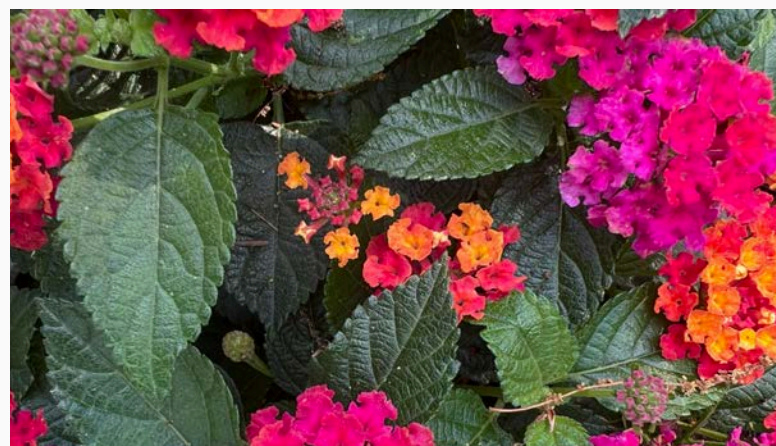




Avondale Estates Garden Club 2024-2025

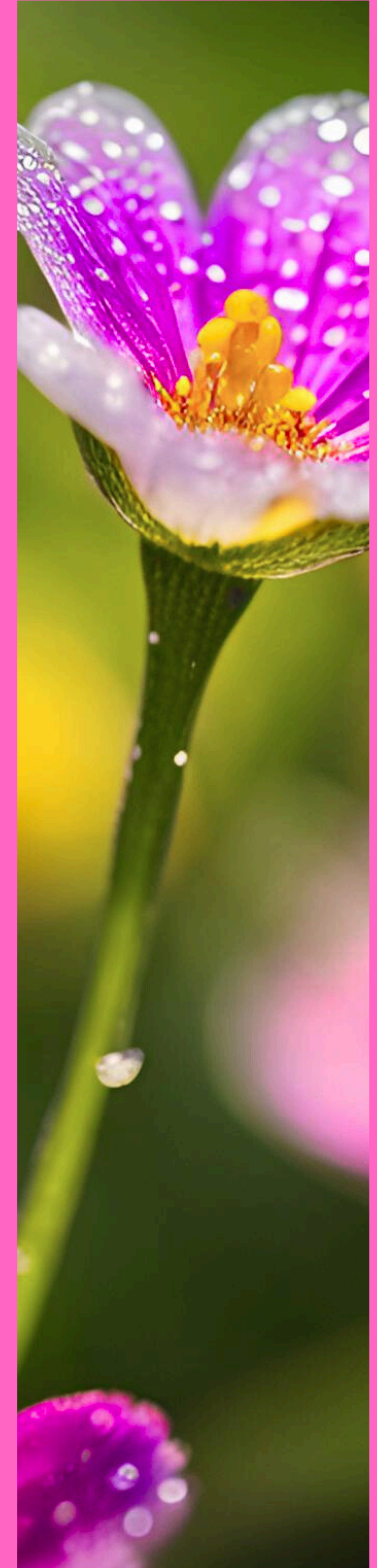
History of Avondale Estates Garden Club

Avondale Estates Garden Club (AEGC) was founded on June 10, 1931 when 34 women, at the invitation of Mrs. Germaine McGovern, gathered at her home at 22 Dartmouth Avenue. Shortly thereafter the women began to beautify public areas of the City.

The inaugural project of the Club was the planting of the Abelia hedge along N. Avondale Road. Labor was provided by workers from the New Deal's Work Progress Administration (WPA). AEGC's beautification program expanded to include enhancing the shores of Lake Avondale and the Bird Sanctuary beyond it.

AEGC activities extended beyond its neighborhood to include contributions to the plantings at the Governor's Mansion and Piedmont Park, and education opportunities for members and the public.

Today AEGC continues to follow in the footsteps of its founders by contributing to the beauty of our community as well as supporting a number of organizations that exemplify not only our Club's goals but also those of the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Redbud District, The Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South Garden Clubs, and the National Garden Clubs.





AEGC's 2023 Awards presented in 2024

DEEP SOUTH AWARDS

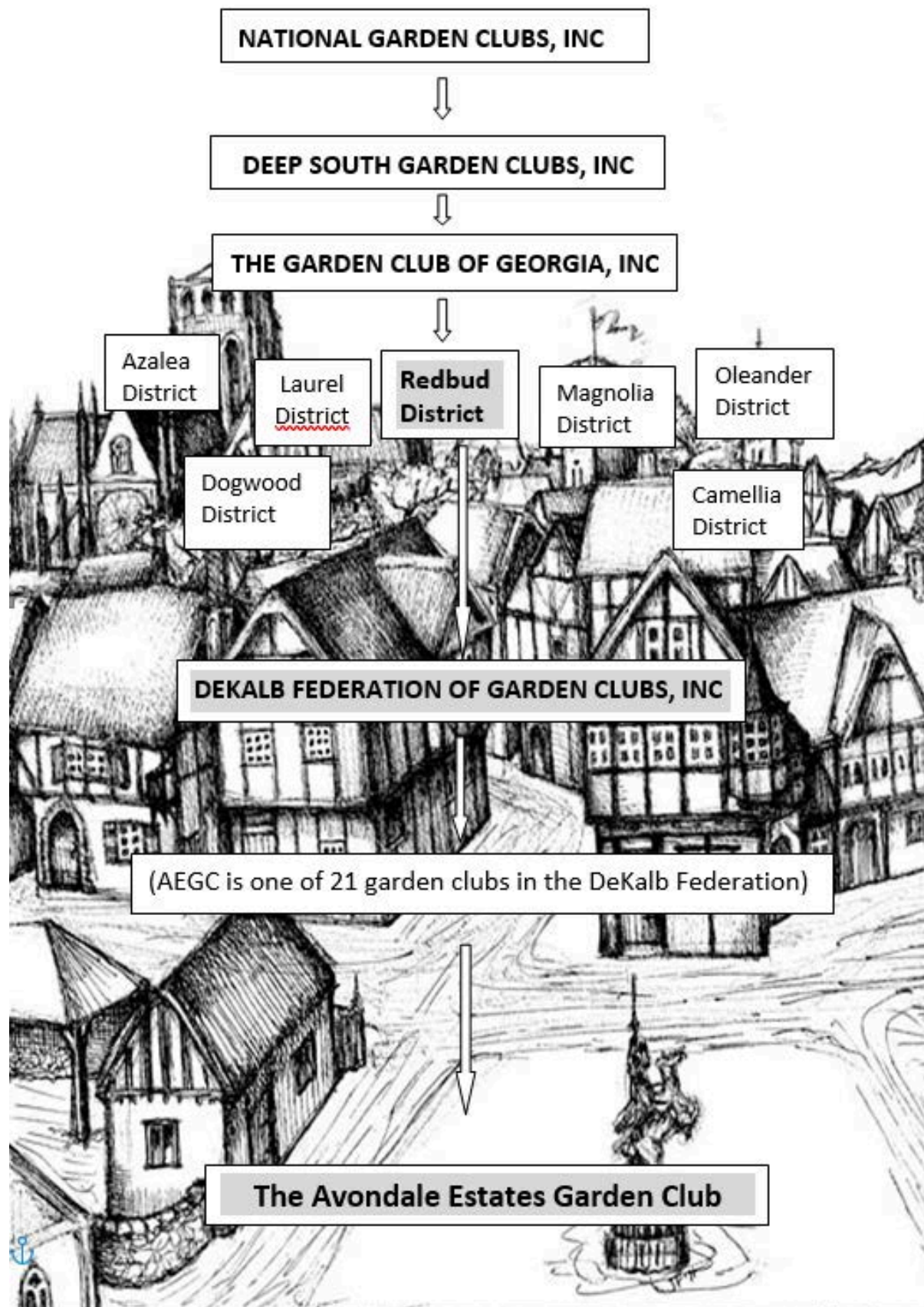
- Bird Award (Beth Langhorst) First Place
and Overall Winner among all clubs and individuals
- Litter Award-Large Club Second Place
- Yearbook Award Third Place

