

FEDERATED FACTS

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

DIANE’S DIGGINGS: The dog days of August are upon us and summer is winding down. Our gardens have been productive but change is in the air. I hope everyone has had a good and relaxing summer. Garden clubs will be busy with lots of upcoming events this year. These will be highlighted and updated in Federated Facts and on the website. I am always available for questions and support. *Diane*

Kathy’s Comments: Diane did not mention the fantastic trip to Ireland for the World Association of Flower Arrangers but I could not resist sending a few of the photos and the website where you can see some beautiful scenes from the fantastic trip. How thrilling to have members from Georgia attend this special outing.

Diane and Banny with the group.



WAFA Flower Show 2014
<http://arabelladane.smugmug.com/share/Ta5SV8iFIVGWM>

Federated Facts is published and sent electronically by Kathy Donahue, a member of the RFGC Executive committee. Please send you articles and photos to be included.



Scarecrows were made by youth to be placed in the garden.



Seven Hills Garden Club works with children to plant their selections.



Above youth show off their plants and below share flowers with Sharman Turner

What to do in August?

Suggestions for your fall gardening.

August temperatures often reach recorded highs across the country, ranging from the 80s in coastal and northern areas and high altitudes to the 90s and even breaking the 100- degree mark in the Midwest, South, and Southwest.



Peak Harvest:

Although the days are beginning to shorten and autumn is forecast by a few yellowing leaves, many summer vegetable and fruits, such as tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet corn, and watermelons are reaching their peak of ripeness. Keep plants well watered to make the most of the home-grown harvest. Rural fairs and harvest festivals brighten late summer days and provide a chance to stimulate some new ideas for your future planting.



Water Rationing:

With the heat and diminished rainfall, drought is common in much of the country, presenting a real challenge to anyone with a lawn and plants to care for. In most states, two weeks without rain signals an official drought. Western mountain vistas take on tawny hues and water rationing is a regular feature in much areas. As cooler mountain air clashes with warm air rising from flat lands, thunderstorms frequently result, and the threat of forest fires set off by lightning is a serious concern.

Taken from [Gardening Month By Month](#)

**DON'T FORGET TO
ORDER YOUR GCG
CALENDARS OR TO
SUPPORT THE EFFORT
THAT BENEFITS
SCHOLARSHIPS.**

LISTED BELOW ARE A FEW OTHER
REMINDERS

- 🌻 Executive Meeting, at Garden Center
August 18
- 🌻 Let Diane know if you need to be on the
August 25 RFGC agenda.
- 🌻 **President's Page will be coming out
shortly.**
- 🌻 The supplement pages for the RFGC
Yearbook will be sent electronically
prior to our August 25 meeting.
- 🌻 If you are preparing your yearbook, you
should be able to use the website:
www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com
and click on links to find information
for your calendars. You can also access
Laurel District, GCG, DSR and NCG.
- 🌻 Remember to send articles and photos
to the Rome News Tribune. We need
all the press we can get.



***Mary Reid, Townview, hosted tours of
her yard with its amazing varieties of
trees, shrubs, and flowers.***



***D'Ann Downey's yard,
Thistle Garden Club, has an amazing
display of color.***



Our pumpkin on the run from last summer continues and has multiplied. Last year there were 2 pumpkins, this year there are 10. These are supervised by a Townview grandchild.

CALENDAR

- August 14 Laurel District Board Meeting
- August 25 RFGC Meeting
- September 5- 7 Yellow Daisy Flower Show, Stone Mountain
- September 8 Awards Workshop, Suzanne Wheeler, Garden Center 10 – 12

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Garden Center Schedule
2014-2015

DATE	CLUB	TASK
August 25, 2014	Camellia	Refreshments
September, 2014	Thistle	Paper Towels and Bathroom Supplies
LIBRARY: August 26 – September 8		Thistle
September 9 – September 22		Three Rivers



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Think About Attending: September 8
Awards Workshop,
Suzanne Wheeler,
Garden Center 10 – 12

Please go by the City Auditorium and see the wonderful federated project completed by Lavender View.