

FEDERATED FACTS

NOVEMBER, 2014

DIANE'S DIGGINGS

What's been going on?

Over the past three weeks I have attended all seven district meetings in the state. These meetings have given me a greater appreciation of Laurel District and all the hard work you do. The Laurel District meeting was first and despite a rainy day was well attended. RFGC was recognized as Council of the Year and Camilla Garden Club was selected as the Club of the Year. I am proud to be a member of such an organization.

The dedication of a Blue Star Marker at the Visitors Center on Jackson Hill on October 5th was an inspiring event and was attended by Suzanne Wheeler, GCG president.

I want to add my personal thanks for everyone's hard work and my encouragement for it to continue and for you to apply for awards.

During the busy holiday season relax and enjoy family, friends, and garden club.

Spade and Trowel Visits Gibbs Gardens

Spade and Trowel members left Rome with rain falling as they anticipated their visit to Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground for the October 11 meeting. The rain stopped soon after arrival leaving the gardens fresh and sparkling in the sun. Some members boarded the tram for the Japanese gardens, and some strolled up the road to the Manor House. **Pictured on page 3** at the tram stop are Bea (Leslie's friend), Leslie Barrios, Susan Williams, Jane Davis, Irene Harper, Mary Kate Minge, Glenda Puckett, and Ardith Birdsong, our new member.

The Japanese Garden is over 40 acres and is the largest in the nation. The Manor House Gardens have seven flowering terraces which surround the house. The Waterlily Garden is also a featured garden. Five spring-fed ponds contain over 140 varieties of waterlilies, creating the largest natural display of waterlilies in the nation.

Spade and Trowel members had a delightful day enjoying the beauty of the gardens. They enjoyed lunch together under the tent with boxed lunches from The Arbor Café. More information about Gibbs Gardens is available at <http://gibbsgardens.com/>

Contact Diane Harbin if you need to be on 11/3 agenda.

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SEVEN HILLS

In September of 2013, Seven Hills member, Linda Sipp, along with Nancy Ware and Carrie Wilder, started a Youth Garden club with 2nd and 3rd graders at the South Rome Boys and Girls Club. Besides learning about plant makeup, students planted, tended, harvested, and used the products they grew.

This year the group is made up of 3rd through 6th graders. To start the year Carrie, working with Darlington's Dean of Students, Jennifer Helbing and teachers Chris Holloway, Patrick Collier, and Stephanie Bradshaw, arranged a work day at the Boys and Girls Club. On 26 September twenty 6th grade boys and 10 eighth grade boys participated in a Day of Community Service. They weeded and prepared gardens for planting. Linda and Carrie provided soil, soil amendment material, natural disease and pest control plus plants, seeds and tools. Nancy Ware and Erin Nida worked along with the students. Carrie taught students about planting methods and pest control.

Students enjoyed water, fruit, and granola bars provided by Linda and were so productive they had time to organize a storage closet of donated play equipment, clean the gym and put together a Halloween play house that will be decorated by the Boys and Girls club.

Thanks to Seven Hills members, Darlington School administration and staff and especially Darlington students the gardens at the Boys and Girls Club are

ready for another season of productive education.



**TONY WARREN CANCER
CENTER WREATHS**

**WREATH FORMS WERE
DISTRIBUTED AT THE
AUGUST RFGC MEETING.
THEY SHOULD BE ON
DISPLAY NO LATER THAN**

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RAHM TREES

**THE TREES AT THE ROME HISTORY MUSEUM
WILL NOT BE ON DISPLAY THIS YEAR!!
RENOVATIONS OF THE RAHM PROMPTED
THE NEED TO CANCEL OUR ANNUAL
ACTIVITY.**



Spade and Trowel visit Gibbs Garden



CALENDAR

- November 3 – RFGC Meeting
- November 3 -4 – Environmental Studies School, Tifton
- December 9 – 10 State Awards Committee Meeting
- 2015:
- January 5 RFGC Meeting
- January 12 President’s Workshop, Suzanne Wheeler, Garden Center
- January 14 – 15 State Board Meeting, Rome
- January 21 North Georgia Native Plant Symposium – Athens

November 3, 2014	Three Rivers	Refreshments
December, 2014	Seven Hills	Trash Bags: Kitchen and Bath
January 5, 2015	Mountain View	Refreshments

HAPPY 65TH BIRTHDAY TOWNVIEW



Townview Garden Club was found in 1949. It has continued to be active for 65 years. The membership celebrated the birthday at the Rome Federated Garden Center. Ann Culpepper presented historic information to the members after the business meeting.



