



Redbud Reporter

Fall 2022

From the District Director

Greetings, Remarkable Redbud Members,

It is Fall and Fall is the time that our clubs start a new club year. By now, you have had your first club meeting of the year and that excitement that comes with the seeing old club friends after the summer break has set the momentum for your new club year. I am excited that our 2022 Annual Meeting on October 11, 2022 in LaGrange is part of the calendar for the Redbud District clubs.

I am looking forward to seeing you in October. We have a wonderful speaker, Abra Lee. The Elms and Roses Garden Club Council, our hostesses, have planned a beautiful setting and a delicious meal for our enjoyment. This will be a wonderful time of seeing old garden club friends and meeting new ones. We will have our traditional basket raffle, door prizes, and a 50-50 cash raffle. (Have you bought your raffle ticket?) Our agenda includes the Annual Business Meeting, Memorial Service and the Award Program celebrating the accomplishments of 2021. The Redbud Awards are based on the information included in the clubs' annual *President's Report* summarizing the 2021 club year.

GCG awards season is approaching. Please consider applying for GCG awards for your excellent programs and your projects. There are many GCG awards and I am confident that you will probably find several to match your club's accomplishments. There are a few changes in the awards application form and that information will be presented at the

Annual Meeting. The revised forms will soon be available on the revised GCG website.

Grant opportunities are still available through National Garden Club (NGC) and The Garden Club of Georgia (GCG). The Plant America Grant needs more applicants from Georgia. I am asking you to consider applying for this matching grant. The deadline is October 10, 2022, so you still have time to apply. The Plant America grant application is included in this newsletter.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who worked to make the Redbud District Flower Show a successful one. Congratulations to all the winners and to all who entered exhibit items. Your design and horticulture contributions made this show a remarkable one. Heartfelt thanks to all the committee leaders and members, led by Diane Hunter and Susan Turner, and to all volunteers and supporters. More information about the flower show is included in this newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any Redbud Board member. You can find a complete listing of the Board members on the redbuddistrict.com website. The Redbud District Board is here to support you and your projects.

Have a wonderful 2022-2023 club year.

Gale D. Thomas
Redbud District Director

What's Cooking Daisy

Remarkable Redbuds bloomed early this past week as scores of youth and adult entries, 24 designs and 2 educational entries filled the courtyard of Callanwolde. Change proved invigorating as we challenged ourselves with an elegant and fun culinary setting for our 49th Redbud District Flower Show. What a delight to see so many Redbuds participate! Redbud's Designers Club came through with a few members pitching in three designs each and several folks from Creative Studies Club in Marietta pitching in as well. Youth came through again with 20 designs and 23 horticulture entries from kids supported by Conyers Garden Club, Iris Garden Club and Merry Weather Garden Club.

We didn't know what to expect with such a major change; but we were all pleasantly surprised. The location drew kudos from judges and exhibitors alike. Callanwolde and its staff were the best! They

were helpful beyond what we'd hoped for. Callanwolde Director Andrew Keenan cut the ribbon on Wednesday afternoon and over 100 visitors attended the show in just 1½ days! Thanks to the chairs, the runners, the hostesses, the table toppers, the placement folks, the entertainment teams, the horticulture experts, the design consultants and everyone who just stopped by and said "Can I help?" We never do this alone so pat yourselves on the back!

While the quality of both designs and horticulture was exceptional, we did have some big winners. Please note that former Redbud District Directors Cookie Roland, Janet McGinnis and Joy Zaidan all won top design awards. Cookie won the overall Award of Design Excellence, the Designer's Choice Award and the Mickey Holton Inspirational Award.

