



Dogwood Dialogue

A newsletter of the Dogwood District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
"Forging the Future by Helping Garden Clubs Grow"

Holiday 2003 Edition



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Important Reminders

- Fulton Federation**
Meeting – Caroline
Silcox -Holiday Designs
November 10th
- Christmas Stockings**
and Fig Leaf Project for
Milledgeville
December 1st
- Awards Deadline**
December 1st
- High School Speech and**
Essay Contest deadline
December 1st
- Youth Poetry and Poster**
Contest Deadline
December 1st
- Basic Horticulture**
Course II-Improved
Cultivars January 5th
9:30 a.m. Hastings
- Fulton Federation**
Meeting- Mike Frances
on Japanese Maples
January 12th
- Dogwood District Board**
Meeting- January 26th
9:45 a.m. – Hastings
- Club Presidents Reports**
Due February 15th
- Southeastern Flower**
February 18-22
- Arbor Day in GA - plant**
Flowering Trees in all
your projects!
February 20th
- Landscape Dogwood**
District Habitat 4
Humanity House
Week of February 23rd
- Legislative Day at the**
Capital - Wear Green
February 24th

Greetings Dynamic Dogwoods,

Our first district fair is a pleasant memory, but there is still more to be done to help our clubs grow! The holidays are fast approaching and before you know it January will be here. And speaking of January, after a short business agenda our January board meeting will concentrate on sharing club program & project ideas, questions & answers, and mixing & mingling to help clubs grow! We're calling it a CORD, Club Officers Roundtable Discussion. Club officers—come ready to share and learn in a roundtable discussion! District chairmen—come with handouts and other information to share with our clubs. Let's make this board meeting a real learning exchange! And don't forget to bring plants that your club members have dug up and divided for our Habitat 4 Humanity project in late February.

At the Redbud Fall District Meeting one garden club presented Marsha Webb, Plant-4-A-Cure Chairman, with a check for \$1,018.00! Wow, how impressive and how wonderful for breast cancer patients and the State Botanical Garden. This director is issuing a **Plant 4 A Cure Challenge** to our clubs to BEAT this accomplishment. At our Convention District Breakfast on April 23rd let's make it our goal to announce that Dogwood clubs have given more to this cause than any other district! Let's make her proud of Dogwood by being proud of ourselves for helping so many women with breast cancer! Ladies, organize a drive within your club to open your hearts and your checkbooks and mail your donation to Marsha Webb - ASAP – certainly before April 23rd!

Have you seen our new website www.dogwooddistrict.com? It is in its infancy but will be growing and offering more as we become more proficient at using this new communications tool. What do you want this site to offer you as a garden club in this district? Send comments and suggestions to Barbara Bourque, our new webmaster at babourque@mindspring.com

A special reminder goes out to all our clubs to participate in Operation Fig Leaf this holiday season, bringing much needed underwear and t-shirts to the men and women of our state mental institutions. Please read this newsletter for all the wonderful ways your garden club can make the holidays brighter for these often forgotten citizens!

Happy Holidays to all our friends and family in Dogwood District,

Lee Dunn

Lee@Dunnshouse.com

770-394-2834

P.S. December 1st is right around the corner. Make sure that your club has applied for at least one award. It makes the awards night so much more fun and rewarding. Questions? Awards Chairman, Marion Lifsey is available to help at mlifsey@aol.com

Garden Club of Georgia

PLANT 4 A CURE

PLANT 4 A CURE is a project that will insure a lasting legacy for breast cancer patients by creating a mass planting of daffodils along the entrance of the State Botanical Garden in Athens. A memory book will be kept at the Garden Club of Georgia's Headquarters House with the names of those patients.

One third of the proceeds will purchase high quality daffodil bulbs, the second third will pay for planting and maintenance, and the last third will be given to breast cancer centers all over Georgia

\$36 A DOZEN FOR BULBS TO BE PLANTED TO
HONOR A BREAST CANCER PATIENT

OR

\$100 FOR 3 DOZEN BULBS TO BE PLANTED
PLEASE INCLUDE NAMES OF 3 PATIENTS

Send checks payable to GCG Plant-4-A-Cure to:

Marsha Webb
1500 Spalding Drive
Atlanta, GA 30350

or

Carole Smith
10777 Bell Road
Duluth, GA 30097

CALENDARS – PATHWAYS - CALENDARS

Quick before the new year begins. Purchase your GCG 2004 Calendar. Your \$7 investment promotes GCG scholarships. Club presidents should place orders with me

Trudy McGinnis
1350 Ridgefield Drive, Roswell 30075-4119

770-998-9788

tmckdcdb@aol.com

LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH & ESSAY CONTEST DUE DEC. 1ST

Theme for 2003 Speech & Essay Contest - "Preserving the Past". Describe ways in which you can preserve the past. This could be done through Environmental concerns, restoring a Landscape or Historical site, to educating people on the importance of safeguarding our past.

