



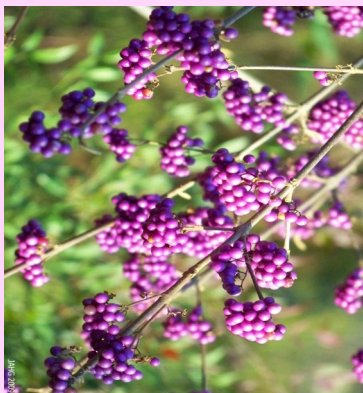
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FLOWER POWER

THE AVONDALE ESTATES GARDEN CLUB
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THE NATIVE NUDGE *Callicarpa americana* Beautyberry



Fast growing informal shrub can get up to 10' tall, but can be cut back hard and will flower and make fruits on new growth.

The berries, growing in round purple (or white) clusters along the stems, are nirvana for birds, especially the gray catbird. They will eat them soon after they appear in late summer to early autumn.

Keep this in bounds and pull up any seedlings you see in spring. Grows in part to full sun. The less sun the more manageable, but some sun is necessary.



From the President . . .

First, thank you to all those who participated in the "What's Cookin' Daisy?" AEGC Provided 40 horticultural specimens under Helen Dorroh's direction and we had several winners in different categories.

AEGC also provided brunch and lunch for 40 judges and officials, thanks to Christi Granger and Patricia Calcano and their committee.

Julie Martinez has the Holiday Bazaar Committee hard at work getting us in position for a successful Holiday Bazaar. New members may be wondering why we are taking on yet another fund raiser.

For years this has been a time honored and fun tradition and our only fundraiser. Because of Covid, this is our first opportunity to reinstate it. As a Board we decided to give it another round. So be sure to join the fun! Clean out the closets, bake some goodies, volunteer the day before and or the day of the event. I promise you will have fun, meet someone new, get a bargain or two, probably make a new friend.

On September 24th AEGC and the Avondale Estates Tree Board placed 20 of the Granite Tree Markers through out the neighborhood. We have 16 more to place sometime this month. We are waiting on a date from the Tree Board, we will let you know when. We hope you will plan to help, it's another way to get to know each other.

The program for the October evening meeting is "Black Gold 101 All About Composting" presented by Brandon Crumsey. Brandon is the Urban Agriculture Project Manager with Food Alliance. Join us as Brandon shares his knowledge of urban gardening as well as does and don'ts to create a rich and delicious compost.

Please remember to bring your Holiday cards to the meeting for the Holidays for Heroes project. See you at the meeting! Peggy



AEGC MISSION STATEMENT

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



OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH

11 KINGSTONE ROAD

HOME OF PATRICIA & ANTHONY CALCAGNO

In 2019 the life of an 80-year old Tulip Magnolia was at it's end and had to be removed, Patricia's and Anthony's front yard suddenly went from a shady oasis to a sunny open space. Patricia called upon her friend and landscape designer Camille Harvey to help design a new front garden.

Two Bloodgood Japanese Maples were added to frame the new space. They complement the existing Japanese Maples at the left and right corners of the Calcagno's home as well as 21 other Japanese Maples throughout the front and rear gardens. Radiance Abelias, Mr. Bowling Ball Arborvitae, dwarf Barberries, and Firepower dwarf Nandinas were added to anchor the center sunny area where the Tulip Magnolia stump is now a welcoming bird bath. Yellow daisies, white Kalimeris, Autumn Joy Sedums, Purple Asters, Rudbeckia, Dahlias, and Lollipop Verbena add perennial color from spring through fall. Lemon Thyme and Mazus groundcovers are interspersed between paving stones leading to the bird bath and a charming seating area which features a wrought iron bench, chair and table that originally belonged to Patricia's mother.

The existing foundation plantings of Otto Luyken Laurels, Boxwoods, and dwarf Limelight Hydrangeas as well as a specimen Black Dragon Cryptomeria and Sasanqua Camellias provide a multi-textured backdrop for all the recent additions. The Calcagno's front garden is lovely and welcoming. A true plant-lovers paradise.

~Christi Granger

**AVONDALE ESTATES GARDEN CLUB IS PROUD
TO BE A MEMBER OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS**



Holidays for Heroes

What DeKalb Federation Does and How AEGC (and you) Can Participate

A NOTE FROM FAYE BOYD WHO CHAIRS THIS PROJECT FOR AEGC:

Again this year AEGC will be participating in **DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs** project collecting “Holiday for Heroes” greeting cards to be sent to our military heroes stationed around the world. The cards will be collected from participating clubs and taken to Fort Gordon Army Base in Augusta, Georgia to be distributed.

The local affiliation, DeKalb Federation, is working with “Hugs for Heroes” and accepts Christmas and Hanukkah cards. Greeting cards maybe found this time of year at Amazon or other outlet stores.

