



Augusta Council of Garden Clubs “Clippings”

August 2009

*This year’s newsletter, “Clippings”, will be emailed to all ACGC Executive and Governing board members the day following each Governing Board meeting. The newsletter will contain ACGC committee reports and any updates from our district, state, regional or national affiliates that you might need to receive. If you have a report that you wish to share, please email it to me **no later** than the day of the Executive Board meeting, which is usually one week before the Governing Board meets. Pictures may also be included. Just attach them to your emailed report. The newsletter will be emailed to you the day after the Governing Board.*

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**ACGC President
Pat Hathaway**

Dear Council Friends,

Many thanks to Ann Leonard ,Rose Cruickshank, and Council officers, presidents, representatives and committee Chair people for their hard work producing our first newsletter, *Clippings*. Please share your newsletter with your Garden Club.

Rose Cruickshank has volunteered to open her home for the Executive Board in September.

Your Governing Board meeting will be held once again at Aldersgate Church, September 24, 2009. Please note refreshments at 9:00, meeting starts at 9:30 sharp. Suzanne Wheeler, Garden Club of Georgia and National Garden

Club Awards Chairperson, will conduct a very informative and fun awards workshop starting at 11:30. Iris Garden Club will be our host for this event. Great gardening! See you in September.

Pat

Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.

Garden Therapy
Ginny Allen, chairperson

Please remind your club members that we help our Georgia Regional Hospital by making small felt Christmas stockings and donating new socks and underwear for clients. Let Ginny Allen know if you do not have the pattern or directions. As a safety precaution, do not glue on items or attach easily swallowed items. Please try to have the stockings completed by Thanksgiving. Our goal is one stocking per club member.

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Penny Pines
Judy Kirkland, chairperson

The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs is combining the national Penny Pines project with the local Gordon Highway Beautification project. Penny Pines originated in California to help the forestry service replant trees (not just pines) in areas that had been burned. It has spread nationally and has been adopted by the NCG and Georgia Council. Contributions to Penny Pines will support the national forests (you can designate which one); contributions to Gordon Highway Beautification will support efforts to clean up and beautify our well-traveled Gordon Highway. Each club can determine where the \$68 contributions should be utilized. To contribute to the Gordon Highway Beautification project, send \$68 checks made out to Augusta Council of Garden Clubs to Meredith Nicholson, Treasurer, Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, PO Box 40014, Augusta, GA 30909. To contribute to Penny Pines, send the \$68 check made out to NCG to Willie Mae McDaniel, 4189 Chapel Drive, Decatur, GA 30034.

Life Membership
Fran Weber, chairperson

Do you know a dedicated garden club member? One who indicates an interest in and devotion to the ideals to the NGC, Inc, GCG, the ACGC or perhaps just their own local garden club. There is an opportunity to honor this special person

by selecting them to become a Life Member in one or all of the above listed organizations. GCG Life Memberships are \$100 which is divided equally between the GCG Scholarship Fund and the Headquarters House Unrestricted Endowment Fund. NGC Life Memberships are \$200, which are equally divided between the NGC Scholarship Fund and the Permanent Home Endowment Fund. To become a life member or naming a gardener you deeply admire, contact the Life Membership Chairman for NGC, GCG, DSR , Pat Slater patslater@knology.net

Advisory Committee
Jeanne Cornell

The Riverfront Council Perennial Garden is growing well, even though not receiving as much rain as the plants would like. Bonnie McClain goes down at least once a week to water and pull weeds, as well as her son Chris. She surely could use some of your help. Currently she is planning to move the iris bed to the sunny side of the garden. Please give Bonnie a surprise call (706-738-3428) and tell her you'll go down for a couple of hours on a certain day. It is advised not to go on Monday or Tuesday since the store is closed then.

Birds and Butterflies
Mary Byrd, chairperson

Recently this joke appeared in the Augusta Chronicle:

The inscription on the metal bands used by the U.S.Department of the Interior to tag migratory birds has been changed. The bands use to bear the address of the Washington Biological Survey, abbreviated as "Wash. Biol.Surv." - until the agency received the following letter from an unhappy camper.