Yellow Daisy Flower Show Winners for 2022

Horticulture Awards

Award of Horticultural Excellence – *Osmanthus*, Kathy Haynes, Creative Study

Arboreal Award, Shrubs – *Osmanthus*, Kathy Haynes, Creative Study

Arboreal Award, Trees – *Acer palmatum*, Brenda Brettschneider, Designers

Collector's Showcase Award – *Aroids*, Lynn Malone, Mountain Mums

Award of Merit, Ferns – *Asplenium scolopendrium*, Janet McGinnis, Designers

Award of Merit, *Hosta* – Scott Legg, Avondale Estates

Award of Merit, *Hedera helix* (ivy) – Barbara Crank, Designers

Award of Merit, *Rosa* – Christi Granger, Avondale Estates

Award of Merit, Flowering Annuals – *Helianthus*, Fay Bridges, Spade & Trowel

Award of Merit, Foliage Annuals – *Plectranthus* (coleus), Nancy Allen, Avon

Award of Merit, Flowering Perennials – *Veronica*, Anita Cole, Moonflower

Award of Merit, Foliage Perennial – *Monstera deliciosa*, Diane Hunter, Designers

Award of Merit, Flowering bulbs – *Lycoris radiata*, Michele Spears, Avon

Award of Merit, Foliage bulbs – *Caladium*, Sarah Armstrong, Green Thumb

Award of Merit, Herbs – *Laurus nobilis*, Michele Spears, Avon

Award of Merit, Fruit and Vegetables – *Capsicum annuum* (pepper), Helen Dorroh, Avondale Estates

NGC Sweepstakes Award, individual with most blue ribbons in Horticulture – Michele Spears, Avon (9 blues)

Local Award, Joy Zaidan Blue Ribbon Sweepstakes Award, \$50 to the club winning the most blue ribbons in entire show (hort, design, education) – Avon (17 blues)

Education Award

Educational Award – Gale Thomas, Conyers, “Backyard Vegetable Gardening Tips”

Design Awards

Award of Design Excellence, Designers Choice, Mickie Holton Inspirational Award, Cookie Roland, Designers

Petite Award, Emily Levitt, Designers

Table Artistry Award, Tyler Weaver, Avondale Estates, Functional Table

Blue Ribbon Winners in Design

Mary Ann Bryant, Designers, Petite

Dian Goldwire, Iris, Petite and Creative Designs

Joy Zaidan, Designers, Exhibition Table

Janet McGinnis, Designers, Tray Table

JoAnn Jones, Designers, Creative Design

Youth Top Horticulture Awards

Intermediates: Ariana Bradley, Conyers, age 9

High School: Joshua Green, Conyers, age 14

Youth Top Design Awards

Juniors, Mackenzie Boyington, Conyers, age 5

Intermediates, Justin Goldwire, Iris, age 9

High School, Sarah Goldwire, Iris, age 13







PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Guidelines and Application



The *PLANT AMERICA* Community Project Grants Program is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects may include but are not limited to:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- Youth gardening
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping
- Landscaping projects
- 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 2023 projects.

Who May Apply:

- Individual or near-garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- NOTE:** Recipients of previous PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants are **NOT** eligible to apply.

How to Apply using this PDF form:

- Application is limited to a **TOTAL** of **two (2) pages**. (This page does not count.)
 - **ONE (1) PAGE** - Application Form (Page 1)
 - **ONE (1) PAGE** - Budget (Page 2)
- Applications of more than two pages will **NOT** be considered. NO PHOTOS/DIAGRAMS.*

Save this form to your desktop and open it in Adobe Acrobat; it is not fillable with most internet browsers. Fill in, save the changes and email the completed **application form** and **budget** to: PlantAmericaGrants@gardenclub.org.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2022

- Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by **January 31, 2023**.
- Projects must be completed by **February 28, 2024**; final report forms due by **April 1, 2024**.

Judging Criteria:

In evaluating grant applications, judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

Benefits and visibility in community	40	Collaboration with other community groups	15
Impact and scope of project	25	Application form complete	5
Involvement & participation by club members	15	TOTAL	100

Funding Guidelines:

Grants will not be provided for:

- Projects in which club does not participate in some aspect
- Competitive Flower Shows
- Scholarships and/or endowments
- Purchase of Blue or Gold Star Markers
- Scout projects
- Private gardens
- Salaries or benefits of personnel
- Lawsuits and/or litigation
- Political action programs
- Overhead costs
- Capital drives and/or fund building
- Projects completed before 2023.

