



FLOWER POWER

The Avondale Estates Garden Club

*Member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Deep South Garden Clubs and the Garden Club of Georgia*

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The Native Nudge *Monarda punctata* Spotted Bee Balm



A native, sun loving herbaceous perennial it is also called Dotted Horsemint. Drought tolerant member of the Lamiaceae (mint-square stems) family. Makes excellent cut flowers. Remove spent flowers to improve plant appearance and possibly to prolong bloom. Spreads by runners to form large clumps, but is not considered to be too aggressive. Plants are susceptible to powdery mildew and rust, especially in crowded gardens, but it is usually in the late season after flowering. Prune stems to increase airflow. A pollinator magnet, it attracts bees, moths, and hummingbirds, as well as beneficial predatory wasps that can help reduce grubs and pest population



Thursday Evening October 19 Avondale's Greenspaces

We are fortunate to live in a city where the natural environment is valued. We have a gorgeous and varied canopy (come to the Tree Walk for further education), a lovely Lake Avondale, the wonderful Willis Park, pocket parks, public green spaces, and now the Town Green.

Adrian Langston holds the position as the City's first Greenspace Manager and is steward for the public spaces and public trees. He will be the speaker at our October 19th meeting and will take us on a virtual tour of those greenspaces. You will see those attractions in a new light.



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.

* AWARDS * AWARDS * AWARDS *

At the Redbud District Annual meeting earlier this week AEGC garnered an embarrassment of riches to the extent that it was suggested to Patricia that she just take a seat closer to the front of the room to shorten her trip to the front to receive yet another award! We earned firsts, seconds and thirds in a variety of classes.

Here is the list. (Drumroll please)

3rd Place - The Lorraine Loftis Redbud Membership Award

3rd Place - The Mimosa Garden Club Historic Preservation Award

2nd Place - The Rita Compher Scholarship Award for the Club that Gives the Largest Amount
(as averaged per member) to the GCG Scholarship Fund in the Calendar Year

2nd Place - The Lullwater Gavel Award for Applying for the Most State Awards

1st Place - The Dorothy W. Hightower Community Improvement Award

1st Place - The Margaret Strickland Birds & Butterfly Garden Program Award

1st Place - The Deanna McFarlan Club Newsletter Award

In addition, the Avondale Estates Garden Club has achieved the honor of winning The Jerry Tubb Award of the Year for the highest score on the President's Report.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. (GCG) recognized Avondale Estates Garden Club with Grateful Appreciation in their support of The Avondale Estates Garden Club Scholarship.

Well done everyone!

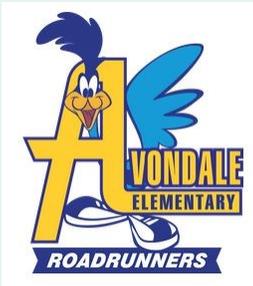


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AEGC



The Tree Walk Committee is finishing up details in preparation for the big event that happens October 28. Alice Murray is getting word out in local publications and via the Internet. Alice Guppy's daughter Susan has reached out to parents' groups. Donna Tanner has ensured that Trees Atlanta will include the Tree Walk in their October newsletter. Nancy Martin has recruited Nature Time to be a part of our event. They are a group whose mission is to help children connect with nature. Karen Liebert has planned several children's activities for the morning while the adults hear a brief talk given by Steve Sanchez. It will be a great event for everyone. Invite your family and friends and come to get in touch with nature yourself.

The most recent **Recycle Rodeo** was another success. On October 10th the recyclers went again to CHaRM (the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials). Members Peggy Burgess, who drove her packed to the gills van, Julie Martinez and Kathy Hatfield carried donations to the site. Members donating were Nancy Cornish, Karen Liebert, Helen Dorroh, Christi Granger, Anne Kerner and Patricia Calcagno. Through their efforts they were able to keep Styrofoam, chemicals, paint, electronics, paper, cans and an impressive amount of plastic bags out of the landfill. Now, doesn't that make you feel good?



Avondale Elementary School engages students in the gardening arts but they don't have much of a budget. They are in need of hand tools and even plants. If you have any to share, they will be thrilled. Fall is a great time to divide your plants. If you have some that can't find a place in your garden, zip up to the school with it in a pot or bag. You'll both feel good about it. We continue to maintain the totem garden we installed with the Avon Garden Club and with a \$1000 grant from our National Garden Club.

HOLIDAYS FOR HEROES

At this time of year DeKalb Federation gathers holiday cards from garden clubs in the area and take them to a military base for distribution overseas. This year the cards will go to Ft. Gordon.

