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TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE . . .

Dear Friends:

Welcome back to our world of garden clubs! I hope that you had a wonderful summer and had time to relax and enjoy the bounty of the beautiful earth in summer glory. I do believe that our cooler weather has yielded some of the best garden veggies I can remember in a long, long time.

The Board of Trustees at The Garden Center has been busy all summer planning for several major projects in and around The Garden

Center including new lighting, carpet and paint in the meeting room and sprucing up several areas on the grounds. We will be replacing the sign at our Nelson Street corner, and planting that area to become a nice focal point for those approaching MEGC from the north. Also, please be sure to notice the new bed and plants around the main entrance sign on Kennesaw Avenue. As always, nothing is ever easy here at our beloved "Fair Oaks" as our landscapers met a great big challenge to dig and amend and install that lovely little

garden. Alas, it was well-worth the effort as it truly enhances our sign and creates a beautiful first impression.

We will be in touch with you soon to share ways you can support The Garden Center as part of your garden club and individually. Please always keep us in mind!



Mary Ansley Southerland Chair, Board of Trustees

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS...

COUNCIL MEETINGS

All members are encouraged to attend, and all meetings are open to all members. The meetings include refreshments, an educational speaker and a business meeting. They begin at 9:30am at the Marietta Garden Center.

Sept. 10, 2014: Celebrating Autumn the Flip Side of Spring: Lee May, Gardener/Journalist

Oct. 8, 2014: Our Love, Roses: Bruce Gillette, Cobb Master Gardener

Nov. 12, 2014: Fresh Ideas for the Holidays: Carrie Kennedy & Lexis Hay, Proprietors of Screendoor Events and Design

DECEMBER 2014: NO MEETING

Jan. 14, 2015: What's with Water Between the States: General Robert Griffin, Former Director of Army Corps of Engineers

Feb. 11, 2015: Nutrition and Meal Plans from your Garden to Table: Ann Dunaway Teh, Nutritionalist and Dietician

March 11, 2015: North Marietta Neighborhood Gardens & Little Libraries: Jo-Evelyn Morris, Cobb Master Gardener and Community Volunteer

April 8, 2015: Raised Bed Gardening: Cecil Werful, First Methodist Church Gardener

May 13, 2015: Apples to Apples- Gilmer County's Farms and Fun: Karleen Ferguson, Ambassador for Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce

CLUB HOSTESS SCHEDULE

Refreshments need to be served at 9:30am. Place tables, chairs & podium in meeting room for the meeting. After the meeting, these need to be put back in the storage closet unless you are notified to leave them up (see Council Yearbook for more details).

Sept. 10, 2014: Four Seasons Garden Club

Oct. 8, 2014: Honeysuckle Garden Club

Nov. 12, 2014: Jonquil Garden Club

DECEMBER 2014: NO MEETING

Jan. 14, 2015: Laurel Heritage Garden Club

Feb. 11, 2015: Liberty Oak Garden Club

March 11, 2015: Marietta Gardeners Club

April 8, 2015: Marietta Magnolia Garden Club

May 13, 2015: Mountain Laurel Garden Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

Sept. 18-28: North Georgia Flower Show (see pg 5)

Sept. 29: Pre-order Pansy Fall Sale deadline due

Oct. 4: Pickup Pansy Palooza Fall Sale at MEGC

Oct. 14: Laurel District Annual Fall Meeting, Canton

Oct. 14: Rain Barrel Workshop, 7-9pm MEGC (pg 5)

Nov. 12: Council Bake Sale (see pg 2 - below)

Dec. 1-2: Landscape Design School-Course 1, MEGC

Dec. 5: Hanging of the Greens at MEGC at 9:30am

2015

Jan. 5-6: Landscape Design School-Course 2, MEGC

Jan. 21: Native Plant Symposium-GCGA HQ-Athens

Feb. 10: Gardening 101, 7-9pm MEGC (pg 5)

Feb. 12: Laurel District Board Meeting, Ball Ground

Feb. 20: Arbor Day in Georgia

Mar. 10: Floral Arranging, Mike Whittle Designs (pg 5)

Mar. 26-27: Deep South Regional Convention, AL

Mar. 26: Native Plant/Wildflower Symp. Tifton

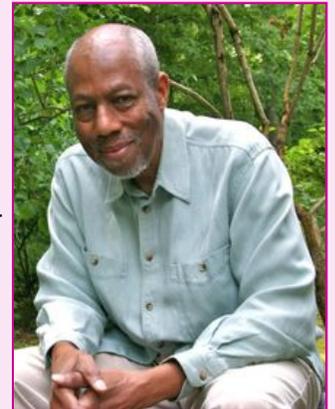
Apr 20-21: Landscape Design School-Course 3,MEGC

Apr. 24-26: Southeast Flower Show

April 25: Glory in the Garden - MEGC

CELEBRATING AUTUMN WITH LEE MAY

Come socialize and listen to this month's program on 'Celebrating Autumn, the Flip Side of Spring' on September 10th at 9:30am. The speaker will be Lee May, who is a well known gardening journalist that has returned to the Marietta area. Lee was a gardening and food columnist for the AJC for 10 years in the well known and loved Home and Gardening Section that was published for many years by the paper. He also writes a blog about gardening at <http://www.leemaysgarden->



YOU ARE INVITED

Mark your calendar – save the date – plan to attend

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 9:30 a.m.