"Dear Sirs: While camping last week, I shot one of your birds. I think it was a crow. I followed the cooking instructions on the leg tag and want to tell you it tasted horrible."

The bands are now marked "Fish and Wildlife Service."

While we may find this joke to be funny it is also a teaching tool in that no one is suppose to shoot and kill migratory birds, much less cook and eat them. Since this bird in the joke is thought to be a crow, an American Crow, it is a fact that the few numbers who do migrate only go short distances for most crows stay within the region and area where they were hatched and raised.

The crow is a very social and extremely intelligent bird. Though they may be a nuisance to most people they can be of help in eradicating mice, rats and undesirable bugs. They also feed on carrion. They will at times be seen at the bird feeders but this should be discouraged. They are very vocal and make their presence known. A young captured crow can be trained and can become an interesting pet, even mimicking the human voice.

There is a crow that lives on my farm with his family and if he sees me outdoors will let me know of his presence and that he is hungry and wants a handful of bread placed where he can come to eat. So I feed him much to his like.

The picture below shows Marilyn Manning, Birds and Butterflies co-chairperson, and was submitted by Helen Mc Vicker of When Help Can't Wait.



Marilynn Manning with the Iris Garden Club of Augusta presented four Bluebird houses for the residents of Golden Living at Windemere. Shown receiving the houses is Becky Drake, assistant Activity Director; along with one of the male residents who will get to enjoy putting them together. The Bluebird projects have become a continuing joy as an activity for the male residents in area nursing homes. This is the third time Iris Garden Club has shared their generosity through When HELP Can't Wait, a local Non-Profit that donates to nursing homes year-round. If you'd like to participate in brightening the lives of these seniors, please contact WHCW at 706-729-8991.

Community Beautification and Perennial Garden Bonnie McClain, chairperson

Riverwalk Perennial Garden 2009

A Big, "Thank You ladies", for helping every day during National Garden Week (June 7-13).

This summer we had some monetary donations from Faye Jackson, Peg Glover, Ginny Allen, and Bonnie McClain. Plants were purchased as well as varieties of

caladiums-Pink Beauty and Candidum. These plants were planted on the shady side.

Flags and tags were purchased. Come see the caladiums as they are quite nice, despite the bad storm last week that uprooted the lantana shrub and butterfly bush! Shingles were found in the garden area (From Fifth Street).

Jean Kernaghan planted some coreopsis and Ginny planted some sunflowers. Thank You.

Jil Powell gave us a rose bush for our garden before she left Augusta. We thank her and wish her well. We will miss her expertise.

Jeanne Cornell pruned the rosemary and Kay Mitchell straightened up the aspidistra. Chris McClain kept the watering up, along with the city sprinklers. We have been asked by the gentlemen in the gift shop at the marina to refrain from working in the garden when they are not present. Mondays and Tuesdays the gift shop is closed. Thank you.

Bonnie McClain

Environmental Awareness **Mary Louise Hagler, co-chairperson**

Recycling is no Garbage!

Area waste management facilities are making it easier for residents to recycle. It is amazing to watch your "garbage" can shrink and your "recycle" can fill up. Richmond County Waste Management provides two types of containers for your recycling needs; one small bin and a large rolling can similar to the garbage cans. Columbia County has several drop off sites for various items such as aluminum cans, newspaper, magazines, and plastic.

Recycling prolongs the life of our landfills, so the more we recycle, the less garbage we put in our landfills. How do we make less garbage?

- ✓ Take a re-usable bag to the grocery store instead of using plastic bags. Or re-use your old plastic bags.
- ✓ Buy rechargeable batteries instead of disposable
- ✓ Donate clothes or useable household items to charitable organization or hold a yard sale
- ✓ Start a small compost pile for kitchen waste

When we reduce waste and recycle, we are saving natural resources, energy, landfills, and reducing pollution. We can all do our part to become environmentally aware!

