

FEDERATED FACTS

Diane's Diggings

It has been a busy spring for garden club activity as garden week draws to a close. Signs were placed at all garden spots and flower arrangements shared within the community. Rita Smith and I were interviewed on Talk of the Town with Nelle Reagan. Kathy Donahue accepted a proclamation in honor of garden week at the city commissioners meeting. The Rome Area History Museum allowed us to decorate their window with posters and facts about garden clubs in Rome. The community garden, Cultivating Young Minds, at the South Rome Boys and Girls Club was planted by Linda Sipp and members of Seven Hills with plants donated after the Chieftains Plant and Herb Sale. A luncheon program on African violets was presented at one nursing home and Rita Smith did Mary Kay makeovers at another. A program on painting was presented at the garden center.

A Spring Fling yard sale lead by Mountain View was held to help finance the RFGC landscape project at Towers Plaza. A membership table was manned at the Chieftains Plant and Herb Sale. Donna Barnes coordinated both the events while I was attending the Deep South Region convention in Tampa.

RFGC is getting a lot of publicity and positive feedback from the community. Continue to send articles and pictures to the newspaper and always think awards.

Diane

MOUNTAIN VIEW SPONSORS SPRING FLING TO SUPPORT Federated Project



Hat's off to all the participants for the Spring Fling Yard Sale held on Broad Street. Please take time to drive by the City Auditorium to observe the Federated Project that has been completed.



Rome In Bloom Garden Tour 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets \$25

Cocktails In the Garden 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35

Garden Tour & Cocktails In the Garden Tickets \$50

Presented by the Junior Service League of Rome

www.jslofrome.com

Hi Friends,

Spring is almost here! Enjoy it with the Junior Service League's Rome in Bloom Garden Tour! This year's tour is unique in that in addition to our beautiful gardens, we have some unique patio and outdoor spaces to showcase.

Check out our website for a detailed list of the gardens and outdoor spaces: www.jslofrome.com. You might even want to support a friend or family member with a garden on tour :)

The Garden Tour is Saturday, May 3rd from 10am-5pm (view at your leisure) with Cocktails In The Garden from 5-7:30pm. See our website for ticket prices and descriptions of our gardens and outdoor patios. You can purchase tickets online now or see the list of retail locations around town.

All proceeds benefit our League4Learning program. This program gives school supplies to needy children in the Rome & Floyd County school districts. Last year we supplied over 2,000 Elementary and Junior High students with backpacks, pens, notepads, and crayons. JSL's Rome in Bloom makes this possible. Thank you! We hope you will continue to support this cause.

Invite a friend to join you! Thank so much, Kate

FCCCA HIGH SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB

2013-14 has been a busy and productive year for the Townview Garden Club, Townview YaYas, as we sponsored the garden club at the Floyd County College and Career Academy. The Horticulture program is instructed by Troy Fitzpatrick. Troy has been a valuable asset and very supportive of the activities that the Youth Committee encouraged. Lulie Chin, Melissa Phillips, and Sharon Norman have done an extraordinary job in planning the meetings for the FCC CA. The April meeting, which is the last for this year, was a tour of the Restoration Gardens at Oak Hill, Martha Berry's home. The photos below, taken by Lulie, give us an idea of what the students experienced. They said, "We really had a spectacular tour - we even got to go up in the attic and look closely at all the cars."



SEVEN HILLS

On 9 April Seven Hills Garden Club drove to Summerville on a lovely spring day to visit Paradise Gardens, the endeavor of Howard Finster. We viewed his unique form of art and many collections showcased in garden buildings. Some would say Finster was a hoarder of sorts but his folk art is likened to Andy Warhol.

From age 59 to his death at 85 Howard created 46,000 pieces of art that he states were inspired by God. Scriptural quotes, written in his hand, are found throughout the garden. Our own Janet Byington conducted our tour and provided us with information on displays in the garden. We concluded our visit with a box lunch and time to shop. Those who had time also visited another Summerville Museum.



These flowers were taken by Sheelah Schreiber of Seven Hills Garden Club to Family Resource Center on Tuesday of Garden Week in Georgia.





Seven Hills planting a vegetable garden with the kids at the South Rome Boys and Girls club gardening lessons--South Rome Boys and Girls Club with Seven Hills members: Nancy Ware, Carrie Wilder, Jennifer Pullen and Linda Sipp. We planted vegetables and herbs. Nancy Ware is shown with Seven Hills Garden club planting basil with the kids at the South Rome Boys and Girls club.



