



# Redbud Reporter

Fall 2024

## From the District Director

### Welcome Fall!

It has been a long, hot, dry summer. Still, it felt as though it just flew by because of all the activities. It's just after Labor Day as I write this. The weather is unseasonably cool and trees are losing their leaves—I am hoping that is not from the stress of lack of water. But it began to rain today and is forecast to continue for several days. Hopefully, it will be enough to nourish the plants back to health.

When the air begins to cool, my mind goes to – What can I plant now? Growers' Outlet is open and GCG has a fund raiser with [Flower Power](#). Buy bulbs on the website and support GCG at the same time. Annuals will soon succumb to the cold and will need replacing. Those “bargain” plants I bought and haven't been able to plant because of the heat can find a good home now. I nourish the “weeds” (Joe Pye, ironweed, mistflower, and boneset) because birds and pollinators like them. They must be deadheaded or they will do their weed thing and take over. Bushes trimmed – or not. You have to be careful. And—you can do it all without sweating –



isn't it a great time of year? All this and Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner.

The big Redbud event was the 51<sup>st</sup> Daisy Flower Show held on August 28-29 at Callanwolde. What a lovely show it was! There were 473 horticulture specimens and many beautiful creative designs. MANY, many thanks to Chair Gale Thomas and Co-Chair Joy Zaidan for a fabulous job – and all the many volunteers who make this event come together like a well-tuned orchestra.

Many great events coming up. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. I would love to see you there.

Kim Fair, Redbud District Director

September 26: DeKalb Federation Meeting, Callanwolde

October 15: Garden Gateway Articles Due to District Director Kim Fair

October 22: Redbud Annual Meeting, Thomaston. See Redbud website for details.

November 2: Historic Preservation Event, Marietta. See GCG website.

November 14: DeKalb Federation Leading Lights Celebration, Callanwolde

November 15: GCG Awards Applications Due

March 11-13: Deep South Convention hosted by GCG, Valdosta

April 29-30: GCG Convention, Augusta

# Movie Mania Flower Show Recap

On August 28-29, 2024 the Redbud District brought Daisy and all of her favorite movie titles to the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in **Daisy's Movie Mania**, the Redbud District's 51<sup>st</sup> National Garden Club Standard Flower Show. Special guests of the flower show included Honorary Chairman Ashley Frasca of *WSB* and *Green and Growing* podcast and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. President Lisa Hall.

Members and friends of the Redbud District brought in 473 horticulture entries, 24 designs, 2 educational exhibits and 24 botanical arts entries, creating a spectacular flower show. Although we could not list every individual ribbon winner in the Horticulture Division, we are so proud of the members and friends who took home a total of 126 blue ribbons, 96 red ribbons, 70 yellow ribbons, and 165 white ribbons. Summarized by Awards Chairman Betty Trakina and presented on the next page are the National Garden Club Top Exhibitor Award winners for Horticulture and Design, Blue ribbon (first place) winners of designs and botanical arts, and local horticulture and design awards.



Thanks to Avon Garden Club, Mountain Mums, and the Dunwoody Garden Club for providing food for the judges, clerks and volunteers. The Redbud District Flower Show Planning Committee wants to thank every person who volunteered in any capacity and those who provided any horticulture, design, botanical arts, and/or educational entries. Together we made this year's flower show an amazing one!