GCG AWARDS

- Bird Award (Beth Langhorst) First Place
- Conservation Award – Large Club First Place
- Yearbook Award (70-99 members) First Place
- Litter/Recycling/Reclamation Award First Place
- Butterfly Conservation Award First Place
(Beth Langhorst)
- Social Media Award (Facebook) First Place
- Garden Week in Georgia-Large Club First Place
- Newsletter Award-Large Club Second Place
- Special Achievement Award-Large Club Second Place
(AEGC Tree Walk)
- Poem Award (Lynn Boyd) Third Place
- Website Award – Large Club Third Place

DEKALB FEDERATION AWARDS

- Butterfly Award (Karen Liebert) First Place
- Friend of Birds Award (Beth Langhorst) First Place
- Special Achievement Award (Tree Walk) First Place
- Website Award First Place
- Newsletter Award First Place
- Program Award Second Place
- Yearbook Award Second Place
- Pull-a-Tab Award Second Place
- Environmental Award Second Place
(Tied with Avon Garden Club)
- Garden Center Participation Award Third Place





Avondale Estates Garden Club (AEGC)

**Avondale Estates, Georgia
2024-2025**

Established	June 10, 1931
Meeting Place	The LakeHouse at Avondale Estates 59 Lakeshore Drive Avondale Estates, GA 30002
Meeting Dates	September 19, October 17, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 15, June 19
Meeting Times	September, October, May, June 6:00 pm January, February, March, April 10:00 am
Field Trip Date	Friday, May 2, 2025, Smith-Gilbert Gardens, Kennesaw, GA
Website	avondaleestatesgardenclub.org Username: member Password: watermelon
Facebook Page	facebook.com/aegardenclub/
Club Number	07-115
Number of Members	76 (includes 7 Emeritus Members)
Club Flower	Crape Myrtle 'Watermelon Pink'
Affiliates	National Garden Club, Inc. Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Redbud District DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

Members of Avondale Estates Garden Club are also members of each of the following organizations:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

www.gardenclub.org

National Garden Clubs, Inc provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility.

President: Brenda Moore Theme: “Go Green-Plant America” Project: Plant America-Feed America

bmoor@gardenclub.org

Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

Deepsouthgardenclubs.com

Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. is one of eight geographical regions of the national organization. The Deep South Region includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Director: Debby Cooper

coopcooper@aol.com

Theme: “Decorate the Deep South with Floral Design”

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

gardenclubofgeorgia.org

2450 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30602-5817 706-227-5369 Username: *guide*. Password: *grow1315*

The state garden club was organized in 1928 and is headquartered in Athens at the State Botanica Garden.

President: Lisa Hall

gcgaua@gmail.com

Theme: Plant America--Promoting Beautification, Conservation and Education

Redbud District
www.redbuddistrict.com

The Garden Club of Georgia is divided into seven geographical districts (Laurel, Azalea, Oleander, Camellia, Magnolia, Dogwood and Redbud). Our Club is part of the Redbud District.

Director: Kim Fair nevakim@yahoo.com
Theme: “Preserve for the Future—Leave It Better Than You Found It”

DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

www.dekalbfederation.com

DeKalb Federation Garden Center and Conservatory
980-B Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta GA 30306-2618
404-872-5730

The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs was formed 75 years ago and consists of 17 member clubs in DeKalb County. Meetings are at 10:30 a.m., the Fourth Thursday of the ,

October, January, February, March, April, & May

President: Quill Duncan quillduncan@msn.com
Theme: “Celebrations”



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**Federation Liaison Christi Granger
410-703-0866**





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Environmental Responsibility Helen Dorroh 502-445-1692

Finance Susan Ragsdale 770-815-3289

Horticulture Scott Legg 678-429-0590

Membership Beth Langhorst 770-601-7637

Newsletter Susan Barton 404-431-8869

Projects Kathy Hatfield 404-558-5222

Publicity Alice Murray 678-641-1854

Refreshments Carolyn Adams 706-255-6025

Scrapbook Jean Kingsbury 404-698-7575

Ways and Means Dianne Nelson 706-073-7040

Yearbook Cheryl Sims 404-759-8225

Youth Gardening Susan Stewart 404-372-0598



Planning Meeting August 2024

Patricia's garden
& dining barn

Board members met to plan our 2024-2025 programs and projects. Members enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by our president Patricia Calcagno

