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“TOGETHER WE GROW”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

THE NATURE’S STAGE

The Nature’s Stage is the breaking of dawn
roses glistening in the morning dew
summer breezes wafting the summer foliage
petals of the sun flower facing the spangling of sun rays
blue skies drifting with white clouds
the horned moon hanging in the darken night.

It is the green grasses crowding for a special place
tall conifers howling in the winds
soft covers of leaves gingerly resting upon the frost covered ground
birds singing while resting beside the stream
owls hooting in the distance
bubbling of the mountain brooks.

It is the first winter snow melting and forming puddles
sprouting of spring flowers and blossoms forming
large pumpkin sprawling across the ground’s floor
fresh fruits ripping in the summer’s sun
thunder storms rolling in the western skies
rain beating upon the thirsty earth
lightning making ribbons and bows across the face of the earth
during the closing of the day on
Nature’s Stage.

Amen, Amen!

By: Winnie Holland

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I am happy to see that we as the Georgia Garden Clubs are moving our objectives to more about the improvement of our environment. That is what Gardening is all about. If we protect our Lands, Waters, and Seas the beauty will be there with no special arrangements. Nature will do it.

We are moving into the summers months and may this be your best SUMMER EVER!!!!

With love to you!!

Winnie Holland

*In Memory
Of Helen Lane*

Helen Lane was well known in Garden Club circles, having received the Georgia State Designer of the Year Award and the Rome Federation Live Oak Award. She was a member of the Spade and Trowel Garden Club and the Creative Study Club of Atlanta. She enjoyed the status of a Master flower show judge for more than forty years.

Helen will be missed by the Spade and Trowel members and all those she worked with at the Fair where she often judged specimens.

AFRICAN VIOLET SALE

The Rome African Study Group will have their annual violet sale at the Federated Garden Center on May 5th from 10AM to 3PM . Come and purchase violets for Mother's Day or just for yourself There will be many blooming violets to chose from.



LIBRARY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
April 18—May 1	African Violet Study Group
May 2-May 15	Camellia
May 16-May 29	Mountain View
May 30-June 12	Seven Hills
June 13-June 26	Spade and Trowel
June 2-July 10	Thistle
July 11-July 24	Three Rivers
July 25-August 7	Townview
August 8-August 21	African Violet Study Group

GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>TASK</u>
May 1,2018	Spade and Trowel	Refreshments
June	Townview	Hand soap, 3 rolls paper towels
July	Thistle	Trash bags
August 28	Lavender View	Refreshments

CALENDAR

April 10-12	Garden Club of Georgia State Convention, Macon
April 15-21	Garden Club of Georgia Week
May 1	RFGC Meeting, Garden Center
May 21-24	National Garden Club Convention, Philadelphia
June 3-9	National Garden Club Week
August 28	RFGC Meeting—Pam Roberts, Townview, Speaker



Spring Garden Sale



**Saturday, April 21
10am-4pm**



**Rome Federated Garden Center
100 E. Eight St., Rome, GA 30161**

GARDEN

**Garden Decorations
Pots
Plants
Birdhouses
Tools
& More**

*The Garden Club of Georgia Awards Won
By Rome Federated Garden Clubs
April 2018*

Award #37 Newsletter

1st Place -Rome Federated Garden Club, Inc.—Federated Facts

Award # 16 Yearbook

2nd Place - Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Award # 53 Website

2nd Place - Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Award # 61 Arbor Day

2nd Place - Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Award #16 Yearbook

1st Place –Camellia

2nd Place - Spade and Trowel

3rd Place –Three Rivers

1st Place Large Club—Seven Hills

DEEP SOUTH AWARDS

Award #18 Adopt-A-Park

2nd Place –Townview

Award #33 Yearbook

H.M. -Seven Hills

Award # 37 Newsletter

1st Place - Townview

Award #37 Membership Brochure

1st Place - Three Rivers

2nd Place - Townview

Award #39 & 54 Marker Award

1st Place -Townview

Award # 49 Holiday Decorations

1st Place –Townview

2nd Place Camellia

Award #57 Junior and Intermediate Activities

1st Place -Townview

FEDERATION CLOCK TOWER PROJECT

By Jennifer Kearns

On February 22, we continued our monthly garden workday at the clock tower garden. Five members from Seven Hills pulled weeds from the last bed #1 next to the street. We were joined by Jo Hernandez from the African Violet Club.