Carrie Wilder with Seven Hills Garden Club planting carrots (seeds) with the kids at the South Rome Boys and Girls Club.



Planting a vegetable garden with the kids at the South Rome Boys and Girls Club

TOWNVIEW YAYAS

The Townview YaYas were extremely busy during the Garden Week in Georgia. On **Monday**, Kathy Donahue, president and RFGC Treasurer, received from the Garden Week Proclamation at the City Commissioners' meeting, Diane Harbin, RFGC President, was at the Deep South Region Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida. On **Tuesday**, members met at the Roman Court Assisted Living Facility to present information on caring for container plants.



Above is a close up of one of the arrangements made by Jo Hernandez for table décor and for the residents to take to their rooms. Below, Connie Burnes and Stanley Boulee show and discuss the african violet, which was left in the lobby for all to enjoy. Below right, shows the arrangements, the felt eggs that members made and filled with small items, and because we visited on Earth Day, Earth Day foam stickers were placed on each table.



On **Wednesday**, Connie Burnes, a master gardener, prepared an arrangement of irises from Kathy Donahue's yard that were presented to John Bennett, retiring City Manager.



Thursday was a long and fun day as Donna Hartline, Certified Ink Rouging instructor from Alabama, presented a class at the garden center. With 13 participants, the day was spent visiting, painting, lunching, and laughing. The painting produced was a Pink Magnolia. The Magnolia is the Townview Garden Club's tree. Photos below show the group and some of the paintings.



Two husbands were present, one painted, one delivered supplies. In photo at the right, Donna Hartline worked with Diane and Bannister Harbin on some detailing.



On Friday, the YaYas were out again to promote garden week. Kathy Donahue and Connie Burnes worked diligently at the Montessori School of Rome for their “*Special Person Garden Day*”. Photos below show activities of the day:



Above, Ms. Ginny and Ms. Dagmar received work sheets and Earth Day stickers. These were presented on April 18 for use on Earth Day which was during Garden Week.



The bench
at right was
painted by a
YaYa
grandchild.

It was a fun filled day and a busy week. There was much to learn and be gained by the activities that we tackled. The assisted living group wants us to adopt their porch, some developed a joy of painting, and all enjoyed gardening.



SPADE AND TROWEL



Jane Davis planting flowers at Midway School.



Flowers taken to Sunday School class and then to church.



NEW SIGNS FOR GARDEN WEEK WERE MADE AND PLACED IN ALL GARDEN SITES.

Garden Week in Georgia brought beautiful spring weather to enhance our enjoyment of our gardens. Like the other clubs, Spade and Trowel helped announce the week by placing a poster of our recently completed federation project--landscaping an area of the Floyd County Health Department – in the Rome Area History Museum.

Spade and Trowel members also completed the Community Wildlife Backyard Habitat Surveys and took flowers or a plant to a care facility, community building, or sick friend. A club member also participated in planting six containers with petunias and dianthus at Midway School in cooperation with a local church.



Baby Bluebirds waiting to be fed in bluebird house of member who completed the Backyard Habitat Survey.



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Did you check out the Rome Area History Museum Window! RFGC was there for all to see.

Agenda for May 5 Meeting

If you have something that should be on the agenda for the May 5 RFGC meeting please send to President, Diane Harbin at dianejharbine@comcast.net no later than Friday, May 2. Thanks

LIBRARY ARRANGEMENTS

April 22 – May 5 Three Rivers
May 6 – May 19 Townview

Calendar

April 30 – May 4, NGC Convention, Oklahoma

May 5, RFGC Meeting, Garden Center
May 14-15, GCG Convention, Macon, Georgia

June 8 – 15, National Garden Week
Garden Center Schedule

April, 2014	Mountain View	Cleaning Supplies: Dish Detergent, Liquid counter cleaner
May 5, 2014	Seven Hills	Refreshments
June, 2014	Three Rivers	Trash Bags: Kitchen and Bath

“Encourage Conservation, Educate Youth, Enjoy Garden

The next RFGC meeting is May 5. Please try to have 3 members of your club in attendance. Remember that Kathy Donahue is our Federated Facts editor and she wishes to receive your information at garcenclub1315@comcast.net