Marietta Council of Garden Clubs Meeting

Marietta Educational Garden Center

Bake Sale and Fresh Ideas for the Holiday

Bring or buy a baked good or both, then stay to hear our speakers Carrie Kennedy and Lexis Hay, Proprietors of Screendoor Events and Design. Don't miss this morning of inspiration, sweet treats and comradery.

Bake Sale: Baked goods do not need to be pre-priced. We will be thrilled with whatever you bring. Smaller packaged offerings sell well – i.e. 3 cookies verses a dozen. A half of loaf is better than a full loaf! If you have any questions: contact Pril via email pbuege2@comcast.net or at 770 514-1660.

Pril Buege - MCGC Treasurer

CULLOWHEE 2014

The third week of July Ivan Tatum and I attended a Native Plant Conference in Cullowhee, NC. There was a talent contest of 12 participants and I won first place with my song "Love Stinks." People were falling out of their chairs laughing at it. Before I sang I told them I saw signs on the way that said "Lots For Sale" and I wondered "Lots of WHAT?" Anyway, my prize was two pawpaw plants. After the contest a live band played from 8:30 till 11:30 without taking a break. We all danced up a storm. Women outnumbered men 3 to 1 so I had quite a choice of dancing partners. The previous night we did Contra dancing. My friend Ivan Tatum who went there with me asked what is Contra dancing? I told him it was similar to square dancing. We stayed in air-conditioned dorms with a private bathroom per room. The food was great and the programs were excellent. I wish they held this event twice a year. I bought a plumleaf azalea and a butterfly weed to take home. I wish more Master Gardeners would attend. Don't cheat yourself out of this most enjoyable event - next year go with us. Get on their mailing list <http://www.wcu.edu>.

Eddie Rhoades

20 years ago Eddie Rhoades introduced me to the Cullowhee experience at Western Carolina University's Native Plant Conference and we keep going back for more every year. Shakespeare wrote in his Hamlet those famous words, "to be or not to be." I say for me to be at Cullowhee and hear Bill Finch tell of the Light that passes down thru the Longleaf Pines to reach the forest floor's dynamic eco system is great. To listen as a speaker tells he is on a project to plant over 600,000 trees to honor each soldier who died in the Civil War. To talk to a lady who drives 12 hours from Maryland to be there. To see Eddie Rhoades present his musical and songwriting skills and win First Place in the Talent Show. To go on a mushroom field trip and learn the mystery and power of fungal ecology. To see a teacher show Jewelweed seed pods explode and excite school children. I feel renewed. I can bask in the memory of all that Eddie and I experienced.

Ivan Tatum

LE JARDIN JOLI FALL PLANT SALE

Thursday - October 9th - 9am - 4pm
324 Saint Mary's Lane (Oakton),
Marietta, Georgia 30064

We will have Antique roses, Herbs, Fall vegetables, Perennials, Annuals ready to plant - also a new selection of Hewell Pottery and gardening tools.
Rain or Shine! Early bird gets the worm.

770-560-5407 or 5409

HONEYSUCKLE GARDEN CLUB KICKS OFF IT'S 67TH YEAR

Sally Litchfield - MDJ Columnist

Last month, the Honeysuckle Garden Club kicked off its 67th year with a fascinating program by local garden designer and owner of Cole and Company, writer and poet Shirley Cole.

Cole toured the group through member Marlene DuBose's lovely backyard gardens that she totally redesigned, replanted and even deer-proofed. She incorporated several groups of planters that had been collected by Marlene, placing them strategically throughout the property. The garden was both the location for the meeting and an alfresco lunch, served on shaded, white and blue tables on the patio. Arrangements of fresh hydrangeas decorated the tables, and a lunch of homemade salads and seasonal fruits was enjoyed.

In attendance were several emeritus members including Suzanne Schmidt, Bebe Meaders, and charter member Imogene Watkins Reeves. Ellie Underwood, Betty Duncan, Karin Freeman, and Laura Underwood were the hostesses.

The Honeysuckle Garden Club was founded in 1947 by the venerable and beloved Regina Rambo Benson and sponsored by the Flower Garden Club of Marietta.