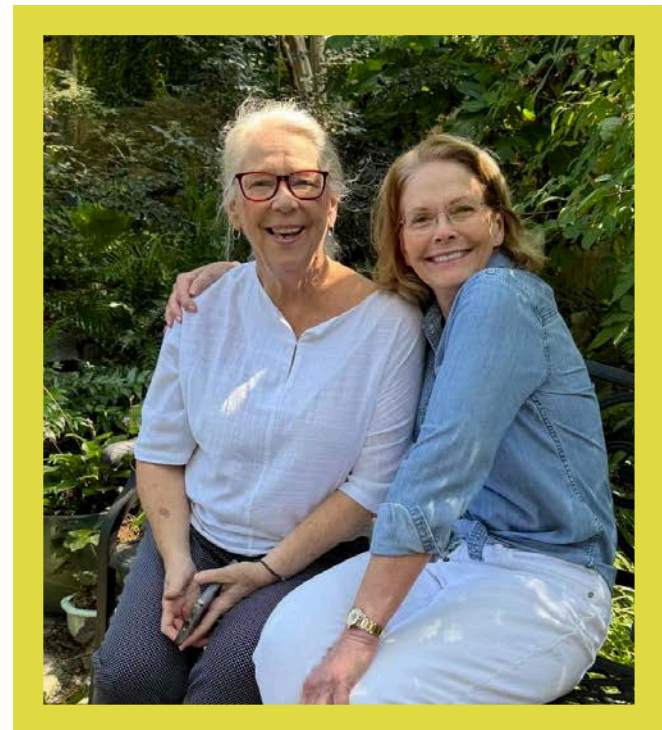
Julie Martinez, Dianne Nelson,
Karen Liebert and Patricia Calcagno



Donna Ailion, Alice Murray, Kathy Hatfield, Nancy Martin and
Dianne Nelson in the dining barn



Susan Barton and Christi Granger



Jean Kingsbury and Beth Langhorst



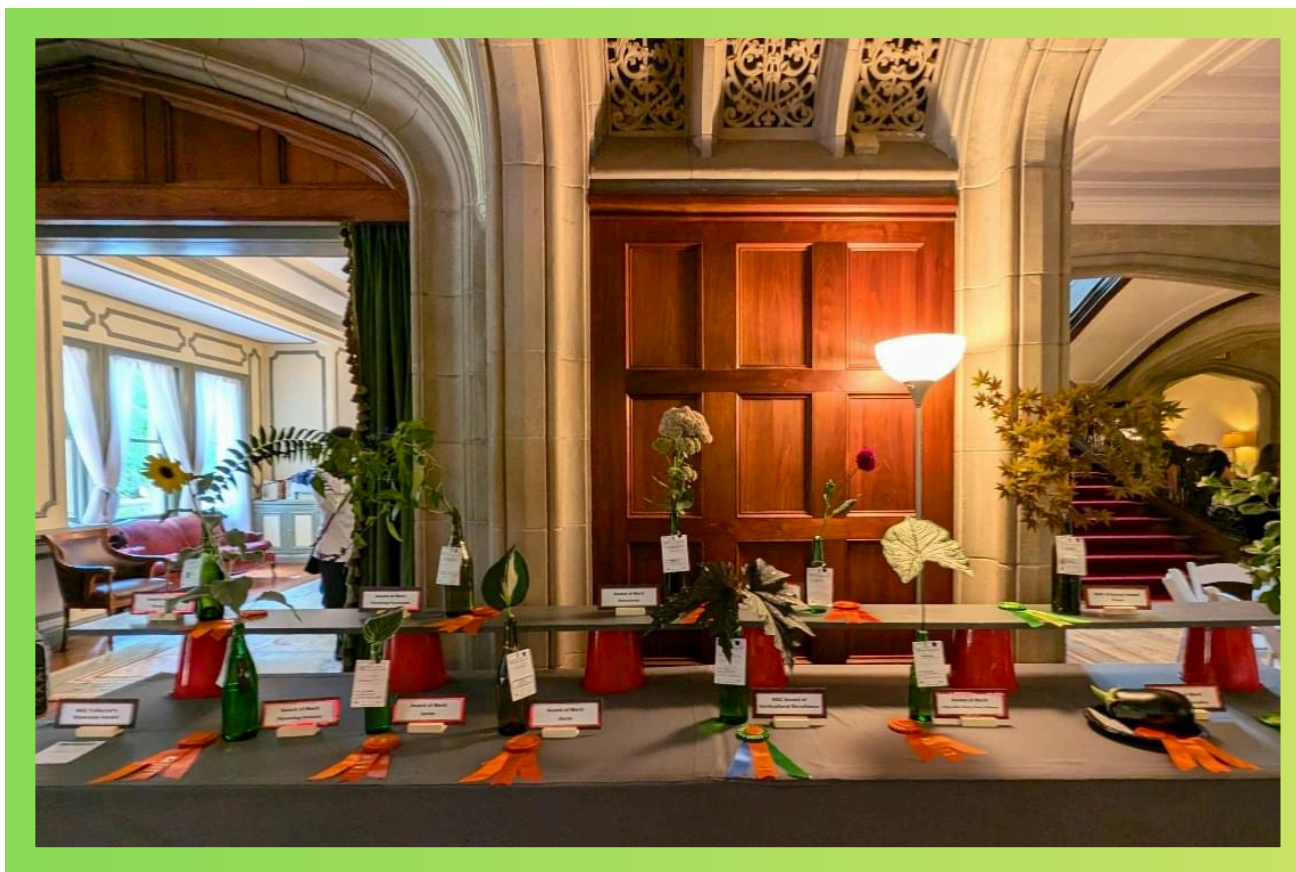
**Board Members
plan the
2024-2025 year**



Susan Barton with Avondale Estates entries

Redbud District Yellow Daisy Flower Show

August 28-29, 2024



Redbud Yellow Daisy Flower Show at Callanwolde

9/11 Memorial Celebration



**Avondale Estates Garden Club
and the
City of Avondale Estates
host remembrance at
Dewey Plaza**



Jean Kingsbury, Patricia Calcagno,
Peg Wyse and Julie Martinez



Peg Wyse rings the bell
to mark the time American
Airlines Flight 11 hit the
North Tower of the World
Trade Center



9/11 Memorial Celebration

9/11/25



Mayor Elmore, Patricia Calcagno, Peg Wyse and Julie Martinez

All Things Garden Club

Sept. 19, 2024



Carolyn Adams, Scott Legg and Adam Barton
enjoy the first meeting of 2024-2025



All Things Garden Club



Members enjoy appetizers
at our evening meeting



***All Things Garden Club* Presenters: AEGC Board and Committee Chairs**

With many new members in the last few years, we take this opportunity to educate our members on the history and structure of the Avondale Estates Garden Club. Members are encouraged to join a committee.

