held in Huntsville, Alabama at the Deep South 2009 Convention.

"Flower Shows Will Flourish"

Now is a great time for your club to begin planning a flower show for 2010 or 2011. Show the great horticulture you grow, express your creativity through floral design, educate the public about garden club activities and state and national projects. You might even gain some new members when you showcase your members' talents! If your club has never had a flower show or not one in five years or more, you can apply for a one-time \$200 matching grant from the Garden Club of Georgia. Detailed information is available in the 2009-2011 GUIDE on pages 148 and 358. Have questions? Contact Chairman Bettye Trankina, 770-410-5819, e-mail bhtran140@yahoo.com. Get Cracking! Have a flower show!



AT HOME WITH FLOWERS: BASIC DESIGN I

Dogwood District will offer a Basic Design Course in floral design in 2010. This is a fun and relaxing series with a lot to be learned. The course consists of a series of five day long classes. Unit I is a study of line and line mass designs. Students will learn design principles and do designs of these types. Unit II is mass and foliage designs with a lesson on color harmonies. Unit III involves table designs and Unit IV makes use of fruits and vegetables. Unit V is a study of creative design along with miniatures.

Certified instructors will teach a maximum of 20 students. A typical day will begin with the instructor demonstrating and explaining the design types for the class. After lunch, students will create one or two designs, with help from the instructor. The completed designs will be displayed for constructive comments using the design principles. The courses will be held in Roswell starting in September, October and November, with the last two classes in early 2011. After the completion of the series, the Garden Club of Georgia Inc., awards a certificate to each participant.

You can look on the Garden Club of Georgia website for more complete information. www.uga.edu/gardenclub/basicdesign1.html

For more information contact

Sheila Johnson at 770-951-8449 — sheilajohnson@bellsouth.net
or Gretchen Collins at 678-682-3480 — gcollinsct@aol.com

Our garden will be planted with pink flowers to honor our friends and family who have had breast cancer. We are sprucing up and will be ready when Atlanta hosts the Nat. Garden Club Convention in May, 2010. Oakland Cemetery is one of the planned tours because of its Historic significance and beauty and the incredible restorative work accomplished since the March, 2008, tornado.

‘Adopt a Plot’ at Oakland Cemetery

Make a donation to Dogwood District’s ‘Plant it Pink’

Donation Amount \$ _____ Check # _____

Make check out to the Dogwood District—Memo: “Plant It Pink” and mail to: Emily Fawcett, Dogwood District Treasurer, 1361 West Wesley Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30327-1811.

Complete below if you would like your name or club listed.

Donors Name _____
Garden Club _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Plant it Pink—If you would like to honor a friend or member, their name will be printed in the Dogwood Dialogue Spring and Fall issue. (Pink Note will be sent to honoree if included)

To Honor—Name _____
Name _____ Garden Club _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

OR Donate to NGC ‘Susan G. Komen for the Cure’

100% of all monies received will be forwarded to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Make checks payable to National Garden Clubs Inc Memo: ‘Plant It Pink’

and mail to: GCG State Chairman Meredith Nicholson, 3460 Stallings Island Road, Augusta, GA 30907-9544. She will record your donation and forward to NGC.

Thank you

With much appreciation we announce that to date, we have received the following donations:

Donor’s Name: Druid Hills Garden Club - In memory of Dan Sweat, husband of club member Tally Sweat

Donor’s Name: Eugenia J. Certain of Pine Tree Garden Club - To Honor Emily C. Fawcett

Donor’s Name: Pine Tree Garden Club - To support Dogwood District’s “Adopt a Plot” and “Plant It Pink” project at Oakland Cemetery

Shindig

March 27th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Join Historic Oakland Foundation for our second annual Shindig! We promise a night of fun, great food and music, and a fabulous silent auction! All proceeds benefit landscape improvements at Oakland Cemetery. Purchase tickets or donate on-line now! \$50.00 per person! Ticket purchase includes two drink tickets. Tickets are only available online. Go to Oakland Cemetery’s website: <http://www.oaklandcemetery.com/> to order tickets.