GUIDELINES FOR CARDS:

- Do not seal envelopes
- Do not sign cards, instead say Thank you for your service, or A Grateful American etc.
- No postage, no personal information, no political statements

NO GLITTER!!! Many cards are delivered to wounded soldiers. Glitter can get into a wound. Also, as we all know, *Glitter is forever*. **The deadline is October 24**



TAKE YOUR CARDS TO PEG WYSE AT 1 LAKESHORE PLAZA

Environmental Responsibility Committee (ERC)

You will be seeing a bit more of and from the ERC. At the October meeting the committee will present a timely "Environmental Message." They are working to line up a speaker for a presentation on native plants that will take place in March. Also in the works is a link on our website for relevant environmental issues.

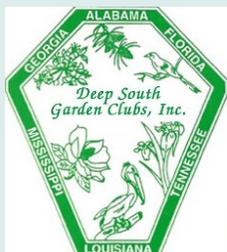




OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH GEORGE AND LIN INLOW 3 EXETER ROAD

This yard holds many unique features including espalier fruit trees, flower beds, a pergola, and a raised organic vegetable bed, all designed and built by George. Lin's greenhouse is filled with a collection of rare plants and various other beautiful specimen plants. Paths wind throughout the yard giving a feel of multiple outdoor rooms displaying the unique and serene outdoor spaces designed and kept by the owners. Dottie Myers originally designed the yard, which was begun in 2001. It has been expanded upon over the years by the owners as the garden changed. Please take a moment to enjoy the lovely yard at 3 Exeter Road as you pass by!

~ Scott Legg



DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs
Thursday, October 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
How to Garden to Attract Birds and Other Wildlife”

During the last 50 years, we **have lost almost 3 billion birds** in the world due to a series of factors. In this entertaining and interactive presentation, Trecia Neal, a biologist retired from Fernbank Science Center will discuss some of the issues that have contributed to this decline. Trecia has been a biologist at Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta since 1990. Her areas of expertise are ornithology, environmental education, and establishing outdoor classrooms and gardens at schools. Homeowners are in a unique position to help arrest and reverse the decline of our bird population. Ms Neal will also discuss the amazing anatomy of birds, how we classify birds, easy tips to identify common birds in your yard, and most importantly, ways to improve your habitat to attract birds.



AEGC always has a contingent who attend the Federation meetings. Let Patricia know if you would like to attend as part of the AEGC group. We usually carpool from the LakeHouse.



UGA TRIAL GARDEN ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE

FRI. OCTOBER 20th 2023

10am-3pm

Houseplants & Succulents at
1030 W. Green St Athens, GA



The Trial Gardens
at UGA



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Thursday, June 1, 1995 Our 47th Year. Number 22



Garden Clubs name Beautification Award winners

Chrystal Parham, left, and Susan Hayes, her teacher, were recently involved in helping to beautify the front entrance of area of Avondale Elementary School. Their school took first place honors in the South Area Spring 1995 Campus Beautification judging conducted by the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs. Stone Mountain Junior High also earned first place honors, with Dunaire School placing second and Fairington School taking third place. Oak Grove Elementary received top honors in the North Area competition. The judges for the event were Mesdames Dot Rouse, chairwoman, and Julia Van Beck, Beverly Rohrbaugh and Margaret Strickland.

The more things change,
the more they stay the same.

I'm not sure why this particular paper wound up in a stack at the bottom of a box of old photos and clippings, but here it is. DeKalb Federation awarded first place for Campus Beautification to Avondale Elementary School in 1995.

The spirit lives on and we are a part of it.



You Are Cordially Invited to Attend The 19th Annual

*Leading Lights Luncheon
Fashion Show and Raffle
And 75th Anniversary of*

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Thursday, November 16, 2023

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 Dillard's Atlantic Station

Early Bird Shopping With Our Vendors Begins at 10:00 a.m.

Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

980 Briarcliff Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30306

\$40 Per Person Includes a Catered Lunch

Door Prizes Will Be Awarded Throughout the Event

Reservations are Due By November 8, 2023

(Please Include the Attached Form)

For Further Information, Please Contact

Rigby Duncan 678-644-9502; rigbyduncan113@gmail.com





2023 Leading Lights Luncheon Reservation Form

Mail Completed Reservation Form and Check for \$40 Per Person
(payable to DeKalb Federation) by **November 8, 2023** to:

Rigby Duncan, 2800 Hunting Hill Lane, Decatur, GA 30033
(678) 644-9502 • rigbyduncan113@gmail.com

Name

Address

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Dietary Restrictions

I Want To Be Seated With the Following Friends

Using Georgia Native Plants in Your Garden

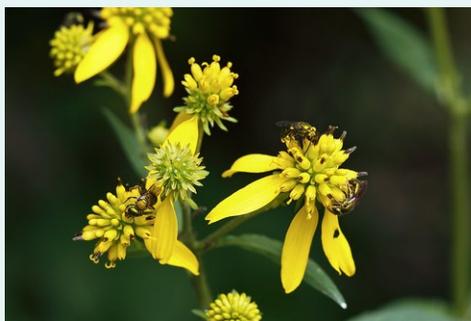
While researching native plants we ran across a blog which has been around for over 10 years. It is written by a woman who lives in the metro area and offers all kinds of information on the what, where, when, why and how of using natives in our gardens. It is full of useful information and photographs and it gets 5 Stars in our book.

