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FLOWER POWER

The Avondale Estates Garden Club

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THE NATIVE NUDGE *Thalictrum thalictroides* Rue Anemone



A low growing perennial this plant lives in a deciduous forest taking advantage of the light in the spring when there are not yet leaves on the trees.

It blooms with a white or slightly pink tinge from March to May and goes dormant in the summer. It is a ground cover when not dormant.

Because the leaf resembles that of the Meadow Rue and the flower resembles the Anemone it is called the Rue Anemone.

It has historically been cultivated for medicinal purposes.



Double petal form

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Happy New Year! Looking forward to an exciting year!. We will have lots of “Digging in the Dirt” opportunities.

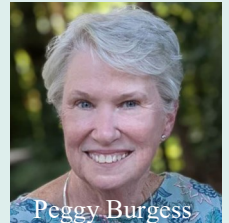
Donna Tanner, Christi Granger and Susan Barton are organizing our April 16, 2022 Plant Sale as you read this. Our Plant Sale is held in honor of “Garden Week in Georgia”. Get your own plants started and be ready to help pot plants with Donna, Christi and Susan in the spring.

As we get into spring we will be planting for color at Carl’s Corner. In addition, plans are in place for revitalizing the East Entrance to Avondale Estates.

AEGC has an on-going commitment to maintain the Totem Garden at Avondale Elementary. We are waiting to hear from Habitat for Humanity on when they will start a “new build” and need our services as landscape planners.

Nancy Martin is planning our June 4, 2022 Secret Garden Tour. Our Secret Garden Tour showcases backyard “secret” gardens in Avondale Estates and is held in honor of “National Garden Club Week”. She will be scheduling a Committee Meeting in February. If you wish to work on this Committee please contact Nancy.

During November, December and January a Strategic Planning Committee, under the leadership of Susan Ragsdale, has been hard at work. This committee has created a new Mission Statement and Vision Statement. In addition, the committee has given us goals for the next year, with the tactics to implement them. (see page 2)



Peggy Burgess

TOGETHER AGAIN AT THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting marks the first time since October we have been together and we are looking forward to it through masks and from six feet apart. Such are the dictates of a pandemic.

To bring us closer to a sense of normality we will conduct business at this meeting, have a speaker and, of course, refreshments.

Linda Pollok will be our speaker bringing us information on planting a garden to entice our avian friends. You may remember Linda gave a wonderful presentation on the various arboreta and gardens around Philadelphia, which explains why that city is known as the America’s Garden Capital.

There will be a lot of news and new things to discuss (and a vote) at this meeting. You will be happy to have attended. Have you sent your RSVP to the refreshment committee? The invitation came as an Evite.

Mission Statement

The Avondale Estates Garden Club offers educational and service opportunities to inspire the appreciation of the various horticultural arts and promotes an awareness of environmental responsibility.

Vision Statement

The Avondale Estates Garden Club, with a fully participating membership, will continue our successes and explore new opportunities to serve the larger community

Wasn't it Beautiful in Avondale!



Photo by
our own Carol Reimer

Happy New Year and welcome 2022! We accomplished many things despite the continuing pandemic. We continued to meet virtually until our April meeting and then we did our first in person AEGC meeting since March 2020. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and we held it on the Community Club patio. For the remaining accom-

- Plant Sale - Lots of fun and very profitable!
- Member garden visits to view beautiful plantings in members' gardens
- Trip to Founder's Garden and UGA Trial Gardens, Athens, GA
- Children's Gardening Boxes
- City plantings - Carl's Corner
- Fig Leaf Project
- Holiday Cards for Healthcare Heroes
- National Garden Week Proclamation
- Planting at the Women's Shelter
- Six issues of *Flower Power*
- *Beautiful Avondale* Note Card fundraiser



All of these accomplishments could not have been possible without the dedication, creativity, and financial support from all of our members. A percentage of our financial support comes, of course, from our annual dues and now is the time we begin asking you to renew your membership. As before, individual memberships are \$40 and family memberships are \$65. **The for dues deadline for renewal has been changed to February 15th 2022.**

We are offering choices of how you may pay your dues:

- Mail your \$40.00 **check** to me (address below)
- Bring cash or your **check** to my house and place in my mailbox (address below)
- Contact me to schedule a pick-up time and **I'll come to your house** (mobile: 678-977-0372)
- Pay by **credit card**: If you wish to pay this way, I'll send you an invoice by email and you can follow the instructions. We ask that you include a \$1.50 processing fee in your payment (Individual \$41.50 and Family \$66.50)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email or by my mobile phone to discuss.

