



*"Making the World More Beautiful
One Seed at a Time..."*

September 2015

Federated Facts



News from our Garden Muse(s)

Marla and I are excited and humbled to be your new Rome Federation Co-Presidents! We are charting new ground as the first co-presidents. Change is good and hopefully we will have good changes in store for our term in office.

We've started off with an Executive Board meeting the day after Day in May at the Boys and Girls Club. At the meeting we told the Executive Board we were dedicating our term in office to our friend, Elizabeth Neal. Our flower will be the daffodil, Dutch Master, pictured at the bottom of the page. Marla and I want to involve all the garden clubs in the RFGC. Garden Club members have been becoming fewer. We want to have more social interactions among the clubs...the Christmas tea at Ansley's home will be the one for the entire Federation...let's make Garden Club THE place to be involved in our community.

As you will find out from your Presidents, the Federation needs fundraisers to make ends meet so that we can continue to educate and beautify our community. Therefore, the executive board has voted to sell daffodil bulbs as one of our fundraisers. The bulbs are being sold in the eastern area of GA and people clamor for them!! I hope all of you will be excited and purchase many bulbs, as we beautify Floyd County with these wonderful bulbs. They will be available at your October meetings.

The Rome Federation has sponsored one of a series of four Gardening Study Courses that will be held in Rome. Once the four courses have been completed and passed, the participant will become a National Garden Club recognized Garden Consultant. We had a great group for our first course and learned much from the talented Rome, GA instructors! The delicious food was provided by the Seven Hills Garden Club and the Mountain View Garden Club.

We have an exciting year ahead and many opportunities for all the Federation members. Please join with Marla and me as we strive to "Make the World more Beautiful, One Seed at a Time through Education, Sharing and Love."

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Seven Hills Celebrates 90 Years

“To advance gardening, to promote city beautification, to stimulate an interest in cooperative gardening, and to aid in the protection of forests, wild flowers, birds, and streams.”

For ninety years Seven Hills Garden Club has continued to follow this objective. Since its first program meeting in April 1925, the club has remained active through involvement in many projects and endeavors especially the Rome Library Garden. In 1930 Carnegie Library became the site of the first Garden Center in Rome. In 1958 Carnegie Library Board asked Seven Hills to help establish an outdoor reading room. With the help of University of Georgia architecture students, the garden was designed and executed. Our club received the Parks, Civic Gardens, and Historic Improvement trophy for our efforts at the Library. When Sarah Hightower Regional Library was built in 1987 Seven Hills was again asked to create an outdoor reading room. University of Georgia worked with Seven Hills to establish the garden, and under the guidance of John Shultz members donated plants, painted furniture and worked to create the garden we see today. It is a constant project as Seven Hills members continue to weed, trim, and plant to keep the garden a welcoming place for the citizens of Rome.

Since our 85th anniversary Seven Hills has been very active with the South Rome Boys and Girls Club. Seven Hills members meet monthly with a youth group to teach students about planting and growing produce and flowers. Children enjoy harvesting and eating their crops.

Another small group of members spends time weeding, trimming and planting flowers at Family Resource Center, a Rome agency that works to prevent child abuse through classes and interaction with families.

Being the oldest Garden Club in Rome and third oldest in Georgia, Seven Hills has had a close association with City, County and State. Seven Hills organized Rome Federated Garden Clubs (the Federation) in 1940 with two of its members, Mrs. Aubrey Matthews and Mrs. Byard Quigg, being the first presidents. Seven Hills Garden Club is also a charter member in the formation of the State Garden Club of Georgia in 1928. “Garden Gateways” first editor, Mrs. Calder Willingham, was one our members. This magazine is still received quarterly by all garden club members.

Additional local activities include Blue Star Markers; the establishment of the Network Day Service Center Therapy Garden, a Federation project, in 2005; the planting of dogwood trees, magnolias, water oaks, and redbuds throughout the city and surrounding area; flower show schools; a school litter program puppet show: Marshall Forest - original 30 acres of virgin forest donated by Miss Helen Marshall, a charter member of Seven Hills; and many other endeavors both local and state.

Seven Hills has a long, impressive history and continues to be a strong, active club working to keep Rome a beautiful and welcoming city for both residents and visitors. HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY.

Submitted by: Sheelah Schreiber

Seven Hills Garden Club President 2009-2011



At their final meeting of the year, the former presidents of Seven Hills gathered around a special anniversary cake celebrating 90 years of active service.



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During National Gardening week, the Federation took a potted plant to the County Commissioners meeting. The National Garden Week proclamation was read. Attendees: Caroline Alford, Marla Janes, Ansley Saville.