Please follow these guidelines:

Do NOT seal your envelopes,

Do NOT sign your name, a positive message can be written , nothing political, no food, no postage and **NO GLITTER ON CARDS**, (glitter can get in wounds and can get everywhere).

You may want to sign the name of our garden club or a message saying “Thank you for Your Service” or “ A Grateful American.”

You can **bring your cards to the October 20 AEGC garden club meeting.** Also, cards can be dropped off at Faye Boyd’s front porch at 23 Dartmouth Avenue.

Some facts that may interest you:

Last year AEGC donated 475 greeting cards to this project DeKalb Federation collected 2,857 cards from the 12 garden clubs that are members of the Federation

These greeting cards were distributed to active duty military personnel in Kuwait, Kosovo, Qatar, and Djibouti.

Thank you in advance for your participation,

Faye Boyd,
Holiday for Heroes Project Chair



*(Editor note: we contributed over 16% of cards collected last year.
Let’s see if we can get it over 20% this year.)*



ATTENTION!

The Holiday Bazaar is our next big project and it's right around the corner so, get ready!

1. Donate your no longer wanted, gently used lovely items
2. Bake something wonderful to donate
3. Volunteer for a shift
4. Tell your friends
5. Come and shop



Remembrance of Holiday Bazaars Past



Redbud District Awards AEGC A Treasure of Silver



From left: Susan Ragsdale, Jean Kingsbury, Julie Martinez, Peggy Burgess, Christi Granger, Nancy Martin, Gale Thomas, Redbud Director (and AEGC member)

Redbud District Awards for 2021 were announced at the annual Redbud District Meeting held in LaGrange on October 11, 2022. Peggy went up to the podium four times to receive the following awards:

The Lullwater Gavel Award for the club applying for the most awards, including State, Deep South, and National Awards

The Lorraine Loftis Redbud Membership Award for the club with the largest percentage in membership over the past year

The Deanna McFarlan Club Newsletter Award for the best club newsletter.

The Garden Week in Georgia Award for the club that has the most outstanding Garden Week in Georgia Program. There were three separate events that we had to celebrate Garden Week in Georgia.

In April at the beginning of “Garden Week in Georgia” we held our first in-person meeting since the beginning of the Pandemic at which we proclaimed it was “Garden Week in Georgia”. We celebrated with a program on container gardening given by our member Nancy Martin. She demonstrated how to have containers containing native plants as well as ones for the shade and the sun.

Following that kick-off to “Garden Week in Georgia” AEGC held its first ever plant sale next to our City’s beautiful lake. The sale emphasized the importance of using native plants in the home landscape. The sale was a resounding success and drew buyers from the community and surrounding area. And the icing on the cake was a “Garden Week in Georgia” proclamation read by our Mayor at a regular meeting of the City’s Board of Mayor and Commissioners.

~ Christi Granger

HOW DID WE MANAGE TO WIN THESE AND THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF AWARDS AT THE STATE AND FEDERATION LEVEL AS WELL? I’M GLAD YOU ASKED.

Our club works, has fun, great programs, imagination and leaders who make it all function beautifully. We have a membership that enjoys working together on a variety of projects, an unselfish membership that does whatever needs to be done and finds ways to get to know each other along the way. We have never shied away from a project or fundraiser because it seems difficult or complex. We listen to new ideas and if the members approve, we embrace the idea and make it successful.

And that’s why we win awards!

~Editor

Setting More Granite Tree Markers

Making Avondale Estates a City Arboretum

Our garden club has aided the Tree Board in acquiring identifying granite markers for the trees in our city. We purchased the original 30 markers and helped with the campaign to have 36 more created. Tree Board member Steve Sanchez identified the trees that would be included as part of our City Arboretum. The first group of markers were placed several months ago. Saturday, September 24th, a second batch was installed. There are 16 more to place and that will occur in the next few weeks.

The installation crew were members of the Tree Board, Steve Sanchez and Brad Jones. AEGC members were Adam Barton, Bob Stewart, Susan Barton and AEGC husband, Tom Granger. Patricia Calcagno and Christi Granger have double duty as club members and Tree Board members. Peg Wyse has been babysitting the markers in her garage and had them sorted and labeled by address to facilitate the process for the laborers. Each marker weighs about 50 pounds.

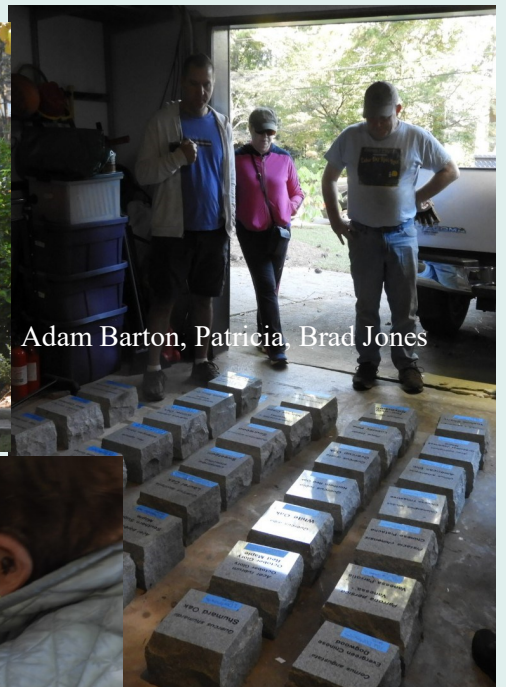
It was a beautiful day for it and this set was installed in just over two hours. We will be installing the rest in the coming weeks. Think about joining the happy group to help out next time. There is a great feeling of accomplishment at the end of the day.