Final Report:

1. **Deadline:** within two months after the completion of the project or by April 1, 2024.
2. Email the following:
 - A short two-to-three pages report describing the project including photos
 - A copy of the final financial report including all income and expenses
 - A copy of any publicity

NOTE: Please indicate if permission has been given for use of photos by NGC in print, website and social media. A release form for adults and minors can be found on the NGC website. <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/ngc-publication-release-fillable-01.pdf>

Remember 9/11 Ceremony

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. once again provided a beautiful wreath for the *Remember 9/11* Ceremony held annually at the DeKalb County Public Safety Complex in Tucker. The First Responders unit is very grateful for this generosity, participation and support of them. Beginning in 2014, Federation members have participated on September 11 in a ceremony at this DeKalb County Police and Fire Headquarters. The ceremony honors the memory of the first responders who died tragically in the events that unfolded on 9.11.2001.

This year marked year 21 of this terrible day for our Nation. The Memorial Remembrance Ceremony was held Sunday morning, September 11th at DeKalb County Public Safety Complex at 1960 West Exchange Place, Tucker 30084.

The ceremony always begins at 8:46 am, to commemorate the time the first plane struck the Twin Towers. Glenndolyn Hallman, DeKalb Federation Garden Club President and Susan Turner, *Remember 9/11* Chairman, joined DCFD Chief Alex Lane to place the wreath. Members from all branches of Public Safety participated in this moving ceremony.

Metal from the Twin Towers site was used in creating this memorial sculpture. It is a beautiful tribute to those who gave and lost so much. The public is invited to attend this Patriot Day ceremony.

The poem on the following page was written by Victoria Crosby. Victoria moved to Smoke Rise from Long Island NY last year and is now a new member of Smoke Rise Garden Club. Victoria was the City of Glen Cove's poet laureate for over 25 years. She modified this poem to fit the City of Tucker. This poem was read by Victoria every year at the 9/11 ceremony in Glen Cove. May we continue to remember, not just on certain days or occasions, but each day give thanks to those who sacrificed and continue to do so, for our freedoms and our safety. We are appreciative to Victoria for sharing this poem with us all.



L to r: Susan Turner, Ann Purr, Glenndolyn Hallman, Quill Duncan, DeKalb Co. CEO Michael Thurmond, Joy Abrams, Denise Finley, Victoria Crosby, Bonnie Pennington and Charlotte Booth.

A Tribute to Heroes

They didn't set out to be heroes
they just did what had to be done.
They are more than heroes, they are angels
And we mourn the loss of each one.

Some went to work that morning,
some were travelling by plane,
people from all walks of life
who won't come home again.

They left wives and husbands and children,
and parents and siblings and friends,
and extended family members
in a circle that never ends.

We all know someone who's lost someone,
we all feel part of their pain,
for part of us was lost that day,
a part we can never regain.

Our country was brutally ravaged
by a heinous act of war,
which brought about the best of behavior
and shows what our country stands for.

In times of great crisis great strength shines through
and Americans do what they have to do.
We remember all our heroes today
and think of them in a special way.

For the thousands of first responders,
and the many volunteers
who have died over these past many years
after breathing that toxic air,
and for their families who took care
of them in their suffering,
we also shed our tears.*

For no-one sets out to be a hero
they just do what has to be done,
and here in the City of Tucker
we honor each and every one.

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*verse added in 2013



Youth News

Autumn is Here!

*What a great time to assist young people in entering
GCG Youth Contests.*

There is something fun for everyone!

Continued Kuddos to the Kiddos!

As you learned earlier this year, our *Remarkable Redbud Youth* received awards in the GCG Youth Poetry Contest! Two young ladies, sponsored by Conyers Garden Club and also Satsuki Garden Club, Covington brought home 1st Place Poetry Awards from GCG, DSGC and NGC!

