



## **Augusta Council of Garden Clubs “Clippings”**

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

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**Pat Hathaway  
President**

Between Garden Friends

Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to attend the Council meetings. The next two years are shaping up to be very busy. With all the new projects, I

hope the clubs can find one or two that fit your agendas. Keep the Council in mind when you take pictures of your club's activities and email a few to Ann. We would love to put them in the newsletter or on the web site.

Ann will be updating the web site so stay turned. Last month's newsletter is posted. If you would like to Blog, visit the Gardening Tidbits Blog, which is linked from [www.uga.edu/gardenclub/](http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub/) . Scroll down to links and other resources to click on the Blog. I encourage you to leave comments on this Blog.

We have a date for the Spring Luncheon - the third Wednesday in March at the Augusta Country Club.

Pat Mims, Karen Oliver and I have met with Sandra Fenstermacher, Executive Director of Sacred Heart, and we have an outline for a small flower show in April. I know all the clubs will give the committee chairpersons a helping hand to make the show a great success.

October 16 is the Azalea District Meeting in Thomson, GA. Remember to bring priced items to the County Store.

Milledgeville Garden Club Council Standard Flower Show is November 4, 2009.

Betty Davis will be hostess for the Executive Board meeting January 28, 2010. Garden Arts will be the host club for the January 28, 2010, Governing Board Meeting.

Please keep the family of Jo Agostas in your prayers. Jo served as President of the Council 1971 to 1973. She was Historic Preservation Chairperson for the Council and was an outstanding member of the Azalea Garden Club. Jo was a Master Flower Judge.



**Katherine Allen**  
**Azalea District Director**

We have sold half of our tickets and I know that working as a team, we can quickly move the other 50 that we must sell BEFORE we can give the cruise away.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be sold to a G.C. member or to a non-member. Chance of winning is 1 in 100 and you do not have to be present to win!!

If you can't sell them, I am asking that Club Presidents hold a Raffle at their September meeting.

Here's how that would work. Each member attending should be able to donate \$2 or \$3 to help Georgia have a first-class convention in Atlanta next May. That's about half the price of a Coffee Drink at Starbucks!!

Larger Clubs could then raffle 2 tickets and smaller Clubs could raffle 1 ticket. If someone in your Club wins who can't take the cruise, then I know they will delight someone when they give them the gift of a cruise to be used in the upcoming year!! Club Presidents should take the initiative on this.

For geographical convenience, tickets are going to be available from the following folks: You can also create a handwritten coupon until you can get the ticket in hand if your meeting is this week.

Jackie Dyll 478-968-7598 - for Eatonton/Greene area.  
Linda Harris 706-376-5589 for Hartwell/Madison area.  
Celia Brown 706-546-5246 for Athens/Monroe Area  
Charlotte Herrington 478-452-1924 - for Milledgeville Area  
Meredith Nicholson 706-868-9939 for Augusta Area

Checks for the Cruise Tickets should be made out to G.C.G. (Garden Club of Georgia)

Meredith Nicholson, Ways and Means, is tracking all tickets and turning the money in for the Azalea District.

Thank you for your help with this!! We'll have more fun at the Thomson meeting on October 16 if we can get this out of the way in September!!

Thanks for all you do -

Katherine Allen

Azalea District Director  
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P.S. All checks for Azalea functions, lunches, donations, etc. are made out to the Azalea District - not to an individual.

The Cruise benefits the Garden Club of GA so make checks for that out to G.C.G.

### **Plant it Pink Meredith Nicholson**

Think Pink! 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. "Plant It Pink" is a partnership between NGC, Susan G. Koman for the Cure, Jon Carloftis, and Louisville Stoneware. Distribution of pink flowering seeds, donated by Ball Horticulture Co. and packaged by W. Atlee Burpee and Company, to donors for contributions sent to NGC for Susan G. Koman for the Cure. Another facet of this project involves the marketing of a birdhouse designed by Jon Carloftis and manufactured by Louisville Stoneware, especially for the "Plant It Pink" project. Susan G. Koman and NGC receive a percentage of the birdhouse sales. This project illustrates how the love of gardening translates into a full spectrum of projects benefiting the health and welfare of individuals, families, communities and the nation.

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### **Country Store Meredith Nicholson**

Please support your District by sending in a \$25.00 donation (include your club # on your check) and/or bring items of a \$25.00 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, 2009 at 9:00am in Thomson, GA.

