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“TOGETHER WE GROW”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our Rome Federated Clubs will be active in the coming two years with making Rome and Floyd County a better place than we found it.

We want to be actively engaged with our club groups in making our surroundings a better place in which we live. Our **Environmental** work will be what we will be most concerned with for the coming two years.

We also want to make a concrete effort in getting to know and understand our ten Garden Clubs that make up the Federation. Each club is expected to come to one of the 10 RFGC meetings set for 2017-2019 and give a presentation of what are their main objectives that they set for themselves during the given year and how they intend to achieve these objectives that is set by the club members. **Remember we WILL achieve if TOGETHER AND THEN WE WILL GROW !**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Continued:

Sustainability

S-Super situation with an

U-Understanding of all our

S-Senses and the role played in our

T-Total thinking in and out of

A-All Facets of our life are having an

I -Involvement with the caring for all

N-Nature as we love and cherish it,

A-And it is necessary for all

B-Bodies with Human

I -Intelligences is to see that to help to

L-Lengthen all Lives both plant and animal are with

I -Interest and hope while

T- Telling to all

Y-You and I will know that this is necessary for sustainability of our Earth.



Winnie

ROME FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS BRINGS MORE THAN GARDENS

By Dr. John Barnett

When you drive around town and see a flower garden in an unlikely spot, you can thank a garden club member from the 10 clubs of Rome Federated Garden Clubs. And when you visit the Coosa Valley Fair and wander into the Flower Show, in cooperation with The Exchange Club, Rome Federated Garden Clubs sets that venue up as well. Many projects and programs are among the things that Rome Federated is proud and happy to do in our community.

Now, The Federation has a campaign going to SAVE THE GARDEN CENTER! Not only to SAVE THE GARDEN CENTER but also to be able to give scholarships to college students who are going into horticulture and agriculture and to have educational programs and many projects for our children and youth in Rome and Floyd County. So, Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. is thinking outside the box! On Saturday, July 15 at The Historic DeSoto Theatre, The Porter Family came to Rome to share in Southern Gospel Music and to help with our fundraiser.

The Porter Family is an awesome group from Waynesville, North Carolina. Their mission is to share the love of Jesus to a lost and dying world as well as to all who know Him as personal savior. Their goal is to lead people to the Throne of Grace through music. The Porter Family is known from the mountains to the seas and very popular at Dollywood in the Gospel Festival there.

Shawn Porter is best known for his lead voice. He also plays the acoustic guitar and drums. Shawn has a definite love for Southern Gospel music. Shawn was just BORN in a down-home style of music. Betty Porter, who is Shawn's mother, works behind the scenes and sings alto for the group. Betty certainly has a passion for down-home music and Southern Gospel music. Will Porter, Shawn's father, will sing tenor or lead as needed. This dad and mom team defined their love of music early in their relationship, making significant contributions to this unique world of music.

The Porter Family Concert raised \$3000+ for the Ways and Means Fundraiser. Members of the Ways and Means committee thank you for supporting The Federation, helping to SAVE THE GARDEN CENTER and helping to have the projects and programs be a success during the next year.

The following RFGC members made up the Ways and Means Committee and worked very diligently to make the concert a success: President Winifred Holland, Jo Hernandez, Connie Burnes, Joy Puckett, Carrie Wilder and Dr. John Barnett. Also assisting was RFGC Treasurer, Stanley Boulee.

Thistle Garden Club is to be commended for having 100% participation from their club by purchasing two tickets each and "filling the row." It also took the participation of many other RFGC members purchasing tickets in order to have a successful fundraiser.

"WORKING TOGETHER WORKS."

FEDERATED MEMBERS ATTEND LAUREL DISTRICT OFFICERS WORKSHOP

The Rome Federated members pictured below enjoyed a Laurel District sponsored Officers' Workshop on July 20 at the Rock Barn, Canton.

A highlight was meeting our new GCG President, Jane Hersey.

Sara Lanier, former GCG President and past Deep South Regional Director lead the workshop. It was a fun and educational experience. Later in this newsletter I will share with you the tiers of Garden Club and a little history of garden club as explained by her.



Jane Hersey, GCG President



Dr. John Barnett, Laurel District Director and workshop presenter, Sara Lanier.



Romans join Sara Lanier at the Laurel District Officers' Workshop

WHO DO YOU BELONG TO ?

1st—Your Club belongs to Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. made up of 10 clubs with Winifred Holland as the President for 2017-2019. Her theme is: **“TOGETHER WE GROW”**.



Winifred Holland, President; Carrie Wilder, First V.P.; Jane Davis, Second V.P.; Joy Puckett, Third V.P.; Barbara Ivey, Fourth V.P.; Stanley Boulee, Treasurer; Jo Hernandez, Recording Secretary; Judy Howerton, Corresponding Secretary; and Caroline Alford, Parliamentarian

2nd-Rome Federation belongs to the Laurel District which was established in 1959 and is one of the 7 Districts in Georgia. The District Director for 2017-2019 is Dr. John Barnett and his theme is:

**“PLANT GARDENS WITH NEW HORIZONS—
WORKING TOGETHER WORKS”**



Dr. John Barnett

3rd—Laurel District belongs to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. which was organized June 8, 1928. GCG is made up of a President and Officers. Jane Hersey is the President and her theme is:

“PLANT AMERICA—GEORGIA’S HERITAGE, GEORGIA’S LEGACY.”



