



# Redbud Reporter

Fall 2020

## From the District Director

### Hello, Redbud Friends!

Autumn... what a beautiful word! It conjures up images of golden light, bright blue skies and brilliant foliage of every hue especially in the hardwoods of the northern portion of Redbud District. By-ways are decorated with blooming wildflowers in shades of yellow, purple, orange and red.

Some of you may know that my sister is a naturalist artist and once she told me that each season has natural colors. At first, I wondered what she meant but, as you may observe, she was absolutely right. Think of spring and pink and spring green come to mind. Summer is dark green and hundreds of colors and winter is grey and brown and sometimes white!



The English poet, James Rigg, wrote a lovely tribute to Autumn.

Now Nature dons her tawny gown,  
And to her rest doth creep:  
She's laid aside her Summer crown,  
And sadly slinks to sleep.

Fall will be different this year but we will enjoy the Redbud Virtual Gathering on October 7, 2020 via Zoom. We will have a short business meeting, recognize our members in a memorial service, applaud our award-winning clubs and have a fun fundraiser "Gift Card Canasta"! Hope you will be able to join us. More details are in this newsletter. Thank you to Conyers Garden Club for hosting us with co-chairs Susan Turner and Jessica Warren and fundraiser chair, Rigby Duncan! Come join the fun!

Friends, this summer Barbara Maaskant with Shenandoah Rose GC let us know that she is retiring from managing our award-winning Redbud website. Barbara did a fantastic job and she is leaving on a high note with winning the top award again this year. We are all very grateful for her expertise and wise counsel over the last many years. Barbara has advised us to start anew with a new platform and a new look and we are pursuing that direction now. We will keep you up to date on how it will proceed and do take a minute to thank Barbara for all her devotion to our district. She will be missed!

Clubs all across the district are gathering again, practicing social distancing and using alternative forms of meeting. Some are meeting outdoors and others with Zoom. Club members are gardening, which is ideal for the restrictions of COVID guidelines. It is encouraging and healthy to be able to work outside during the ideal time of year to plant trees, shrubs and perennials.

Finally, take the time to call a club member or reach out to a new potential member in your community. We need to stay in touch and be strong and we have much to be grateful for in our beautiful state. Sign up a family member or friend for a subscribing membership. It is \$25 and tax deductible and you will help us keep our state membership at 10,000 plus so we can qualify for the \$4K scholarship funding from National Garden Clubs. We know that our scholarship winners are our future!

Take care, take a walk, and take time to admire the beauty around you!

With gardening gloves on my hands and a shovel at the ready,

Quill Duncan, Redbud District Director

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## Congratulations, Dianne and Jennifer

The top three winners of the 2020 GCG Wildflower Digital Photo Contest are all Redbuds!

Dianne Smith with Shenandoah Rose Garden Club won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Jennifer Candler with Driftwood Garden Club won 3<sup>rd</sup> place and two honorable mentions.

Their photos are featured in the fall *Garden Gateways* issue, but you really need to see them in

color to appreciate their special and unique beauty. We hope to feature more of their work in our upcoming new Redbud website.

To see the many stunning entries in full color, go to: <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/2020entries.pdf>

To participate in 2021's Wildflower Digital Photo contest, go to the GCG website for forms and guidelines or contact Evelyn Rogers at [rogers2767@bellsouth.net](mailto:rogers2767@bellsouth.net).



*First place winner:*  
Japanese Honeysuckle,  
submitted by Dianne Smith,  
Shenandoah Rose Garden Club



*Redbud District*  
of  
*The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*  
Cordially Invites You to Attend Our  
***Redbud District Virtual Gathering***

*Wednesday, October 7, 2020*

*Meeting begins at 10:30*

Find a comfortable spot in your home or garden and **Zoom** with your Redbud friends.  
Hear what clubs have been doing and join the fun!

A short business meeting, to include our Memorial Service,  
Report from the Redbud Nominating Committee for the 2021-2023 District Term,  
followed by Redbud District Awards.

*Honored Guest, Barbara Bourque, President, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

**Support Redbud and play Gift Card Canasta!**

Gift Card Door Prizes to be drawn and mailed to the winners.  
Your virtual attendance will be noted and  
automatically entered for a chance to win!



Redbud District is gratefully accepting monetary donations from clubs and individuals in lieu of your attendance and associated expenses, such as registration fee, donating to a club raffle basket and purchasing tickets for raffle baskets chances.

*All contributions will be truly appreciated!*

Contributions will supplement our annual budget. Gift cards will be purchased with a portion of these donations from places that members will find useful and easily accessible.

