

**Augusta Council of Garden Clubs  
"Clippings"  
January 2010**



*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 and will also be posted on our Council website.*

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**Pat Hathaway  
ACGC President**

More Clippings

Happy New Year..... Garden Clubs have much on their plates, so I will keep this short.

The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs invites you to their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Luncheon March 17; please see information on centerpieces and door prizes in the newsletter.

Many thanks to "Luncheon Planning Committee" Judy Kirkland, Mary Speir, Lee Otts, Peggy Glover, Jeanne Cornell, Rose Cruickshank, Doris Blalock, Virginia Allen, Deloris Des Reis. They have planned an exciting day at the Augusta Country Club. Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards luncheon will include recognition of achievements, wonderful speaker, Mary Louise Hagler [michgarden@comcast.net](mailto:michgarden@comcast.net) and our only fundraiser the famous silent auction and much more. Please plan to attend.

Mark your calendars for our Flower Show April 23 to 25 please contact Pat Mims [patmims@comcast.net](mailto:patmims@comcast.net) or Ann Leonard [annleonard09@comcast.net](mailto:annleonard09@comcast.net) for more information.

Hope to see you at the Azalea District Meeting Thursday, February 11, 2010 at The Clover Room Eatonton GA. I have room for one more person. Please call me at 706.722.3018.

Good News, our Blue Star installation will be a big event for National Garden Week. Date to mark on your calendar- Thursday June 11, location- Charlie Norwood VA Medical Hospital 15<sup>th</sup> Street Augusta. Hope to see representatives from all clubs at this important event.

Looks like another busy but fun spring.

Thanks Pat

#### Plant Trivia

What city was "Burfordi" holly discovered?

What do cannas and potatoes have in common?

What broadleaf tree remains evergreen in Georgia?

If you know any of the answers email [successaugusta1@aol.com](mailto:successaugusta1@aol.com) . I have a surprise for you.

### **Habitat for Humanity Barbara Horner**

Council participated at two plant sales to benefit Habitat--one in the spring at Pendleton King Park making a little under \$200 and the other at Savannah Rapids in the fall, making almost \$200. I'm sorry but Pat Hathaway kept up with the money both times and I don't have an actual number. We consider both sales a big success because we made some money to buy tools for Habitat to use in their construction and maintenance, plus those of us who worked the sales

and gathered plants to sell had a super good time. There were probably close to a dozen who actually participated, plus several who just dropped off plants to us at the sales.

*(Note from Pat Hathaway – Habitat made \$327.63)*

## **Life Memberships Fran Weber**

Honoring a garden club member who has made a difference in their community can be done easily. One excellent way is to give them a Life membership in either the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (\$100), Deep South Region (\$50) and /or National Life (\$200). State memberships support GCG scholarships and are tax deductible. The honored person's name will be published in Garden Gateways and she/he will receive a free subscription for one year, regardless of garden club status. This special person will be recognized at the State Convention. Deep South Life Memberships support the Deep South Scholarship fund.

If you wish to gift a membership to yourself or someone else, contact Beth Hartley, [bhartley@windstream.net](mailto:bhartley@windstream.net) or telephone 229-768-3577.

Fran Weber [fweberga@knology.net](mailto:fweberga@knology.net) .

## **Garden Therapy Report Virginia Allen**

Thank you to all of the clubs who made Christmas stockings, sent contributions and provided Fig Leaf items during December. Remember to include your Garden Therapy projects in your club's President's Report.

It's time to start thinking about making felt Easter Eggs. They should be mailed to Ms. Regina Harrison Moore, Activity Director, East Central Georgia Regional Hospital, Bldg. 12 Gym, 3405 Mike Padgett Hwy., Augusta, GA 30906. You may call her cell phone 706-799-4345 to arrange to deliver Fig Leaf items or bring Fig Leaf items to a Council meeting.

Remember to mail in your participation record and donation record forms. These forms are available on the State Garden Club Website:

<http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub/therapy.html>

## **Online Yearbook Ann Leonard**

The 2009-2011 Council yearbook may now be accessed online at the ACGC website [www.gardencentral.org/georgia/acgc/](http://www.gardencentral.org/georgia/acgc/) . To access the yearbook, go to the *Members Only* link where you will be promoted to give the following:

Username: **acgc**

Password: **seeds09**

Both are lowercase.

Please continue to let me know if you find errors in the yearbook. At a later date, I will request to have the online yearbook updated.

## Environmental Awareness Mary Louise Hagler

### Trashy!



Gotcha with the title?

This year I resolve to pay more attention to trash.

I plan to continue recycling kitchen scraps in order to boost the nutrition of my garden soil, as well as recycling general "house trash"(newspaper, cardboard, aluminum, etc.)

I am researching compost containers specifically for the kitchen counter. Currently, I keep my veggie waste & coffee grounds (and filters) in a plastic (not green!) bag at the sink. There are "decorative" containers to put all those veggies in which makes it a bit more decorative!

Do you have a reusable shopping bag to take to the grocery store? That's another thing I resolve to improve. According to [www.reuseit.com](http://www.reuseit.com), Americans consume about one million plastic bags per minute.

Instead of placing those empty shopping bags in the back of my car where I usually forget about them, I will keep them in the front passenger side in sight. Most grocery stores give a few cents off for each re-usable bag that you bring to the store.