Hosted by Trees Atlanta • 225 Chester Avenue SE • Atlanta GA 30316

DOGWOOD DISTRICT SUPPORTS GCG AT LEGISLATIVE DAY—JANUARY 11, 2010

Our members joined GCG members from across the state at the Legislative Day at the Capitol in Atlanta on January 11th. A few of those ladies are shown below.



Top Photo: L - R Marian Hill, GCG Legislative support Team Adv.; Terry Waith DD Director; Mary Ann Bryant, DD Legis. Team Leader; Helen Grogan, GCG Legis. Comm. Club Representative

Photo at right: L-R Pine Tree Garden Club Members: Sarah Killough, President; Michelle Styring, Frances St. John, and Mary Katherine Colbath standing with Terry Waith.



For further information please contact Dogwood District Legislation Chair
Mary Ann Bryant
Maryannbryant1@gmail.com

DOGWOOD DIGS HORT TIPS



Any morning at your favorite grocery store includes taking time to read the labels -every single fact. Certainly, a good book would make for more interesting reading, but you are wise enough to care about your family's health and well-being. You would never grab a can of beans and place it in the cart just because the picture on the label looks delicious. Well, why is it that every spring you find yourself in your favorite nursery doing just that. Could it be that you are still groggy from cabin fever? I offer you a different approach for this spring. Read the label - all of it. Reading the plant label is akin to reading the label on that can of beans. It provides information you need to know for your plant's good health and well-being.

The plant's Latin and common name is provided. This will make it easy to fill out the entry card at a flower show. Knowing the light, soil and moisture requirements is a must in your choice of where to site your plant (daylily and a cactus are not ideal companions). Too often, the mature height and spread of the plant is overlooked. Just because the plant indicates "dwarf" does not mean that it will not grow too large for that small space you have in mind. This is particularly important when it comes to trees and shrubs. Even the roots of a dwarf specimen placed too close to the house can result in foundation issues. Remember, pruning above does not halt the root growth below.

Being wise when choosing plants is as important to your landscape as choosing the best beans for your family is to you. Enjoy your garden.

Have questions you want answered or topics you would like to see addressed?

Contact: Helen Grogan, Basic Horticulture Chairman at hgrogan@charter.net

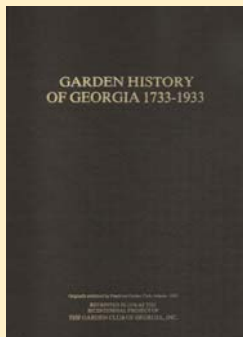
Historic Garden Landscape Survey Day Trips 2010

The Garden History of Georgia (originally published in 1933 and reprinted in 1976 as the bicentennial project of GCG), lists 196 gardens throughout the state, dating back to 1733. The historic landscape committee is piecing together a historic garden puzzle; trying to understand and document landscape transformations over time.

Many of the historic landscapes have been wonderfully maintained and/or restored to their original splendor and garden integrity. But, as you can imagine, many of the gardens no longer exist, and/or have changed owners many times throughout the years,

and property size has diminished. We want to record as much information as possible pertaining to the survival or demise of a historic landscape. Our research findings, both written and photographic documentation, will be housed at the Cherokee Garden Library at the Atlanta History Center. It is our intention to build a data base of these historic gardens for future generations.

To date, 127 historic landscape surveys have been completed since the projects inception in August 2002. The landscape committee plans to survey 2 historic gardens on April 21, 2010 in the Atlanta area. Gaining access into a private historic garden is a real treat! If you are interested in joining the group to survey, please contact Barbara Taylor by March 30th at rbkataylor@gmail.com or cell: 770-883-8683. Come join the fun on this worthwhile garden endeavor.



McLeod House, the oldest house in Carroll County, 1824.