Encourage your children, grandchildren or neighbors' teenagers to enter. See Fall Dogwood Dialogue for details or call/ contact me if I can help in any way.

Dorothy Rouse
High School Speech & Essay State Chairman

drous@bellsouth.net

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770-623-1412

NATIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM ATHENS, GA.

JANUARY 28, 2004, 8:30 am – 3: pm

Co-sponsored by

THE STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF
GEORGIA

THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

The symposium for 2004 is designed to give the participant an in-depth study of how to plan native azaleas and companion plants, including perennials, to give a pleasing effect in the home landscape. You will learn compatible plants to use, how to group them for best affect, how to prepare the soil properly, and care for them.

Knowing how to combine natives for maximum landscape value and year round color will be emphasized in this year's symposium. (MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY)

REGISTRATION FORM NATIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM JANUARY 28, 2004 CALLAWAY BUILDING

(Please duplicate this form for each person.)

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

County _____

Telephone _____

G C G and/or State Botanical Garden

Members \$20 _____ Non-members \$22 _____

(bring your own lunch or order a box lunch for an additional \$8.00 _____ Please check selection

_____ Vegetarian _____ Turkey

_____ Chicken Salad _____ Ham

Please send check & registration form(s) to:

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia
2450 South Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30605-1624

For more information, call 706-542-6156 or

e-mail: ashenk@arches.uga.edu

Garden Club of Georgia

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL

GARDEN THERAPY is still an urgent need in our state. ALL clubs are strongly encouraged to send \$20 to Central State Hospital at Milledgeville. This money is desperately needed to buy seeds and plants for these patients

OPERATION FIG LEAF They need men's and women's socks, underwear and T-shirts of all sizes. Think about this as your Christmas project and send these items to:

Garden Therapy
C/O Volunteer Services
Central State Hospital
Milledgeville, GA 31062-9999

Deadline for Operation Fig Leaf is
DECEMBER 1st.



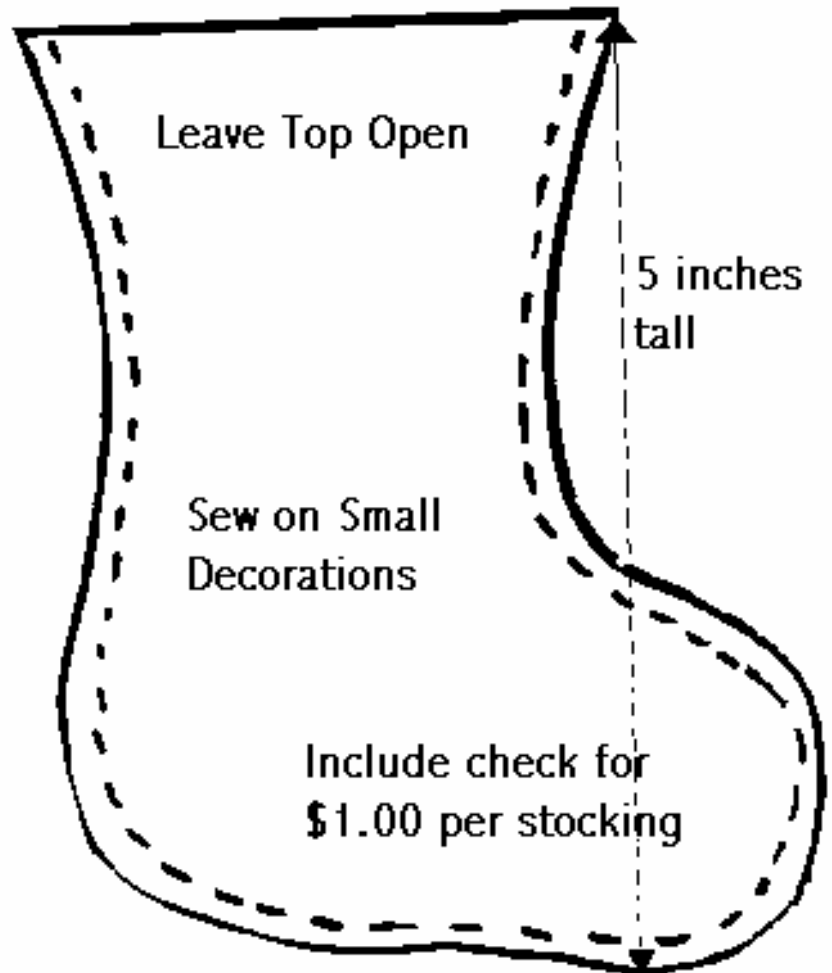
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS are still joyfully received by the patients but PLEASE adhere to the following rules when making them:

