



FLOWER POWER

AVONDALE ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

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THE NATIVE NUDDGE

Uvularia perfoliate
Merry Bells



Growing in deep shade is this plants happy place, no more than two hours of sun will allow it to grow to 12" x 12". It blooms in late spring and is pollinated by bees. According to the "doctrine of signatures" it was thought that the blossoms look like the uvula, or palate (that pink appendage which hangs down the back of the throat). " Wort " is a name formerly given to plants used for food or medicine. When used as a suffix, it often just means " plant."



A Gardener's Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people:

For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are;

For generous friends with hearts and smiles as bright as their blossoms;

For feisty friends as tart as apples;

For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we've had them;

For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;

For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the other, plain as potatoes and as good for you;

For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels Sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem

Artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;

For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;

For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings;

And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, and who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter;

For all these we give thanks.

~ Reverend Max Coots 1928-2009



AEGC MISSION STATEMENT

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



November Yard of the Month 3135 Majestic Circle Home of Kathleen Cavallaro

Kathleen bought the house in 2014 and has worked diligently to incorporate native plants into her garden. She kept the non-native camellias and lorapetalum from the previous owners but introduced native viburnums and dwarf blueberries. In the woodland area, she incorporated native shrubs including beautyberry, spice bush, and buttonbush.

She is currently working on her fern garden. When blooming, her spectacular *Acanthus mollis* (bear's britches) are dramatic with 5-to-6-foot spikes. Please take a moment to enjoy the lovely yard at 3135 Majestic Circle!"

~Scott Legg

We wish you a lovely Thanksgiving

Avondale Estates Garden Club is proud to be a Member
of National Garden Club, Inc., Deep South Garden Club, Inc., The Garden Club of
Georgia, Red Bud District and The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.





DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs Hosts Leading Lights Luncheon Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The DeKalb Federation was founded in 1948 gathering a group of ten garden clubs for the purpose of encouraging, supporting, and furthering the garden club movement under the National Garden Club and the Garden Club of Georgia. It was meant as a way to share information among the clubs of DeKalb County. Of the original clubs at the 1948 beginning, there is one club left in the Federation with continuous service, the Avondale Estates Garden Club. AEGC members attending the Leading Lights Luncheon were asked to stand in recognition of 75 years of service to DeKalb Federation.

The Objectives of the Federation are: to unify and coordinate the efforts and objectives of individual clubs, exchange ideas and experiences, and educate member clubs, youth and the general public in various aspects of horticulture, floral design, and environmental awareness.

During lunch, Dillard's presented a lovely fashion show. Six of the eight models were AEGC members and included a mother/daughter combo. (Betty and Susan) The club was represented well as our members took up almost three full tables!



Betty Britton



Susan Stewart



Nancy Darden



Susan Hawkins



Karen Liebert



Christi Granger

The Board of Directors of Avondale Estates Garden Club
Requests the Pleasure of Your Company for
The Annual Holiday Luncheon
Saturday, December 2nd at 11:00
At the LakeHouse

[Please check your email for an evite and to RSVP]



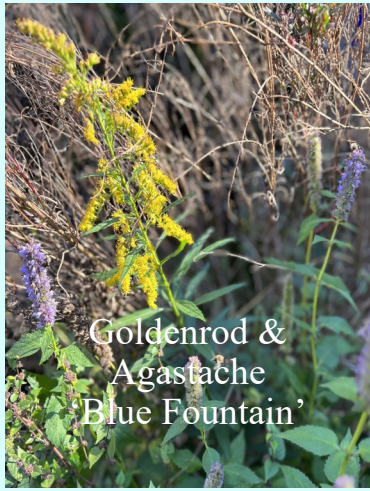
Bonnie Phelps Memorial Tree Walk

We hosted another successful Tree Walk on a perfect day in October. Carolyn Adams and her committee did a great job and Steve Sanchez, our resident arborist/landscape designer, once again presented a brief informative talk prior to participants walking the various routes.

This year the children's component, led by Karen Liebert, had new activities and a special guest. The children loved all of it.



Why Do We Love Living in the South?



Goldenrod & Agastache
'Blue Fountain'



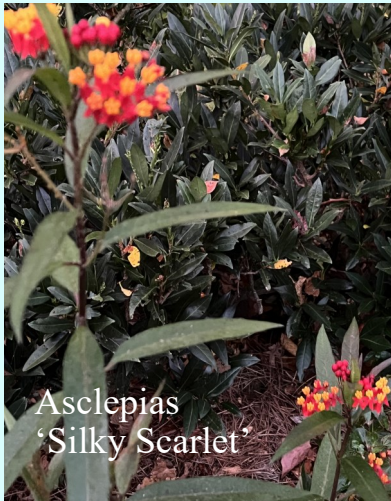
Rose of unknown origin



Echinacea
PowWow White



Old Blush Rose



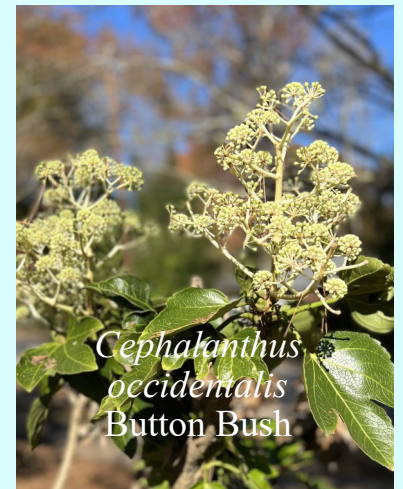
Asclepias
'Silky Scarlet'



Iris 'Immortality'



Echinacea purpurea



Cephalanthus occidentalis
Button Bush



White Cleome



Rudbeckia



Callicarpa Americana
American Beautyberry



Hydrangea Quercifolia
Oakleaf Hydrangea

**Because all of these beauties are
in bloom or leaf color
right now - November 22, 2023!**