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**Birds and Butterflies**  
**Mary Byrd, chairperson**

**Poetry Contest – 2010**  
**Theme – “Our Beautiful World”**

Now is the time to encourage our Youth to express their thoughts and ideas through different types of poetry. This year the NGC Poetry Contest is entitled “Our Beautiful World”. Be creative and use your imagination by joining the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet!

Eligibility: Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Special Education: Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be typed and titled.
2. Include name, address, and age and school grade of participant on the back of the entry.
3. Sponsoring garden club and federation name must also be identified.
4. All entries become property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
5. Poems do not have to rhyme.
6. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, verse, cinquains, diamond poems or Haiku.
7. Have one person from the sponsoring club to send entries with her name, address, email address and telephone number included in the packet of entries.

Scale of Points:	Title	10 points
	Content	40 points
	Creativity	30 points
	Style	20 points
		100 Total

Deadlines:

All entries must be given to the sponsoring garden clubs by November 15<sup>th</sup> for judging.

Choose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places from each class. Send only these winning entries to the state chairman.

Entries are to be sent to the state chairman by December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Please mail as early as possible. Entries postmarked after the 1<sup>st</sup> will not be

accepted. Do not disappoint a child by not mailing early and having the entry disqualified.

Please send the winning entries to:

Mary S. Byrd  
328 Byrd Road  
Evans, GA 30809  
Email address: [maryb328@earthlink.net](mailto:maryb328@earthlink.net)  
Telephone: 706-863-1131

### **Website 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.

### **Riverwalk Perennial Garden Bonnie McClain**

The Riverwalk Garden is being maintained, but volunteers are needed to help with watering. You will need to bring your own hose or buckets. Beware when the train is passing overhead as you may be sprinkled with debris. Please do not come on Monday or Tuesdays as the store is closed on those days.

Bonnie is collecting pink perennials such as trailing verbena and snapdragons that will be part of a Plant it Pink garden. Please contact her if you have plants you can donate. **706-738-3428**

### **Georgia Garden Club Day at Georgia Capitol Barbara Murphy**

January 11, 2010, is the Opening Day of the Georgia General Assembly. Georgia Garden Club members are urged to wear green and come to the Capitol

on this date to show our legislators that we are concerned about the laws they pass that effect our environment.

**Penny Pines  
Judy Kirkland, chairman**

Please don't forget to pass the box to collect for Penny Pines/Gordon Highway Beautification. Any questions, call Judy Kirkland 706-556-3417 or email [jukirkland@charter.net](mailto:jukirkland@charter.net).

**Environmental Awareness  
Norma Patterson, co-chairperson**

Fall is in the air, so falling leaves can't be far behind. Rather than dreading this time of year, think of the fallen leaves as a windfall for your yard and garden – not something to be bagged and left at the curb for disposal.

Why not “turn over a new leaf” this fall and keep your leaves?

- If you have children or grandchildren, rake them into heaping piles for the kids to play in for a few days. Just don't let the leaves stay for long the grass beneath will begin to die.
- If you don't have kids to enjoy the leaves, avoid the raking by mulching the leaves with the lawn mower and catching them in the mower bag; then use the mulched leaves around shrubs, annuals, perennials and trees.
- If you have a compost pile, use the leaves to make rich, dark humus by next spring.
- With about six inches of mulched leaves, you may find that some of your annuals will over-winter and be back next spring.
- If you simply don't want to be bothered with leaves, ask a neighbor if they want to rake your leaves and put them to good use!

**Paper whites- Press On: The Patrick R. Chance Fund for  
Neuroblastoma Research  
Kris Gordon**

Update on the paper whites -- we have orders so far for 117 paper whites and 109 amaryllis pots (that is 7 garden clubs and phone orders).

Survey question for clubs: There is a different variety of paper white that is bred to be less fragrant (for those who feel the fragrance of paper whites is too strong) but it takes about 3 weeks longer to bloom than the Ariel we now order. How many people would order that paper white **next year** instead of, or in addition to, the current paper white? And how many? I have had several people ask me

about this. We would offer both varieties **next year** if enough people wanted the less fragrant paper white. I have to order the bulbs in 250 bulb increments so that means I need orders for a minimum of 83 pots before it would be feasible for me to offer both varieties.