Jane Hersey

4th—The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a member of Deep South Garden Club. It has a name change. It was previously Deep South Region. It includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.



The presiding officer is the Regional Director. Ann McCormick is the Regional Director and her theme is:

“PLANT AMERICA SOUTHERN STYLE.”

5th—The Deep South Garden Club plus 7 other regions make up the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The presiding officer is the President of NGC. She is Nancy L. Hargroves from Virginia. Her theme is: **“PLANT AMERICA”**.



National Garden Clubs



Nancy L. Hargroves

A LITTLE HISTORY

Twelve ladies met in an ante—bellum drawing room in Athens, Ga., January 1891 to organize the first garden club in America. “Little did they realize that they were lighting the candle that half a century later would be casting its beam throughout a great nation, shedding rays of light, beauty and happiness in the paths of thousand of followers. Thus, there came into being the first of countless garden clubs that to-day spread over our land like a benediction” - Ladies’ Garden Club.

Garden club volunteers are recognized as the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. NGC has 165,000 members and GCG has 10,059 members. RFGC has approximately 240 members and we hope to add to that number when we start our club meetings in September.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is **Beautification, Conservation and Education**.

These facts were reported at the recent Officers’ Workshop. The program was presented by Sara Lanier, from St. Simon Island, who has held many positions in garden club including President of GCG and Deep South Regional Director.

Now, do your part on the local level—LEAP INTO ACTION— and invite a friend to your garden club.

WORDS OF WISDOM

This is the beginning of a new day.

I can waste it or use it for good.

What I do today is important, because I’m exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it.

I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.

Author Unknown



The Saved Seed A Journey Through a Seed's Life

The Saved Seed is an early reader book written to educate elementary children about the life cycle of seed plants. A North American based fall staple for thousands of years, the pumpkin is treasured in our society for being not only a food source, but a Halloween favorite! There are dozens of varieties ranging from tiny ornamental varieties, to those weighing in at over 100 pounds each!



The Saved Seed follows the journey of a smiling pumpkin seed from Halloween pumpkin through the year becoming a seedling, a vine, and then a new pumpkin! Along the way, children learn through beautiful illustrations how to care for their own pumpkin seeds and become successful pumpkin gardeners!

This book supports the NGC's **PLANT AMERICA** theme and can be purchased from the National Garden Club website. They may also be available at the Laurel District Meetings.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB'S PROJECT FOR 2017-2019

Inspiring Gardens Across The Americas

The theme for President Nancy Hargroves's administration is **Plant America**, a singularly focused initiative on gardens and gardening. Both a call to service and a description of what NGC clubs do, Plant America supports the main reason that people say they join a garden club - to learn about gardening!

Covering any and every aspect of gardening, horticulture, garden design, and community service, it applies to every kind of garden: Blue Star plantings, vegetable gardens, community gardens, container gardening, neighborhood plantings, urban farms, low-water xeriscape gardens, etc.



PROJECTS FOR GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

Jane Hersey, President of GCG, has decided that she will emphasize the existing projects of the Garden Club of Georgia. She has stated that we already have a lot of good projects and therefore she intends to continue those programs instead of adding additional ones.

Her emphasis is, “PLANT AMERICA—GEORGIA’S HERITAGE, GEORGIA’S LEGACY.” We will be continuing to plant Natives.

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CLUB</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Sept. 6, 2017—Sept 19 | African Violet |
| Sept. 20—October 3 | Camellia |
| October 4—17 | Mountain View |
| October 18-31 | Seven Hills |

GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CLUB</u> | <u>TASK</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| August 29 | Spade & Trowel | Refreshments |
| September | Thistle | 4 rolls paper towels |
| October | Lavender View | 3 bales pine straw |
| November 7 | Three Rivers | Refreshments |

CALENDAR

- August 15 RFGC Executive Meeting 9 AM
August 17 Laurel District Awards Workshop, Hiwassee
August 29 RFGC Meeting, Garden Center
October 1 Coosa Valley Fair Entries
October 15 Deadline for Yearbook Award Applications
October 25 Laurel District Meeting, Cartersville

RFGC MEMBERS SERVING

Rome Federated Garden Clubs is well represented at Laurel District, Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South and National. We are excited to have the following representation:

Laurel District Board of Directors: Caroline Alford, John Barnett (District Director), Ann Bridges, Mary Louise Dixon, Jackie Fulmer, Diane Harbin, Marla Janes, Mabel Milner, Tish Redwine, Ansley Saville, Scheelah Schreiber.

Garden Club of Georgia: Caroline Alford, John Barnett, Ann Bridges, Kathy Donahue, Jackie Fulmer, Diane Harbin.

Deep South: John Barnett, Diane Harbin

National: Diane Harbin

For details on the many positions these members hold, go to www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com and click on “About Us” and then “GCG Photos”.

If anyone has been inadvertently left off this list, please send any corrections to jhowerton@bellsouth.net.

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