

Spring Fling Sale

Saturday, April 12

8 AM to 3 PM

Cotton Block

112 Broad Street

**Household items, furniture,
glassware, china, pictures,
frames, knick-knacks,
linens, and many more
items**

Co-sponsored By
Mountain View Garden Club
Rome Federated Garden Clubs

Mountain View's Spring Fling profits go toward the federated project. Any monies left over from the sale will benefit RFGC. Set up is Friday afternoon, April 11, 3 - 5.

Reminders:

1. No Clothes.
2. Each RFGC member should contribute at least 1 item.
3. Price all items with stickers before drop off.
4. Prices should be in dollar amounts.
5. Bring an 8 x 10 sign with your club's name and a covering for your table.
6. Some tables will be provided, be prepared to bring a folding table.
7. Club members will need to work during sale, plan your clubs volunteers.
8. Coffee and water provided by Mt. View.



Diane's Diggings

On March 11, the presidents of the RFGC member clubs met to discuss the coming activities. The meeting was productive. Keep your eyes open for the membership tea invitation. Remember to get your certifications for the backyard habitate and the hummingbird havens mailed.

For me to add any more comments to what is already in this month's Federated Facts would be redundant. I would just like you to read about and to participate in the many activities available to you. A few warm days keep teasing us that spring is really here and then disappoints us with another near freezing morning. Spring is coming! We will soon be planting and looking forward to enjoying the fruits of our labor. Enjoy!

Diane



I love spring anywhere,
but if I could choose I
would always greet it in a
garden. ~Ruth Stout

Inaugural Floyd County Seed Swap 2014

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BERRY COLLEGE, MOUNT BERRY, GA –Co-sponsored by Berry College’s Environmental Studies Program, Action Ministries Rome, Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful, and the Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc., the Rome Floyd County Library will host the Inaugural Floyd County Seed Swap on April 5, 2014. We invite you to bring some open-pollinated (heirloom) seeds, bulbs, plants, seedlings, cuttings, starts, and stories to swap with other seed savers, gardeners and farmers. If you have no seeds to swap but want to get started, come along to mingle with gardeners and farmers who can help. We conserve the heritage of the Ridge and Valley province and Floyd County as we share good stories, beautify our yards, feed our friends and family, and of course, trade seeds and plants.

WHAT: Inaugural Floyd County Seed Swap 2014

WHEN: April 5, 2014, 12-3 [12-1 lecture and discussion on seed-saving, 1-3 Seed Swap]

WHERE: Rome Floyd County Library, Rome, GA

WHO: Berry College’s Environmental Studies Program, Action Ministries Rome, Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful, the Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc., the Rome Floyd County Library and any interested farmers and gardeners

WHY: Farmers and gardeners have a legacy of heirloom seeds and plants that are in danger of being lost, and sharing of seeds and plants will encourage production of diverse varieties for posterity, food security, beauty, and sustainable landscape management.

HOW IT WORKS: Anyone can bring seeds or plants to swap or share. If you do not have seeds or plants, you could bring envelopes or garden implements or stories, anything to share or trade with other gardeners.

COST: None.

Got Whippoorwills? Razorbacks? Red Rippers? Pencil Cob? Hickory King? Creasebacks? Turkey Crows? Want some? Come to the Inaugural Floyd County Seed Swap

Berry College’s Environmental Studies program will establish a master collection of endangered seeds and related cultural and agronomic information, and distributes such seeds at annual Seed Swaps. Berry College students and professors document the seeds, grow them out in campus gardens to distribute the next season, and catalogue them in a database of local varieties. If you have family heirlooms that you would like to donate or have documented, or for more information, please contact Dr. Brian Campbell, bcampbell@berry.edu.





SEVEN HILLS HAS A SPICY MEETING

Cooking with herbs can make your meals doubly delicious. Molly Yancey hosted our Seven Hills March meeting and culinary expert Hal Richards (Photo above) gave us some simple tips to spice up our cooking skills. With some fresh herbs, lemon juice, zest and olive oil you can enhance any meal – chicken fish, beef, and pork. It was a very informative program.

Townview Garden Club

A pen and ink oil rouging class to paint the Pink Magnolia will be offered during Garden Club of Georgia at the RFGC Garden Center on April 24, 8:30 – 11:30. The class will be taught by Donna Hartline from Attalla, Alabama. This is a fun; relaxing technique that anyone can feel comfortable doing and can create a nice work of art that resembles a color print. The cost, which includes instruction and all supplies, is \$30. Please make your reservation with Kathy Donahue at donahuekc@comcast.net.



Townview's FCCCA High School Garden Club had the opportunity to view the Backyard Habitat PowerPoint Presentation given by Donna Barnes, RFGC Membership Chairman, Backyard Habitat Laurel District Chairman and President of the Mountain View Garden Club. They had some very interesting questions for Donna. The group was encouraged to complete the backyard habitat and the hummingbird haven applications that were distributed.

CALENDAR



April 12 -13, DSR Convention, St. Petersburg, FL

April 12, Mt View, Spring Fling: 8 -3

April 12-13, Chieftain's Herb Sale

April 28, Master Gardener Class

April 20 (week) decorate RAHM Window

April 20 – 27, Garden Week in Georgia

April 30 – May 4, NGC Convention, Oklahoma

May 5, JSL Garden Tour

May 5, RFGC Meeting, Garden Center

May 14-15, GCG Convention, Macon, Georgia



GARDEN CENTER DATES

April, 2014	Mountain View	Cleaning Supplies: Dish Detergent, Liquid counter cleaner
May 12, 2014	Seven Hills	Refreshments
LIBRARY ARRANGEMENTS 	March 25 – April 7	Spade & Trowel
	April 8 – April 21	Thistle
	April 22 – May 5	Three Rivers
	May 6 – May 19	Townview

RFGC PROGRAM FOR: May 12, 2014, Linda Sipp & Kathy Donahue Youth and School Garden Club Development, Co-Chairman, RFGC

Thank you for all your articles, photos, questions, and advice. Starting with the May Federated Facts, please change the e-mail address that you send your information. Use rfgcgardenclub1315@gmail.com. Sorry to change on you; however with producing the Federated Facts, Laurel Letters, Townview Review, and working as the state listserv chairman, I feel that it might be easier on ME to separate things a little more. Again thank you, keep sending your information and don't forget to send to the Rome News. We are an active Federation and we need to let the public know what we are doing. Thanks, Kathy Donahue, Editor, Federated Facts.

Just a thought:

Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer.

~Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.

~Christopher Morley, *John Mistletoe*