Arboreta, Botanical and Memorial Gardens

Garden clubs are urged to support our Botanical and Memorial Gardens. Please send donations to the State Chairman, Mary Denney, 500 Haynie Rd., Moreland, GA 30259-2713. For a certificate of appreciation, send \$10.00 or more by March 1, 2010. Individuals may also wish to donate to this project and take a tax deduction. GCG is registered with the IRS as a 501c(3) Non-Profit Organization. Gifts in honor and memorials are also encouraged as a wonderful way of honoring someone special. Send a check made out to the Garden Club of Georgia along with your club name and club #, district, president's name and address, along with her telephone and e-mail address if applicable. Also, if you are honoring someone, send that person's name and address so they can be notified of the donation. See the 2009-2011 GUIDE, pages 137 and 359 for more information.

Bettye Trankina, Dogwood District Chairman

State, Deep South, and National Life Members

Is your club looking for a way to honor a member who has made valuable contributions to your garden club? Why not suggest that they give a Life Membership to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South, or a Life Membership to the National Garden Club? The State Life Membership is \$100.00, Deep South is \$50.00 and National Life Membership is \$200.00. Donations made in honor of these individuals will be used for scholarships and the individual being honored will have his/her name listed in the GUIDE and at the Life Member luncheon. See the GCG Website for application form or contact:

**Bess Hartley, Life Membership Chairman,
250 Cotton Hill Road,
Fort Gaines, GA 39851
bhartley@windstream.net**

DISCOVER THE
BEAUTY OF GREEN
FEBRUARY 4-6
THE COBB GALLERIA CENTRE

Photographs from the recent Southeastern Flower Show held at the Cobb Galleria



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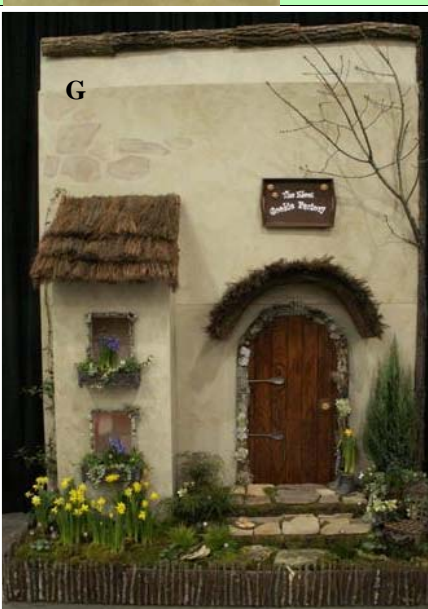
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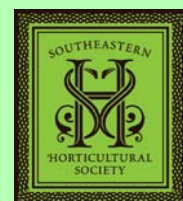
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- A. Maidee Spencer, Sandy Springs GC "East Meets West"
- B. Katie Wickstrum, Planters GC, "Reincarnation"
- C. Barbara Dulin & Nancy Lynn, Cherokee GC, "Mischievous Peter"
- D. Barbara Candler, Habersham GC, "Happy Birthday to Me."
- E. Joan Davis, Magnolia GC, Terrarium exhibit
- F. Boxwood GC, "Superman's Stupendous Supper"
- G. Spalding GC, "The Elves Cookie Factory"

Southeastern Horticultural Society
1705 Commerce Drive, N.W., Suite 400,
Atlanta, GA 30318



New Cultivar on Display at Southeastern Flower Show

A new cultivar of **Heuchera**, commonly known as Coral Bells or Alumroot, was on display at the Southeastern Flower Show in February. While Heuchera are grown primarily for their foliage, they have delightful flowers, with a wide range of colors, which bloom from early spring into fall, depending upon the cultivar. The Heuchera garden display was created by the Georgia Perennial Plant Association.

In the Atlanta area, these perennials are evergreen. Georgia Perennial's garden display showed green, pink, gold, purple, silver, red and other assorted foliage colors. Many cultivars have a color change from spring's bright colors to the muted tones of fall and winter. Their leaf surfaces can be smooth, shiny or fuzzy, rounded or angular, ruffled, wavy, or flat. Leaf undersides can have a kaleidoscope effect resulting from the different coloring found from the top of the leaf to the bottom. **Heuchera villosa** is a southeastern native that performs better in the summer heat.