Lily Moon's poem was published in the Redbud Reporter, Summer Edition.

Congratulations to Emily Sullivan for her 1st Place win in the GCG, Deep South & NGC 5th Grade Youth Poetry Contest! Emily was sponsored by Satsuki Garden Club. We know you will enjoy her imaginative and captivating poem.

**Contest Theme: *Sing with the Songbirds – Exploring the Glory of Nature*
*Sights, Sounds and Seasons In My Backyard***

Sights, Sounds, and Seasons In My Backyard

On an overcast night, my back yard appears gloomy and dreary.
That's when the mysterious noises can seem quite eerie.
When the dark closes in on me, and questionable sounds reach my ear,
I may run inside to hide from the ghost I'm afraid is coming near.
Then I find it was no ghost in the woods beside me,
But only Mr. Owl perched proudly in a majestic pine tree.

I walk outside to observe nature at its best,
To see some plants blooming while others are at rest.
In the winter nature brings bare trees and evergreens.
Colorful blooms of daffodils will come in the Spring.
In the hot summer sun, some plants can survive.
Tomatoes, carrots, corn, and other vegetables seem to thrive.

As the sun is shining brightly I search for four leaf clovers
And carefully plant flower seeds and cover them all over.
Sometimes I rush out into the light rain of Spring
Envisioning the frogs and toadstools that the shower might bring.
The backyard is so very colorful as leaves begin to fall.
Animals begin to prepare for winter, gathering enough acorns and nuts for all.

NGC & GCG have wonderful opportunities to become involved and educate youth by participating in various contests. Encourage entries and be advised of the upcoming Dec. 1st deadline.



**Mail entries to designated chairmen early as the clock is ticking!
Contact Susan Turner for all the details 770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net**

➤ **Youth Poetry Contest 2022-2023**

Seeds, Trees and Bees...Oh My - Celebrating the Diversity of Nature

Eligibility – General Education, Special Education and English as a second language all open to Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Visit <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests> for details & updated guidelines.

Poetry Entries due to Susan Turner December 1

➤ **The Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest**

Children from 1st – 5th grades are invited to participate in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest. Enjoy a fun and creative project while teaching these important messages.

➤ **Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message:
*Only you Can Prevent Wildfires!***

➤ **Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message: *Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!***

Visit <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/poster.html> for all Poster Rules and Tips

Poster Entries due to Susan Turner December 1

➤ **Youth Sculpture Contest encourages fun & creative ways to *Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.*** <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/sculpture.html>

Entries mailed to State Chairman Joni Thompson by January 1.

➤ **GCG High School Essay Contest**

2022 Theme: "Our Gardens: Their Beauty and Benefits Using Natives"

Open to HS students attending 9th -12th grades. A State Certificate and a cash award of \$300. (1st place), \$150. (2nd place) and \$75 (3rd place) may be awarded to the winner of the GCG High School Essay Contest for the best essay submitted by an individual high school student sponsored by a GCG member club. **Length of Essay:** Between 600-700 words. Refer to the website for complete rules and guidelines. Entries mailed to State Chairman Mary Ogden by December 1. <http://gardenclub.uga.edu/essay.html>

All Youth Information is available on

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/youth.html> and <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests>

CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT OR STATE CHAIRMEN TO ASSIST YOU WITH ALL YOUTH CONTESTS, CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES.

Susan Turner Redbud Youth Chairman 770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net



The Remarkable Redbud Youth
shared their talents with us for the 49th Annual
Redbud District Flower Show
"What's Cookin' Daisy".
The Youth Division Title was **"Sous Chefs"**.

We are grateful to the thoughtful panels who judged this youth section, as well as to their clerks. All of the Judge's comments were well received.

This RDFS Youth Chairmen was delighted with the space and staging provided for these entries. None of it would come together without the members and clubs who support our young gardeners. We trust everyone enjoyed the show as much as we did!