# Daisy Flower Show Winners for 2024

## Horticulture (Division I)

- NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence Trophy – Foliage Perennials, *Begonia rex* 'Sophia'; Joy Zaidan, Smoke Rise Morning Glories
- NGC Sweepstakes Award, individual with most blue ribbons in Horticulture – Michele Spears, Avon GC (11 blue ribbons)
- Arboreal Award, Shrubs – *Acca sellowiana* (pineapple guava); Mary Ann Rasmussen, Iris GC
- Arboreal Award, Trees – *Acer palmatum* (Japanese maple); Lucy White, Mountain Mums GC
- Award of Merit, Ferns – *Nephrolepis biserrata* (giant sword fern); Joanne T. Howell, Green Thumb GC
- Award of Merit, *Hosta* – *Hosta* 'Ivory Queen'; Linda Karr, Stone Mountain, GA
- Award of Merit, Succulents – *Hylotelephium spectabile* 'Autumn Joy'; Suzanne Wilson, Green Thumb GC
- Award of Merit, Aroids – *Philodendron* 'Birkin'; Joy Zaidan, Smoke Rise Morning Glories
- Award of Merit, Flowering Annuals – *Helianthus argophyllus* (silverleaf sunflower); Beth Langhurst, Avondale Estates GC
- Award of Merit, Flowering Perennials – *Salvia guaranitica* 'Black and Blue'; Penny Abrahan, Avon GC
- Award of Merit, Flowering Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, Rhizomes – *Dahlia pinnata* 'Invinetti'; Cecile Broz, Magnolia GC, Ocoee, TN
- Award of Merit, Foliage Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, Rhizomes – *Caladium* 'White Christmas'; Christie Granger, Avondale Estates GC
- Award of Merit, Fruit and Vegetables – *Solanum melongana* 'Black Beauty' (eggplant); Janet McGinnins, Smoke Rise Morning Glories
- Collector's Showcase Award – *Hosta* collection; Lynn Boyd, Avondale Estates GC



## Design (Division II)

- NGC Award of Design Excellence – “On the Waterfront”; Shirley Porterfield, The Designers Club
- NGC Designers Choice Award – “On the Waterfront”; Shirley Porterfield, The Designers Club
- People’s Choice Award – “Casablanca”; Camille Greely, Creative Study

### Blue Ribbon Winners in Design

“Sister Act” – Tyler Weaver, Avondale Estates GC

“Twins” – Barbara Crank, The Designers Club

“On the Waterfront” – Shirley Porterfield, The Designers Club

“The Color Purple” – Diane Beck, The Designers Club

“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” – Camille Greely, Creative Study

“Honey I Shrank the Kids” – Anne McCarty; The Designers Club



## Education (Division III)

NGC Educational Award – “Driving Miss Daisy” (Callanwolde and the Movie Industry); Diane Hunter, The Designers Club



## Botanical Arts (Division IV)

NGC Botanical Arts Design Award – “Vertigo”; Diane Hunter, The Designers Club

NGC Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award – “The Great Gatsby”; Mary Ann Bryant, The Designers Club

### Blue Ribbon Winners in Botanical Arts

“Lord of the Rings”; Susan Turner, The Designers Club

“Vertigo”; Diane Hunter, The Designers Club

“Back to the Future”; Gale Thomas, The Designers Club

“Cinderella”; Joy Zaidan, The Designers Club

“The Great Gatsby”; Mary Ann Bryant, The Designers Club

“The Color of Money”; Diane Malone, Seedling Garden Club



## Local Awards

- Blue Ribbon Sweepstakes Award (to the club winning the most blue ribbons in entire show – Spade & Trowel GC
- Redbud District Elinor Wilson Trophy (to winner of NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence) –*Begonia rex* ‘Sophia’; Joy Zaidan, Smoke Rise Morning Glories
- Hallie Brown Memorial Trophy (to winner of NGC Sweepstakes in Horticulture) – Michele Spears, Avon GC (11 blue ribbons)
- Mickie Holton Inspirational Award (to the design that inspires the viewer through its unique expression of the class title) – “On the Waterfront”; Shirley Porterfield, The Designers Club





**63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
REDBUD  
DISTRICT MEETING**

**GUEST SPEAKER  
Matthew Stafford  
The Country Estate - Williamson**



Jonathan McDaniel and Matthew Stafford are the owners of The Country Estate - Williamson, an official American Daylily Display and Historical Garden with over 1,500 cultivars and hundreds of seedlings. Their love of daylilies began at a young age and runs deep in their families. Much more than daylilies, The Country Estate - Williamson welcomes visitors year-round with fun events and seasonal displays.

Come discover...

" Williamson's Best Kept Secret."