Our City Arborist, Terry Paige, and his team removed all the six burning bushes next to the street.

Now that most of the weeds have been removed and some of the desirable plants moved to better spots, we are starting to plant from Nelly's yard. She donated lambs ear, euphorbia and limelight hydrangeas which will be planted around the fringe tree.

Seeds were passed out at the January Federation meeting for pollinator plants and will be planted when ready. Carrie pruned the native Smoke Tree around a birds nest. Irrigation has been promised from the City which will help this southwestern garden survive in the hot summer. It's all coming together!

Thanks to the Federation for supporting this project with the first year's funds. We will be able to reimburse those who have purchased seeds, fertilizer, weed killers, mulch, etc.

On Thursday, March 22, started with a light freeze and blowing winds but turned out to be a beautiful sunny day. Nelly and Jennifer were joined by Camellia members, Sue Lee and her worker, Fred, Jackie Fulmer and Libby Monteith.

The design was laid out the day before by Nelly who placed pots in the areas to be planted. Ansley Saville delivered all of her donated 22 lilies, 5 hellabores, 4 stokesia, 2 phloxs, and 3 coreopsis. From Nelly's yard we planted 4 Russian sages, 1 edgeworthia, 4 solidagos, 3 hot poker lilies, 8 Honoring Jobert anemones, 2 fennels, 9 leucojums, 4 swamp flowers (black eyed susans), Clethra alnifolias, 4 bee balms and 2 ferns. The Master Gardeners donated 4 cardinal flowers, 2 colombines and we purchased 9 Casablanca lilies. All of these were planted, the garden weeded, silver grasses dug and removed and a feverfew shrub transplanted to another location. By 3 pm we were finished!

The design is starting to take shape as the native fringe tree will be surrounded by autumn ferns and limelight hydrangeas. Beautiful lilies will border bed #5 around a native smoke bush and a butterfly bush. Hardy perennials of color will hopefully take over beds #2 and #3. Our seeds that were passed out in January are probably ready to be repotted and hardened off. We will be planting these in April.

The City has promised irrigation so we will not have to bring jugs of water to keep our plantings alive. This should be a stunning garden this summer! If you have not contributed your

time to making this garden a place to admire, please note that we have April 26 when Seven Hills will be joined by Lavender View Garden Club at 11 am and May 24 we will be joined by Mountain View Garden Club. On May 24 we will start at 9:30 am to avoid the heat.

Working together is a fun, learning time and there is no better exercise than digging in the dirt!

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOLS TO BE HELD IN ROME

The Environmental Studies Schools offer National Garden Clubs' members the opportunity to learn more about all the facets of our Physical world known as the environment.

Laurel District has been anticipating having an Environmental School in Rome, especially for Laurel District members and possibly other Districts close by as well. it is time for the school to be held in North Georgia for our members.

The Environmental School Committee has finalized the school being offered in Rome at the ECO Center in the Fall, The school will not only be hosted by Rome Federated Garden Clubs but Laurel District as well.

The Committee would like to have an estimate of Federated members who are interested in this school so please tell your president if you plan to attend. The Environmental School will have a "lecture" and then a 5 question test with open notes. More information will be coming soon.

If you complete and pass all four school sessions, you will be a Certified Environmental Consultant.