Here are some contacts for more information or to request a Richmond County recycling bin/can...

Augusta Richmond County Solid Waste, Customer Service Hotline at (706) 592-3200

Check out www.columbiacounty.gov or call Keep Columbia County Beautiful at (706) 312-7195

GARDEN CLUBS - GO GREEN

*(Editors note: Please see Mary Louise's fabulous website:
www.mlchgarden.com)*

A Tip for New Garden Club Presidents Fran Weber

The National Garden Club's website is full of valuable information. I discovered that they have available free (packages of 50) pamphlets called "Grow Your World-Joining a Garden Club" and all you have to do is call them and they will send them to you. These colorful pamphlets are printed on high quality paper and are specifically designed to attract new members. While I was ordering a pack of free pamphlets I also learned that the NGC offers a President's Packet for \$10.00 plus shipping and handling. Included in this packet is a Garden Therapy Manual, a Protocol Handbook, A Parliamentary Procedure Manual, a Youth Garden Club Handbook, and their products and publication catalog. The cost, including shipping and handling, totals \$17.10. Check out the NGC, Inc. website. You will be pleasantly surprised. If you should choose to order any of their publications or products, do it by phone. You will actually talk to a real person, not a machine, and I guarantee you will enjoy the conversation. I certainly did.

Azalea District News- Ways and Means Meredith Nicholson, Chairman

Please support your District by sending in a \$25 donation and/or bring items of a \$25 value to sell at the Country Store. We ALL want our Country Store to be a great success. *Please have your items priced.* Meredith Nicholson and her committee will be ready to greet you on Friday, October 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Thomson, GA. Please address all questions to Meredith at 706-868-9939 or 706-373-1612 (cell) or meredithn@knology.net.

Azalea District News From Katherine Allen, District Director

Dollars for The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. District Cruise Raffle



Get out there~

Win a 4 night cruise to the Bahamas
On the "Monarch of the Seas"
Ocean view cabin for 2 people

Cruise may be taken any time provided space is available at time of booking. Winners need not be present to win. Certificate will be valid for 1 year after the drawing. If winner would like to upgrade their cruise to another itinerary it will be at the winner's own expense. All proceeds to benefit The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Funds raised will help offset the cost of hosting the 2010 National Garden Club Convention in Atlanta. A Drawing will be held in October 2009 at **each** District Meeting. District Winner will be announced at that time.

Azalea District Cruise will be decided at the 50th Anniversary District Meeting in Thomson, GA on October 16!! We will draw the winner. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Make all checks out to GCG!

Mail your check for \$25 per ticket to: Dr. Katherine Allen
Azalea District Director
P. O. Box 39
Crawfordville, GA 30631

If you win, you may upgrade or give to another – what a gift! Cruise is for 2 people! You do not have to be present to win. Non-Garden Club members may purchase tickets too!

2009-2011 Special Projects

GCG SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- **“Back to the 3 R’s!”**

The Litter Team takes us back to school to learn the 3 R’s—not reading, writing and ‘rithmetic—but “reduce, reuse, recycle”! The focus of this administration’s litter team is youth recycling education. GCG will produce “*Bulletin Boards in a Bag*” sporting the GCG logo. The bag will contain everything needed to decorate an elementary school bulletin board or a bulletin board in a public library, media center or church, and the lesson to be learned is reduce, reuse, and recycle.

GCG will strive to provide each elementary school in Georgia with the bulletin board in a bag. Garden clubs will be asked to participate by assisting in delivering these bulletin boards in a bag to local schools.

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- **“Bangles for Bucks”**

Buy “Betty’s Bangle Bracelets” and buy into the future of a student! And you know Betty likes to wear lots of bracelets. All proceeds will support the scholarship fund.

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- **“Create a Club” - Membership Development:**

Consider starting a new garden club in your area, remembering that the passion for gardening knows no age boundaries. Focus on innovative ways to stimulate membership and to organize, develop and mentor new types of clubs, such as couples clubs, youth clubs, clubs in retirement communities or churches, etc.).