1. ONLY the specified pattern included here.
2. No pins, glitter or craft glue. Use felt and sequins and SEW them to the stockings.
3. Please sew the two stocking halves together by machine or by hand.

Please - we encourage you to make 2 stockings per member per club. (i.e. A 25 member club would contribute 50 stockings) Please include a check for \$1.00 per stocking. (i.e. The same 25 member club would send \$50 with their 50 stockings)

Send these stockings to the same address listed above for OPERATION FIGLEAF. Deadline is Dec. 1.

Nancy MacMillan
Dogwood District Garden Therapy Chair
404-261-9186



- ATTENTION - PRESIDENTS AND AWARDS CHAIRMEN

Be sure to read your Guide carefully as you plan your awards applications. There have been some changes. There will now be six pages (front and back) in each book of evidence and one scale of points for everything. In addition to the new rules there are changes from what was printed in the GCG Guide as to where to apply for several of the state entries. These new addresses are as follows: ****#28 (Pg. 231) Publicity Press Book Award due January 1, #37 (Pg.234) Publications Award due December 1 and #46 (Pg. 237) Public Relations Award due December 1 - Apply to Dorothy Lee, PO Box 944, Hiawassee, GA 30546-0944. **** #39 (Pg. 235) Marker Award due December 1 - Apply to Peg Glover, 2357 Hwy. 220E, Lincolnton 30817-8663. *** #41 (Pg. 236) Herb Award due December 1 - Apply to Sherle Beck, 150 Plum Nellie Lane, Blythe Island 31525-9626. Thank you, Deanna McFarlan, GCG & NGC Awards Chairman

This is the address where you can find online awards applications forms:

www.uga.edu/gardenclub/forms.html.

GCG is working on making these forms interactive so that you may fill in the blanks from your computers. Call me with any questions. Note- No more Petals award.

Marion Lifsey, Dogwood District Awards Chairman
mlifsey@aol.com 770-393-4211

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LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL FEBRUARY 24TH- WEAR GREEN!

Congratulations to Dogwood's own Joan Brown and the rest of the legislative team of Rachel Fowler, Mary Lovings, and Marion Hill, for producing such an outstanding State Legislative Advocacy Workshop. Speakers were outstanding and we learned so much about how to make a difference on the environmental issues we hold dear. The message was loud and clear: LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD. We want all of Dogwood District to be wearing Green on Legislative Day under the Gold Dome - February 24th. Please mark that day on your club calendars and publish it NOW in your newsletters so that we can draw a huge crowd at the Capitol. Without even saying a word, your presence in a large group will speak volumes. But to be able to send a letter or make a phone call on a specific issue or bill is the BIGGEST contribution you can make to seeing that our representatives understand how we feel about what is done in our state concerning water, air and land. To help our Dogwood Clubs prepare for the 2004 Legislative Session we have listed some websites for you to publish in your own club newsletters. Please encourage your members to become more informed advocates.

www.legis.state.ga.us- this website is good for learning about who is your state representative, the status of bills in the hopper, and everything you really want to know about your state legislature.

www.sos.state.ga.us- visit the Secretary of State's website. A good one for understanding more about your state government.

www.uga.edu/gardenclub- YES, visit our own GCG website to find our position papers on the issues of air, water and land. This will help you better understand where the organization stands on these topics, and help you be a more informed advocate.

