

FEDERATED FACTS

*“Encourage Conservation,
Educate Youth,
Enjoy Garden Club”*

APRIL, 2015



DIANE'S DIGGINGS



John Barnett, who attended the DSR Convention, has provided a detailed description of the events:

Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention
“Sweet Home Alabama”

The Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. consisting of six states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee) met at the Birmingham Marriott in Birmingham, Alabama, March 24 – March 26. The theme was “Sweet Home Alabama” and was hosted by The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc. The 54th Annual Convention began on Tuesday with an evening of fun with a “Tailgate Party” and a sports hat contest with an evening of entertainment including “Shaverne and Lirley” and a buffet dinner.

The opening business meeting began on Wednesday with Gloria Blake, DSR Director, calling the meeting to order. After reports from the Deep South Regional Chairman and reports of State Garden Clubs’ Presidents, the meeting was adjourned until Thursday morning. A Luncheon was held with a program from Margot Shaw, Founder/Editor of Flower Magazine and a ‘surprise’ visit by none other than Smokey Bear who presented awards to students in grades K-5 for the best entry in the Smokey Bear Poster Contest.

After the luncheon, delegates and guests loaded buses to Birmingham Botanical Gardens for an afternoon of “Cocktails in the Garden” and guided tours through the gardens. The Awards Banquet was held that evening with speakers Li Roberts (DSR Unified Regional Project Awards Chairman), Mary Summerville (DSR Scholarship Chairman), Bess Hartley (DSR Life Membership Chairman) and Dale De Feo (DSR Awards Chairman). The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. received first place in the DSR Unified Regional Project Award. Others from Rome receiving awards were Townview Garden Club awarded first place in School Grounds Improvement and third place in Special Achievement Award. Seven Hills Garden Club was awarded second place in the Yearbook Award.

Thursday began with Breakfast and the business meeting continued. A luncheon was held with a presentation by Jason Powell, owner of “Petals of the Past”. Following the luncheon, delegates enjoyed a workshop on “Fun with Flowers” by Claudia Bates (DSR Flower Show Chairman) followed by a second workshop on “Composting” by William Cureton (“Captain Compost”). A reception followed honoring 2013 – 2015 Deep South Region Director Gloria Blake and 2015 – 2017 Deep South Region Director Carol Bullard. Thursday evening saw delegates joined together with a Design Banquet “Entertaining Eras of Design” that had Rhea Brightwell, Trece Chancellor, Ann Findlater, Ann Houston, Sybil Ingram, Carol Keefe and Tricia Mitchell taking the group from the 1940’s to 2010 and beyond with designs from each decade. Following the Design Banquet, the final registration and credentials report was given with

DSR Director Gloria Blake proclaiming SINE DIE for the 2015 DSR Convention. The 2016 Convention will be held in Tunica, Mississippi and 2017 Convention will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. (Written by John Barnett)



The Garden Club of Georgia Inc. received first place in the DSR Unified Regional Project Award. (This award included Rome's Cultivating Young Minds, an ongoing project at the South Rome Boys and Girls club.)

First place: 1a School Grounds Improvement: Townview; Second Place: Yearbook: Seven Hills

Third Place: 10i Special Achievement: Townview

Diane's Thoughts: The convention was a very special time. Georgia had a sizeable delegation that had a wonderful time at the meetings and during the tours. Thanks to John Barnett for providing a details of the activities. The next convention will be the Garden Club of Georgia Convention at Jekyll Island.

Special thanks to Ruth Edgar, Townview Garden Club, for entering the Wildflower competition. I encourage you look at the entries. The following is a hyperlink that should take you to the photo entries. Click here to see their photos. If the hyperlink does not work go the www.theromefederatedgardenclubs.com, click on links, then the Garden Club of Georgia, then projects where you can locate the photos. Winners will be announced at the GCG Convention in April.

DAY IN MAY is scheduled for May 4, 2015 at the Boys and Girls Club. Your invitation is included in this newsletter, as well as an application for life membership. Every member of every club is invited to the celebration. Please communicate with your president if you will attend so that the president can communicate with Ruth Forrester on or before April 20. If your club or you want to recognize an individual who has instrumental to the success of your programs, please consider submitting a Life Membership recognition. If you choose to recognize an individual, your check (for \$100) should be made to The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. and mailed to Kathy Donahue, RFGC Treasurer, 4 Quail Hollow Road, SE, Rome, GA 3016. **See you at the DAY IN MAY CELEBRATION!**

May 4, 2015: Reflections 2013-2015
Looking back while planning for the future

- March 26 – 27 DEEP SOUTH REGION, 54th Annual Convention, Birmingham, AL
- March 26 South Georgia Native Plant and Wildflower Symposium, Tifton
- April 15 – 17 GCG State Convention, Jekyll Island
- April 19 – 26 Garden Week in Georgia

GARDEN CENTER ACTIVITIES

April, 2015	Mountain View	Cleaning Supplies: Dish Detergent, Liquid Counter Cleaner
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Sara Hightower Regional Library Arrangements:

March 25 – April 7	Mountain View
April 8 – April 21	Seven Hills
April 22 – May 5	Spade & Trowel
May 6 – May 19	Thistle

Information from the GCG Website:

Wildflower Auto Tag

Following legislation in 1998 and 2001, the Georgia DOT partnered with the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. to design and manufacture the Wildflower Auto Tag. The auto tag created by Georgia DOT Artist Stan Smith features the Black-eyed Susan which was chosen based on its extensive familiarity among Georgians.



*Black-eyed Susan
License Plate*

Individual members are encouraged to purchase a Wildflower Tag for their family automobiles at their local tag office and a \$10 portion of the extra \$35 annual fee will go to fund the Wildflower program.

Daffodil Project

In the spring of 2007, Georgians witnessed daffodils bursting from the ground alongside major expressways. In an effort to extend the window of blooming flowers along the roadsides, Georgia DOT landscape architects chose daffodils which require little maintenance and are simple to plant.



*The new Purple
Coneflower License
Plate*



**You Are Cordially
Invited to
Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Day in May Celebration**

**Monday, May 4, 2015
11:00 am**

**South Rome Boys & Girls Club
211 East Main Street, SW 30161**

Lunch

**Community Partner
And
Member Recognition**

Installation 2015-2017 Officers

RSVP: On or before Monday

April 20, 2015

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The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

GARDEN CLUB _____

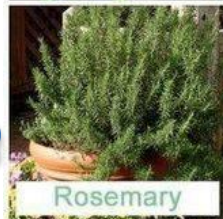
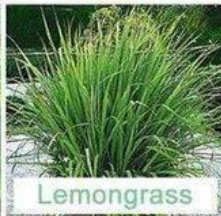
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NAME OF APPLICANT _____

SHORT SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE \$100.00 per applicant
Make check payable to The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Mail with form to:
Kathy Donahue, 4 Quail Hollow Road, SE Rome, 30161

Put any of these plants in your garden
or on your patio this summer. Mosquitoes
absolutely hate them!



Good
Plants
for the
patio
area.