Caroline Alford, Mountain View Garden Club; Dr. John Barnett, Three Rivers Garden Club, Leigh Barba, RAHM Director; Marc Weed; and Mimi Weed



The Rome Area History Museum (RAHM) celebrated "National Garden Week" by donating \$650.00 to Marshall Forest Preservation and Forest Entry improvements.

A check was presented Wednesday to Marc Weed who, as part of his father Robert's legacy, helps with forest and trail Maintenance. The check was made out to the Garden Club of Georgia; which is a group that works alongside the "Nature Conservancy", a federal entity, to carry out Marshall Forest projects on a local level.

This donation was a contribution from the Rome Area History Museum, in honor of the late Robert Weed, as a part of their Spring Museum Membership Drive. In addition to helping the Marshall Forest, the history museum also created and paid for panels that are now installed at the Rome/Floyd ECO Center.



Garden Study School, Session 1, sponsored by the Laurel District was a huge success. Attendees were treated to 2 days worth of invaluable gardening techniques and talks. Three additional sessions will be sponsored for 2015-2016.

A special thanks to Seven Hills and Mountainview for supplying breakfast and lunch to attendees during Session 1.



Special Announcements

Daffodils are the theme and we have loads of huge daffodil bulbs ready to be added to your fall garden. So easy to maintain, deer and pest resistant and blooming into a bouquet of sunshine in early spring, these bulbs come straight from the grower and will be the **Federated Fundraiser for 2015**

Each member is asked to purchase
3 bulbs for \$10

Dutch Master Daffodil



That equals three (3) Dutch Master, mammoth-sized bulbs and at least a couple of decades worth of springtime happiness. Buy them for yourself, buy them for a friend, or buy them for a community service project. These flowers won't disappoint, they are a staple in southern spring gardens.

Division:	Trumpet
Height:	16 inches
Sunlight:	Full
Bulb Size:	16cm+
Soil:	Well drained
Bloom Time:	Early
Depth:	6 inches
USDA Zones:	3-7
Density:	4-5 per sq. ft.

Special Offer: \$30 Gift Basket

We have created the perfect gift basket for you!

The basket comes ready to give with daffodil bulbs and the world-renowned "Blessings from the Good Earth" RFGC Cookbook plus other gardening goodies. Limited number of baskets available, order now by emailing Carrie Wilder, Corresponding Secretary RFGC

carrie@riverperch.com

A limited supply of **\$15 Cookbook** "Blessings from the Good

Earth" cookbooks are available to purchase online. There are not many of these great cookbooks left, so place your order now!

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Featured Articles

AS A TOWNVIEW MEMBER, WHO DO YOU BELONG TO?

by: Judy Howerton, President of Townview Garden Club

This article was featured in the August 2015 Townview Newsletter

1st- Townview belongs to Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. made up of 9 clubs in Rome. Ansley Saville and Marla Jane are the Co-Presidents for 2015-2017. Their theme is: "Make the World more Beautiful One Seed at a Time Through Education, Sharing and Love."



Ansley Saville, President; Marla Jane, Co-President; Jane Davis, Second V.P.; Mary Louise Dixon, Third V.P., Barbara Ivey, Fourth V.P.; Jeanettia Rush, Recording Secretary; Ruth Martin, Treasurer; and unavailable for photo Carrie Wilder, Corresponding Secretary, and Caroline Alford, Parliamentarian.

2nd- Federated belongs to the Laurel District. Laurel was established in 1959 and is one of the 7 Districts in Georgia. The presiding officer of the Laurel District is Edna McClellan. She is the District Director. Edna's theme is: "Nurture the Beauty of Our Gardens."



*Edna McClellan, President
Laurel District*

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. Martha Price is the President and her theme is: "Sowing Seeds of Knowledge Reaps Conservation with Beauty."

4th- The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a member of Deep South Region. It includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. The presiding officer is the Regional Director. Carol Bullard is the Regional Director and her theme is: "Service through Action." Deep South has a Unified Regional Project and it is "Community Action."



*Martha Price, President
The Garden Club of GA*

5th- The Deep South Region plus 7 other regions make up the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The presiding officer is the President of NGC. She is Sandra M. Robinson from Kentucky. Her theme is: "Service in Action."

Garden Club of Georgia has 10,982 members, 378 clubs.

The National Garden Club has 200,000 members and 6,000 garden clubs.