As October is one of the best times to plant in our little corner of the world, we thought it would be nice to include a list of perennials (from the blog) that attract native pollinators. Have a look at the site, it is full of information for the Atlanta gardener.

<https://usinggeorgianativeplants.blogspot.com/>

Perennials

Milkweed (*Asclepias*) [C]
Baptisia (*Baptisia*)
Thistle (*Cirsium*)
Coneflower (*Echinacea, Rudbeckia*) [D]
Boneset (*Eupatorium*)
Joe pye weed (*Eutrochium*)
Sunflower (*Helianthus*)
Blazingstar (*Liatris*) [E]
Beebalm (*Monarda*) [F]
Beardtongue (*Penstemon*)
Mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum*)
Rosinweed (*Silphium*)
Goldenrod (*Solidago*)
Aster (*Symphotrichum, Eurybia*) [G]
Wingstem (*Verbesina*)
Ironweed (*Vernonia*) [H]



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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 17 Annual Redbud District Meeting (at Callanwolde)
19 Membership meeting 6:00
24 Deadline for Holidays for Heroes Cards to Peg Wyse
28 Bonnie Phelps Memorial Tree Walk

NOVEMBER 4 GCG tour of Massey Lane Gardens in Ft. Valley
15 AEGC Board meeting
16 Federation Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show