Care: In metro Atlanta, Heucheras should not be planted in the direct afternoon sun, but rather, thrive in part sun to part shade. Dappled sunlight under pines and hardwoods is an ideal environment for this perennial. Heucheras tend to rise up from the ground where alternate freezing and thawing cycles occur. This can be corrected by digging up the plant in early spring and replanting it deeper in early spring to allow the stems to grow more roots.

At the Southeastern Flower Show, Georgia Perennial took orders for Carmel, Citronella, Beaujolais, Encore, Miracle, Mocha, Pinot Gris, Tiramisu and Blackcurrant. What great names and colors! Special thanks to GPPA for allowing me to share this information.

Ginny Wolf

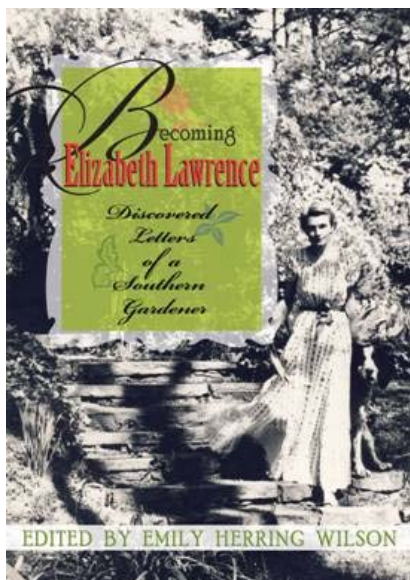


Caramel is above, Beaujolais below



Mocha above, Citronelle below





**CHEROKEE GARDEN LIBRARY AT
THE ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER
HOSTS CELEBRATED AUTHOR EMILY HERRING WILSON,
*BECOMING ELIZABETH LAWRENCE:***

DISCOVERED LETTERS OF A SOUTHERN GARDENER

WHAT: An afternoon with award-winning author, Emily Herring Wilson, *Becoming Elizabeth Lawrence: Discovered Letters of a Southern Gardener*

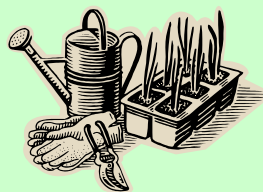
WHEN: Wednesday, April 28, 2010
3:00 PM lecture, followed by a book signing

WHERE: Kenan Research Center, McElreath Hall
Atlanta History Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Road,
Atlanta, GA 30305

ADMISSION: Admission is free. Reservations are required.

Please email scatron@atlantahistorycenter.com or
call 404.814.4146 to make a reservation.

For more information visit AtlantaHistoryCenter.com.



**National Garden Week
June 6-12, 2010**

It's never too early to start planning your clubs *National Garden Week* events. There are so many great and fun things to do during National Garden Week. Your club could enjoy a wonderful field trip to Douglasville, Georgia to enjoy a full day at the *Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival*, for more detail information visit www.pennymchhydrangeafestival.com or call 1-800-661-0013. Be creative and have fun. Have a National Garden Club Week party; make container gardens using pink & yellow to celebrate the National Garden Club projects "Plant It Pink" and "Golden Days" and distribute them to local nursing homes, schools, or public buildings; hand out information at your local nursery; donate gardening tools to a local school; send a youth to the "Wild & Wonderful Camp,"; or buy a "Life Membership" for someone special or yourself. There are so many ways to have fun during National Garden Week. Other places to consider visiting:

- Historic Oakland Cemetery
- Blue Heron Nature Preserve
- Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters, Athens
- Land Trust—Marshall Forest, Rome

WITH SYMPATHY

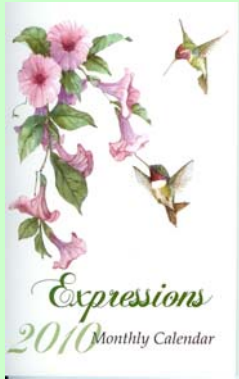
*Club Presidents,
Please advise of any deaths
within your club.
Thank you.*

Terry— twaitth@bellsouth.net

It is with sadness that we report the passing of the following Dogwood District Members:
Ann Clendenin – Ama-Kanasta Garden Club
Barbara Wood – Ama-Kanasta Garden Club
Catherine T. Arrendale – Skint Chestnut Garden Club

We will miss them.