Get on board the legislative train ladies!! More details will follow in the early Feb. edition of this newsletter.



Make this a GCG Christmas

Did you see something at GCG's Ways and Means table at our district fair that you've now decided would make the perfect gift for you or someone you love?

Contact Merchandise Chairman, Mary Denney at mwdenney@mindspring.com or 770-251-1670 for quick shipping to your door. A limited # of Halcyon Days boxes and other great garden gifts are still available. Support GCG this holiday season.

"THE BAG LADY PROJECT"

Looking for a great and inexpensive Christmas gift? How about our Project Bag Lady Bags. Call Donna Burt. She has them in stock now! The GCG Bag is a real bargain at only \$ 5.00 each. It is an extra large (20"x14") reusable, washable bag for groceries or more. It can be folded to a very small size to fit into your purse. Contact Donna for shipping charges or arrange to pick them up at her home. Mail the order form below along with a check made payable to GCG to:

Donna Burt
2772 Joel Place
Atlanta, GA 30360-1462

ORDER FORM

DISTRICT: Dogwood CLUB#: _____

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB TOWN _____

Ship to: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

of bags _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____ Total

Shipping cost: \$ _____

Total amount of Check \$ _____

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STATE AND NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

Why not give yourself a Christmas present, or offer this gift suggestion to family & friends. Life membership in the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. provides an excellent means of honoring those who have made valuable contributions to your garden club, council or district. STATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP is \$100.00 and national life IS \$200.00. Benefits are many and it supports a most worthwhile cause. State memberships fund our GCG scholarships. It is tax deductible. Your name will be recorded in the permanent Life Members book displayed at State Headquarters in Athens. Your name will be published in GARDEN GATEWAYS and you will receive a subscription, for one year, regardless of garden club status. You will also receive a complimentary copy of the current GUIDE. You may also receive recognition at State Convention, and much more.

Cut out this application and gift Certificate. Give the form to your family and let them know you would really like to receive this for Christmas. They can complete the top application and mail with a check to Helen. The lower half should be signed and put in an envelope or your stocking for Christmas.

Club Presidents, please make copied for members of your clubs, or contact me if you need additional color copies.

Barbara Bourque,
Dogwood Membership Chair
babourque@mindspring.com
770-889-2596

State and/or National Life Membership Application

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Garden Club _____ # _____

District *Dogwood*

Honored by: _____

_____ State Life \$100. _____ National Life \$200.

Make Check Payable to:

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

and mail it with the above application form to:

Helen Szmyd, State Life Member Chairman

4 Prestbury Lane

Savannah, GA 31411



Merry Christmas

A Life Membership in

National Garden Clubs, Inc. _____

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. _____

It is coming your way this Christmas with love from:



Dogwood District News and Chairman's Reports



DOGWOOD DISTRICT FAIR 2003

Our 2003 District Fair was a big success thanks to so many wonderful and hard working people. A big Dogwood Thank You to the following people:

Betty Thompson for her creative energy and teaching skills. Our table arrangements were gorgeous and sold out in minutes! Thank you to all the Dynamic Dogwoods who came and displayed their creative talents. We hope you learned a lot too!

Martins Landing Garden Club for our darling seed packets that carried out our theme of helping garden clubs grow, including the matching card with this district director's contact information.

Justine Combs who not only organized our Fair and Ways & Means display tables, but also organized and provided food for our wine/cheese/appetizer party for our out of town guests the evening preceding our meeting. Thanks also to **Linda Shulin, Barbara Bourque and Marian Lifsey** for providing their delicious appetizers too!

Barbara Kennedy for doing an outstanding job as registrar of the meeting, and **all our district chairmen** for the really wonderful displays that were made for the district meeting. They were ALL creative and informative.

Congratulations also to **Villa Rica Garden Club** for winning the attendance award! They probably could have won another award for coming the farthest!!!

Thanks must also go to our President **Jaydee Ager** for her inspirational words and her challenge to us all to become **active** participants in accomplishing our mission of beautification, conservation and education.

And lastly, thanks to the 170 attendees who came to hear our message. May this meeting serve as a springboard to great accomplishments and numerous awards.

SMOKEY BEAR/ WOODSY OWL

A big thank you goes to Roswell Garden Club President Barbara Taylor for their wonderful support of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contests in '02. Their club provided the winners with plants from their gardens, beanie babies, and passes for ALL participants to the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Congratulations and thank you ladies for honoring our kids!!