That's the trash for now!  
Blessings from the Garden.  
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**Mary Moretz  
Sand Hills Garden Club**

Sand Hills Garden Club presents Gordon W. Chappell for a lecture on "Design for Small Spaces". Mr. Chappell is coauthor of *The Gardens of Colonial Williamsburg*. The book is an important documentary of the re-creation of twenty colonial gardens. He is a member of The American Society of Landscape Architects and before retiring was Director of Landscape and Facilities with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The lecture is on March 10, at 4:00 PM. Tickets for the lecture are \$35 per person. Sand Hills representatives will have tickets to purchase at the Garden Council meeting on January 28. Tickets may also be purchased by emailing [marymoretz@knology.net](mailto:marymoretz@knology.net). Mr. Chappell is a nationally renowned speaker and his lecture in Augusta promises to be most interesting and instructive -- something no gardener should miss!

**Karen Oliver**

Congratulations to Beth Wiseman for winning a blue ribbon for her creative flower design in the annual Coastal Carolina (Charleston) flower show.

**Fran Weber  
Spade and Trowel**

Spade and Trowel Garden Club was well attended at the Native Plant Symposium in Athens on January 20, 2010. From left: Vicky Kohli, Darlene Scales, Mahalah Harrison, Lotti Gilchrist, and Fran Weber. Club members also received a guided tour of the Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters.

**Paper whites – Cure Childhood Cancer  
Kris Gordon**

We sold a total of 633 pots (paperwhites and amaryllis) and made a net profit of \$7,846.00 which was donated to Press On. I am touched and so thankful for the overwhelming support of garden club members. They not only ordered the pots but volunteered for 8 "potting parties" to get the job done. I could not have done

it without them. Every dollar we donate goes directly to childhood cancer research.

The fund name has been changed to Press On to CURE Childhood Cancer to reflect its increased mission to provide grants for acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in addition to neuroblastoma. Tara and Turner Simkins have joined forces with Erin and Stephen as a result of their son Brennan's diagnosis with AML. The Simkins and Chances have shared a close friendship for many years, one that now strengthens them as their "boys in arms" fight this battle together.

Many thanks to all garden club members.....Kris

**Virginia Allen  
Annual Spring Awards Luncheon**

Dear Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Members and Friends,  
You are cordially invited to the:

AUGUSTA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

at the Augusta Country Club

Registration, Coffee and Fellowship start at 9:30 am

The program starts promptly at 10:00 am

Welcome by the Honorable Mayor Deke Copenhaver

Our speaker is Mary Louise Hagler

Her topic is "Life's a Garden. Dig It."

Lunch will be served at noon

Lunch will be followed by announcement of award winners, silent auction results  
and door prizes.

*Registration: \$25 if received by March 11; \$30 after March 11, 2010*

Make check payable to: The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs

*Please mail your check and completed registration form to*

Dr. Virginia Allen, 2916 Westchester Drive, Augusta, GA 30909  
706-736-6793, [vallenotr@aol.com](mailto:vallenotr@aol.com)

**REGISTRATION FORM:  
AUGUSTA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS  
MARCH 17, 2010 SPRING AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Mail this page with your check made out to The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs. \$25/person if received by March 11<sup>th</sup>, \$30/person if received after March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mail to: Dr. Virginia Allen, 2916 Westchester Dr., Augusta, GA 30909

Registration Information: Virginia Allen, 706-736-6793,  
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**Name for nametag:**

**Mailing address:**

**Email address for confirmation:**

**Telephone number:**

**Name of your Garden Club(s):**

**Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Meal type:** \_\_\_\_ regular (chicken and asparagus crepes)  
special diet required: \_\_ vegetarian, \_\_gluten free,  
\_\_other

**Lee Otts**  
**Annual Spring Awards Luncheon Silent Auction**

Augusta Council of Garden Clubs Fundraiser  
March 17, 2010

The fundraiser for the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs will be a silent auction and raffle at the March 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon. This is our only fundraiser for the year and we encourage all of you to help in any way you can. The council is asking each club to donate a gift with a value of at least \$25.00. All checks must be made payable to the Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Use your imagination in coming up with good auction items. Your club is not limited to how many items you may donate. Your club may like to donate a garden item, gift certificate, concert tickets, vacation homes, or perhaps you have a member who is an artist who can showcase their talent by donating a painting or sculpture. The choices are innumerable and varied. Please write a short description and give the value for each item you are donating.

If you are able, bring your donations to the March 11, 2010 meeting. It will be held at the residence of Pat Hathaway, President Augusta Council of Garden Clubs. Her address is 1020 Reynolds Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901. Her phone number is (706) 722-3018. If you are unable to bring them to the meeting either contact Deloris Des Reis or Lee Otts and they will make arrangements to have the items picked up.

For additional information do not hesitate to contact either Deloris or Lee.

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**“Plant a Seed” Horticultural Course taught by Judy Kirkland  
Pat Hathaway**

Plant a Seed  
Basic Horticulture Course

Judy Kirkland Chairman is putting together a wonderful series of six, one day informative classes designed to give information to novice as well as experienced gardeners. There is a seventh optional course designed to promote Native Plants. The course will be taught by knowledgeable local personnel.

Suggested topics

1. Trees and Shrubs
2. Annuals, Biennials and Perennials
3. Herbs
4. Food Gardening/ Soil Preparation
5. Improved Cultivars
6. Indoor Gardens
7. Native plants(optional)

NO TEST .....Each student completing all six classes will receive a Basic Horticulture Certificate

Stay tuned, Judy will keep us posted on when, where and how. Judy Kirkland [jukirkland@charter.net](mailto:jukirkland@charter.net)