Refreshment Committee: Karen Liebert, Chair. Susan Carney, Helen Dorroh, Ruth Osborne, Susan Ragsdale, Sandy Sirmans, Beth Wielage

America's Native Carnivorous Plants

October 17, 2024



Will Rogers with Sally Walker and Nancy Darden

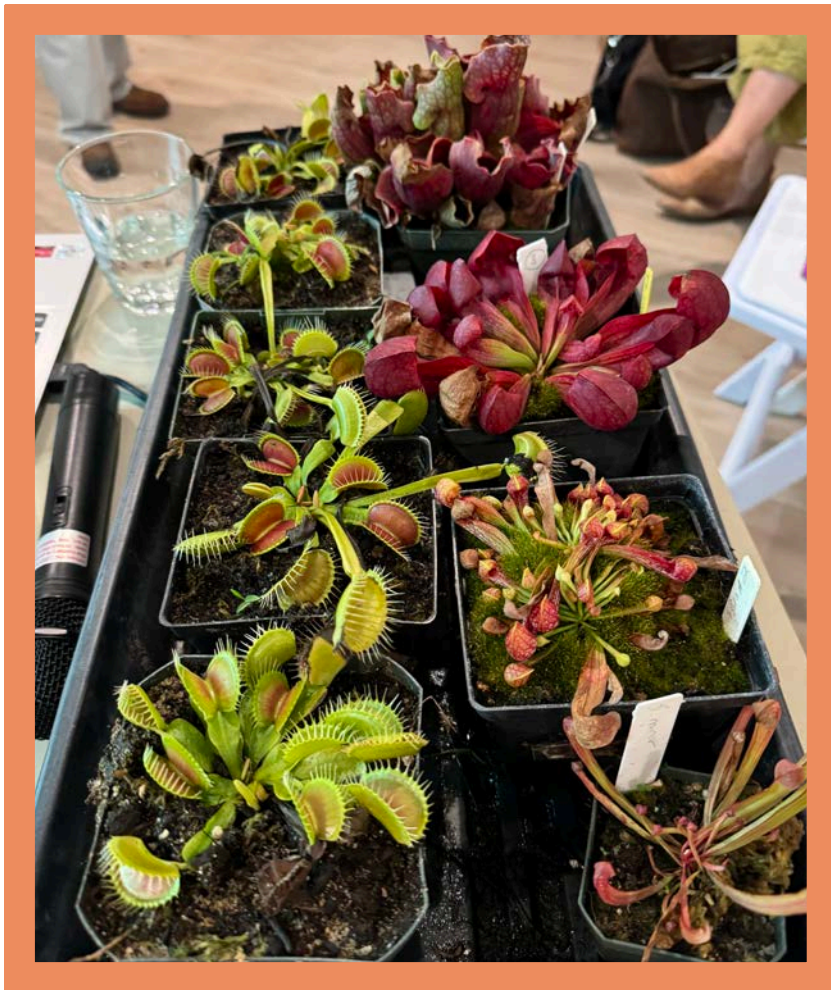


Getting to Know America's Native Carnivorous Plants and Adventures in Community

Presenter: Will Rogers, a Conservation Research Professional at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia at UGA where he specializes in growing and studying rare and endangered plant species. Will's topic is about America's native carnivorous plants and the Georgia Grasslands Initiative (GGI) project in iNaturalist.

Refreshment Committee: Susan Stewart, Chair. Dawn Diedrich, Joe Foley, Carmen Frame, Deborah Levine, Dianne Nelson, Allison Woolridge

America's Native Carnivorous Plants



Speaker Will Rogers shares his passion for rare and endangered plant species



Cheryl Sims wins door prize

63rd Annual Redbud Meeting Thomaston, GA

October 22, 2024



Julie Martinez with Standard of Excellence Award

Garden Club of Georgia Awards



Susan Barton & Gale Thomas



Julie Martinez and Gale Thomas

Leading Lights Fundraiser and Fashion Show

**Nov. 14, 2024
Callanwolde**

Christi Granger



Club members modeling, including our own Christi Granger

Leading Lights Fundraiser **DeKalb Federation**

Nov 14, 2024

AEGC model
Christi Granger



**Leading Lights
annual event
is a big successs**

Holiday Luncheon presented by the Board of Directors

Dec. 7, 2024



Joan Kidd and Alice Murray
all decked out for the holiday luncheon



Members enjoy luncheon provided by the Board of Directors

Holiday Luncheon 2024



Wanda Belline



Melba Castillo, Stacey Sharpe and Judy Coffee



AEGC members enjoy holiday tradition
hosted by Board Members

Okefenokee on Edge

Jan. 17, 2025



Joan Kidd created all of the wonderful desserts for our luncheon



Speaker Drew Kann gives presentation on the Okefenokee

Okefenokee on Edge

Drew Kann is a reporter at The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He is a proud graduate of the University of Georgia and Northwestern University. For more than five years, an Alabama-based company called Twin Pines Minerals has been seeking approval to mine for titanium minerals used in whitening toothpaste and paint near the edge of the Okefenokee Swamp, North America's largest blackwater swamp. Their proposal has faced intense pushback from environmentalists and some scientists, who warn the project could irreparably damage the swamp, which is set to be nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. AJC's Drew Kann's presentation will explore my experience of covering this topic for the last years.