Warmest regards,

Peg Wyse

AEGC Treasurer

1 Lakeshore Plaza, AE 30002

Mobile 678.977.0372

2022-2023 Slate of Officers Presented by Nominating Committee

President	Peggy Burgess
First VP	Patricia Calcagno
Second VP	Susan Robertson Hawkins
Treasurer	Peg Wyse
Recording Secretary	Dianne Nelson
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Martin

We will vote on this slate at the meeting.

YOUR BIRTH FLOWER MAY SURPRISE YOU

You probably know your birthstone, but how about your birth flower? Here's a list.



January: Generally, carnations signify, remembrance, innocence, faith and tenderness, but as with most flowers, each color has its own meaning.



July: Larkspur symbolizes strong bond of love, affection and an open heart



February: Iris symbolizes wisdom, power, passion, faith, hope and purity



August: Gladiolus says honor, faithfulness, persistence, calmness, integrity, and strength of character



March: Daffodil signifies new beginnings and hope, faith, honesty, truth and forgiveness



September: Aster means wisdom, patience and loyalty



April: Daisies signify innocence and purity, new beginnings



October: Marigolds say passion and creativity



May: Lily of the Valley signify good luck and the return of happiness



November: Chrysanthemum signifies longevity and immortality



June: Roses mean love and romance, grace, admiration and joy



December: Poinsettia signifies joy, love, hope, and purity.



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. “Dollars Educate Scholars”

As a collection of Georgia Garden Clubs we give thousands of dollars in scholarship to deserving Georgia students who are majoring in horticulture, agriculture and related fields i.e. landscape architecture etc. A little can go a long way for many of these students.

January as our Official GCG Scholarship Month! Members donating \$1.00 or more now thru January will make a BIG impact on Scholarships. Dollars Educate Scholars contributions from members are given thru your garden club treasurer.

We will determine the winning District from contributions to Dollars Educate Scholars by funds and the percentage of district club participation.

Join the fun at the GCG Annual Meeting in Macon, April 12-13 2022 as we Crown the Queen of Scholarships!



For additional information contact Susan Turner, Scholarships Chairman. 770-922-4411 glencree@bellsouth.net

Excerpted from Redbud Reporter Winter 2022

Camellias to Think About ...there's always next year Optimum time to Plant is November through March



Camellia japonica 'Carter's Sunburnt' This lovely blooms November to April with flowers that are 5" It grows to 6-8' tall and wide. Has specks and some stripes of darker color



Camellia x williamsii 'Anticipation' has a large peony form flower that is a whopping 6" and blooms October to May. With an upright habit, it grows 6-12' at maturity.



Camellia japonica 'Ave maria' blooms October to March with blooms that are 2-4". It grows to 6-10'



Camellia japonica 'White by the Gate' has a long bloom time and lovely double white geometric flowers. It can get up to 12' tall. Prune as with all japonicas right after blooms finish.

Camellia japonica 'Kramer's Supreme' Blooms January to March in part to full shade with a 5" peony form flower. Beautiful glossy green leaves to be a backdrop plant until it blooms in winter as everything in front goes dormant.



THE INSPIRED GARDENER SYMPOSIUM - JANUARY 29, 2022

The Georgia Perennial Plant Association annually presents a symposium at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens in the dead of winter when we desperately need to be in a happy place — our gardens. The speakers are always excellent, well chosen and entertaining. You will remember that Abra Lee has spoken to our club. The symposium will be live on Zoom, but I promise you will be happy to be there if only virtually. You need not be a member to attend.

When: (1) Live on Saturday, **January 29, 2022, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm via Zoom** link or (2) View recorded program within 2 weeks.

Cost: \$60 for members of GPPA or ABG; \$65 for nonmembers

Note: you can find your Membership Number for the discount from the Navigation Menu under "My Account" at the far right. "Your Membership Card" is the first entry underneath. If you prefer to register by PHONE, you can call the Atlanta Botanical Garden registration coordinator, Angela Clingan at 404.591.1543.

Speakers for the day are:

Todd Lasseigne, PhD Executive Director of Bellingrath Gardens and Home in Theodore, Alabama. Join Dr. Lasseigne for a lively talk on Southern gardens both in terms of where they were and where they're going.

Amanda Bennett & Michael Sheek will pull back the curtain and walk you through curating a brand new garden—even with labor and supply chain issues. Coordinating with landscape architects, construction contractors, and landscape contractors is just part of the fun.

