

FEDERATED FACTS

CELEBRATING SOUTHERN STYLE

The 86th Annual Meeting of The Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc.

The Macon Marriot City Center was the location of the GCG State Convention. The RFGC had many members attend the meeting. Awards received by the RFGC or member clubs are listed below:

National Garden Club Awards

#13-2-Ai: Educational Publication 1st Townview "Tree Talk"

#53B Website (Council)

1st RFGC, GCG

1st RFGC, NGC, Best Overall

Deep South Region Award:

7-i: Litter Control: 2nd Townview

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Awards

#7: Special Achievement: 3rd Townview

#10 1.A.i Garden Therapy: 2nd Townview
3rd Three Rivers

#10 1B: Garden Therapy: 1st RFGC
(Trophy Winner)

#16 A Yearbook:

Clubs of 20 – 29: 1st Townview

HM Spade and Trowel

Club of 70 – 99: 1st Seven Hills

Trophy Winner Seven Hills

#16B: 5- 15 clubs: 1st RFGC

#19.i Horticulture Award

1st Spade and Trowel

Trophy Award

#25, A-2 Scrapbook, CD, 2nd Townview

#26, Poem Award, Class B

1st Kathy Donahue, Townview "Joy"

#28B: Publicity Press Book: 2nd RFGC

#37Ai (newsletter): 2nd Spade and Trowel
3rd Three Rivers

HM Townview

#37 B: 1st, RFGC (Newsletter-Council)

#37 b.2.i: (Tree Talk Manual)

Educational; 1st Townview

#37b5Ai: (Membership Brochure)

1st Three Rivers

2nd Townview

#40 Ai; Gardens for the Challenged:

1st Townview

#43Ai: Litter and Pollution Control Award

1st Townview

#46Ai: Public Relations Awards

1st Townview

#49B: Holiday Decorations Councils-
2nd RFGC

#53B Website (Council)

1st RFGC, GCG

1st RFGC, NGC, Best Overall

#58 A Junior Club Leadership Activities

2nd Townview, Sharon Norman

#59Ai: High School Gardeners

Activities Award

1st Townview (Trophy Winner)

#60Ai: Garden Week in Georgia

1st Three Rivers (Overall Winner)

3rd Townview

#H2 High School Gardener Yearbook

1st Townview (Trophy Winner)



Whooooo attended GCG?

Camellia: Ann Bridges and Jackie Fulmer
 Hoe'n in Euharlee: DeRee Moore and Marie Purser
 Mountain View: Caroline Alford and Donna Barnes
 Rome AfricanViolet Study Group: John Barnett
 Thistle: Carolyn Walker
 Three Rivers: John Barnett, Diane Harbin, and Winnie Holland
 Townview: Kathy Donahue

Federated Garden Clubs Showcase Gardens

Presented by D'Ann Downey

Each of the eight gardens is judged three times a year based on first impression (50 points), maintenance (35 points), and creativity (15 points). There is also space on the judging forms for the judges to make comments. At the end of the year in May, the results are totaled and awards are given to the garden clubs at the Rome Federated Meeting. The gardens are divided into Gardens in the Parks and Community Gardens. There are four in each category. The winners this year are:

Overall Winner goes to Three Rivers Garden Club who had the highest rating of all the Gardens in the Parks and Community Gardens. In the category of Gardens in the Parks the first place winner Three Rivers, second place Thistle, third place Seven Hills and honorary mention Townview. The winners in the Community Gardens were: first place Mountain View, second place Lavender View, third place Camellia and honorary mention Spade and Trowel. Certificates were given to the clubs at the May 5 Federation meeting. The overall winning club's name is placed on a plaque that stays in the Garden Center. The most frequently mentioned comment from the judges about the gardens in terms of need for improvement was maintenance.

In the upcoming year, I would like to have feedback as to what you would like to know about your gardens from the judges. It might be interesting to ask from an outsider's opinion, what their ideas might be in terms of re-design of the garden areas, specifics about what would add "wow" appeal. It is easy for us to have blinders on and not see our gardens through fresh lenses. To be on a cutting edge of growth, it may be important to obtain more detailed information from the judges about their ideas. Let me hear your thoughts and ideas. The judging forms can certainly be redesigned.

Diane's Diggings

RFGC was well represented at the Garden Club of Georgia convention in Macon overall the convention was well attended and well run. I was particularly pleased with the number of and the quality of awards won by the clubs in Rome and I think the other attendees were impressed also. The GCG ended the sessions with the life membership luncheon. Kathy Donahue was recognized as a new recipient for life member in The Garden Club of Georgia and The Deep South Region.

A few special notes: The RFGC website, (Entry number 63A) www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com, was the first place national overall winner receiving a monetary amount of \$100. Special thanks to Don and Judy Howerton for their time, expertise, knowledge and willingness to see Rome shine on a national level. Townview's entry for 13-2-A-I (educational) Tree Talk won first place at the NCG. The tree talk booklet was designed by Kathy Donahue, Townview President, to be used at the monthly meetings. The booklet focused on native Georgia trees.

Youth has been a focus in the theme of this administration. It is thrilling to know that Sharon Norman, Townview Garden Club, received 2nd place (Certificate of Achievement) in the Junior Club Leadership Activities awards.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work this year and support of our projects. Relax and enjoy your summer.

Diane



Life membership luncheon was well attended.



Hoe'n in Eucharlee members enjoyed the awards dinner.



We were delighted to have Linda Nelson, NCG President, attend.



THE RFGC APPRECIATES ALL THE EFFORTS OF IT MEMBERS AND MEMBER CLUBS. WE ARE GREAT BECAUSE YOU ARE THE BEST!

June 8 – 15, National Garden Week

*Other dates or activities that arise will be reported to members by Federated Facts or at the website: www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com e-mail for site is rfgc@comcast.net

Garden Center:

June, 2014	Three Rivers	Trash Bags: Kitchen and Bath
July, 2014	Townview	Paper Towels and Bathroom Supplies
August 25, 2014	Camellia	Refreshments

May 20 – June 2	Hoe'n in Euharlee
June 3 – June 16	Camellia
June 17 – June 30	African Violet Study Group
July 1 – July 14	Lavender View
July 15 – July 28	Mountain View
July 29 – August 11	Seven Hills

Library
Arrangement

More Federated Facts will come in July. We hope to see you at any special activities and in August at the first RFGC meeting for 2014-2015. Do take photos of your National Garden Week Activities and send them to Kathy Donahue, editor, gardenclub1315@comcast.net for use in the July Facts.