This year's contest deadline is December 1. Encourage your children or grandchildren to make a poster!

Call Linda Shulin for more details. 770-396-5814.



BASIC HORTICULTURE STUDY COURSE

Dogwood District is sponsoring the six session Basic Horticulture Study Course at Hastings Nursery on Peachtree Rd. Course I was in November, but you can still take the other five. Each unit is independent. A cost of \$5.00 per unit will cover expenses of the classes. A Certificate of Learning is issued to those persons who complete all six units. The curriculum requires four hours of study. There will be three hours in the classroom. Then an hour lunch break followed by a one hour field trip right at Hastings Nursery.

Pre-registration is requested.

Please contact **Johnnie Berry** johnniepearl@aol.com
287 Fennel Way S.W. Atlanta, Ga 30331-4107
(404) 691-8902

Remaining Schedule

Jan. 05, 2004	Improved Cultivars
Mar. 01, 2004	Food Gardening
May 03, 2004	Perennials, Annuals Biennials
Sept. 14, 2004	Container and Indoor Gardening
Nov.01, 2004	Native Plants

Dogwood Woman of the Year Award



Congratulations to our fantastic Woman of the Year – **Joan Brown**. Joan was honored for her dedication and many outstanding achievements in her work for the Garden Club of Georgia - especially those related to legislative activities. Because Joan was out of the country for the fall District Fair, she will be recognized again at the District Breakfast in April.

Go with the Flow

Congratulations to Sara Chambliss on a most successful Flow Workshop held on Oct. 7th, followed by a River Clean up on Oct. 25th. As with any first time project, this required an enormous amount of work. We look forward to even greater participation by many more clubs in future years. Protecting Georgia's water resources is a critical concern for all of us.

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LANDSCAPING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DOGWOOD DISTRICT PROJECT

It is time to dig and divide!!! Dogwood District is pleased to announce that we will be Landscaping a Habitat 4 Humanity House with donated plants and additional funds provided to us from GCG. We will do the actual landscaping in late February (Date TBA).

We will need lots of plants from the membership and we are asking you to start now by propagating, dividing, and rooting for this project. We will need hydrangea, liriope, nandina, acuba (roots in water) and Hosta (can be dug in February), and anything else you can dig up from your yard that you don't want or have too much of! Plants from your club may be brought to the January 26th Board Meeting at Hastings. We will have the vans available and will transport the plants to the site for you. Just ask your club members to be digging and dividing for Habitat!

We will use some of the funds available to purchase flowering trees to support our national America's A-Bloom project. We would like to ask one of the Landscape Designers in the Dogwood District to create a landscape plan for this house so please contact Julia McClanahan, Dogwood Plant 4 Humanity Chair at mclnavn@aol.com if you would be interested. We want this home to be a model for garden clubs everywhere to emulate.

This is a District-wide project and we ask all clubs to participate in some fashion. Get involved with Dogwood and see how rewarding it can be. If members of your club are not able to participate due to physical limitations, we will need a lemonade or a hot cocoa brigade, depending on the weather. We would also like to ask if any club would be willing to purchase one new plant specimen from a local nursery as a donation to this project. Thanks for your support of Plant 4 Humanity.

DOGWOOD C.O.R.D. **Monday, January 26th at 10:00 am.** **Hastings Garden Center**

Remember our Dogwood District Board Meeting at Hastings on Monday, January 26th at 10:00 am. This will be a CORD - Club Officer's Roundtable Discussion. You may ask questions of the board, meet other presidents in a smaller, more intimate atmosphere than a district meeting. We will have a sharing time on the agenda for presidents to talk and ask questions, get program ideas from other clubs, etc. All club members are welcome, not just officers.



This year The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. will have a kiosk in the Southeastern Flower Show to acquaint the general public with the mission of Beautification, Conservation and Education that we provide our members. This kiosk is being designed and staffed by a tri-district team of Laurel, Redbud and Dogwood Districts. Designers, Ruthellen Anderson, Betty Thompson and Jeanne Heyser will create something that GCG will be proud of. We need the support of members of all three districts to staff this kiosk during the entire flower show, February 18-22, 2004. Please talk to your garden club about staffing and plan to help out. Those who staff our booth receive FREE passes to the show that day. The following times still need 2-3 staffers at each shift:

February 18- 6:00-8:00p.m.