**Fun, Friendship, Flowers**

**DATE: TUESDAY, 10-22-24  
TIME: 9:30 AM Registration**



*The Country Estate - Williamson*

Meeting Location: First Baptist Church - Building D  
208 S Church St, Thomaston, GA 30286

*Honored Guest Lisa Hall, President  
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

*Hosted by  
The Garden Clubs of Thomaston  
Green Thumb Garden Club – President, Angie Short  
Spade and Trowel Garden Club – President, Melody Gaskins  
Thomaston Garden Club – President, Janice Goins*

**~ AGENDA ~**

- 9:30 – Registration, Raffle Baskets Preview, Exhibits**
- 10:00 – Business Meeting**
- 11:00 – Door Prizes and Basket Raffles**
- 11:15 – Speaker**
- 11:45 – Door Prizes and Basket Raffles**
- 12:00 Noon – Lunch is Served**
- 12:45 – Door Prizes**
- 1:00 – Awards Program**
- 1:45 – Basket Drawing**
- 2:00 – Adjournment**



# 2024 Redbud District Meeting Registration Form

Mail completed registration form and check for **\$40.00** payable to **Redbud District** to:

Rigby Duncan, 2800 Hunting Hill Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-1504  
[rigbyduncan113@gmail.com](mailto:rigbyduncan113@gmail.com) 678-644-9502

**Luncheon Reservation Deadline: October 11, 2023 Late Fee: \$10.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member   | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President   | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member    | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member       | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member  | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director        | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President         | <input type="checkbox"/> Former District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest                 |

First Time Attendee at a District Meeting  New Garden Club Member in 2024

**Dietary Restrictions:**

I would like to reserve exhibit space for a display. I will need:

1/2 table \_\_\_\_\_ 1 table \_\_\_\_\_

Chairmanship/Name of Display \_\_\_\_\_

## Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser

The 2024 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser will be hosted by the Laurel District and held at Fair Oaks at the [Marietta Educational Garden Center](#) on Saturday, November 2nd from 10am to 2pm. Please join us for a day of education and activities and benefitting the Garden Club of Georgia's [Historic Landscape Preservation Grant](#).

Program speakers include Trevor Beemon, Executive Director of Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society, Inc. and the Chairman of the Acworth Historic Preservation Commission, along with Paul Pugliese, Bartow County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent.

Before and after the scheduled program, guests can enjoy Fair Oaks' gardens including the "Georgia's First Ladies Camellias", The Founders Garden, Pollinator Garden and the Gazebo.

Plein Air painters will be onsite. Don't miss the educational exhibits, garden shop and raffle baskets. Docents will provide tours of the antebellum home filled with period antiques. The home was used both by Union and Confederate armies.

Tickets are \$45 per person, including morning coffee and a boxed lunch (menu selections on form). Order by October 25th. Donations accepted and appreciated. Make checks payable to "GCG" and send to Edna McClellan, 180 Pacer Court, #9044, Ellijay, GA 30540-9305. Confirmation is via email. EdnaMae@ellijay.com. The form can be found here: [Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser Registration](#).




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## Pull and Save a Tab for Ronald McDonald

A total of 823.35 pounds of aluminum pull tabs were collected last year prior to the GCG Convention in April. Oleander District received the award for the most pull tabs collected. This year Redbud District needs to give them some real competition! Redbud District Ronald McDonald Pull Tab Chairman Glendolyn Hallman ([Gkh44@aol.com](mailto:Gkh44@aol.com); 770-630-5539) will be available at the October District meeting to collect your tabs and deliver them to the local Ronald McDonald House.

Be sure to put the tabs in plastic bags or containers that you don't need returned. Give your club name and the weight of your donation (if possible).

You can also deliver the tabs to your nearest Ronald McDonald House. If you do, be sure to report the weight of your donation to Glendolyn. The District collecting the most pull tabs (by weight) for the year (April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024) will be given an award at the State Convention in Augusta. We want that award!!

## In Memoriam

### *Rosa Capps*

Rosa Capps, former Redbud and Dogwood District Plant Society Chairman, passed away on Sunday, June 2 from multiple illnesses. A former resident of Stone Mountain, she served as Merchandising Chairman for Redbud District and the Hosta Society and was President of the Ivy Society. Her extensive hosta garden was on many of the Hosta Society's tours.

Rosa was a member of Avon and Hummingbirds Garden Clubs and was a Charter Life Member and Board member of DeKalb Federation. She also served as Ways and Means Chairman of Redbud District for several years.