Sam Hoadley Manager of Horticultural Research at Mt. Cuba Center
Join Sam Hoadley, as he highlights knockout native species and cultivars from our trials.

Abra Lee An Auburn University alum is also a speaker, writer, and founder of *Conquer the Soil* a community dedicated to celebrating the history, folklore, and art of horticulture! Black Americans have long laid out a cultural blueprint for garden design in their own personal spaces. In this conversation, we will discuss these historic legacies and meet some influential people and the plants they used to beautify homes and communities.

Bryce Lane Taught At UNC 34 years, won 3 Emmys for Public Television show "In the Garden with Bryce" *The Nuts and Bolts of Container Gardening: From Media to Nutrition*

Gardening in containers continues to be a red hot trend throughout the country. The average property size is still shrinking, urban living is growing, and the pandemic has us all sprucing up our gardens, both inside and out. Success in container gardens comes down to the science behind creating an environment and culture for outstanding growth. This talk will focus on the mechanics, and science of growing all kinds of plants in containers, including trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals & houseplants.



Gardening in Macon

*the ninety-fourth annual convention of
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

APRIL 12 -13, 2022 | MACON, GEORGIA

Hosted by the Oleander District



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Athens, Georgia 30602-5817
Phone: 706-227-5369
<https://gardenclub.uga.edu>

THIS YEAR THE GCG CONVENTION IS SO CLOSE TO US WE SHOULD PLAN FOR A GROUP TO ATTEND.

IT IS FUN AND INTERESTING TO MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE STATE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS.

THERE ARE GOOD SPEAKERS AND OPTIONAL WINE WITH DINNER (ON YOUR OWN!)

2022 GCG State Convention: "Gardening in Macon"

Oleander District invites garden club members to the 94th Annual GCG Convention at Marriott Macon City Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13, 2022. The Oleander District proudly hosts "Gardening in Macon". Our special guest is NGC President Mary Warshauer.

Attendees will be treated to informative and fun featured speakers. The Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday evening, followed by a business meeting on Wednesday morning. The convention will conclude with Membership celebration luncheon, which is open to all.

Welcome back since we have not been able to have our convention for the past two years. Come join us for fun and exciting experience seeing and visiting with garden club friends from all over the state.

The registration form is on the next page



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**Marriott Macon City Center
240 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31212**

Individual attendees call Marriott reservations at 800-228-9290 or locally at 478-621-5300.

1. Identify yourself as a Garden Club of Georgia member
 2. Provide the specific dates of your reservation
- King/Queen Room rates: \$129.00 + state and local taxes + \$5 Lodging Fee.
 - Discounted parking of \$5 per night
 - Check-in time: 4:30 p.m. – Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
 - Cancellations may be made up to 48 hours prior to arrival with no charge.

Deadline for hotel registration: on or before March 18, 2022, to receive group rate.



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. • 94th Annual Convention

"Gardening in Macon"

April 12-13, 2022

The Marriott Macon City Center welcomes the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
240 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 • Phone 478-621-5300

Official Registration Form • Registration Deadline: March 28, 2022

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Badge Name Preference _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (w/area code) _____ E-mail _____

Club _____ District _____

How long have you been a member of a garden club in GCG? _____ years as of April 2022.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

***All GCG Board Members, all GCG Life Members and one member from each club are Voting Delegates; please check *Voting Delegate* box if applicable.**

- ☐ State President
- ☐ Member ☐ Guest
- ☐ *Voting Delegate*
- ☐ Club President
- ☐ District Director

- ☐ District Board Member
- ☐ Council President
- ☐ Former State President
- ☐ State Board Member
- ☐ State Life Member

- ☐ My First GCG Convention
- ☐ Deep South Board Member
- ☐ Deep South Life Member
- ☐ National Board Member
- ☐ National Life Member

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER (please check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> PACKAGE PLAN includes registration fee, Awards Banquet and Membership Luncheon	
PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL	\$110.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> PART-TIME PLAN	
Awards Banquet	\$58.00 \$ _____
Membership Luncheon	\$42.00 \$ _____
REGISTRATION FEE (required)	\$15.00 \$ _____
PART-TIME PLAN TOTAL	\$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION COSTS \$ _____

Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 28th include extra \$15.00) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make Check Payable to: GCG 2022 CONVENTION

Mail Check & Registration Form to: Elizabeth Gillespie, 734 Mockingbird Lane, Claxton, GA 30417
flamingo954@yahoo.com, 478-957-1308

No Refunds After April 1, 2022 • Registration Fee Not Refundable

On-Line Registration will be available in January on our GCG website – accepting payment by credit card.