A GOOD YEAR FOR THREE RIVERS



PLANTING DAFFODILS AT SLOPPY FLOYD PARK



EASTER EGGS FOR HOSPITALITY HOUSE



NATURE'S HARVEST

By Anita Bridges

Three Rivers members have enjoyed a good year thus far. We seem to like the number 100—planting over 100 daffodils at Sloppy Floyd Park this Fall and in January providing over 150 candy filled Easter eggs for Hospitality House. We have been diligent in keeping our Garden Spot at the Visitors Center in good shape and earning well deserved blue ribbons at the Fair.

Our theme of “Experiencing Nature’s Hearth Through Gardening” has been accented by programs which enriched our understanding and knowledge of gardening as well as preserving historic hearths. Mrs. Tammy Barron led us in creating our own decorations bringing nature into our homes while Nelly Luthi brought us a program on a favorite plant, the hydrangea. Another program brought by member Mary Louise Dixon featured a favorite- the Lenten Rose. We were educated about the Historic Preservation Commission and its importance in our city. One of our favorite meetings every year is our December meeting where we ate delicious food and raised money through our auction of many delightful items. In the bleakness of January we were entertained by a presentation of English Gardens shared by members Anita Bridges and Susan Little from their recent trips. A Field Trip to Plant Life Nursery to learn more about native plants was enjoyed by all as we got excited with Spring trying to come! Our year will end with a demonstration on cooking with herbs at Season Events which we will enjoy eating. Speaking of food, we celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the Founding of Georgia Garden Club by enjoying a beautifully decorated cake provided by our hostesses in March. We are looking forward to yet another year of learning, giving, and sharing through Three Rivers Garden Club.



THREE RIVERS VISITS PLANT LIFE NURSERY



CELEBRATING 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF
GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

TOWNVIEW VISITS LAVENDER LADYBUG FARM AND RESTORED GLENDALE CHAPEL

By Judy Howerton, Townview

A brief meeting by Townview Garden Club was held after lunch at Schroeders on April 11. For the program, we went to Pat York's, Lavender Ladybug Farm. Pat, a Townview member and Master Gardener, showed us around her farm which has 4 horses, 12 chickens and dogs and cats. Next, we strolled through her native plant gardens where she pointed out butterfly weed, sundrops, Piedmont azalea, ferns, fig tree, Siberian iris, columbine and many other natives.

Seven years ago Pat and Annie purchased adjacent property which contained an old Methodist church, Glendale Chapel, built by slaves after their emancipation. The chapel was secluded in the woods at the base of Lavender Mountain for security reasons. It served as a church, school, and community meeting house. The first church service in this chapel was in 1889.

The original building was set upon a stacked rock foundation and it collapsed as the builder tried to level the original building and shore up a sagging wall. Thus, they made the decision to reconstruct the building. It is now finished and true to its original condition it is lighted by oil burning lamps sitting on shelves around the building. It is a modest and simple structure. The pews are rustic handmade pews like the one original pew that they located. The interior walls are bead board and the windows are 6 over 9 pane windows.

After consulting with descendants of original founding fathers of the chapel, the original pulpit was located and it is now in place. The location of the wood stove near the pulpit might have encouraged congregants to take a seat near the front of the church.

A new “outhouse” was under construction while we were visiting.

The filming crew of the television show “Walking Dead” has been there to film the restoration from day one. The upcoming television documentary, “Saving Grace,” is currently being produced by Historic Rural Churches of Georgia and they have filmed at the Glendale Chapel. Look for “Saving Grace” on PBS. More history and pictures are available at www.hrcga.org.

After touring the Chapel, we walked into the nearby woods to see wildflowers, such as bluets, violets, Piedmont pink azalea, red horse chestnut, crested iris, Christmas fern and others.

This was a wonderful day to step back in time at Glendale Chapel. It brought me back to a more simple time when the congregation would have walked to church or arrived on mule drawn wagons clopping along dusty dirt roads. *If only the walls could talk.*



GLENDALE CHAPEL AFTER RESTORATION