A Celebration of Life was held on September 21, 2024. Rosa's family established the James T. and Rosa B. Capps Scholarship fund in their memory. Donations to this fund may be sent to: Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship Fund, PO Box #810, Conyers, GA 30012.

### *Tally Sweat*

Natalie "Tally" Hammock Sweat, 88, passed away peacefully in LaGrange, GA on August 27, 2024. Born in Shellman, GA, Tally was a beloved member of her community and an inspiring leader who made significant contributions to both Atlanta and the state of Georgia.

Tally was the founding president of Park Pride in Atlanta and led the rehabilitation of Olmsted Linear Park in Druid Hills. She served as the legislative chair for the Garden Club of Georgia for 13 years, where she was actively involved in various garden clubs in the Dogwood and Redbud Districts. Tally also provided leadership to the Georgia Water Coalition, and her fundraising and volunteer efforts greatly benefited the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in Atlanta.

Donations in Tally's memory may be made to the Georgia Water Coalition ([www.gawater.org](http://www.gawater.org)) or any environmentally impactful organization.



## Garden Therapy at Georgia Regional Hospital Update

Wonderful news! DeKalb Federation applied for a new grant from The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for the GA Regional Hospital this summer and we received \$675! The funds will be spent to brighten a very neglected atrium in the Skilled Nursing Unit at Building 17 at the Panthersville Road campus in Decatur. The patients in this unit are profoundly challenged mentally and physically but they have access to the outdoors with this open atrium.

The atrium space needs new containers and colorful plantings to brighten the area and provide a respite for the patients and staff who care for the patients. The funds will be used for plantings and we hope to involve the physical plant operations there at the hospital to create new containers to hold the plantings. Mary Cochran and her cohorts in the Skilled Nursing Unit will work with Bonnie Pennington and Quill Duncan to develop a fresh plan for the space over the next few months. Many thanks to GCG's Garden Therapy Grant committee chaired by Glendolyn Hallman. It really helps to have friends in high places!

Georgia Regional Hospital's other gardens are going strong despite our hot and dry late summer and early fall. The patients water, weed and harvest veggies and then they cook the produce for some wonderful shared meals. Mary enjoys leading this group activity and her photos show their delicious produce. Garden therapy has truly been a wonderful enriching experience there for the patients and staff and the positive and enthusiastic response from the patients is heartwarming.



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## Gale D. Thomas Receives NGC Four Star Membership

Gale D. Thomas, a member of Conyers Garden Club, Designers Club and Stonecrest Garden Club, received her National Garden Club (NGC) Four Star Membership status in September 2024. The NGC Four Star Membership status requires the completion of all four NGC schools: Gardening, Environmental, Landscape and Flower Show. Since its inception in 2003, only 334 other NGC members have achieved this milestone, including 11 other Garden Club of Georgia members. Congratulations to Gale for this accomplishment!



## A Remarkably Resplendent Year for GCG Scholarships!



We continue our excitement and thankfulness for the generosity of garden club members and friends that enabled us to grant \$85,000 to our deserving Georgia students!

Redbud sponsored seven Named Scholarships for a total of \$8,000. Seven Patrons of Scholarships were given in varying amounts of \$200.00 or more. Several of the Friends of GCG Scholarships hail from or are connected to our Redbud District, such as The Georgia Iris Society, The Georgia Hosta Society and Dr. & Mrs. Frank Vinson. Please thank your Plant Society friends and family when you see them.

We look forward to presenting the *Named & Patrons of Scholarships* certificates of appreciation to our clubs and individuals at the Redbud District October Annual Meeting, October 22, 2024, in Thomaston.

This January 2025, we will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year with Dollars Educate Scholars. Thank you for supporting this on-going fundraiser.

Please continue to help our mission by financially supporting the future careers of our Georgia students. On behalf of the GCG Scholarship Committee, we thank you for being a part of their lives. These young people are dedicated to the same mission as The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. – *Beautification, Conservation & Education.*

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## Flower Power Returns to GCG



The Garden Club of Georgia is proud to announce its 2024-2025 Fundraiser. We would like to introduce Flower Power to you. This company ships quality bulbs and seeds to the 48 states in the Continental US with 100% guarantee directly to you.