**SARAH HIGHTOWER
REGIONAL LIBRARY
SCHEDULE**

October 21 – November 3	African Violet Study Group
November 4 – November 17	Lavender View
November 18 – December 1	Mountain View
December 2 – December 15	Seven Hills
December 16 – December 29	Spade & Trowel
December 30– January 13	Thistle

DIRECTIONS



*The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
And
The State of Georgia
Cordially Invite you to the Dedication
Of a
BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER
A tribute to all members, Past, Present and Future
Of the Armed Forces of the United States of America
Friday, November 7, 2014
11:00 A.M.
In The West Tower Lobby of the
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building
205 Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive
Atlanta, Georgia*

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Pete Hackney Parking Deck

162 Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive

Open Monday-Friday, 6:00 AM-9:30 PM.

To access the Floyd Building, there is a bridge on the 5th level of the parking deck. Once you cross the bridge, take the stairs or elevator to the 3rd level and cross over another bridge to enter the building. Only individuals with State issued I.D.s will be allowed access to the building. We are located in the West Tower.

MARTA: Take the **Georgia State** station on the east/west line. The station in the Floyd Building when you exit the train you will go up the escalator to gain access to the building. You will be required to show a Photo ID. Once you have entered the building you will turn right and head to the elevator bay and take the elevator to the 20th floor.

Traveling south on I-75/85: Exit at #248A, Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive. Turn right onto Martin Luther King, turn right onto Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive, then right into the Pete Hackney parking lot.

Traveling East I-20: Exit at #256B, Windsor/Spring Street. At the third traffic light, turn left onto Central Avenue, and then turn right on Memorial Drive. Go to the second traffic light and turn left onto Capitol Avenue. Turn right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Turn left onto Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive. The parking deck is on the right.



Ban the Bag

Part 1:

Ask the members of your garden club to support the Ban-the-Bag project by signing up to show support for Suzanne Wheeler's special project. You can then email me the **name of the garden club, the city, the District, and county**. By signing up the member is only saying she supports Suzanne's project for responsible use of plastic bags. Please send the names of the members, and I will add the names to our lists.

(Photo above: Rockdale County Master Gardeners presented a tote bag crocheted from shopping bags! Really attractive!! And strong!)

Part 2:

We are asking that in the month of **November that garden clubs have a Ban-the-Bag project**. The project could take many directions, for example:

1. A club could schedule a clean-up day in a park, campus, highway, trail, and any public place that is used or seen by the community. The idea to clean up the clutter caused by loose plastic bags in the community
2. A club might participate, or begin, a recycling project to have plastic bags picked up and recycled.
3. Someone told me this idea at a District Meeting, and I love it, the club members save plastic bags, bring them to the monthly meeting, and someone delivers the bags to the community food bank for reuse.
4. Any project that focuses on the re-use of the plastic bag.
5. Some clubs are using plastic bags for craft projects. This could also be collecting plastic bags and giving the bags to a senior group, or school group to reuse in craft projects
5. Sponsor a youth poster contest for BAN-the-BAG
6. Present a program on BAN-the-BAG to clean up the community
7. Your own unique idea

When Suzanne introduced the project she focused on removing the unwanted plastic bags from cluttering our land, and waters. She also stressed the use of alternative bags whenever possible. Any project that focuses on cleaning the environment of the clutter of plastic bags; removing plastic bags that may be harmful to wildlife, or aquatic life; focuses on the creative re-use of the plastic bag.

Part 3:

To be able to submit all BAN-the-BAG projects to Suzanne, we ask you to send us any newspaper clippings and/or newsletter clippings about your project; Also, please send a brief description of your project. Please include the number of participants in the project.

Article provided by:

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Barbara Keadle Johnson
Chairmen, BAN-the-BAG

Conservation Pledge: "I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promise education so we may become better caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife." **Notes:** Federated Facts is compiled by Kathy Donahue. November is the focus month for conservation. One of the projects of the GCG President, Suzanne Wheeler, is Ban the Bag. The above information was sent statewide to give members ideas of how to participate in this project.