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- **“Flower Shows Will Flourish”:**

Flower shows **will** flourish under the Flower Show Grant program established by GCG. Member clubs who have never sponsored a Standard Flower Show and/or have not sponsored a show in the past five-year period are eligible to apply for a one-time matching grant in the amount of \$200.00 to subsidize a flower show. Matching funds may come from the treasury of the member club/s or from other community organizations. Application must be made in writing to the State Flower Show Grant Chairman at least four months in advance of the show. This application can be found on the GCG website or may be secured from the Flower Show Grant Chairman. After review and approval of the application, GCG’s Flower Show Grant Chairman will ask the GCG Treasurer to issue a check to the club/s prior to the opening date of the flower show. Clubs are required to send a copy of the printed flower show schedule and proof of receipt of matching funds to the Grants Chairman.

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- **Penny Pines**

This National Project is a partnership between National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the USDA Forest Service. Garden clubs, councils or districts can participate in this meaningful conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pine plantation as part of the cost of replanting replacement and/or indigenous trees (not just pine trees) to a particular area damaged by fire or other natural catastrophe in Georgia or in another state. The Forest Service will do the planting and select the planting sites, using your donation together with Federal funds and will also provide the plantation the same protection from fires, insects and disease given other forested areas. These plantations are part of the regular National Forest reforestation program planted on burned-over and brush-covered areas. Districts, clubs or individuals may participate in this program by donating monies in multiples of \$68. A donation may be made in honor or memory of one individual, organization or theme (National Garden Week, Arbor Day, Support Our Troops, etc.). Come up with fun and innovative ways to collect the \$68—have a raffle, pass the hat at meetings and collect pennies/quarters, ask members to save their pennies in a jar, or simply write a check. Checks should be made payable to NGC Penny Pines and sent to GCG's Penny Pines Chairman. Please designate on your check a specific location or state to which you want the funds disbursed. Donations received by March 1st will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Dig in to raise funds for replanting disaster-struck National and State Forests!

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- **POP - "Promoting Our Projects"**

The goal of this publicity and public relations networking project is to promote GCG's aims and accomplishments—to get the word out about projects in which Georgia's garden clubs are participating. Tapping into local newspaper systems and statewide publications, magazines and media groups, and utilizing innovative methods of media exposure to promote our projects will make The Garden Club of Georgia's name POP!

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- **“Pull and Save a Tab for Ronald McDonald”**

This special project involves collecting aluminum pop tabs from soda, soup, pet food, vegetable and juice cans in support of Georgia’s Ronald McDonald Houses, which provide lodging and emotional support to families of children receiving treatment in nearby medical facilities. Collected tabs can be given to the State Pull and Save a Tab Chairman or can be taken to your local Ronald McDonald House for recycling. Cash received from recycling is used to purchase supplies for the RM houses (food, paper products, drinks, etc.)—things to make a “home away from home” for those who stay there while a loved one is healing.

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DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL SPECIAL PROJECT:

- **POW! “Protecting Our World: Living Green – Living Clean”**

The Deep South Unified Regional Project is an invitation for people of all ages, especially young children and the handicapped, to participate with the G.R.I.T.S. (Gardeners Residing in the South) members of the Deep South Region. This project is not a fundraiser. It is an initiative to focus on the urgent need to protect our environment and to formulate actions for living green and living clean. It is through this project that garden club members can develop innovative and timely ideas to educate and motivate citizens—of all ages—to protect our world, to think greener, act greener and live greener—to become better stewards of God’s green earth. Your options are far-reaching! Direct your project to homes and businesses, gardens, schools, environmental education, communities or natural resources/ecology. Incorporate some or all of these aspects. Encourage mayors to join in this effort by declaring a **POW!** Day. See the Deep South Awards section of this *GUIDE* for more detailed information on this award.