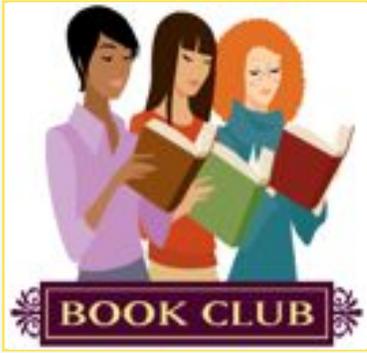
FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

The Flower Garden Club is busy planning a Fashion Show and Luncheon. The event will be Thursday, October 16th, 11:30 a.m., at the Marietta Educational Garden Center.

Fashions will be provided by Stein Mart, Kennesaw and a delicious luncheon is planned thanks to donations from Harry's Whole Foods Cobb/Marietta.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Proceeds will benefit The Marietta Educational Garden Center and other garden club related charities. For more information and tickets contact: Diana Waldrop (770)429-0204 or dianarae@aol.com.

THYME TO READ



Join us for the "THYME TO READ BOOK CLUB"

Sponsored by the Cobb County Master Gardeners

We'll meet at the Cobb Water Lab, 660 South Cobb Drive, Marietta, GA. 30060. You are also welcome to stay after the book club for the Lunch and Learn, an hour-long presentation on a plant-related subject. (That schedule and directions can be found at <http://www.cobbmastergardeners.com>.) For questions and specific book club times, contact Beth St. Jean at beth@ammoniasafety.com.

The events are free and open to the public!

BOOKS SELECTED FOR FALL 2014

- September 12, 2014 – A WALK IN THE WOODS by Bill Bryson
- October 10, 2014 – THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN by Kate Morton
- November 14, 2014 – THE FOUNDING GARDENERS by Andrea Wulf

AT YEARS END BY JOAN ARMSTRONG DAVIS

The Jonquil Garden Club of Smyrna meets on the second Tuesday of the month except in July and August. The last quarter, which includes July and August, has been an especially busy one nonetheless.

Several members gathered on April 9th to make flower arrangements for the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Awards Banquet which presented an opportunity for several of our members to hone those flower arranging skills that Kristin King, award winning designer at Floral Creations, Smyrna, demonstrated at our program in February. May 17th brought the city Garden Tour, which featured the gardens of JGC members Lou Camps and Shirley Priest. And, they did us proud. Lou's Rose Garden at Delmar Gardens and Shirley's newly renovated home garden were both stunning. Many of our club members served as docents for the tour.

May 28th was a gorgeous day for the Gibbs Garden Tour, an annual outing that was enjoyed by a large number of our active members. And then there was the annual Plant Sale chaired by Vy Shinn. This is the event that tests the mettle of our membership. It is a lot of work. Thankfully, it was also a huge success with proceeds going to our scholarship fund for horticulture

students.

We continue to assist in the landscaping and tending of the Memory and Sensory Gardens at Smyrna Community Center and the Rock memorial at the Smyrna Cemetery as well as our mile of roadway on South Cobb Drive, our Roadside Beautification Project. Also, we are gearing up for the two flower shows at the North Georgia State Fair at Jim R. Miller park next month. Club members Vy Shinn and Marilynn Parker are chairs for both shows and many of our members enter in the Design and Horticulture. And then there are the informal garden visits hosted by our members. There is plenty to do until September when Paula Pinholster, dahlia culturist, will kick off a great lineup of programs for the new program year and it starts all over again.



ANNE HATHAWAY GARDEN CLUB

The Anne Hathaway Garden Club has been busy all year from working on Operation Christmas Child Boxes, visiting member Nancy Martin's Garden, making felt Easter eggs for patients at Georgia Regional Hospital, decorating lunch bags for the summer MUST Ministries children lunches, visiting Cobb Master Gardener Jack Driskell's garden and beautifying Kennesaw Ave by picking up litter.



HORTICULTURE WORKSHOPS

Rain Barrel Workshop

October 14, 2014 7-9pm

registration deadline October 10, 2014

Reduce your outdoor watering bill! Learn about and build a rain barrel to take home for personal use. Environmentalist Mike Kahle from the Cobb County Watershed Stewardship Program will lead the class. To reserve your rain barrel, only 12 rain barrels available and a limit of 20 students for this workshop. Please contact Barb Spryn bspryn@aim.com or 770-426-4971 to receive a form to be filled out and to mail with your supply fee of \$11 or to reserve a space for the workshop. Make check out to MCGC (Marietta Council of Garden Clubs) send to:

Marietta Educational Garden Center
505 Kennesaw Ave, Marietta, GA 30060

Gardening 101

February 10, 2015 7-9pm

registration deadline February 6 2015

Learn to grow your own vegetables or flowers. Mickey Gazaway, a Plant Expert from Pike Nurseries, will present a Show and Tell of plants and guidance on getting our gardens ready for Spring. Join us for an educational and fun evening. Bring a friend! This lecture is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited to 70. To reserve your seat please email the Garden Center at mgardenc@bellsouth.net or call Kim(770)427-3494.