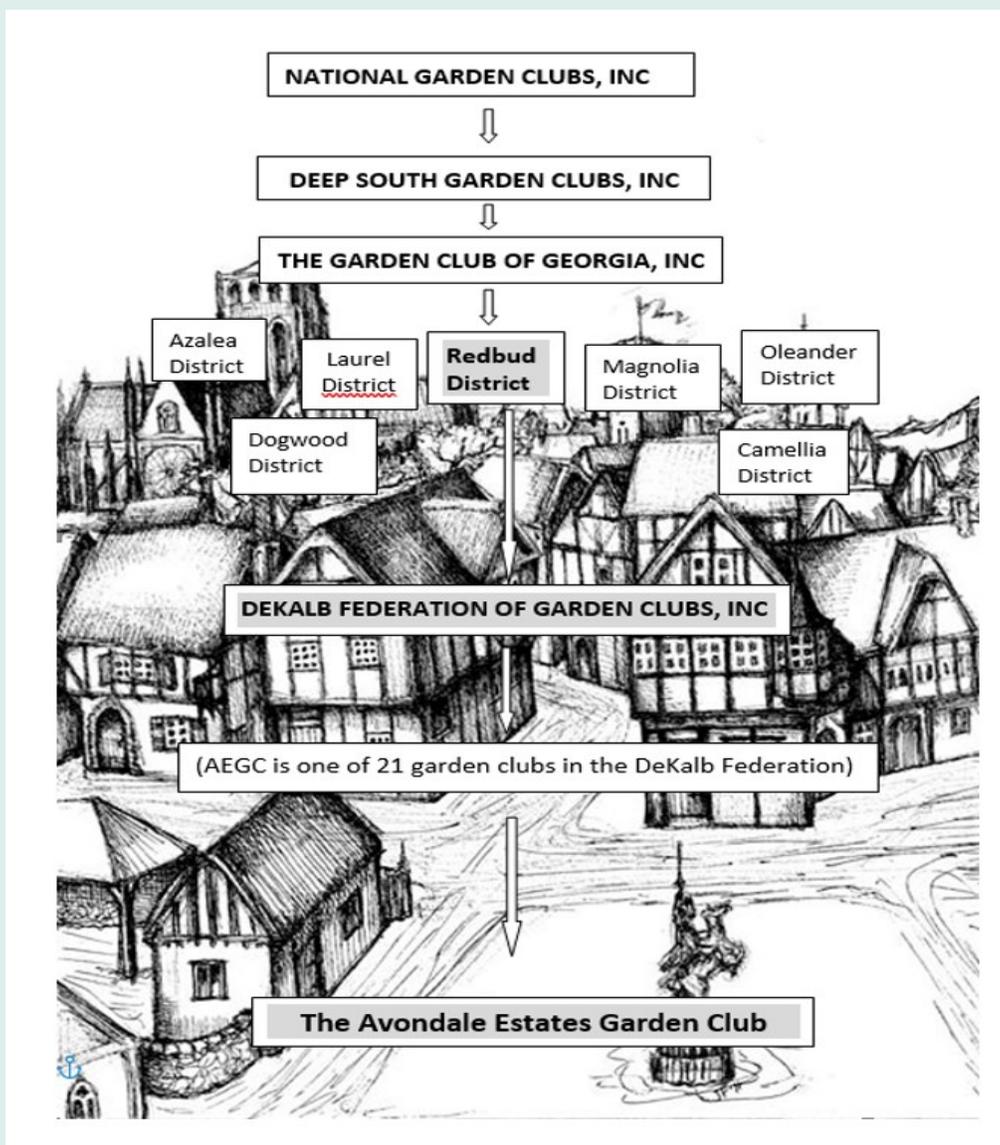


AEGC Belongs to a Federated Organization of Garden Clubs

Like our own system of government having a central Federal government in Washington, 50 States, umpteen county governments and even more city governments, the garden club is also a federation. National Garden Clubs, Inc is at the top, eight districts, 50 state organizations made up of umpteen (but not enough) garden clubs divided by state districts and counties. Sometimes, in even small cities, there may be two clubs in close proximity.

Individual clubs receive information and guidance and sometimes grants from the national organization which also sets parameters in which we operate. The state organization, the Garden Club of Georgia works with all the affiliated clubs in the state. There are garden clubs that are not affiliated and operate independently. Because we are stronger and more influential when working together under a state club, we can make a greater impact. Together we are able to give over \$70000 in scholarships in the general area of horticulture, we can help preserve historical gardens and help after a natural disaster. See page 59 in your new Yearbook for a list of our donations which are greatly multiplied when made together with other clubs in Georgia.

If the flow chart below doesn't look familiar to you, see page 5 of your new Yearbook.



Massee Lane Garden in Ft. Valley

One of the world's finest collections of camellias fills a nine-acre area at Massee Lane. Brick walkways surround the camellia trees for easy viewing.



The Abendroth Japanese Garden, the Scheibert Rose Garden, and beautiful plantings of daffodils, daylilies, chrysanthemums, azaleas, flowering trees, annuals and perennials add to the year-round beauty.

Massee Lane had its beginnings as the private garden of David C. Strother in the 1930s. Mr. Strother donated this land to the American Camellia Society for its headquarters in 1966.

Strother collected millstones for the garden which have become a Massee Lane signature. The old wire road mile markers, some

with the mile number still visible, add another dimension to the garden.

The Garden Club of Georgia's fundraisers for Historic Landscape Preservation support a matching grant for the restoration of historic, non-profit, public landscapes and gardens in Georgia. To date, historic landscapes have received matching grants from this fund totaling more than \$250,000. Fundraisers are held in each district in rotation to highlight the many impressive historic garden sites in the state.

November 4th GCG sponsors Massee Lane Gardens in Ft. Valley in Magnolia District. See the registration form on a following page.

GCG 2024 Annual Convention Site Changed

Save the Date! New Location!

Our Annual Convention for 2024 will move from Macon to Peachtree City! Dates April 16-17, 2024 at The Crown Plaza in Peachtree City!

The Redbud District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc

Present

"Bloomin' in the Heart of Georgia...Y'all Come"



*You are cordially invited to
2023 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser*

Sponsored by The Magnolia District

November 4th, 2023 10:30AM - 2:00PM

Massee Lane Gardens

Home of the American Camellia Society
100 Massee Lane, Fort Valley, Georgia
Clare Jenkins, Chairman (229) 881-4098
clareajenkins@yahoo.com

"Welcome to the Gardens"

Matthew Israel, Executive Director
Featured Speaker: Sam Wellborn
\$45.00

*Stroll down the brick pathways to enjoy a delightful close-up view of the beautiful camellias and other blooms
and visit the world-famous Boehm Porcelains Collection
Visit www.americancamellias.org for more information and directions.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____ E-mail: _____

District: _____ Garden Club: _____

Office/Chairman: _____

Box lunches include bottled water, bag of chips, cookie, or brownie.
Please mark your choice below.

- () Turkey Wrap with Pasta Salad and Fruit Cup
- () Summer Salad with roasted chicken, organic greens, strawberries & balsamic pear vinaigrette.
- () Veggie Sandwich with Pasta Salad and Fruit Cup

Make checks payable to: Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Please mail this completed form with your \$45.00 check
by **WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2023**, to:
Terry Morgan, Magnolia District Registrar
894 Lee Road 212, Phenix City, AL 36870
billandterry@bellsouth.net 334-663-3982