



Townview Garden Club members worked with the activities director and residents at Roman Court Assisted Living for a presentation on container plants. Members had the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Ila Jones, 111 years old, a former teacher.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden Center October, 2014	Spade and Trowel	Cleaning Supplies: Dish Detergent, Liquid Counter Cleaner
November 3,	Three Rivers	Refreshments
<b>Library Schedule</b>		
September 23 – October 6		Townview
October 7 – October 20		Camellia
October 21 – November 3		African Violet

**Next RFGC meeting: November 4, 2014:  
Marie Purser, Laurel District  
Community Wildlife Chairman**

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. Theme 2013-2015

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



FEDERATED FACTS, OCT, 2014

### NGC Conservation Pledge



I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet Earth and promise to promote education so we may become better caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.



The Rome Federated Garden Club website, prepared and managed by Don and Judy Howerton, has a garden feature. The most recent addition to the garden link is D'Ann Downey's, RFGC Vice President, garden. Remember to check out the website [www.romefederatedgardenclubs.org](http://www.romefederatedgardenclubs.org) for more photographs. Also remember to send information to Judy Howerton for your club page. Each club may put information that you want available to the public.

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GCG State President present information on awards to RFGC members on September 8 at the Garden Center.

## THE 66<sup>TH</sup> COOSA VALLEY FAIR OCT 1 - OCT. 5

Linda Sipp, 7 Hills, and Rita Smith, Mountain View, have stepped up to construct the exhibit for the Coosa Valley Fair. The RFGC booth will be in the exhibition hall and will compete in the community area. Along with the booth entry, members of the RFGC will submit entries for their individual clubs in the annual Flower Show. Members of the RFGC will act as judges and clerks. Make an effort to see the booth and the flower show.



The Laurel District Meeting will be held in Canton on Oct 14. Every member is invited. The Registration is due on Oct 2. If you need a copy of the registration form you can access the Laurel District Website through [www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com](http://www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com) click on links go to garden club of Georgia and then to the

Diane's Diggings

Fall is here and it is the beginning of a busy holiday season.

When I was at the GCG state board meeting, there was a PowerPoint presentation on community gardens and Cultivating Young Minds was prominently mentioned. Linda Sipp continues to work with the staff at the South Rome Boys and Girls Club and Cultivating Young Minds. I encourage members to contact Linda and get involved with our continuing Federation project. She is willing to share her experiences and help other clubs start and maintain youth clubs.

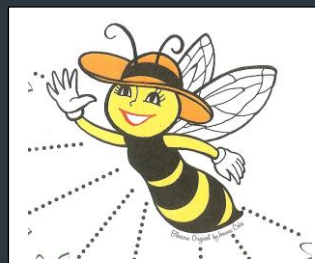
Your yearbook awards applications are due October 15; other awards December 1. Enter and enjoy garden club.



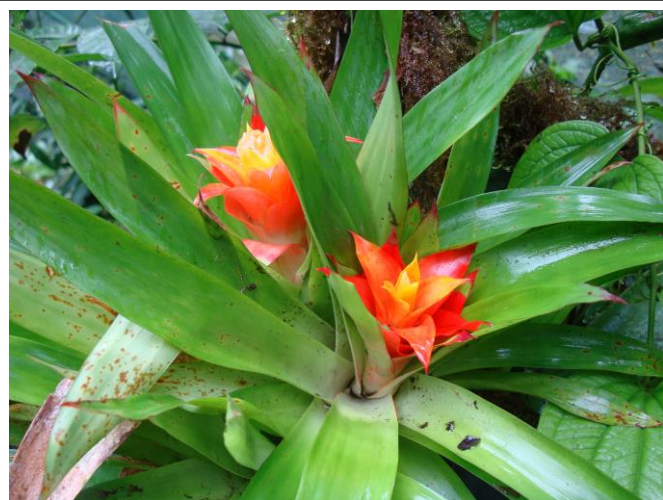
## CWP CERTIFICATION AND PLAQUE

The GCG Board approved the purchase of 100 signs initially. Anyone who has a Certified Yard is eligible to purchase one at the subsidized price of \$5.00. A few signs will be available at the October District Meetings. Or, contact Kathryn Allen direct to have one mailed direct prior to October 1 at a nominal fee of \$5.30, including the cost of the mailer, anywhere in Georgia.

The CWP forms and instructions for submitting to DNR for approval are on the Garden Club of Georgia website.



Remember that Townview member, Jo Hernandez, will participate in an arts festival at Gibbs Garden October 14.



**Network Day Service Center, Inc.** cordially invites all Federation Garden Club members to join us as we celebrate 60 years of service to Rome and Floyd County. A very meaningful part of our facility and program is our beautiful Helen Hayes Cobb Therapy Garden. The Therapy Garden was the 2004-2005 Federation Project. Without your hard work our Therapy Garden would not have been possible. Please help us celebrate!

Network Day Service Center, Inc.  
**October 9, 2014**  
**4:00pm -- 6:30pm**  
**402 West Tenth Street**

At the September meeting of **Seven Hills Garden Club**, members Kimberly Prusakowski and Paige Swiger gave us tips on how to find items to enhance our tablescapes. From a length of cloth, a glass dome, a lantern, candles, or even an old milk jug to treasures from the garden - cones, vines, sticks, and flowers - we can enhance our table decor. Designs can easily be changed to suit the month, season, or special holiday with just a few additions or deletions. Be brave and enjoy a beautiful table setting designed by you.

Are you in need of a gift during the fall? The "good Earth" cookbook made by the Rome Federated Garden Clubs is available. Please contact your president to get one. Remember the "Belk's Charity Sale" is November 8. RFGC will need workers on that Saturday. The tickets are also available through your president.

### The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Invites  
**YOU**  
to participate in the



### NGC YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

### The 2015 Contest

Theme is

**"Good Stewards  
of Our Earth"**

RFGC member clubs need entries in the contest!



Ongoing projects with Montessori School of Rome by Townview members provide interaction with young gardeners and beauty to the community. Left, a MSOR primary student works on a picnic table for the garden area.



### Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2015 National Garden Clubs, Inc., Poster Contest!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.

#### SMOKEY SAYS: ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!" encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

#### WOODSY SAYS: LEND A HAND, CARE FOR THE LAND!

Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment.

He challenges children to "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!" and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste; planting and caring for trees; using resources wisely; and not littering.

## You are invited

**Three Rivers Garden Club,  
Xavier Chapter NSDAR,  
City of Rome  
Blue Star Marker  
Dedication  
Sunday  
October 5, 2014  
2pm  
Rome Convention  
and Visitors Bureau**



## OCTOBER GARDENING

Regularly rake up fallen leaves from the lawn and among plants in the borders. Leaves left lying around plants can encourage slugs and snails. It seems to be something of a tradition to burn leaves in the fall, but this is a waste of a valuable commodity. As an alternative, create a container for autumn leaves in which they can be left to decompose for a year or two. The result will be the most wonderful organic matter, known as leafmold, to use a mulch or a soil conditioner. Leaves can be mixed with other material and put on the compost pile, but if you want leafmold, then they will need a heap of their own. Create a homemade bin for leaves. By making the bin, leaves will not be blown away.