Mail your contribution payable to Redbud District to Rigby Duncan, Treasurer  
2800 Hunting Hill Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-1504

A **Zoom** link to this **Virtual Gathering** will be sent via the  
GCG and Redbud District Listserv closer to meeting date.



***NOW is the time for Scholarships!***

***Susan Turner, GCG Scholarships Chairman***  
***[glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)***

**The time is NOW so I have to say  
Scholarships indeed must find a way  
To secure donations to help our students;  
Let us face it friends, it is only prudent.**

**Our committee is thankful for your dedication  
You give all you can without hesitation.  
So humbly, we ask for your support once again  
To continue to help our students' own mission.**

**Send your check today, no later than January  
Our students will apply so we have to be ready  
To offer some aid; they are counting on us.  
We have done so well so let's keep it up!**

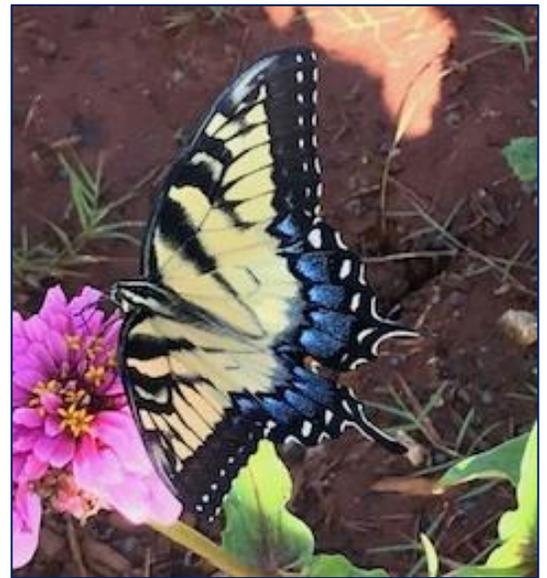
**Ask clubs, councils, districts and more  
Your friends, colleagues, businesses galore  
To join with YOU to give in unity  
For with that dear friends,  
We foster Conservation and Beauty!**

Scholarships webpage: **<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/scholarships.html>**



May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun.  
And find your shoulder to light on.  
To bring you luck, happiness and riches.  
Today, tomorrow and beyond.

---Irish Blessing



*upper left:* Faye O'Dell, Mimosa GC  
*upper right:* Ruth Ann Hill, Smoke Rise Morning  
Glories  
*lower left:* Tucker Butterfly Garden  
*lower right:* Georgia Regional Hospital Garden  
Therapy Project



## 2021 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser

You're cordially invited to LaGrange on May 1, 2021 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm when the Redbud District hosts The Garden Club of Georgia's annual fundraiser benefitting our statewide Historic Landscape Preservation Grant program, now in its twentieth year.

How good it will be to celebrate spring at Hills and Dales! The magnificent 13,000 square foot home designed by Neel Reid and Hal Hentz was completed in 1916. Today the fourth generation of the Callaway family welcomes visitors to the home, beautifully located in the sunny hills and shady dales of West Central Georgia. Plants dating back to the 1840s, 2 ½ acres of formal dwarf boxwood parterres, and twenty-six different varieties of deciduous magnolias are just a few of the many delights. LaGrange is easily accessed and could be combined with a stay at Callaway Gardens!

The day will feature tours of the historic home and gardens, a lecture by Jo Phillips entitled, "Heirloom Plants for Garden Fragrance," a box lunch, a welcome center with a film on Hills and Dales and a gift shop. The lecture begins at 10:30 and seating is limited to 90 attendees so plan to come early to hear this topic, or you can tour the house or gardens at your leisure upon arrival. To explore more about the property, go to [www.hillsanddales.org](http://www.hillsanddales.org).

To register, please complete the attached form which offers your choices for a box lunch and more details on the day.

Redbud District is looking forward to welcoming you on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021!

**“Hills and Dales - A Living Legacy” Registration Form**

**May 1, 2021 10:00AM - 3:00PM**

Come join us for a day of exploration of historic gardens and an elegant home!

**Please mail this form with your registration fee of \$40 with a check payable to**

**GCG, Inc. to:**  
Leslie Sebaugh  
LaGrange College Alumni Office  
601 Broad Street  
LaGrange, GA 30240

Your registration fee includes a catered box lunch offered by Creme Fraiche. It will be available from Noon to 1:30 PM. Tables with chairs will be available or you may choose to enjoy lunch seated on the grounds on a bench or a picnic table.

