

# FEDERATED FACTS

Encourage Conservation, Educate Youth, and Enjoy Garden Club”

## Diane’s Diggings

The Presidents’ Report Workshop will be February 3 and a PowerPoint presentation entitled "What is this thing called Membership" will be February 4. Both of these will be at the Garden Center and presented by Suzanne Wheeler, Garden Club of Georgia President. All members are invited. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers and other interaction with Suzanne.



Arbor Day and the Laurel District Board meetings are also on our calendars. February will be a busy month for RFGC members. I hope to see you at all these special and important events.

## State Board Meeting

January 15 and 16 at the historic Windsor Hotel in Americus, Georgia, members of the state board met to get the 2014 garden club year off to a fantastic start. Jackie Fulmer, Laurel District Director, and Diane Harbin, Laurel District Co-Director and State Garden Therapy Chairman gave reports. Kathy Donahue, State ListServe Manager led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Ann Bridges and Diane Harbin pose with Rosalyn Carter’s bronze statue at the Carter Health Building. John Barnett was not available for the photo.



Banny and Diane were valuable resources to first time attendees.



Kathy and Al Donahue had a great time and Kathy is now able to explain the term “Deconstructed Cordon Bleu”

The features of this hotel were incredible from the hand laid tile to the



Hand carved wood work. The Windsor was worth the trip.



# 25 Things Babies Born in 2014 May Never Know

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Here's my list of things kids born in 2014 might never experience, or at least will see a whole lot less of as they reach their formative years.

## Things kids born in 2014 may never know:

- 1. The post office.** Instead of email, someone used to come all the way to your house just to drop a bunch of ads into a box on the front porch. This service was a big money loser.
- 2. Parking meters.** There was a time when you had to pay for parking by putting coins into a little steel box on a pole.
- 3. Bank tellers.** People used to visit a bank branch to make deposits and withdrawals. What a lot of effort expended on something that can be done digitally in mere seconds with no travel involved.
- 4. Paper statements.** Trees used to give their lives so that those who refused to go digital could get bills and other statements in the mail. (See No. 1.)
- 5. Paper checks.** While it was illegal to make your own paper money, it was OK to write an amount of money on a piece of ordinary paper. Once you signed it, it somehow magically became the same as money.
- 6. Cable TV.** Before universal Wi-Fi, there used to be a wire running all the way from downtown to bring entertainment into the house. Judging by the price, you'd have thought it contained a cure for cancer.
- 7. Toll booths.** Before they started charging tolls by taking a picture of your license plate, you had to stop at a booth and either throw money in a basket or hand it to someone. They were kind of like phone booths on the turnpike.
- 8. Phone booths.** Before everyone had wireless phones, there used to be little glass rooms on street corners where you'd go in and use coins to make a call. For some people, they also doubled as bathrooms.
- 9. Newspapers.** In days before everyone had computers at home and in their pockets, printing presses made paper versions of websites. People would then drive around and throw them on your lawn.
- 10. Car keys.** Cars had keys you'd insert into a keyhole in the doors and dashboard to unlock and start the car. Sometimes you'd lock them in, and then try to retrieve them with a coat hanger. Other people would stop and try to help.
- 11. Bookstores.** A retail store where you'd go to buy books.
- 12. Books.** There used to be a physical version of e-books made out of paper.
- 13. DVDs.** Before movies were delivered online, they came on discs you'd stick into your computer or a player attached to your TV.
- 14. Incandescent lighting.** This kind of light bulb didn't last as long or cost as much as LED lighting, but it had a nice glow to it.
- 15. Fax machines.** These devices transmitted a piece of paper to another fax machine anywhere in the world. It worked over phone lines.
- 16. Phone lines.** Before wireless, calls were carried on wires. Like power wires, they were strung everywhere and stopped working during snow and ice storms.
- 17. Non-digital picture frames.** There was a time when a picture frame could only display one picture at a time, so you needed a frame for every picture. Some were better looking than the picture they contained.
- 18. Cursive handwriting.** You'd pick up a pen or pencil and actually write things by hand. Not only that, but the letters of each word were all connected in such a way that it was often impossible to decipher.
- 19. Camcorders.** Before HD video cameras became standard in phones, you had to buy a separate device if you wanted video selfies.
- 20. Blind dates.** In the days before dating websites, people were forced to meet one another any way they could, including being introduced to friends of friends. It was awkward, because there was no way to IM, text, exchange pics or otherwise communicate before actually meeting. The people you met this way usually weren't as good looking as you.
- 21. Talking to one person at a time.** Before pocket computers, you weren't required to stay in constant communication via text. Nor was it customary to let everyone you'd ever met know where you were and what you were doing via Facebook. As a result, you'd often find yourself forced to communicate solely with the people in front of you.
- 22. Driving a car.** Before self-driving cars, you had to do it all: gas, brakes, mirrors, turn signals, talk on the phone, text, put on makeup and eat, all at the same time.
- 23. Setting a thermostat.** Before "[The Internet of Things](#)," you had to manually set the temperature in your house.
- 24. Forgetting someone's name.** Before Google Glass came along, we had to recognize faces all by ourselves, and remember their personal information.
- 25. Buying music.** With Pandora, Spotify, Radio, iTunes Radio, etc., we have unlimited music libraries that we pay for by the month. Before that, we bought our music one song or album at a time and built collections.

Statewide Arbor Day Ceremony  
February 18, 2014, Rome, Georgia  
10 A.M.