Section A Youth Horticulture – Young Sprouts had 23 specimens. Two Top Youth Awards were placed in the horticulture Section. Congratulations to these young growers! Appreciation to Gale Thomas for encouraging her grandchildren to enter in Division I.

YOUTH HORTICULTURE TOP AWARDS:

CLASS 1, b - À la Carte Cut Flowering: Ariana Bradley Age 9 for her *Buddleia* 'Butterfly bush', Sponsored by Conyers GC.

CLASS 1, c - À la Carte Cut Flowering: Joshua Glenn, Age 14 for his *Cosmos sulphureus*, Sponsored by Conyers GC.

Section B Design – Culinary Kiddos brought 20 design entries representing ages 5 – 17, filling all ages classes: Junior, Intermediate and High School. The three participating clubs for design entries were: Conyers GC, Conyers; Iris GC, LaGrange; and Merry Weather GC, Greenville. All classes were subdivided by age. All three Top Youth Awards were placed in the Design Section. Congratulations to these fantastic designers!

YOUTH DESIGN TOP AWARDS:

CLASS 4 JUNIORS: Mackenzie Boyington, Age 5 sponsored by Conyers Garden Club, Conyers. Member of Bluebells Youth Garden Club.
Plant material: Chrysanthemum, Button mums, Sunflower, Baby's Breath.

CLASS 5 INTERMEDIATES: Justin Goldwire, Age 9 sponsored Iris Garden Club, LaGrange.
Plant material: Sago Palm, Gourd.

CLASS 6 HIGH SCHOOL: Sarah Goldwire, Age 13 sponsored Iris Garden Club, LaGrange.
Plant material: Lily stems (covered), *Hydrangea*, *Aspidistra*.



***Calling All Remarkable Redbud Youth!
Now's the time to start planting!***

**THE AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY, INC.
Presents their National Show
A Standard Flower Show
*THE SOUTHEASTERN DAFFODIL TRAIL***

Our friends with the Georgia Daffodil Society and the American Daffodil Society are hosting their Annual Convention in Atlanta March 10-12, 2022. This Standard Flower Show will be held in conjunction with the ADS Annual Convention in Atlanta at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia, an IHG Hotel 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30346 770-395-7700 www.cpravinia.com

***What exciting news for us all!
Georgia's Youth are invited to participate!***

Begin planting your daffodil garden with the kiddos so they can be a part of this event. The Youth Division will feature Design, Horticulture (Daffodils, of course!) and photography.



**Plant daffodils at places of worship, community or school gardens.
Ask a business to sponsor a planting to beautify their property.
Prepare your own garden for a show stopping spring!**

Purchase or order your daffodils to plant by October 1 for our area. Bulb vendors include: <http://www.qdaffs.com> <https://daffodilusa.org/growing-daffodils/bulb-sources-ordering-tips/>



**Contact your chairmen with questions.
We will love to hear from you!
Youth Division
Susan Turner glencree@bellsouth.net
Molly Kimler mollykimler@gmail.com**

Garden Therapy Project Update

The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs began working on a garden therapy project with Georgia Regional Hospital in 2019. This project has also been supported by Smoke Rise Morning Glories of Tucker and The Garden Club of Georgia. Recently, Bonnie Pennington and Quill Duncan (both members of Smoke Rise Morning Glories) visited the hospital to get an update on the project. They met with Mary Cochran, the Garden Therapy Site Coordinator. Mary assumed the responsibility of the project when Jackie Cox left Georgia Regional. Mary has taken the project and really run with it. She has been able over the last 2+ years to engage several of the Therapy Staff into this garden project and expand on what Jackie had started.

Mary has five patients/residents who are able to assist and spend a large amount of time helping with weeding, planting, and cultivating the large garden and the Community Beds. The other Therapy staff, (Art, Music and Occupational Therapy and Skilled Nursing) are taking parts of the garden project into their units. In many cases they bring their patients out to the large garden and other areas to view and discuss plants, mindfulness and ways of coping in their world. Some of the patients are permanent residents; others can possibly rejoin society by taking prescribed medication and learning coping skills to help them re-enter society (find a job, find a safe place to live, make trustworthy friends, etc.)