February 19- 6:00-8:00p.m.

February 20- 9:00-12:00p.m.

February 21- 6:00-8:00p.m.

February 22-12:00-3:00p.m.

and 3:00-6:00p.m.

Please contact Lee Dunn- Lee@dunnshouse.com with your shift preferences immediately while choices are still open!

Landscape Design – Course I

Series XXIII – Open to Dogwood District

Cascade Hill Baptist Church

Columbus, Georgia

January 26-27, 2004

Registration: \$55.00 includes Lunch & snacks

For information Contact

Registrar: Dorothy Roberts

5908 Brookstone Blvd.

Columbus, GA 31904

706-596-8861

Magnolia District Course Chairman:

Arlette Cone - 706-569-1932

bamboo6716@knology.net

Dogwood District Chair -

Dot Rouse - drous@bellsouth.net



Club News



Chapel and Garden Dedication

Club Estates Garden Club celebrated a joyous occasion on the morning of October 28, 2003 by dedicating a new Meditation Chapel and Garden on the grounds of a cancer home. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home serves as a free, non-denominational home where terminal cancer patients can spend their final days in dignity. The cancer home has been the focus of service for the club since 1946. Constructing the Chapel and Garden was a service project planned, funded, and executed by the Club Estates Garden Club.



BULLETINBOARD



**The Atlanta Chapter of the
American Ivy Society**

**January Meeting -
Tuesday, January 27, 2004**

10:00 am Hastings Garden Center

**FULTON
FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS**

Monday, Nov. 10, 2003 - "Holiday Designs"
Caroline Silcox, Master Flower Show Judge
Gainesville, Georgia

Monday, Jan. 12, 2004 - "Japanese Maples"
Mike Frances, Owner
The Greenhouse Nursery, Decatur

Meetings begin at 10:00 A.M. Hastings Nursery

Call Debbie Hyla for more info
404 916 1107

E-mail Contacts – PLEASE - and any Address Changes

The GCG has established a District List Server for each of the seven districts. This will enable all clubs to receive important information electronically from our Director Lee Dunn and other board members. E-Contact person can be the club President, or any club member that is willing to receive e-mail on behalf of the club and promptly distribute it to other club members. In order to accomplish this, please send your email addresses to me at babourque@mindspring.com in the following manner:

Example: Suzie Smith SuzieS@hotmail.com President Daisy Garden Club Roswell, Dogwood Dist.

or Suzie Smith SuzieS@hotmail.com Member Daisy Garden Club Roswell, Dogwood Dist.

(If you received this newsletter via the internet, we already have your address - but please send us additional names from your club if others wish to be added to the list and receive Garden Club information electronically.) Also send change of address, change of officer information etc. to me. Thank you.

Barbara Bourque, Membership & Communications Chairman
babourque@mindspring.com

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Next Submission Deadline: Jan 26th for Winter 2004 issue

Dogwood Doings – Dates to Remember

November 2003

- 01 Deadline- Hist.Garden Restoration Application
- 03 Horticulture Course Hastings
- 04 Atlanta Ivy Society Mtg. Hastings
- 05 GCG Legis/Gov. Affairs Conf. Columbus
- 10 Fulton Federation Mtg. Hastings
- 13 The Designers Club
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

December 2003

- 01 Deadline for NGC & DSR and some GCG Awards
- 01 Christmas Stockings for Milledgeville
- 01 Fig Leaf Project for Milledgeville
- 02 N. Georgia Judges Council Mtg
- 10-11 GCG Awards Committee Mtg Perry
- 11 The Designers Club
- 25 Merry Christmas

January 2004

- 01 Happy New Year
- 01 Deadline for Publicity Press Book Award
- 05 Horticulture Course II Hastings
- 26 Dogwood Dist. Board Mtg Hastings
- 27 Atlanta Ivy Society Mtg. Hastings

February 2004

- 01 Deadline for all other GCG Awards
- 03 N.Georgia Judges Council Mtg
- 12 Designers Club
- 15 Club Presidents Reports Due
- 18-22 Southeastern Flower
- 20 Georgia's Arbor Day
- 23 This week - Landscape Dogwood District Habitat 4 Humanity House
- 24 Legislative Day at the Capital - Wear Green

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