10:15 – 11:15

Benefits of Trees / Ecological Restoration in  
Communities – Invite Dr. Coder

11:15 – 11:45

Brian Roberts – the basics of trees and storm water

11:45 – 12:30

Lunch

12:30 – 1:00

Duncan Hughes (invited) – Soque River Watershed  
success story

1:00 – 2:00

Remarks: State Forester Robert Farris,  
Arbor Day History/Reading of the Arbor Day  
proclamations

Rome - Tree City USA presentation

2:00 – 2:45

Tree Board networking reception and tree planting



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
“LUNCH & LEARN” EVENT**

The Oleander District will host the Garden Club of Georgia's 2014 Historic Preservation Statewide Fund Raiser. Guest speaker will be Dean Norton, Director of Horticulture at George Washington's Mount Vernon. The luncheon and lecture event will be held **February 27, 2014** at 11:30 am at Savannah Technical College. Tickets are \$40. All monies raised will be distributed for the restoration of historic landscapes and gardens in Georgia. **Tickets are on sale now!**

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**CALLING ALL GARDEN  
CLUB MEMBERS**

Getting the winter blues? Let me invite each of you to visit our new, exciting Website [www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com](http://www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com). We've literally packed it with floral pictures and gardens in living color to encourage you to start thinking about your garden for next spring.

The website is ever evolving and most recently a Site Map has been add. If you are not sure where to find certain information, click on "site map." It assists you in navigating the website. Also, if you have not visited recently, in September we showcased Mabel Milner's fall garden under "Member's Garden."

As Elizabeth Neal viewed the website for the first time, she was amazed at how much information is available at your fingertips. It can be accessed from anywhere you can use the internet. If you forget the site address, just type in Rome Garden Clubs and Google, Yahoo, Bing and other search engines will find it for you. She feels every garden club member should take advantage of the benefits of the website.

Remember, your club's calendar of events is available on your own web screen. If you have a need to check who is accountable for the library arrangement assignment or the Garden Center responsibility just check the Website.

Coming soon...we will add our newest club—"Hoe'n in Euharlee."

Did you see under News (tab on the website) the Coosa Valley Fair winners by listed by club and our fair booth under Projects tab, representing our "Blossom the Bee" national membership drive?

Remember on those cold winter afternoons to enjoy the beauty of gardening through our website. Let me challenge you to find the tiny lizard embedded somewhere in the website.

Happy Gardening,

*Judy*

Judy Howerton, Webmaster



## FEDERATED FACTS



### FCCCA YOUTH CLUB TOURS ECO-CENTER

Townview members, Lulie Chin, Melissa Phillips, and Sharon Norman, once again stepped up to plan an outing for the members of the FCCCA Youth Club that Townview sponsors. Mr. Troy Fitzpatrick's group received a very detailed explanation of the functions of the Center.



### Get Geared Up For the GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

#### February 14-17, 2014

At least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count and enter their sightings at [www.BirdCount.org](http://www.BirdCount.org). The information gathered by tens of thousands of volunteers helps track the health of bird populations at a scale that would not otherwise be possible. The GBBC is a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society with partner Bird Studies Canada.

"People who care about birds can change the world," said Audubon chief scientist Gary Langham. "Technology has made it possible for people everywhere to unite around a shared love of birds and a commitment to protecting them." Enter the data online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)



Ben Winkleman, new ECO-Center Director, explains the activities of the Center to our youth.



### Seven Hills Garden Club January Meeting looks into Conservation

At our January meeting at the home of Villa Hizer, member Nellie Luthi, a master gardener, taught us how to make our own rain barrel.

"Rain, Rain, go away.

Come again another day."

With our new knowledge Seven Hills members can change this childhood rhyme to:

"Rain, Rain, come and play

Help us on our gardening day."





## REMINDERS:

WOW ARE WE GOING TO BE BUSY!

**FEBRUARY 3, PRESIDENT'S REPORT WORKSHOP, GARDEN CENTER**

**FEBRUARY 4, "WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED MEMBERSHIP?" SUZANNE WHEELER, GCG PRESIDENT, WILL PRESENT ON FEB. 3 AND 4.**

**ALL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED.**

**FEBRUARY 15, PRESIDENT'S REPORT DUE**

**FEBRUARY 18, ARBOR DAY, LOCATION ECO-CENTER**

**FEBRUARY 24, MONDAY: RFGC BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 3, MONDAY—THISTLE: REFRESHMENTS FEDERATION MEETING**

**PROGRAM: JACKIE FULMER, LAUREL DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

**"REACHING FOR OUR DESTINY AS WE LEARN AND GROW"**

**FOCUS ON THE DISTRICT THEME**

**GOALS FOR 2013-2015 TERM ARE:**

**"MEMBERSHIP—FOR THE LIFE OF US!" AND**

**"EDUCATION— LEARNING IS FUN"**

**MARCH 27, SOUTH GEORGIA NATIVE PLANT AND WILDFLOWER SYMPOSIUM, TIFTON, GEORGIA**

**APRIL 12 -13, DSR CONVENTION, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA**

**APRIL 20 – 27, GARDEN WEEK IN GEORGIA**

**GARDEN CENTER SUPPLIES:**

**FEBRUARY, 2014 LAVENDER VIEW PAPER TOWELS AND BATHROOM SUPPLIES**

**APRIL, 2014 MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**CLEANING SUPPLIES: DISH DETERGENT, LIQUID COUNTER CLEANER**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO DONNA BARNES WHO IS WORKING SO HARD ON THE FEB 3 AND 4 WORKSHOPS!**



**RFGC GARDEN CENTER**

### LIBRARY ARRANGEMENT SCHEDULE

January 14 – January 27	Camellia
January 28 – February 10	African Violet Study Group
February 11 – February 24	Lavender View
February 25 – March 10	Mountain View
March 11- March 24	Seven Hills

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Each club should submit information for inclusion on the federated website.

Forms that are needed during the year will also be available on the federated website, including:

Awards

President's Report

Council Report

Life Membership Application