Mary uses the Kitchen in the Art & Music Therapy Building to help residents learn how to prepare foods from the garden, another life skill.

The photos that follow show examples of the garden. Keep in mind this is not a UGA showcase garden but a way of introducing gardening and its benefits to part of a population that has difficulty dealing with the sensory world. The plants bring enjoyment and healing to all who are able to be part of the project.

The Hospital Management appears to be quite supportive of this project and some of the medical staff are participating in helping by bringing in plants and explaining how these vegetables are used in other cultures; for example, Korean spinach.

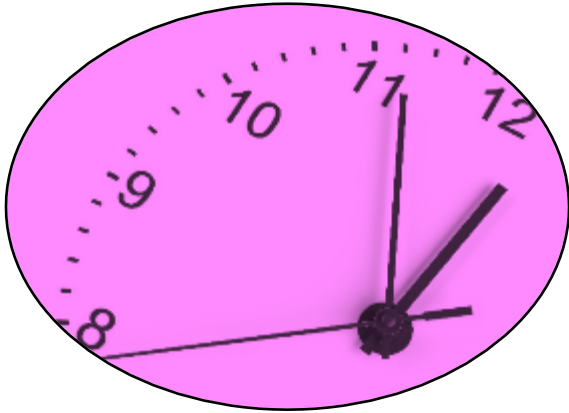


**Save the Date
April 18-20, 2023**



**The Garden Club of Georgia's 95th Annual Convention
Hosted by Dogwood District
April 18-20, 2023
Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Conference Center
Stone Mountain**

Beautiful setting. Great room rates.
Afternoon workshops, Fantastic Speakers,
Wonderful Vendors for your shopping pleasure.
Mark your calendars now. Exciting details will be announced.



Remarkable Redbuds...

...NOW is the time to support Scholarships!

Ann Purr, Redbud Scholarship Chairman
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 Redbud Co-Chairman
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2023 will be here before we know it.

Why not make your contribution to Scholarships before year-end?

In the coming weeks, students will be gathering their information and writing letters to complete their applications. We are advising Colleges, Universities and professors of this wonderful opportunity. It all comes together in February when we receive & review applications and tally the funds we have received from your generous donations to scholarships.

It All Adds UP!

General Fund, Patrons, Named Scholarships, Dollars Educate Scholars, Life Memberships, AmazonSmile, as well as designated income from our Cherokee Rose and Brown Thrasher accounts.

With the thoughtful support of many, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. has given over 1.2 million dollars since the inception of our Scholarship Program in 1956. Spread the word to others about this valuable program supported by The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. GCG is no-profit 501 (c) 3 organization.

Dollars Educate Scholars

\$3,996.72 was contributed from 81 clubs in 2021-2022

Just think about how one dollar *or more* per member can help our deserving students. *Support Director Gale in continuing her reign as the Queen of Scholarships in 2023!*

Thank you notes and letters continue to be received from students.

Each one is well written and heartfelt. Our scholarships program helps these young people to further their education in garden and environmental fields of study to make their dreams and goals in life a reality. Our students truly appreciate your commitment to their education. Thank you for your continued support of scholarships!

News from the Clubs

Avon Garden Club: Fund-Raising Activities, Past and Future

Boutique and Bagels Event Supports Avon Garden Club Projects. Boutique and Bagels may sound like an odd couple, but for Avon Garden Club it turned out to be a winning combination. Members gathered gently used items for home and garden for a sale on May 7th at Avondale Community Club. During the Boutique, attendees enjoyed New York style bagels freshly made by chef John Oechsner and daughter Sylvie. A coffee bar was popular with guests, and featured a signature Iced Toffee Coffee. The bagels sold out, and the inventory of donated items was drastically reduced thanks to the generosity of the community which supported the fundraiser for Avon Garden Club projects.