Featured Articles

Garden Study School attended by Spade and Trowel Members

by: Irene Harper, Spade and Trowel Garden Club

Donna Knighten and Jane Davis attended the first course of Gardening Study School held in Rome in early August. They studied the wonders of botany and propagation and went home with a container of plants to root. The purpose of the Gardening Study Course is to bring an understanding and a beginning knowledge of basic gardening and horticulture to each student. There are four courses offered in two-day sessions. Upon completion of all four courses, passing the exams, and complying with all requirements, National Garden Club members become Qualified National Garden Clubs Accredited Gardening Consultants.



Pictured are Donna Knighten, Jane Davis, and Jane Slickman, bonsai instructor

Irene Harper, Spade and Trowel Awards Chairman, attended the Laurel District Awards Workshop held in Ellijay on August 20. Clubs were instructed in applying for awards and urged to apply. Pictured

Spade and Trowel is gearing up for a new year with a program at the September meeting on entering horticulture in the Coosa Valley Fair. Jane Davis will present the program.



Jackie Fulmer, GCC Awards Chairman; Edna McClellan, Laurel District Chairman, Martha Price, President GCG, and Irene Harper



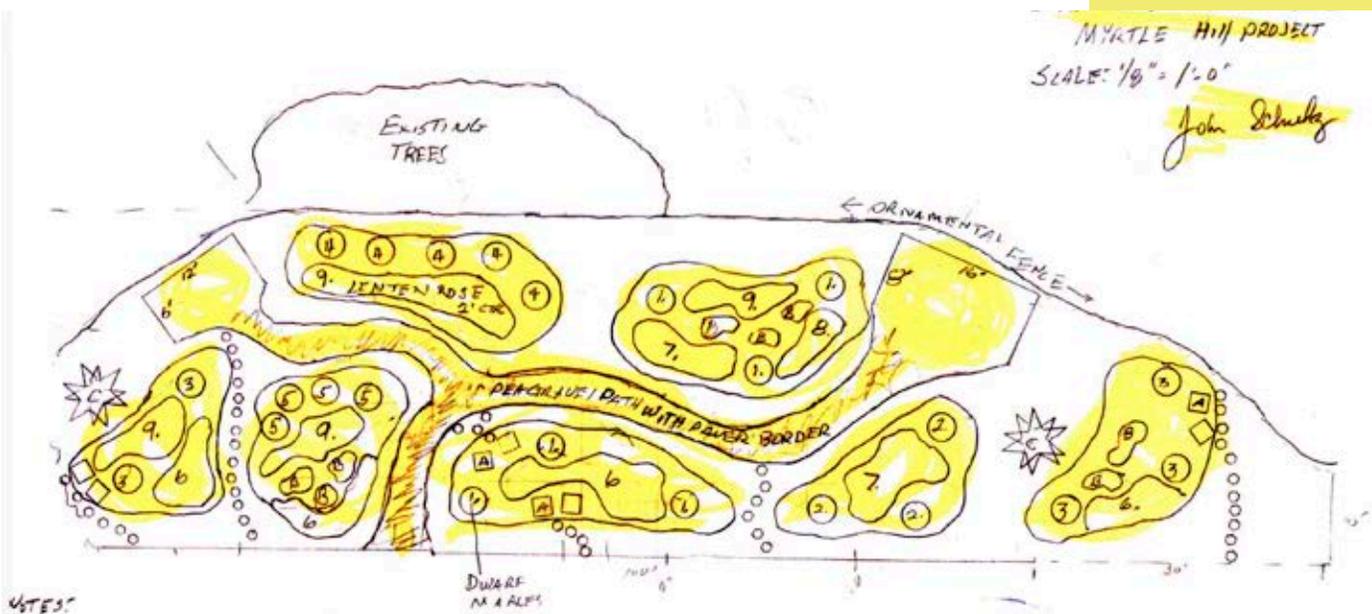
Myrtle Hill Serenity Garden
Located near the Mausoleum at Myrtle Hill Cemetery
Community Project 2015-2017
Thistle Garden Club
Barbara Ivy & Nancy Davis, Project Chairmen

The project is the construction of a meditation/serenity garden located on the lower entrance to Myrtle Hill Cemetery and to the upper right of the Mausoleum.

The garden is a vision of John Schultz. The design envisions a thematic approach with ties to our beautiful and interesting city. Seven berms will represent the seven hills: Myrtle, Mount Aventine, Old Shorter Hill, Clock Tower, Lumpkin, Blossom and Jackson. Winding pebbled paths will represent the three rivers: Oostanaula, Etowah and the Coosa.