2010 GCG Calendars are still available!



The Garden Club of Georgia 2010 Engagement Calendars are gorgeous! Congratulations to our own Dynamic Dogwoods Betty Benson, Jan Green, Jackie Payne, JoAnn Jones and Marsha Webb for their beautiful contributions. Remember that each purchase supports scholarships for deserving Georgia students majoring in garden related fields.

Please place your orders directly with the
 State Mktg Chairman: Naomi Gerson
 (Gers4177@bellsouth.net) 478-471-0622

Proceeds benefit our GCG Scholarship Program

GCG 2010 CALENDAR ORDER FORM

Mail Calendar Order If you want your calendars shipped, return this form with your payment to
 Naomi Gerson, 718 Allison Park, Macon, GA 31210 478-471-0622 e-mail gerson4177@bellsouth.net

CLUB : _____ DISTRICT: _____

PRESIDENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

No. of Calendars Standard Size (5-1/2"x 8-1/2") _____ @ \$ 8.00 ea. = \$ _____

**Enclose Check Made Payable to
 THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA**

Subtotal: \$ _____

GA. Residents Add 7% Sales Tax.....\$ _____

Shipping and Handling if mailed (see rates below).\$ _____

Total Amount Due.....**\$ _____

Shipping Charges: 1-2 Calendars \$4.00; 3-10 Calendars \$ 7.00; 11-25 Calendars \$13.00;



District Meeting

Marion Lifsey, Barbara Bourque, Barbara Taylor and Lisa Robinson partake of the refreshments supplied by Bellmere Garden Club for the meeting.

Golden Days

Roswell Garden Club planted daffodils and yellow pansies to support NGC's "Golden Days" project.



POW PROTECTING OUR WORLD: LIVING GREEN – LIVING CLEAN

I hope all club members are participating in one way or another by recycling, reusing, reducing, etc. If your club members are participating in "going green", please send me pictures or a paragraph of what is happening in your community or club. I will need this for our Deep South awards booklet for 2009-2011 year. Competitive monetary awards are offered for individuals, youth clubs, garden clubs and state projects. Please check out the Deep South web page for details and application forms.

Sara Lanier

Deep South Regional POWER Team Leader

saralanier@bellsouth.net

Trivia Facts about Plastic:

- Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas.
- Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles every year.
- It takes over 1.5 million barrels of oil to manufacture a year's supply of bottle water. That's enough oil to fuel 100,000 cars.
- 8 out of 10 plastic water bottles become landfill waste.
- Plastic bags...it is estimated 100 billion of them are used in the US each year – about 332 per person. Only about 4% are recycled.

South Georgia Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium



Mark your calendar for the tenth annual South Georgia Native Plant & Wildflower Symposium, Wednesday, March 24th. The workshop is being held at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. Go to www.nespal.org/wildflower to see the interesting schedule for the day. They will have a great selection of plants for sale – more than what is listed on the website. This is ALWAYS A POPULAR EVENT.

Get a group together and take a little trip. Lots to do and see in Tifton. Enjoy the day learning and being with gardening friends.

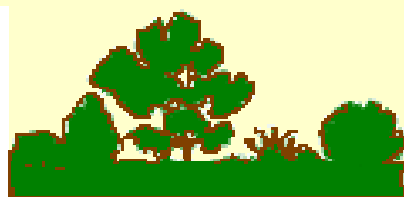
LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY COURSE II

Redbud District is sponsoring a series of Landscape Design Classes at the Church of Christ Community Center, 408 Broad Street, LaGrange, Georgia. This is a drivable distance for many of our Dogwood District members. For any of you who missed one of the courses when we offered it at Hastings, and need to complete part of your four course series— this may be your best answer.