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NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- **“Beautify Blight”**

The “Beautify Blight” project is designed to encourage individual garden clubs, councils and districts to partner with community leaders or government agencies (elected, appointed, Chambers of commerce or organized volunteer groups) AND one or more organized youth groups (scouts, campfire, school, church, FFA, 4-H, etc.) to collectively identify a blighted or unsightly area within their community and develop it into a community garden area to provide fresh produce with nutritional value to food pantries, soup kitchens and/or the homeless or those in need. This project aims to bring awareness to community leaders and residents of the work areas and commitment of NGC/GCG-member clubs in the area to concerns of our fellow man and encourages and stresses the importance and awareness of community service and gardening to youth. Sponsoring groups may be allowed, if desired, to have fundraisers or seek underwriting-actual or in-kind-within their communities to support this project. Clubs, councils and districts will be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and Participation by the NGC President. Participants will be asked to submit a one-page summary of the project with a before and after picture. The National Chairman will strive to gain support of seed companies to assist with this project.

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- **“Golden Days”**

“Golden Days” promotes the planting of daffodils (emphasis on remembering senior members who are in retirement centers, nursing facilities, downsized living facilities) and those who no longer can actively participate but have maintained membership or have long-served their communities through their garden clubs (potted daffodils acceptable). Additionally, clubs are encouraged to develop mass plantings of daffodils at the above-mentioned facilities, public buildings, Blue Star Memorial sites, etc. Bulk quantities of daffodil bulbs will be available for sale through NGC's Member Services and will serve as a fundraiser for NGC.

Sponsoring groups may be allowed, if desired, to have fundraisers or seek underwriting-actual or in-kind- within their communities to support this project. Districts, councils and clubs participating in this special project will be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and Participation from the NGC President. Project participants are asked to submit a one-page summary to the State Chairman, with no more than 3 pictures of their projects.

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- **“Plant It Pink”**

“Plant It Pink” is a partnership between NGC, Susan G. Koman for the Cure, Jon Carloftis (garden designer), and Louisville Stoneware. This program includes:

1. Raising funds and promoting awareness in support of Koman’s activities in the fight against breast cancer.
2. Demonstrating how a love of gardening can be translated into a full spectrum of projects benefiting the health and welfare of individuals, families, communities and the nation.
3. Enhancing NGC’s and GCG’s commitment as a service organization aligned with some of the most respected philanthropic organizations in the U.S.
4. Distribution of pink flowering seeds, donated by Ball horticultural Company and packaged by W. Atlee Burpee and Company, to donors for contributions sent to NGC for Susan G. Koman for the cure.
5. Working with St. Louis artist Linda Solovic on a card designed specifically for Plant It Pin.
6. Marketing the birdhouse designed by Jon Carloftis and manufactured by Louisville Stoneware for Plant It Pink. Susan G. Koman and NGC receive a percentage of the sales.

Clubs are encouraged to plant pink gardens (at hospitals, cancer centers, memorial gardens), participate in garden therapy activities, offer pink flower show classes, and other activities that promote awareness of the fight against breast cancer.

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Patrick’s Paperwhites

Patrick’s Paperwhites is a fundraising campaign for **Press On: The Patrick R. Chance Fund for Neuroblastoma Research**. We thank everyone for their

support last year. We sold 425 pots last year and hope to have an even more successful campaign this year. Easy to Grow Bulbs (www.EasytoGrowBulbs.com) has again partnered with us to fight neuroblastoma and is providing a significant discount so that we can provide premium paperwhite bulbs (17cm+). These bulbs (Ariel) are bred to be shorter than the more common paperwhites and also have more blooms on stronger stalks.

We will also be taking orders for preplanted amaryllis (Minerva) bulbs again this year (so many of you called last year to exclaim over the number of blooms on each stalk). The paperwhites will be sold for \$15 for a pot of three planted bulbs. The pot with one large amaryllis bulb will be sold for \$20. Orders will be taken in September and October for delivery in November. They will be wrapped and ribboned to make perfect holiday gifts. For more information contact Kris Gordon at 706-863-7405 or krisanddon@comcast.net.