Get a start on your spring gardens with premium bulbs – Rembrandt tulips, daffodils, allium, mixed irises and much more. How about sprucing up your rock garden or maybe growing broccoli sprouts?

To place an order, go to:

<https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/index.php/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/gardenclubofgeorgia>. Our website is open through October 15th! The Garden Club of Georgia would like to thank all for your support.

## Never Forget 09/11/2001

It was a beautiful, albeit solemn day, as members of The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. gathered to take part in the *Remember 9/11* Ceremony held annually at the DeKalb County Public Safety Complex in Tucker. The Federation again provided a lovely wreath for placement during the ceremony. The First Responders unit continues in their appreciation for our kind participation and support, as we acknowledge the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of this heartbreaking National tragedy.

Many members and friends were in attendance and that makes it all the more special. Victoria Crosby and Denise Finley, both of Smoke Rise Garden Club, were escorted by Senior Firefighter D'ante Pickett of the DeKalb County Fire Department, who carried the wreath. Major Nicole Rutland, DeKalb County Police Department, sang our National Anthem beautifully. Captain Douglas Harms played *Amazing Grace* and other songs on the bagpipe.

It was again requested that a special reading by Victoria R. Crosby, President of Smoke Rise Garden Club, be a part of this ceremony. Victoria read an original poem, entitled *A Tribute to Heroes*. This

reading was so moving, memorable and certainly appreciated by all in attendance. Our sincere gratitude is extended to Victoria for sharing her poem with us all.

After the ceremony, Victoria was interviewed by the community television channel *DeKalb 23*, as well as *Decaturish News*, for her part in the ceremony. Victoria gave a wonderful presentation on behalf of Smoke Rise Garden Club, The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Redbud District and The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

The wreath from Conyers Flower shop was lovely and, with instructions provided for its care, we trust it was enjoyed for several days, if not longer. Plans were discussed to later move it inside to protect and enjoy its longevity.

We appreciate all who were able to attend this ceremony. It was heartwarming to see many new Recruits of the Fire and Police Departments in attendance. We are grateful to the men and women in uniform that serve and protect us each day.



Front row (l-r): Joy Abrams, Bonnie Pennington, Quill Duncan, Glendolyn Hallman, Victoria Crosby, Denise Finley, Collette Riefkohl, Jean Weathers, Rigby Duncan, Kimberly Fair, Susan Turner and Ann Purr

Back row (l-r): Battalion Chief Alex Lane, Captain Kevin James and Driver Operator Danny Menard.



**NGC & GCG offers wonderful opportunities to become involved in educating youth as they participate in contests. Encourage entries and have fun with the kids! November 15<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines.**



Email or U.S. Mail entries, as indicated, to designated chairmen early. Be advised of the new due date for many contests & awards. If you sponsor a Youth G.C., additional awards are available. We are here to help!

Redbud Youth Chairman Susan Turner 404-502-8147 [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)

These educational opportunities through competitions are open to youth at the pre-school, elementary, middle, and high school level. Current contests include:

[Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest](#)

[Poetry Contest](#)

[Youth Sculpture Contest](#)

[High School Distinguished Service Project Award](#)

[Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant](#)



**Smokey Bear says: "Only you can prevent wildfires!"** Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, "Only you can prevent wildfires!" encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, burning yard waste, and matches. For more about Smokey Bear visit <https://smokeybear.com>

**Woodsy Owl says: "Lend a hand—care for the land!"** Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to "Lend a hand, care for the land!" and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste; gardening, planting, and caring for trees; using resources wisely; and not littering. For more about Woodsy Owl visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids/woody-owl>

Use the student information label available on the GCG & NGC website or contact your chairmen.

[www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org) & [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

Visit <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests> for Poster Rules and Tips.

Poster Entries via US Mail to Susan Turner 3380 Glencree, NW Conyers GA 30012

Entries are due November 15<sup>th</sup> Susan Turner 404-502-8147 [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)

# YOUTH POETRY CONTEST 2024-2025

## **THEME:**

***My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare That I Can Share –  
Helping Fight Hunger by  
Sharing Vegetables from Our Garden***

**Guidelines** Include name, address, age, grade, school, sponsoring local garden club and state garden club of the poet on the back of entry. **Use the student information label available on the GCG & NGC website or contact your chairmen.** [www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org](http://www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org) & [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

**Length of Poems** should be no more than 24 lines (including title) with a max of 42 letters/spaces per line in order to fit on a single page of the booklet.