Course 2: March 19 & 20, 2010

Course 3: October 8 & 9, 2010 (Note: these are revised dates.)

Course 4: March 11 & 12, 2011



Course Chairman:

Marilyn Mayer, 104 Brittany Lane, LaGrange, GA 30240

State Chairman:

Jane Whiteman, 6590 Long Acres Dr.

Sandy Springs, GA 30328-3018 jamawhite@bellsouth.net

Course Registrar:

Betty Lester, 100 Pine Tree Drive, LaGrange 30240-1030

YOUTH

Dear Dogwood District~
Your achievements are many
Awards winners, Conservationists and Designers~
Yes, talents a plenty.

Won't you consider sponsoring our Youth?
They truly are our future; we recognize the truth.
Some are now working with youngsters, we know;
Inspire others to join and help our youth grow!

Our Kids really need us
And *now* is the time
Make the commitment with *your* club
To help *our* Youth shine!

Just five programs to get started, I'll give you ideas~
It all comes together as the children are so dear.
As they learn of the earth and to care for its beauty
We find in our hearts the need and the duty!

You will be glad that you stretched into this new avenue
Of sharing your time and experience
As don't we all know the love that we give,
Comes back and it *grows!*

For Information Contact Susan Turner
GCG Youth Garden Clubs Chair
3380 Glencree, NW, Conyers, GA 30012
770-922-4411 - glencree@bellsouth.net

Registration Form & Youth Info
on GCG website
www.uga.edu/gardenclub



Pictured at right is Sandy Hanlon with the Roswell Junior Garden Club. Roswell Garden Club has for many years sponsored this group of Juniors. Please contact Sandy if your club is at all interested in exploring the joys of helping a young group of people enjoy activities through a Junior Garden Club.



**FULTON FEDERATION
HASTINGS GARDEN CENTER
10 AM—NOON**

March 8 : Lyndy Broder a clematis expert and Georgia Master Gardener will present a program illustrating how to grow clematis in your garden

May 20: Annual Awards luncheon at Ansley Golf Club. Gretchen Collins will demonstrate several floral designs. She is a National Garden Club Master Gardener, Flower Show judge and member of Roswell Garden Club, Designers Club, and the Judges Council of North Georgia.

If any Fulton County garden clubs are not in the Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs, please contact Rosie Davidson 404 705 8848 or wldrosie@bellsouth.net to discuss the benefits of membership.

**GEORGIA PERENNIAL PLANT
ASSOCIATION
MCELREATH HALL, ATLANTA HISTORY CTR
7:30 P.M.**

March 16th—Speaker: Andrew Bunting, horticulturist at the Scott Arboretum in Pennsylvania. Topic: “Designing with Tropicals”

April 20th—Speaker: Erica Glasener
Topic: Getting the Most Out of Your Garden”

**American Hydrangea Society
Meetings**

Atlanta Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m.

February 22nd – Tim Wood – New Product Manager from Spring Meadow Nursery in Michigan. Topic: “The Hunt for Better Hydrangeas and Flowering Shrubs”

April 26th – Joan Harrison
Topic: She will discuss her new book on Hydrangeas

June 12th— American Hydrangea Society 16th Annual Garden Tour

ENDANGERED SPECIES



Fringed Campion

There are many plants and animals on the Endangered Species list. One plant whose name is familiar to lots of us is the **Fringed Campion, or Silene polypetala**. Why, I grew this plant from seed a few years ago. But has anyone seen this growing in the wild, or in anyone's back, or better still, front yard? This plant may be found where there is an abundance of Japanese Honeysuckle, or a mature hardwood forest. Also the plant might have escaped the developer's bulldozer, and have taken residence in your yard. The plant may be found as you are taking a leisurely walk in the neighborhood, or on a walking trail, such as at Fernbank. If you do spot one growing, grab your camera, take a picture, and present it to your garden club, and see if anyone else has spotted the same. This would be a good

topic for discussion led by the Horticulture chairman of your club.. Let me know what you have determined, I will send the information along to the proper authorities, and we will take it from there.