Patricia Calcagno



Steve Sanchez



Adam Barton, Patricia, Brad Jones



Tom Granger and Bob Stewart



Christi Granger and Bob Stewart

SAVE THE DATE!

For The DeKalb Federation
18th Annual Leading Lights Luncheon,
Fashion Show, And Raffle
Thursday, November 17, 2022
Callanwolde Fine Arts Center
Invitation and Reservation Form
Will Be Sent Soon!



This is a lovely annual event. Gift baskets donated by member clubs are raffled off approximately during the dessert course. The fashion show is always excellent and the event is well attended by member clubs. AEGC will arrange carpools and caravan to Callanwolde, We will all sit together, so plan to attend if you can. You will have to fill out a reservation form. This is a fundraiser for Federation and we always support it. Call a Board member if you want to go and wish to carpool.



**THIS JUST IN! SEE PAGES 9 AND 10 FOR INFORMATION
AND RESERVATION FORM**



AEGC Provided Refreshments for Yellow Daisy

Members (left to right) Carolyn Adams, Melitta Brandt, Christi Granger, Patricia Calcagno and Susan Stewart were busy making and serving lunch and snacks for the Judges, officials and special guests at the Yellow Daisy Flower Show at Callanwolde.

Note the AEGC logo aprons made (mostly) by Beth Langhorst.



October 20 AEGC Membership meeting @ 6:00
October 27 Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde
October 27 Holidays for Heroes Cards Are Due
November 3 Federation Board Meeting Via *Zoom & In Person*
November 12 Holiday Bazaar
November 17 Leading Lights Luncheon
December 1 Awards Submissions to GCG due
December 3 AEGC Holiday Luncheon 11:00 at the Community Club,
 hosted by the Executive Board

Walter Says . . . It's time to plant pansies and violas. Plant "six-pack" pansies eight inches

apart, larger plants can be spaced ten inches apart. . . Plant spring flowering bulbs, like tulip, daffodil and hyacinth. Old, crowded beds can be loosened and the bulbs divided and replanted now. . . . Divide Daylilies — Finish dividing daylily clumps, iris rhizomes and peony roots. Plant them into a well-dug bed immediately. . . Raise your mower height one-half inch and enjoy a last mowing of your Bermuda, centipede or zoysia lawn. You can now put your lawnmower to rest for the winter. . . Remove faded rose blooms. Clip wayward stems back so the plant has a compact form, ready for winter wind and ice.

To divide Daylilies: Simply slide the point of your shovel straight into the ground 12 inches away from the center of the clump. Repeat, going around the plant until you come back to the beginning.

With a mighty heave, pop the whole soil and root mass out of the ground. If the soil is dry, roll the root ball on the ground, then lift and shake it to remove as much soil as you can. This exposes the roots so you can see clearly where to separate them. Look for a green stalk of foliage with a small tangle of roots coming from it.



Using a serrated steak knife makes it easy to sever the connection to the main root mass, then pull the division completely free.

Toss this into a bucket and look for more "babies" around the edge of the root ball. You could have 6 – 12 new individual plants. Put them in the ground **immediately**, water them in, wash your hands and call it a day!



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You Are Cordially Invited to Attend
The Eighteenth Annual

*Leading Lights Luncheon
Fashion Show and Raffle*

Sponsored by The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Thursday, November 17, 2022
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Shopping begins at 10:30 a.m. ■ Luncheon Seating at Noon
Fashion Show at 12:30 p.m.
Followed by Raffle Drawings

Fashions by Chico's North Point

Come Early and Shop With Our Vendors

Callanwolde Fine Arts Center
980 Briarcliff Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30306

\$35 Per Person Includes a Catered Lunch
Door Prizes Will Be Awarded Throughout the Event

Reservations are Due By **November 10, 2022**
(Please Include the Attached Form)

For Further Information, Please Contact
Rigby Duncan 678-644-9502; rigbyduncan13@gmail.com



2022 Leading Lights Luncheon Reservation Form

Mail Completed Reservation Form and Check for \$35 Per Person
(payable to DeKalb Federation) by **November 10, 2022** to:

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(678) 644-9502 • rigbyduncan113@gmail.com

Name

Address

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Dietary Restrictions

I Want To Be Seated With the Following Friends