**Poems do not have to rhyme.** They may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or haiku.

**When choosing a poem title,** please be creative and incorporate the theme: “*My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare That I Can Share – Helping Fight Hunger by Sharing Vegetables From Our Garden.*” However, the theme should not be used as the title for any poem.

**Eligibility, Categories and Judging Criteria** Youth in **grades K-12** compete by grade-level in one of three categories: General Education, Special Education or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

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

**Poetry Entries - Email or mail typed entries to Susan Turner, by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Redbud Youth Chairman Susan Turner 404-502-8147 [glencree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glencree@bellsouth.net)  
3380 Glenree, NW Conyers GA 30012**







## **YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST 2024**

**Encourages fun & creative ways to *Reduce, Reuse & Recycle*.**

**Due date January 1 - Info at <https://gardenclub.org/youth-contests>  
GCG State Chairman Judy Johnson, 31 Dogwood Dr., Baxley, GA 31513  
912-367-7779 C: 912-278-1953 [judytjohnson1953@gmail.com](mailto:judytjohnson1953@gmail.com)**

**Entries may be sent to [awardschairmangcga@gmail.com](mailto:awardschairmangcga@gmail.com)**

The purpose of this contest is to encourage our youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment.

- All children in 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to enter, with a local garden club sponsor.
- Sculptures must consist of recycled, reused, and reduced materials.
- The sculpture is limited to a size that will fit sitting on an 8 ½" x11" sheet of paper; height should be proportionate.
- A list of materials used, and a brief description of the sculpture should be included on the entry form.
- Entry form may be found on NGC website at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)
- Entries will include (2) 4"x6" photographs printed on the back of the entry form.
- Chairman should make photos of entries to provide as requested from the NGC website.
- Club entries must be sent to your State Chairman by your state's deadline.

**Contact Susan Turner, Redbud District, if you have questions.  
Please advise Susan if you are sending entries to the state chairman.  
404-502-8147 [glenree@bellsouth.net](mailto:glenree@bellsouth.net)**

### **Scale of Points**

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| • Creative use of materials and self-expression | 60%  |
| • Description of sculpture and materials used   | 30%  |
| • Craftsmanship and Technique                   | 10%  |
| • Total   | 100% |

**Resources** [Sculpture Contest Entry Form](#)



**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Statewide Contest**

**As 2028 approaches, we invite you to join us in creating a  
 Theme for our upcoming festivities.**

The *Theme* should be captivating and memorable. It should convey the significance of the occasion, without being overly long. We are looking for a catchy phrase that embodies our 100-year history.

Our *Theme* will be used in promotional materials and media publicity to create interest and awareness within our clubs and to the general public.

**Submit your entry before January 15, 2025, to  
 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chairman Barbara Bourque  
[b.bourque@comcast.net](mailto:b.bourque@comcast.net)**

or mail to: Barbara Bourque, 6445 Holland Drive, Cumming, GA 30041  
 If sending via email, include all information requested below.

This contest is open to all garden club members. We have so many creative people. Everyone is invited to participate. One entry per person.

The decision of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is final. The winner will be announced in Garden Gateways with an acknowledgement of appreciation.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme Contest Submittal Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Garden Club & Club # \_\_\_\_\_

**My contest Theme entry**

## News from the Clubs

### *Avondale Estates Garden Club Remembers Lives Lost on 9/11/2001*

For the 23<sup>rd</sup> year, at 8:40 a.m. each September 11, Avondale Estates Garden Club members joined the city's mayor, city officials, and firefighters for a 9/11 Memorial Service.

This year, City Manager Patrick Bryant opened the somber ceremony at Dewey Brown Plaza, and Avondale Estates Police Chief Harry Hess led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Club member Peg Wyse rang a bell 20 times to mark the time American Airlines Flight 11 hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

“This ceremony is an important part of our annual calendar,” AEGC President Patricia Calcagno said. “We place hundreds of American flags around the plaza and create a wreath as a memorial,” she said.