Pancakes Back on the Menu! Members, community neighbors and friends are eagerly anticipating Avon Garden Club's Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast & Garden Boutique Sale to be held November 19, 2022, at the charming Avondale Community Club located on Lake Avondale. In the past, this event has been the major fund-raising activity for the Club but due to pandemic concerns was last held in 2019. Attendance at this event has been a ritual for many in the community. Membership will be all-hands-on deck, performing the tasks of selling tickets; welcoming guests; purchasing, preparing and serving food; cleaning up; and collecting and organizing boutique items.

Avondale Estates Garden Club Plays Active Role in What's Cookin' Daisy Flower Show

From preparing and serving food for the judges to taking home a blue ribbon, members of the Garden Club of Avondale Estates played a major part in the What's Cookin' Daisy Flower Show September 21-22 at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center.

Club members Carolyn Adams, Melitta Brandt, Patricia Calcagno, Christi Granger, and Susan Stewart shopped, cooked, and served brunch and lunch to the 40 Yellow Daisy Flower Show judges and clerks on Wednesday September 21.



"Our membership enjoyed the opportunity to participate at all levels of this year's flower show. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work as well as thank leaders of the Redbud District for putting on such a lovely event," AEGC Club President Peggy Burgess said.

Seven Avondale Estates Garden Club members submitted 40 entries in the Design and Horticulture Divisions of the show. In the Horticulture Division, AEGC members Helen Dorroh, Christi Granger and Scott Legg each received an Award of Merit. Fourteen entries placed first, six entries second, and nine entries third. Helen Dorroh and Beth Wielege headed the team that helped a number of AEGC members have their specimens ready for the show.

In the Design Division, club member Tyer Weaver won the first place blue ribbon as well as the Table Artistry Award for his entry in the "Seasoned with Love" category. Weaver's stunning table display entitled, "I've Fallen for You," featured flowers spilling from a ceramic pumpkin cookie jar. His flower choices were: *Aspidistra*, *Setcreasea* (purple heart), Knockout Rose, Gerber daisy, chrysanthemums, spider mums, pampas grass, *Alstroemeria*, *Burplurem*, orange safflower, carnations, horsetail grass, *Lisianthus*, and purple statice. The table setting reflected the autumn colors of the flowers with a tan and beige plaid tablecloth, gold and white dishes holding tiny white pumpkins, and silver candlesticks with dark orange candles.



Helen Dorroh placed third in the "Season with Love" category. In the "Be Our Guest" category, Gale Thomas placed second and Nancy Martin placed third. Scott Legg, Christi Granger and Helen Dorroh received Awards of Merit.

Aloha from Azalea Garden Club

Returning from summer break in September, The Azalea GC members were welcomed back with Hawaiian theme, lots of aloha with leis, a few hula moves, great refreshments and a colorful flower arranging program.



Green Thumb Garden Club Stays Busy

70th Anniversary. Green Thumb Garden Club of Thomaston celebrated 70 years! Green Thumb was organized on May 14, 1952. Our recent meeting was dedicated to member Eleene Cook for being an active member for 60 years!!



“Watch Me Grow”. Green Thumb Garden Club participated in the first annual Art & Soul Festival at The Greatest Generation Park in Thomaston on Saturday April 23rd. Our booth was a “Watch Me

Grow” make and take sensory gardening activity free to children up to 5th grade. Plants, which were donated by local businesses, included herbs and plants with different smells, textures, and visual appeal. Members volunteered to work in shifts assisting the children in choosing a plant, planting it in a pot, and teaching them how to care for the plant at home. An area of the booth was decorated and designated as the photo spot where parents could take pictures of the children and their plants. The booth was a great success! We even had a few ladies new to our community who stopped and asked how they could join a local garden club.

National Garden Week. For National Garden Week GTGC participated in a project sponsored by the West Central Georgia Garden Council. Our club placed floral arrangements made by members of our club in four local businesses in the downtown area of Thomaston. We also placed the National Garden Week poster in the window of each of the businesses.