**Birds and Butterflies**  
**Mary Byrd, chairperson**

Birds

If you live in a country setting, or near fields and wooded areas you will begin to notice, due to the fall season, a change in the activities of birds. Of late there have been flocks of blackbirds and starlings that come and feed on grass that has gone to seed and any other seed bearing vegetation. This is the time of year when some bird species begin to look for and select a mate, singing and preening to get attention. One bird that makes its voice known is the Great Horned Owl, or as some people call it, the Hoot Owl. On clear nights the male will perch in a tall tree, such as a pine, and through the night will voice his need for a mate.

With the hot Dog Days of summer over and gone the mockingbird has taken up to singing again. Did you miss his wonderful repertoire during the humid days? Listen for his ever cheerful musical performance.

You may ask, "when do I take my hummingbird feeder down?", Or, "when do I stop feeding the hummingbirds?". Do not stop feeding them for even though the ones you had at your feeder this spring and summer may have already let for South America, there are the ones who have spent their vacation north of the Augusta area and have not arrived. So to help them on their way continue to keep the feeder filled with the nectar that they need for the long journey.

**Doris Blalock**  
**GCG Cookbook Distribution Chairman**

Good news for all you Bargain Hunters! The price of the GCG Cookbook, Food, Mood & Attitude, has just been reduced to \$10.00 plus 7% tax. So now is the time to stock up on those gifts for showers, welcome new neighbor, speaker's gift, Christmas, anniversary, Birthday, hostess gift, just a good idea to keep several in your gift closet! There are only a few left, so grab them fast. Contact Bonnie at State Headquarters, she will be so happy to mail them to you.

Date to remember: Native Plant Symposium - January 20 in Athens

**Betty Davis**  
**Pull Tab Chairman, Azalea District**

Dear Presidents/ reps: Please remind your members to turn in their can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and send them to the district meeting on October 16 in Thomson, GA. I will be happy to pick up your tabs, if you are unable to get them to the meeting. If you have a tabs chairman, please send me their information and if you don't have one, it would be good to appoint one for your club. If you need any information or assistance with this project, please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Betty Davis  
Pull Tab Chairman, Azalea District 706/650-1863

**Beth Wiseman**  
**P.O.P Chairman**

I am ready to assist, help, instigate, any project the council or clubs are doing, and will POP to the public via newspaper, TV, etc.  
Whatever project your club is doing- I can promote- please email [Beth Wiseman@bellsouth.net](mailto:BethWiseman@bellsouth.net)


Upcoming are: Flower show-April 23

Ideas: Christmas Decoration Contest-commercial or residential or large subdivision

- Planting a vegetable garden for public-downtown
- Dog Halloween costume contest-benefit CSRA humane society
- Sell live wreaths, garlands, poinsettias for Christmas
- Sell recycling bags, rain barrels, or compost bins
- Bridge tournament for a charity
- Fashion Show and luncheon
- Huge yard sale to benefit Children's hospital-or  
White Elephant sale.

**2010 Flower Show**  
**Pat Mims, Chairman**

It is time to prepare for The Augusta Council of Garden

Club  The date is  
April 23-25, at Sacred Heart. Due to less space this year it

will be a Small Standard Show with twelve designs; we will display on the main altar and the two side altars, four designs on each. We are currently waiting for Sacred Heart to set their theme, we will decide on ours accordingly.

Karen Oliver will be Schedule and Judge Chairperson, Joanne Kingery, Clerk Chairperson, Beth Wiseman, Design Entry and Classification Chairperson, Pat Mims, Flower Show Chair.

The horticulture will be set up outside in a tent. Please get in touch with me If your club sponsors a youth club and would be interested in setting up a small display or to be involved in the horticulture.

Please send the signup sheet around at your Garden Club meetings, ask members to sign up under the area they would be willing to work in. Perhaps your club would choose one of these areas as a project.

*Augusta Council of Garden Club*

**Flower Show 2010**

*Sacred Heart - April 23-25*

*I have been so impressed in the past working with you all.*

*In 2008 you reminded me of ants as you set up and took down. We appreciate and need your help again.*

Thank you all! Pat Mims 706-832-0923 or 706-592-6322

**Sign Up Sheet:**

(Names and Phone numbers please)

*Flower Show Co-Chair*

*Stagers (moving, lifting and etc.)*

**Horticulture Entry and Classification Chairperson and Co-chair**

**Placement for Horticulture Chairperson (3-4 helpers)**

**Clerks**

**Design Entry and Classification Co-Chair**