Refreshment Committee:

Sally Walker, Chair, Wanda Belline, George and Melita Brandt, Peggy Burgess, Nancy Darden, Alice Guppy, Joan Kidd

Okefenokee on Edge

Jan. 17, 2025



Jean Kingsbury and Arlene Eifrid



Dawn Diedrich, Susan Ragsdale
and Peg Wyse



Members enjoy delicious monthly luncheon



Great Backyard Bird Count

Feb 17, 2025

**AEGC members met at the
home of
Karen Liebert
to count backyard birds
and submit data to
Cornell Labs**

Jean Kingsbury, Kathy Hatfield and Peg Wyse count
species of birds in Karen's backyard



Peggy Burgess, Susan Barton,
host Karen Liebert,
Patricia Calcagno and
guest Carol O'Rourke

Great Backyard Bird Count



Patricia Calcagno
searches the trees for birds

Patricia Calcagno, Peg Wyse and
Julie Martinez enjoy brunch
prepared by Karen Liebert



Cut Flower Varieties for the Atlanta Market Feb. 21, 2025



Speaker Jessica Neese
founder of Field & Flower



Refreshment Committee: Melba Castillo,
Carol Reimer, Carolyn Patton, Deb
Timberlake, Betty Britton, Judy Coffee

Cut Flower Varieties for the Atlanta Market

Presenter: Jessica Neese, Founder of Field & Flower by In Bloom.

Jessica Neese will discuss the varieties of flowers that work in the Atlanta area and for what season. She will discuss the crop preparation from seed, bulb or corm to the final harvest.

Field & Flower by In Bloom is located at 627 Valley Brook Rd. Scottdale, GA 30079 and is owned and operated by Jessica Neese.

Refreshment Committee: Beth Langhorst, Chair

Betty Britton, Melba Castillo, Judy Coffey, Mary Crowell, Susie McKenna, Carol Reimer, Deborah Timberlake



Carolyn Adams and family join city officials and members at tree planting



Arbor Day Tree Planting

A tree was planted in honor of Tommy Adams
(member and husband of Carolyn Adams,
Virginia Kinchen and
Ted Waters (late husband of Anne Kerner)



***Honoring our
Life Members***
DeKalb Federation

Feb. 27, 2025

AEGC honors President
Patricia Calcagno and
Ways and Means Chairperson
Susan Stewart



Honoring our Life Members

DeKalb Federation Feb 27, 2025

Helen Dorroh
is recognized
as a Life Member



Past and present life members gather
for a photograph



“a butterfly is a flying flower...”

March 21, 2025



Karen Liebert makes presentation on attracting butterflies to you garden



Betty Britton and Judy Coffee help prepare lunch for members

“The butterfly is a flying flower. The flower is a tethered butterfly.”

Presenter: AEGC Member – Karen Liebert

Karen could not agree more with this quote from 18th c. French poet, Lebrun. She has attracted a wide variety of butterflies to her gardens through the years and enjoys documenting them in photos. In her garden in Avondale Estates, she has been trying to incorporate more host plants in order to support the full life cycle of butterflies. She will give tips on attracting butterflies to your garden.

In April 2024 Avondale Estates Garden Club member Karen Liebert was awarded First Place for the Irene Warren Butterfly Award at the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs.

Refreshment Committee: Kathy Kingsbury, Chair

Donna Ailion, Susan Barton, Nancy Cornish, Christi Granger, Martha Jackson, Jackie Macomber, Donna Tanner



Spring decor with lovely bunnies created by Melba Castillo



**Thank you card from
students at The
Museum School Garden Club
for our contribution of \$600
for books on gardening**



Beth Langhorst

**Beth's wonderful presentation to
DeKalb Federation on the
contributions of women in
understanding and appreciating our
natural world**

March 25, 2025

Women's History Month



Federation Board Members





Officers for 2025-2026 including AEGC member Christi Granger

DeKalb Federation Officers Installed March 27, 2025

Feathered Company

April 18, 2025



Julie Martinez shares presentation on AEGC funds awarded to non-profits



Speaker Steve Rushing



Alice Murray, Bessie Stephenson, Donna Tanner, Suzie Vance, Cheryl Sims

Feathered Company Is Coming (Or Are Already Here) - Let's Be Good Hosts Presenter: Steve Rushing Decatur resident Steve Rushing, a former feral child trying to be a helpful older adult conservationist, uses his camera and blog (<https://rushingoutdoors.net/>) to document changes in the natural world. His presentation will raise our awareness of nature's beauty and vulnerabilities and what we can do to address these vulnerabilities.

Refreshment Committee: Alice Murray, Chair. Linda Corbett, Bruce Johnston, Stacey Sharpe, Cheryl Sims, Ann Umbaugh, Suzie Vance, Peg Wyse

April 18, 2025
Feathered
Company



Awards shared
with membership
at April meeting



April 13-19, 2025 Garden Week in Georgia



City Commissioners and Mayor Elmore join members in proclaiming Garden Week in Georgia



Karen Liebert and Dawn Diedrich created an arrangement for City Hall



Garden Week in GA celebrated at Plant Sale on April 19, 2025

AEGC Plant Sale - April 19, 2025



Doug Porter lends a hand



Fearless leaders
Ann and Deborah



Dianne Nelson, Alice Murray,
Karen Liebert



Karen Liebert

Plant Sale 2025

Setting up for the fourth
annual plant sale

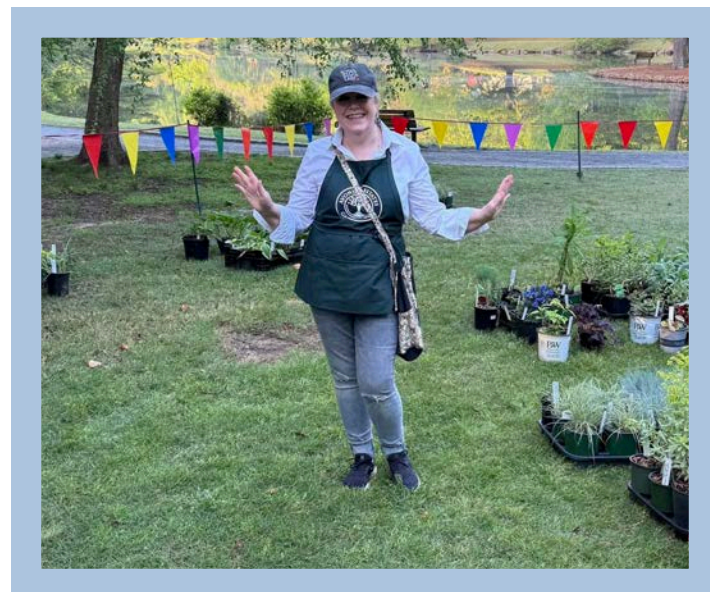
Our very successful plant sale
is held the third Sat. of April
at the Avondale Estates
Community Club
on Lake Avondale

