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REMEMBER APRIL 25 WORK DAY 9:00 A.M. AT THE CLOCK  
TOWER

All the Flowers  
of Tomorrow are  
in the Seeds of  
Today" ( RFGC  
2024 THEME)

## OUR PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

What a beautiful Spring we are having- lovely flowers, blooming trees, rain and sun! As a gardener we can't ask for anything better, can we? All of our Garden Clubs have been very busy with their meetings and keeping up their Garden Spots.

In addition, we have hosted the Laurel District Executive Board meeting in March which was quite a success. I am continually amazed at the very bountiful skills and gifts that our members have and so readily use them when called upon to help. It is just a wonderful treat for me to see all of us working together to accomplish something we are called to do. Then, in April we hosted our every other year Community Education Program with Dan Roper giving an excellent presentation. I give thanks and appreciation to each individual who help make this event a success and for all who attended.

I am proud to report that THREE RIVERS won the Most Members Present Award

and LAVENDER VIEW for Best Percentage Award.

CONGRATULATIONS to these two clubs!

COMING UP: Our Last Workday for this year is Thursday, April 25th at 9:00 at the Clocktower. Jennifer Kearns will once again be directing us. I always learn something when I work so come out and have some fun with your fellow members.

May 7th will be our Federation Meeting at 9:30 at the Garden Center with Lisa Little, daughter-in-law of our own Susan Little, sharing a program on May Gardening Crafts. Come on out for an enjoyable time with us. I wish you a continued Wonderful Spring and a Happy Summer!



Anita

## Minutes, March 5, 20213 Rome Federated Garden Clubs

President Bridges called the meeting to order at 10:00 with a thank you to Townview for providing our refreshments. Judy Howerton was thanked for the bee related decorations displayed on serving counter and table by the front door which she made! A hearty welcome was given to members and guest Beth Green. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bridges with an inspirational reading by our chaplain, Ann Bradfield. The minutes of our January 2, 2024 minutes were approved as written

### Calendar/Announcements

March 21 Community Education Program 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. The speaker will be Dan Roper, editor of "Georgia Backwoods" and he will be talking on Indian Trail Trees. We are all encouraged to attend as we need good representation from our garden clubs.

April 14-20 Garden Week in Georgia

April 16-17 Convention in Peachtree City

April 22 Earth Day

April 23 RFGC Executive Meeting 10:00 a.m. at The Garden Center

April 25 Work Day at Clocktower

May 7 RFGC Meeting "A May Gardening Craft" presented by Lisa Little

The Laurel District meeting was a huge success. President Bridges read a thank you note from Merrell Holden, co-director of the Laurel District.

The Treasurer's report was given by Caroline Alford and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Community Education Program: Report- Kathy Cooper All clubs are being asked to donate \$25 to help with cost of food, drink and flowers. Many members have volunteered to help make this a success. There is a lot of excitement about this March 21 event (see note on calendar of dates).

Two Year Project: Jeanettia Rush thanked the 9 members who came to the Clocktower to help on a cold day. A red spirea, beautyberry and other pollinator plants were installed. Thursday, April 25 is the next work day.

### Other Officer Reports

Donna Knighton reported on the April review of the Garden Spots and recognition will be given to the best sites. Clubs should be aware of this review to make certain their sites are looking good.

Committee Reports Environmental Concerns - Jennifer Kearns spoke on spring ephemeral plants. They are blooming now but only for a short time. A wonderful place to visit is the Shirley Miller Wildflower area north of Rome for a lovely visit. For more than 100 years the Georgia State Flower has been the Cherokee Rose. It is now considered an invasive plant. Governor Brian Kemp has signed a proclamation recognizing the need to be aware of invasive plants. It has been suggested that the Sweet Bay Magnolia be named as our state flower instead. Also check on the Georgia Native Plant web site for information on native plants we can all enjoy.

Unfinished Business - none New Business - none

Today's Program: Joy Puckett introduced our program presenter, the Reverend Doctor Gil Watson. "Easter is the Burst of Color" is the topic of his program. His program gave us many suggestions on how to prepare beautiful decorations for our Easter tables and doors.

The Chieftains plant sale is April 6 and 7 at the Fairgrounds.

President Bridges pointed out the box on the table beside the front door that is for the "Penny Pines" program. To honor her father's memory, she is collecting funds to facilitate the planting of pine trees on federal land near us. A minimum donation of \$68 is required for submission by the Federation. Any donation is appreciated.

### Adjournment

Susan D. Little, Recording Secretary Approved as corrected/written



BEE THOUGHTFUL  
 BEE THANKFUL  
 BEE GRATEFUL  
 BEE HELPFUL  
 BEE INVOLVED  
 BE A GARDEN CLUB MEMBER  
 BEE HAPPY  
 WELCOME TO ROME,

From the Community Education Day to the Laurel District Board meeting our members showed up talent and participation. We have talented membership. Special thanks to Dan Roper and Kathy Cooper



CONGRATULATIONS!  
GCG AND DEEP SOUTH  
AWARDS 2023  
Presented 2024

AWARD	CLUB	RECOGNITION
YEARBOOK under 20	Townview	1st Place
YEARBOOK over 20	Three Rivers	Honorable Mention
YEARBOOK over 70	Seven Hills	2nd Place
YEARBOOK Council	RFGC	1st Place
NEWSLETTER sm. club	Townview	1st Place
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MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE-sm club	Three Rivers	1st Place
MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE-Council	RFGC	1st Place
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT-sm club	Townview	1st Place
CIVIC IMPROVEMENT-sm club	Townview	1st Place-Public Park
CIVIC IMPROVEMENT-sm club	Townview	1st Place-Harbor House
CIVIC IMPROVEMENT-Council	RFGC	1st Place-Harbor House
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS-sm club	Townview	3rd Place
BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION- individual	Townview	2nd Place
WEBSITE-Council	RFGC	1st Place
ARBOR DAY-sm club	Townview	1st Place
YEARBOOK	Townview	HM- DEEP SOUTH
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