The city of Rome and John Schultz will provide the hardscapes, benches, plantings, and labor. Other plant materials will be donated by interested parties including Lenten Roses, Liriope and other fabulous plants. Thistle and the member clubs of the Rome Federated Garden Clubs will be responsible for providing the Seven Hills of Rome plaques or signage for each berm. Memorial pavers will be available for sale to the public.

A special thanks to John Schultz for initiating this wonderful project, the City of Rome for providing support and labor, and to Mike McDougal for donating antebellum gates and fencing.



State Garden Club



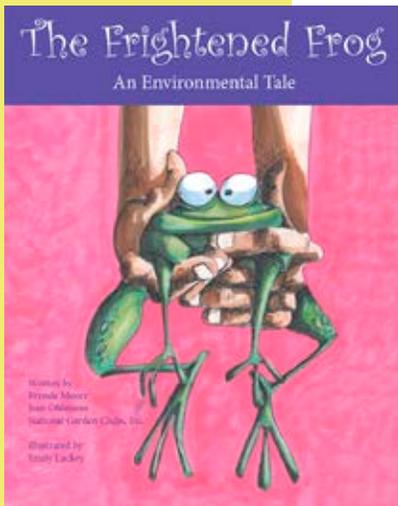
[Click here to view the video.](#)

Ronald McDonald House- Please continue collecting aluminum can tops, cans and soda tops. This is a continuing project and a District Level Competition supporting a great cause. Turn your cleaned cans, tops and lids into your President to be delivered to the Federation.

Check this out! **The Garden Club of Georgia** partnered with the Office of the Governor and the Department of Economic Development to produce a video for Garden Week in Georgia, introduced by Governor and Mrs. Nathan Deal, and also featuring Caroline Silcox, former President of the Garden Club of Georgia (2011-2013).

National Garden Club

MANY AWARDS AVAILABLE for participation in this easy youth program.
Order now! [Click Here!](#)



The Frightened Frog K-4 Children's Book
Item #: 1342
Price/ea: \$15.00

How much do you know about frogs and amphibians? About the world they live in? Come with us on a journey of learning about frogs, amphibians and their habitat!

"The Frightened Frog" is an early reader book written to educate elementary children about the environmental issues affecting amphibians. It includes Fun Frog Facts, a story describing the challenges of being a frog, and ways children can Leap Into Action to help protect, preserve and support frog and amphibian habitats in their own backyards!

National Garden Clubs, Inc. encourages you to read and discuss *The Frightened Frog* with the children in your life. Even better, take them on a quest to find an egg mass, tadpoles, frogs and other amphibians. Become an environmental hero! Sit and listen while enjoying the mystery and magnificence of the natural world with the most important people anywhere, our children.

As parents, grandparents, and educators, we have a pivotal role in the experiences of the future stewards of the natural world. Now is not the time to hesitate, but to leap into action.

Bloomin' Responsibilities

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs will hold meetings on the following dates. Meetings are held at the Garden Center with coffee at 9:30 am followed by the business meeting at 10 am. All members of clubs involved in the Federation are welcome to attend.

Clubs providing refreshments for the federated meetings are listed and should plan for approximately 30 guests being ready by 9:15 am.

August 31, 2015 - Spade & Trowel

November 2, 2015 - Camellia

January 4, 2016 - Seven Hills

March 7, 2016 - Thistle

May 2, 2016 - Townview



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Other duties for Sept, Oct & Nov 2015

In addition to supplying refreshments for Federated meetings, each club is asked to participate in the upkeep and good maintenance of the **Garden Center** throughout the year. The following is a list of tasks/items to be performed by the responsible club. The club should also vacuum, mop, dust, and clean the restroom each month.

September 2015	Thistle	- Paper Towels and Bathroom Supplies
October 2015	Townview	- Cleaning supplies: Dish Detergent, Liquid countertop cleaner
November 2015	Camellia	- Refreshments & general cleaning

Library Display Schedule for Sept, Oct, Nov 2015

Each club is asked to make our library special and beautiful by taking an arrangement or plant to the Sara Hightower Library to be displayed at the front desk for a period of two weeks. Please attach a note to the arrangement, courtesy of your club. Please make sure to remove the arrangement at the end of your two week term.

Sept 2-15	African Violet Study Group
Sept 16-29	Camellia
Sept 30 - Oct 27	Mountain View
Oct 14-27	Seven Hills
Oct 28 - Nov 10	Spade and Trowel
Nov 11- 24	Thistle
Nov 25-Dec 8	Three Rivers

Want your club to be featured in the Federated Newsletter?
Send photos and summary articles to Carrie Wilder,
Corresponding Secretary, via email or click the link below.
Share with us all the great things your club is doing!
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