Following remarks by Avondale Estates Mayor Jonathan Elmore, Ms. Wyse rang the bell another 20 times to mark the time United Airlines Flight 175 hit the South Tower of the World Trade Center.



I-r: AEGC members Jean Kingsbury, President Patricia Calcagno, Peg Wyse and Julie Martinez

## *Azalea Garden Club Celebrates Garden Week*

The Azalea Garden Club of Jackson celebrated Garden Week in Georgia this past June by putting up banners at the entrances to Jackson and installing a display in the display window at the Jackson Library.

The display was titled “Azalea Garden Club Celebrates Garden Week in Georgia”. It contained a field with a redbud tree, a fence and flowers on a background of photos showing the activities of the club and included birds and butterflies.



Azalea Garden club members (l-r) Lavetta McCollum, Carole Burks, Emma Chapman, Veleta LaPrade and Lisa Duke at display window at Jackson Library.

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## *Mountain Mums Participate in Daisy Flower Show*

Several members of the Mountain Mums Garden Club played key roles contributing to the success of the recent Redbud District's Standard Flower Show entitled “Daisy’s Movie Mania”.

Lynn Malone served as Classification Co-Chair and Ann Purr was the Clerks Chair. Sally Young provided the Judges and Clerks Hospitality Breakfast with assistance from Barbara Luton and Rita Maloof. Beth Henson displayed her artistic skills by contributing a “Color of Money” purse design in the Botanical Arts Division.



Rita Maloof, Ann Purr and Sally Young present the Judges and Clerks Continental Breakfast



We are most proud of Lucy White who entered more than 20 horticulture specimens and received the Arboreal Award of Merit for her *Acer palmatum*, commonly called Japanese maple (photo above).

Mountain Mums members (l-r) Ann Purr, Lucy White and Lynn Malone at "Daisy Movie Mania" Flower Show.



## Spade and Trowel Has Busy Summer

On July 24, Redbud District Director Kim Fair made a visit to Thomaston in preparation for the upcoming Redbud District Fall Meeting. The meeting will be hosted by the three Thomaston garden clubs: The Green Thumb Garden Club, The Spade and Trowel Garden Club and The Thomaston Garden Club. Pictured below, left are Melody Gaskins (President of Spade & Trowel Garden Club), Kim Fair (Redbud District Director) and Janice Goins (President of Thomaston Garden Club). Not pictured is Angie Short (President of Green Thumb Garden Club).

Spade and Trowel had a great turnout for *Daisy's Movie Mania Flower Show* this year! Members enjoyed a morning of collaboration, research, preparation, and fellowship while preparing over 150 entries for the show. Spade and Trowel won the Blue Ribbon Sweepstakes Award, given to the club winning the most blue ribbons in entire show (including Horticulture, Designs, Education and Botanical Arts).



## Stonecrest Garden Club Gets a Lesson in Tree-Planting

The Stonecrest Garden Club started the 2024-2025 club year meeting at the Rockdale Arts Farm, a local 27-acre farm that includes art pieces, forested walking trails and community garden plots. The club met there for a demonstration of proper tree-planting techniques presented by Ranger Robbie Astrove, an arborist and the Preserve Manager at the Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve of the Arabia Mountain Preserve.

The members were given an overview of the important things to consider with planting a tree. Ranger Robbie shared tips that included researching the growth habits, growing conditions and needs, and the “right plant, right place” guideline before purchasing a new tree. He also discussed the advantages of planting a bare root tree versus a tree with a root ball.

Ranger Robbie gave a demonstration of the proper hole-digging techniques and discussed how important it was to maintain all of the top soil and grass from the planting site for future nutrients for the newly planted tree. He used a *Ziziphus jujube* fruit tree to show how to determine the actual grafting spot of the new tree onto the root plant. He then led members of the club in a hands-on tree planting exercise, planting the jujube tree in a pre-designated spot on the farm, explaining the importance of all steps taken during the planting process. The club members assisted with digging, planting and transporting mulch to the planting site.

Afterward Ranger Robbie answered questions about specific tree planting concerns from the club members. Members expressed how grateful they were to have this hands-on demonstration before they started planting trees this fall.