Floral Arranging

March 10, 2015 7-9pm

registration deadline March 6, 2015

K. Mike Whittle Designs, 156 Church St. Marietta, GA 30060
Learn to create your own floral arrangement from the creative mind of K Mike Whittle. This program will be hosted at K Mike Whittle's shop on the Square. Bring your own container and greenery to learn to create your own arrangement with expert guidance or come to observe as the very entertaining K Mike dazzles us with his flair for floral design. This lecture is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. To reserve your seat please email the Garden Center at mgardenc@bellsouth.net or call Kim (770)427-3494.

GLOVES, TOTE BAGS & NOTECARDS

We continue to sell our wonderful gardening gloves that are so popular. We are also selling blue, white and black Garden Center Tote bags that make great bags to carry items to your club meetings along with many other good uses. Also this year we have small packets of blank Garden Center note cards that can be used as thank you cards and other uses. All make great gifts and are very affordably priced. Did you know any items may also be taken on consignment to your Garden Club meeting or other events? Please contact Pril for more information at 770-514-1660 or via email at pbuege2@comcast.net.

Pril Buege

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER to recycle your newspapers and magazines and support the Marietta Garden Center's ongoing budget. Bring newspapers/magazines to the Marietta Garden Center Recycling bins are located at the back of the parking lot on the right side of the Marietta Garden Center.

HELP WANTED - FLOWER SHOW

It's getting close to the time for the North Georgia Fair! And of course, that means it's time for the two Flower Shows. Here's the rundown of dates, times and helping opportunities. So come out and help us make this year's fair a success. Everyone's help is needed!

First Show: Wear comfortable shoes.

Tuesday, Sept 16:

1:00pm- Paint niches (dress to paint); **Wed., Sept 17:** 10:00am- Setup 1st show (setup

helpers required. Work consists of setting up tables, covering tables, sorting judging/clerking supplies & other similar work); **Wed., Sept 17:** 6:00pm-8:30pm- Take in entries (classification workers - you must know your horticulture, workers to help participants prepare entries, runners to take entries to proper locations); **Thurs., Sept 18:** 8:30am-11:30am- Take in entries (See above requirements) 12:30pm judging/clerking; **Tues., Sept 23:** 1:00pm- Take down first show/Set up second show (workers required to help participants retrieve entries & tidy up tables & area).

Second Show: Wear comfortable shoes.

Tues., Sept 23:

1:00pm
Take down first show/Set up second show (workers required to help participants retrieve entries & tidy

up tables and area); **Tues., Sept 23:** 6:00pm-8:30pm- Take in entries (classification workers - you must know horticulture, workers to help participants prepare entries, runners to take entries to proper locations); **Wed., Sept 24:** 8:30am-11:30am- Take in entries (see above requirements) 12:30pm judging. **Sun., Sept. 28:** 6:00pm-tear down show (6-8 workers required to help participants retrieve entries and take down show.)

Children's Tours: From 8:30am-12:00pm, Sept 19, 22, 25, 26.

Watering between Shows: Sept. 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27.

Educational Exhibit Displays: Contact Phyllis Goff at 770.917.4822 if you would like to create an educational exhibit.

Creative Designs: Contact Vy Shinn at 770.919.9345 if you would like to do a creative design in either the 1st or 2nd flower shows.

Don't forget... you get a free ticket to the Fair for participating.

Contact Holly Walquist 770.424.4664 or at holly-walquist@comcast.net if you want to volunteer with us!



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GARDEN CLUB HAPPENINGS ...



North Georgia State Fair Flower Show Jim R. Miller Park

1ST FLOWER SHOW

Tuesday, September 16: 1pm: paint niches
Wednesday, September 17: 10am: setup 1st show
Wednesday, September 17: 6-8:30pm take in entries
Thursday, September 18: 8-11:30am take in entries

2ND FLOWER SHOW

Tuesday, September 23: 1pm: tear down/setup 2nd show
Tuesday, September 23: 6-8:30pm take in entries
Wednesday, September 24: 8-11:30am take in entries
Sunday, September 28: 6pm: tear down show

Contact: Holly Walquist 770.424.4664 or
via email at hollywalquist@comcast.net

Volunteers needed for set-up and tear down, taking in and setting up horticulture, painting niches, watering and childrens tours (see page 5 for more information.)

Next newsletter article **Deadline: February 14, 2015.**

Email Holly at hollywalquist@comcast.net or call 770-424-4664 or drop it off to the Garden Center office.