April 19, 2025

**AEGC
Plant Sale**



AEGC members assist shoppers at our very successful plant sale



President Patricia Calcagno

**AEGC
Plant Sale**

**Lake
Avondale
April 19, 2025**



Donna Ailion and shopper



Kids area with Karen



Big CASH sale by Patricia!!!43

Annual Awards Luncheon

DeKalb Federation

April 24, 2025



Karen Liebert receives
award for her Butterfly Garden



President Patricia Calcagno
accepts award for AEGC



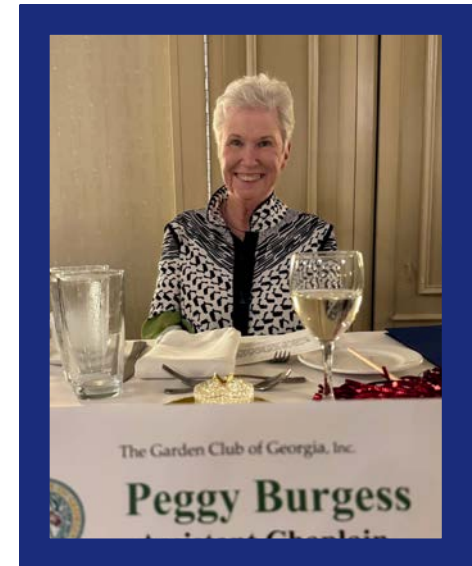
Karen Liebert, Peg Wyse, Julie Martinez, Susan Barton,
Nancy Darden, Peggy Burgess with AEGC awards



Garden Club of Georgia Convention in Augusta GA April 28-30, 2025



Peg Wyse, Susan Barton, Julie Martinez,
Nancy Darden, Peggy Burgess, Karen Liebert



Sightseeing, meetings, luncheon and ... many awards!



**Garden Club of Georgia Convention,
Augusta , GA**

AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS...



Beth Wielage, Jean Kingsbury, Susan Stewart, Christi Granger, Carolyn Adams, Nancy Darden, Karen Liebert, Julie Martinez and Nancy Martin with our awards



Patricia Calcagno accepts award for AEGC, along with other winners from various clubs

Smith-Gilbert Gardens Field Trip

Kennesaw GA - May 2, 2025



Connie Bryans, Jackie Macomber and Cheryl Sims



Nancy Martin, Helen Dorroh and Connie Bryans



Magnificent
Bonsai Trees at
Smith-Gilbert Gardens

Smith-Gilbert Gardens



Helen Dorroh, Nancy Martin and Joan Kidd



Nancy Martin, Joan Kidd, Connie Bryans, Alice Murray, Cheryl Sims, Jackie Macomber, Sandy Sirmans and Helen Dorroh enjoy lunch after the tour of the gardens

Horticulture and Old-Growth Forest in the Urban Park

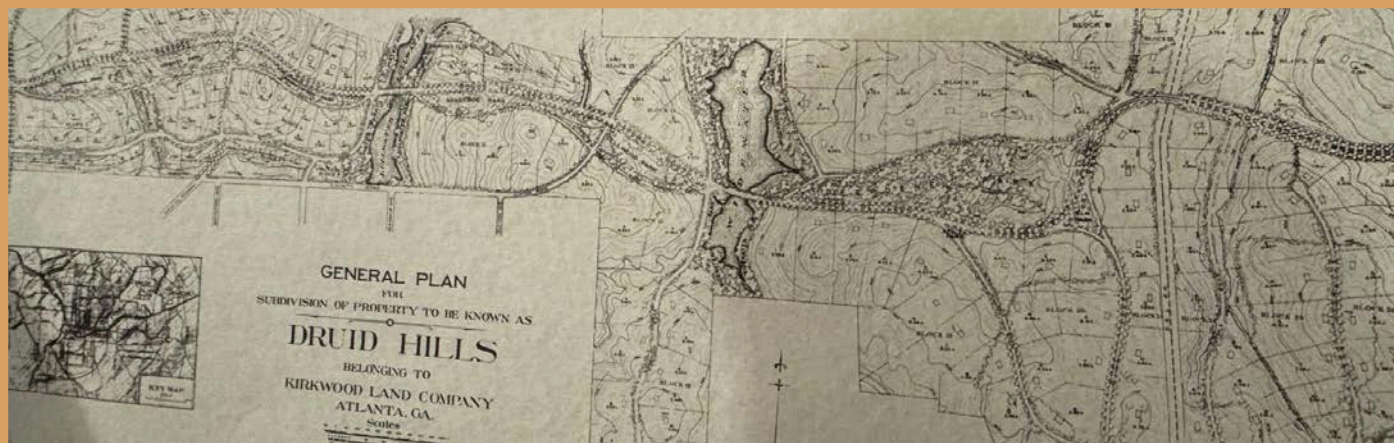
May 15, 2025



Speaker Sandra Kruger,
Olmsted Linear Park
Alliance



Members enjoy meeting
following the excellent
presentation



Druid Hills Development Planning Map

Refreshments & Fun

AEGC Meeting May 15, 2025

Deepene Forest is an urban treasure and is one segment of the Olmsted Linear Park. This old-growth forest was preserved in 1890's and thrives today in the middle of Druid Hills



Lin Inlow, Alice Guppy and Patricia Calcagno

Cheryl Sims and Adam Barton
enjoy appetizers



Singers Nancy Martin, Patricia Calcagno,
Peg Wyse Ann Umbaugh and Sandi Gollmar





Memorial Day Celebration

Avon President Frank Mullins
and AEGC President
Patricia Calcagno



Avon Garden Club and Avondale Estates Garden Club
join together to celebrate Memorial Day



Donna Tanner, Peg Wyse,
Sandy Sirmans, Donna Ailion



Julie Martinez, Jean Kingsbury,
Kathy Hatfield



Patricia Calcago reads a poem
honoring those who gave their lives
for our country



Susan Barton, Julie Martinez, Liz Gregory (and George) and Karen Liebert shared their gardens

Member Garden Tour June 5, 2025

Celebrating National Garden Week





Garden of Liz Gregory on Lakeshore Dr.