**Please check your choice for lunch and return this form no later than April 10, 2021.**

\_\_\_ Option 1: Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Potato Chip Bag, Pickle Spear, lemon bar and lace cookie

\_\_\_ Option 2: Chunky Chicken Salad, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Pasta Salad, Potato Chip Bag, lemon bar and lace cookie

\_\_\_ Option 3: **(VEGAN OPTION)** Veggie Sandwich-tomatoes, peppers, mushrooms, and squash on French Baguette, Fruit Cup-pineapple, strawberries, and cantaloupe, Pickle, Broccoli Salad w/ vegan Mayo, Vegan chocolate chip cookie and Vegan lace cookie

All options include Callaway Blue Bottled Water.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

See you on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 at Hills and Dales 1916 Hills and Dales Drive, LaGrange, GA! See [www.hillsanddales.org](http://www.hillsanddales.org) for directions.

Questions? Contact Quill Duncan 770 414-4766 or [quillduncan@msn.com](mailto:quillduncan@msn.com) or Bonnie Dudley 706 884-3787 [bondudley@yahoo.com](mailto:bondudley@yahoo.com).

## Redbud District Facebook Page

The Redbud District has a Facebook page! Right now it is being used to host a virtual Yellow Daisy Flower Show. No awards, just lots of pretty pictures!

You need to have a Facebook logon to see the page, but you needn't create your own page. Just click on the following link to post or view:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1238530506507076>

Here are just a few of the lovely photos that have been posted.



*Huernia guttata* (Lifesaver plant)  
Joy Zaidan  
Smoke Rise Morning Glories



*Deutzia crenata* 'Nikko'  
Tyler Weaver  
Avondale Estates Garden Club



Night-blooming cereus  
Deirdre Johnson, Breckinridge Garden Arts I



*Episcia cupreata* (flame violet)  
Denise Finley  
Smoke Rise Garden Club



*Paeonia* 'Mikasa' (Itoh hybrid peony)  
Sandy Reed  
Shenandoah Roase Garden Club



*Lycoris radiata*  
Emily Wilbert  
Old Town GC of Sharpsburg



*Phragmipedium sedenii*  
Lynn Malone  
Mountain Mums GC

## Restoring Natives in Public Places

We know you Remarkable Redbuds have been incredibly busy with baking, gardening, playing with the grandkids, and trying to keep up all your projects. We want to really shine as we apply for the unified projects award for Barbara Bourque for Deep South. Send any project your Club has been working on along with a contact person, photographs, and a couple of lines describing what you're doing.

We want to know how you have put native plants into your public plantings. Projects may include restoring plantings that you're already doing at

libraries and hospitals and courthouses. You may also want to put in a description of your butterfly gardens as long as you include native plants. Don't forget to include plantings of trees as well. We want to make sure that we capture all the ways you're going native!

Send your information to Diane Hunter at [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com). If you have any questions, you can also contact me above. Thank you so much for everything you guys do. Win one for Barb and make Redbud shine!

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## Proposed Amendment to Georgia Constitution

Amendment 1 Authorizes dedication of fees and taxes to their intended purposes by general state law.

■ **What it does:** For decades the General Assembly has imposed fees for a variety of purposes, only to use the revenue for something else. For example, the state charges for every new tire sold in Georgia, and the money is supposed to be used to clean up illegal dumps and fund other waste management programs. But lawmakers have dedicated only a portion of the money for those purposes.

Since 2009 they have used more than \$50 million of the revenue for other programs, according to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

Under current law, the only way to ensure a tax or fee is used for its intended purpose is for voters to

dedicate the revenue through constitutional amendments.

Amendment 1 would allow the General Assembly to dedicate fees and taxes for specific purposes.

■ **Proponents say:** Supporters of the proposal say it would end what amounts to a “bait and switch,” with fees implemented in the name of environmental cleanup, driver’s education and other popular causes, then redirected to pay for general spending. They say Amendment 1 would amount to truth in advertising for state fees.

■ **Opponents say:** Opponents to this proposal say this money should be available in case of financial emergencies (like Covid). But-provisions for using this money for other purposes in case of financial emergency is written into the bill.

### **Arboreta, Botanical & Memorial Gardens Report; Mary Denney, Chairman**

The date of January 29, 2001 has been set for the dedication of the Center for Art and Nature Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens.

## News from the Councils and Clubs

### *DeKalb Federation Participates in 9/11 Ceremony*

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. once again provided a beautiful wreath for the *Never Forget 9/11* Ceremony held annually at the DeKalb County Public Safety Complex in Tucker. The First Responders unit is very grateful for our generosity, participation and support for them.

Although this year the ceremony was closed to the public, the Federation was requested to take part in the ceremony to place the wreath at the 9/11 Memorial Monument.

*Never Forget 9/11* Chairman Susan Turner invited Charlotte Booth and Bonnie Pennington to serve and they accepted with honor.