Pine Needle Garden Club

“Tea for Tee”. On March 18, 2022, Pine Needle Garden Club hosted a special memorial in honor of our former member, Theresa ("Tee") Borders, who passed away in January. We held a special "Tea for Tee" at the LaGrange Active Life Center, attended by her family, friends and club members, who shared fond memories. Dan Wooten, Director of the Center, described Tee Borders as “the epitome of what an ‘Active Life’ (as a senior) ...looked like.”

We honored her with a “resolution” reading, and later, we gathered to visit the newly planted “Serviceberry” tree with a dedication plaque placed beneath it, in the beautiful outdoor garden spot at the Active Life Center.



Community Garden. In March of 2022, Pine Needle Garden Club led a collaborative community garden project, which involved the UGA Master Gardeners, Hogansville Active Life Center, 4-H, and several other groups and individuals within the community. President Stephanie Culver, Anne Duraski, Wanda Lowe, Maureen Gay and Stephanie Odom headed the community garden project that resulted in the creation of a Garden/Green Space that turned an unused outdoor space outside the Hogansville Active Life Center, into a beautiful and bountiful garden. The garden, which was based on the principles of "permaculture," sustainability and

environmental stewardship, was led by Master Gardener Patrick Bexton.

In May, we also had participation from the Seniors at the Active Life Center, in a "Horticulture Therapy" project led by Pine Needle club member Leslie Bendell, a Horticulture Therapist, who facilitated the creation of a colorful outdoor potted flower arrangement for the Active Life Center. We also reached out to other organizations with similar interests and invited 4-H students to participate in the preparation of the design and planting. UGA 4-H was happy to have their students learn with this hand-on experience, and this opened the door for follow-up partnerships in community projects.

An "Open House" Ribbon Cutting event was held on June 21st, where community and city officials were invited to a reception celebrating the new outdoor garden space, which provides a beautiful park environment for the center, and the community. The central design of the garden was the Fibonacci spiral herb garden, created by club member Wanda Lowe, which was the first stage - and the very center - of the garden. Wanda is seen below (in overalls) along with President Stephanie Culver.





4-H members were a tremendous help to the "Heart and Soil" garden in Hogansville, March 29th, when they placed soil, mulch, and planted potatoes - our first crop of the season!



Pine Needle member Maureen Gay (left) painted this pallet as an attractive and inspiring "screen" background for the community garden at the Active life Center in Hogansville. The Center's Director, Renay Fannin (right), says the garden has "really helped the Seniors here ...and members of the community!" They enjoy gathering fresh vegetables and looking at the beautiful flowers, while sitting outside to have their lunch.



Shenandoah Rose Enters ABG Scarecrow Contest

Scarecrows in the Garden is an annual event at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Over 100 scarecrows, created by amateurs, professionals, and businesses, are displayed throughout the Gardens during the month of October. A panel of judges selects winners in each category.

This year, Shenandoah Rose Garden Club members decided to enter the contest. During their September meeting, members prepared elements of their scarecrow. Final assembly was completed after the meeting by member Dianne Smith. Along with her husband Buz, Dianne also delivered the completed scarecrow to the ABG.

The scarecrow was named “Rosie - the ScarecROSE” to reflect the club’s name. She was the brainchild of Dianne Smith who, along with her two grandsons, has created scarecrows for this contest for the past several years. Dianne found the clothes for Rosie at a thrift shop and Barbara Maaskant embroidered Rosie’s face. The petals surrounding the face were constructed from wire mesh. For the body, plastic grocery bags were stuffed into the overalls and shirt.

If you go to the ABG this month, be sure to check out Rosie. Shenandoah Rose members challenge other clubs to enter scarecrows in the future!



Left – l to r: Vickey Cooper, Rosie, Wanda Wenger
 Top – Barbara Maaskant and Sandy Reed construct petals
 Bottom – Dianne Smith poses with completed Rosie.