**Garden of
Susan Barton
on Wiltshire Dr.**





**Garden of
Julie Martinez on
Majestic Circle**





**Garden of
Karen Liebert
Lakeshore Dr.**





Dogwood & Redbud Districts Leadership & Awards Training Workshop

**June 6, 2025
John's Creek, GA**



AEGC attendees Karen Liebert, Nancy Darden, Dawn Dietrich,
Julie Martinez and Beth Wielage



Leadership & Awards Training Workshop - June 25, 2025



Profile of an Intown Perennial Grower & Installation of Officers June 19, 2025

The seeds were sown when Eric was young. Gardening with his father in a vacant dead-end lot in Charleston would instill in him the hopefulness that comes from connecting to the land. Many years and life transitions would pass before he renewed the connection. Eric is a passionate person and now a nursery owner and plant enthusiast.



Susan Hawkins, Betty Britton, Judy Coffee,
Alice Murray and Melba Castillo



Speaker Eric Mack specializes
in unusual and rare perennials



Sally Walker, Liz Gregory
and Nancy Darden

Installation of Officers June 19, 2025



Past and current Presidents of AEGC
Peggy Burgess, Beth Wielage, Ruth Osborne, Julie Martinez,
Patricia Calcagno, Susan Barton, Alice Guppy



Patricia's last meeting as President...
she thanks us all....



Patricia's husband Anthony
gives tribute to Patricia



Refreshment Committee: Ann Umbaugh,
Anne Kerner, Arlene Eifrid, Pam Mable, Susan
Hawkins, Jean Kingsbury, Carolyn Adams

Projects 2025



Scouts help with Totem Garden



Totem Garden - Avondale Elementary



AEGC supports CHaRM Recycling financially and by recycling





Avondale Estates Garden Club participates in many projects



Blessing Baskets

Little Free Library

Blue Star Marker



More projects 2025

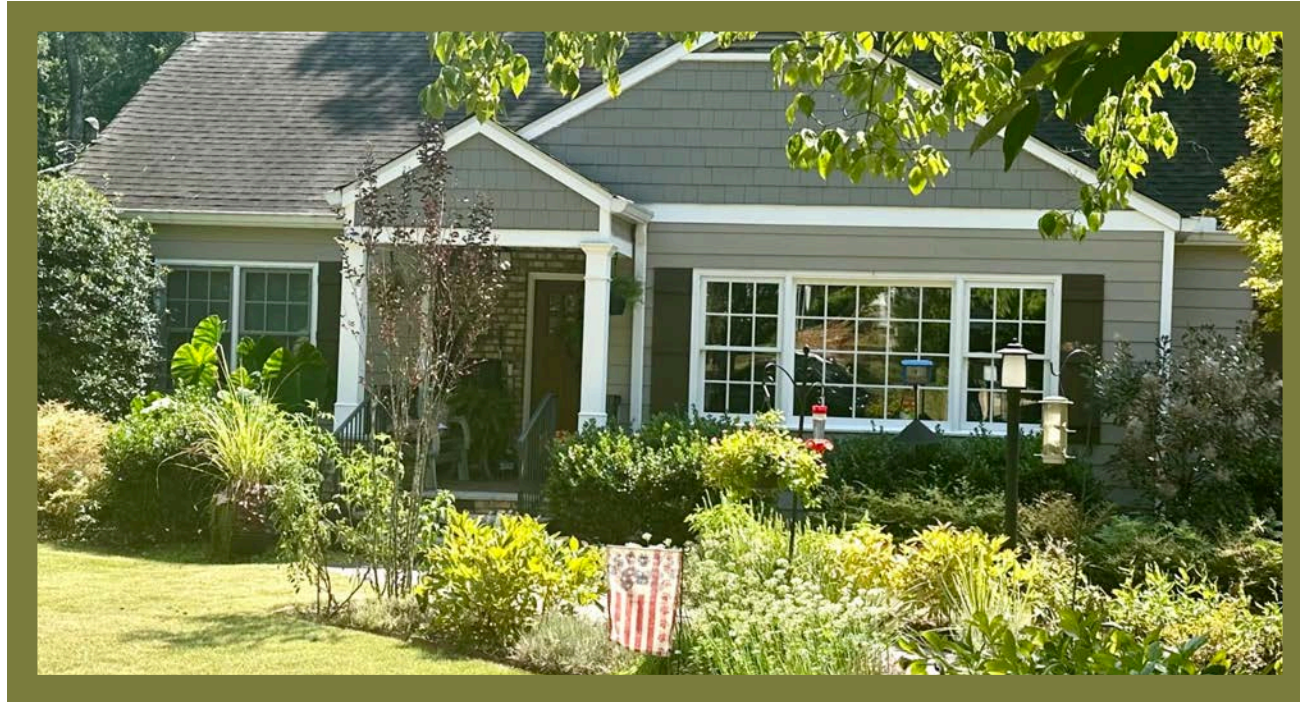


Gardening in Avondale Estates public spaces, such as city entrances, is an ongoing project for AEGC



Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Yard of the Month September & October 2024



The Avondale Estates Garden Club Yard of the Month for September is 3 Lakeview Place, the home of Linda and Don Coatsworth. Linda moved into the house in 1988. In 2000, she married Don Coatsworth. They have lived there and gardened together for the last 24 years. They both love digging in the dirt. Linda's favorite area is her front walkway. I. Their garden includes four peonies.



The Avondale Estates Garden Club Yard of the Month for October is 1051 Lakeshore Drive, the home of Camille and Alan Harvey. Camille and Alan have lived in Avondale and worked on their garden for almost 40 years. They love developing paths and creating garden rooms. Camille says the things the garden gives throughout the seasons mean a lot to her and she loves working in the garden as it changes over time.