Another plant whose genus name sounds familiar to many is Echinacea laevigata, or smooth coneflower. It looks like a coneflower on a diet with only about 8 drooping petals as leaves, usually pink to purple. And it grows to 5 feet, much taller than cultivated plants. Some habitats are power line rights of way, soils rich in Mg and Ca, open woods, along roadsides. It has lost its presence due to power line maintenance, unscrupulous plant collectors, roadside construction, and so on. Again, if your spot one along the road on your walk, be sure to take a picture, note exact place, and give to your Horticulture Chairman as a subject for discussion, and then have it sent to me.

So far I have only concentrated on Endangered Plants. One of the animals on the Endangered Animal list is the Alligator mississippiensis. But if on this morning or evening walk you should spot one, do NOT look for your camera. RUN and we will discuss it when you get here! Happy looking!!

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FLOWER SHOW AT HISTORIC HOME



ROSWELL'S HERITAGE AT SMITH PLANTATION May 21st, 3-5; May 22nd 10-3 935 Alpharetta Street, Route 9 Roswell

April showers bring May flowers and Roswell Garden Club has planned a May Standard Home Flower Show. This will celebrate the history of the Archibald Smith Plantation in Roswell. Twenty designs will be placed in different locations around the grounds, including the cook house, barn and

gracious porches of the historic 150 year old home.

The Horticulture Division of the show will feature combination planters as well as cut specimens and plants from garden club members. There will also be a Special Exhibits Division with information about some of the civic projects of the club. Admission to the flower show is free and there will be tours of the house for a special flower show price of \$6.

There is plenty of free parking at Roswell City Hall which is adjacent to the property. To make reservations for group tours of the house and gardens, call Debbie Vann 770-650-4607. To enter Horticulture call JoAnn Jones at 770-355-1323. If you would like to enter a design call Gretchen Collins at 678-682-3480

SPALDING GARDEN CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Spalding Garden Club is pleased to announce that they welcomed eight new members this past year. They are all very talented women and an asset to the club. Pictured in the photo on the left: Linda Daniels, Kristi Loverde, Kathy Mullen, Marilyn Santa Maria, and Mary Millar. In the photo on the right: Katherine Feeman, Liz Palmer, and Janet Kalahar.

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DOGWOOD DOINGS—2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH	1	GCG Dues for your club due to HQ in Athens today
	7-9	Deep South Convention
APRIL	8	Fulton Federation Mtg at Hastings—9:30
	16	GPPA Mtg, Designing with Tropicals, McElreath Hall
MAY	20-21	Daffodil Show, ABG
	10	Iris Society Mtg—Hastings
	19-20	Landscape Design Course II, LaGrange
	20	GPPA—Erica Glasner speaks at McElreath Hall
	21	Historic Preservation Survey
JUNE	24	S.GA Native Plant Symposium, Tifton
	26	Am Hydrangea Society, Joan Harrison speaks at ABG 7:30 pm
	28	Author Emily Wilson at the Cherokee Garden Library,
JULY	14-16	NGC 81st Annual Convention—Omni, Atlanta
	18	GPPA—Tony Avent speaks At McElreath Hall
	20	Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Awards Luncheon, Ansley Golf Club, 10:30 a.m.
AUGUST	21-22	Roswell Heritage Days at Smith Plantation
	26	The GCG: One day Convention – Macon
	5-6	Hydrangea Festival and Flower Show, Douglasville
	6-12	National Garden Week
SEPTEMBER	12	Am. Hydrangea Society Annual Garden Tour
	14-15	Environmental Studies School, Griffin
OCTOBER	27-29	Judges Symposium in Athens
	11-13	Wild & Wonderful Youth Camp, Charlie Elliot Park
NOVEMBER	10	New Date for Dogwood District Board Meeting