As always, the ceremony began at 8:46 am, to commemorate the time the first plane struck the Twin Towers. We trust that on September 11, 2021 we will all be together to give remembrance for this tragic day in our Nation's history.



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### *“Nurturing with Nature” Yields Large Bounty*

For the past two years, DeKalb Federation has supported the Georgia Regional Hospital's garden therapy program through our “Nurturing with Nature” special project. Although we are not able to provide hands-on help with the project, we have provided advice on plants and planting designs and have also given monetary support. The garden therapy project at the hospital has also received monetary support from the Garden Club of Georgia.

Jackie Cox, who is a member of Smoke Rise Morning Glories, works at Georgia Regional Hospital and



started their garden therapy project. Jackie describes the garden as an eclectic, creative little garden with things that have been planted and added by different staff members and patients. Lots of pollinator plants have attracted beautiful butterflies (and a hummingbird every now and then). Staff members have been taking small groups to work in the garden weekly. They have also been taking walking groups to look at the gardens.

Jackie is working to jumpstart the Work Therapy Program, where individuals are getting paid to work outside AND the benefit of therapeutic gardening. Another benefit is that it's easy to social distance in the gardens! This is especially important now because the patients that Jackie works with in Work Therapy are not yet allowed to go to different buildings to complete their typical work assignments. Hopefully, as the weather starts cooling down, the patients will get a chance to plant fall crops. Jackie said they are hoping to possibly open up a vegetable stand at some later time and sell veggies to the staff.

This project has been a winner in so many ways and we feel privileged to be a part of it!



## *Just Like in Baseball, There's No Crying in Gardening*

With all their regularly scheduled garden club meetings, officer installations, and a spring field trip cancelled, you would expect the members of the Avondale Estates Garden Club (AEGC) “to throw in the trowel.” Not so, these persevering club members’ Executive Board used their March board meeting to install officers. Pictures of this impromptu ceremony were posted in their monthly newsletter so that members would know that it is business as usual in Avondale Estates--sort of! The AEGC’s Executive Board will continue to hone their technological skills by having their upcoming meetings via Zoom, a platform mostly everyone has been forced to use at some point during the past six months.

Fortunately, all was not lost when AEGC had to cancel its April field trip to the gardens of the Atlanta History Center (AHC). Thanks to the program chairman’s neighbor, Howard Pousner, who does Media Relations for AHC, even the yearly field trip took a virtual turn! Featured were gorgeous photos of the Goizueta Gardens that grace the land surrounding Atlanta’s famed Swan House that is part of the AHC campus. AEGC’s publicity chairman shared the photos on the club’s Facebook page to engage the online community as well. The photos were also highlighted in the organization’s award-winning monthly newsletter *Flower Power*.

A highly anticipated end to the club’s general meeting in May was to be a presentation by Teresa Parrish, who with little gardening experience, inherited legendary gardener Ryan Gainey’s home and garden. With the cancellation of this program, AEGC members have instead invited fellow gardeners to drop by their gardens to view beautiful planting they would like to showcase, with social distancing required, of course. In doing this, members can learn and be inspired by their fellow gardeners’ efforts.

Additionally, the club reprised their highly successful garden tour idea from the previous year and created a guided driving garden tour of some of Avondale Estates’ not-to-be-missed enchanted gardens. This was referred to as the “Up Close and Not-So-Personal Garden Tour.” Again, current CDC guidelines were a must, but the troop aimed to showcase some of the stunning gifts of Mother Nature, despite the ongoing pandemic.

Indeed, spirits are high as the club’s resilient members continue celebrating and sharing all things bright and beautiful with dear friends, looking forward to a time when they will be together again in person.



Left to right: Peggy Burgess, First Vice-President; Nancy Martin, Second Vice-President; Helen Dorroh, Recording Secretary; Alice Guppy, President; Peg Wyse, Treasurer; and, Kathy Delaney, Corresponding Secretary

## *Covington Garden Club Zooms September 2020 Meeting*

On September 2, 2020, the Covington Garden Club kicked off its Fall 2020 meeting via Zoom. With assistance from member Jami Berry as the Moderator, seventeen members were successful in joining the virtual meeting.

In addition to regular agenda items, announcements, and committee reports, members were assigned to “break-out groups” for discussion and recommendations of ongoing projects. With the

Moderator’s guidance, everyone was able to join their small group, and rejoin the full group, with the click of a button.

While the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact our lives, the virtual meeting provided an opportunity to discuss important business, and to socially connect. Covington Garden Club President Kathy Whitworth encouraged members to focus on our goals “to conserve and nurture the best within ourselves and the best in our community”.