Yard of the Month November & December 2024



The November Avondale Estates Garden Club Yard of the Month is our Avondale Estates Veteran's and First Responders Memorial that lies across Covington Highway from the town hall. It provides a place in the city to remember, reflect, and thank our veterans and first responders for the sacrifices their families have made to keep us all safe.



The Avondale Estates Garden Club December Yard of the month is located at 91 Berkeley Rd. Louis and Wanda Belline moved there in early spring of 2016. The yard was already established but they embellished the look by adding sod to the lawn and verge. They love Japanese maples and have several.

Yard of the Month March & April 2025



The Avondale Estates Garden Club March Yard of the Month is located at 8 Lakeview Place, the home of Dee and Tom Merriam. Dee takes considerable pride in landscaping the yard around their home. Daffodils that she has planted cover the verge and many of the landscaping islands around the house. These provide early spring beauty.



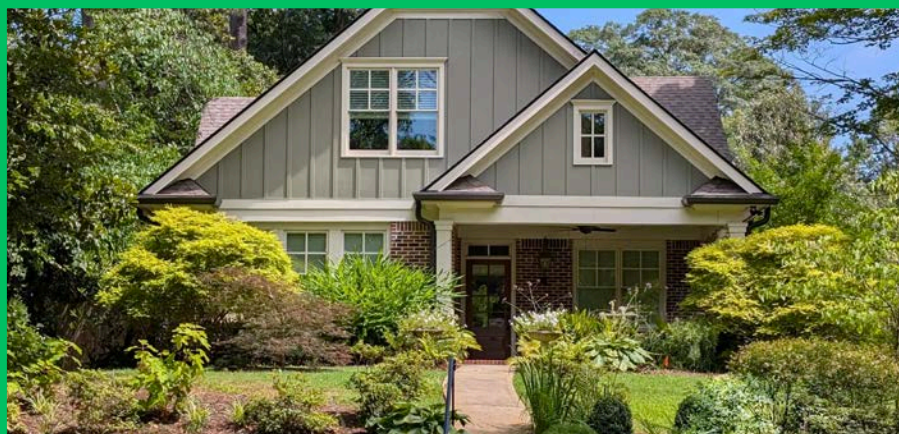
The Avondale Estates Garden Club April Yard of the Month is located at the Community Club Lakehouse in Avondale. The Community Club has revitalized the islands around the lake house including, most recently, the island around the steps. Patricia Calcagno and Marjorie Andersson worked on the design and Echo Gardens did the installation.

Yard of the Month May & June 2025

Michael & Peggy Pusateri, 36 Berkely Rd is the May Yard of the Month. After two decades of thinking good and hard about professional landscaping, we worked with Avondale Estates resident and Landscape designer, Marjorie Andersson..With a focus on low-maintenance perennials, the plan first tackled our sunny hillsides facing Berkeley and Kingstone Roads.



Anthony and Patricia Calcagno have lived in their home, our Yard of the Month for June, at 11 Kingstone Road since December 1993. When they first moved in the yard was overgrown. During the last 31 ½ years it has been transformed a couple of times. Although the backyard has remained a shade garden all these years, they have added to it with many ferns, other plants and Japanese Maple trees – Patricia’s favorite tree. The front yard went from a shady garden to a sunny garden a couple of years ago when they had to take down a beloved Japanese Magnolia. The Calcagno’s now enjoy the best of both worlds, shade & sun.



Yard of the Month July & August 2025

The Avondale Estates Garden Club Yard of the Month for July is 31 Dartmouth Ave, the home of Carolyn and Tommy Adams. The garden at 31 Fairfield Plaza looks established and serene. One could never tell that this entire garden, front to back, began from a completely bare site when Tommy and Carolyn Adams moved to their new home in 2020. Tommy was an environmental engineer and professor at the University of Georgia in Athens and brought his philosophy of a natural approach to soil amending to enrich their garden. The garden sits at a corner and enchants anyone with its artful use of plantings and open fencing that shares the beauty of the greenery in front and the riot of tall, colorful zinnias and beautiful sunflowers started by Carolyn.



The Avondale Estates Garden Club of the Month for August is 59 Berkely, the home of Kevin and Anne Moran. They have lived in their 1950's home for a little more than 20 years. The first year they lived in their home was spent ridding both their front and back gardens of ivy, which was climbing up every tree and every wall! Once the ivy was removed, they could actually see what kind of property they had. They even discovered a granite wall in their back yard. One thing that may surprise people about the serene landscape that the Morans have created is that they have 13 (yes 13) sweet gum trees. Kevin says he would never consider getting rid of any of them—they provide magnificent shade, they provide lovely autumn colors, and yes, they shed balls year-round—but they are worth it!



Funds Distribution 2025

AEGC distributed \$10,000 to a total of 10 organizations:

Avondale Estates Elementary
 The Museum School
 Wild Bird Rehab
 Cherokee Garden Library
 CHaRM
 Emory Starvine Project
 Asheville Botanical Garden
 Georgia Regional Hospital
 Georgia Native Plants Society
 GCG Scholarship Fund



Susan Barton delivers donation to Asheville Botanical Garden



Dianne Nelson, Susan Stewart and Karen Liebert present donation of \$1500 to Avondale Estates Elementary Staff



Peggy Burgess, Patricia Calcagno, Karen Liebert
Julie Martinez, Jean Kingsbury, Susan Stewart
and Helen Dorroh present check to Staci Catron
at the Cherokee Garden Library

Funds Distribution 2025



Members look at AEGC historic scrapbooks
with Staci Catron at Cherokee Library



The Museum School Garden Club

Funds Distribution

Check presentation to
the Woodlands Garden

Jean Kingsbury, Julie Martinez
and Susan Barton with
Director Kate Baltzell McAlpin



Wild Nest Rehab Director Nancy Eilen
gave members
a tour of the rehab center



Funds Distribution



Georgia Native Plants Society
presented check at Midway Woods Garden
by club members



Jean Kingsbury, Karen Liebert,
Mary Crowell, Julie Martinez and
Susan Barton present check
to Starvine Project Director



Visit to CHaRM with donation
for the director

