

THE FEDERATED FACTS

"Encourage Conservation, Educate Youth, Enjoy Garden Club"

May, 2015

GCG'S 2015 CONVENTION, Georgia's Coastal Magic

The convention was truly magical. The weather was grey and cloudy but the atmosphere in the convention center was warm and friendly, as gardeners from all over Georgia met to celebrate the year in gardening. The Rome Federated Garden Clubs Inc. was well represented. Attending were: Diane Harbin, RFGC President, and her husband, Banny; John Barnett, RFGC 4th Vice-President and the State Chaplain, Kathy Donahue, RFGC Treasurer, and her husband Al; Donna Barnes,

President
of Mountain
View
Garden
Club,
Marie
Purser,
CWP Chair-
person
and
President
of the Hoe'n
in
Club;
Euharlee
Camellia
Bridges,



President
View
Club,
Purser,
person
President
in
Club; Ann
Camellia

Garden Club and State Garden Therapy Treasurer; Carolyn Walker, Thistle Garden Club; Caroline Alford, Mountain View Garden Club and Laurel District Treasurer; Jackie Fulmer, Camellia Garden Club and Laurel District Director, Ginger Noble, Camellia Garden Club and her husband Robert, Ansley Saville and Marla Janes, Co-Presidents Seven Hills Garden Club. It was an exciting time. All the meetings were special. Personally, the awards was a thrill. We had so many winners from the Rome area. It was a wonderful feeling to hear the presenter announce "Well, Rome swept that category." We were exited that Oak Hill's Restoration Gardens received a special award and that Tim Brown made the trip to Jekyll to







DIANE'S DIGGINGS

GCG's 2015
Convention,
Georgia's Coastal
Magic, was held on
Jekyll Island, April
15-17th. Rome was
well represented
with club members,
spouses and
awards. What a way
to end a term!
2013-2015 has been
a magical time for
me. RFGC has
grown in
membership,
leadership, and
friendship. As we
continue to support
our 2015-2017
officers remember
Encourage
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Diane

accept the award. Thank you for all your support and encouragement, Kathy Donahue Federated Facts Editor 2013-2015. Below is a listing of the awards won by RFGC and photos from the conference. Special thanks to Banny Harbin, who has provided support and encouragement during the past two years.

Rome Federated Garden Club Awards, 2015

Guide #	Description	Place
10B GCG	Garden Therapy	1st
57B GCG	Intermediate Activities	1st
13 B GCG	Civic Improvement	1st
33b DSR	Yearbook Award	1st
16B2 GCG	Yearbook Award	1st
39A2 GCG	Marker Award	1st
37 A2B GCG	Publications manual	1st
37A2B GCG	Publications—newsletter	1st
8B GCG	Conservation	Honorable Mention
		
		

DAY IN MAY NOTE: THERE IS ADDITIONAL PARKING AT THE FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THERE IS A SIDE WALK AND A SHUTTLE WILL BE AVAILABLE AS NEEDED. DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIPS? It is not too late.



Arrangements on display at the Convention Center



The director of the Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll gave so much information. At the right is a photo of a turtle made of trash recovered from the ocean.



John and Diane visit at GCG Convention.



1:Jackie Fulmer gave the final district report; 2: Banny, Diane pose with Gloria Blake, DSR Director, and Martha Price, GCG State President; 3: Diane, a Townview Garden Club member and president of the RFGC, installed as the GCG 4th Vice-President. Diane's responsibility will focus on membership.

Banny Harbin, a supporter of RFGC, poses with Donna Barnes and Diane.



Calendar:
 May 4 RFGC Meeting/Day in May/Boys and Girls Club
 May 12 – 18 NGC Convention, Louisville, KY

April 22 – May 5	Spade & Trowel
May 6 – May 19	Thistle
May 20 – June 2	Three Rivers
Library Arrangements	

Final thoughts:

As president of the RFGC, I have been amazed at the many talents that our members have. They range from flower judging, to working with youth, computer skills, community involvement and much more. As I took on the task of working with the Deep South Awards, I was thrilled with the entries from our local clubs and the federation. These past two years have been memorable in many ways. I tip my hat to three of our RFGC members who placed at the GCG convention in the poem category. Janet Byington won 2nd with her "Ode to the Daffodil", Kathy Donahue placed 3rd with her "Marker", and Betty Ellington won Honorable Mention with "Activity in the Garden". I hope you will read these three poems written by Roman Gardeners at the Day in May Celebration.

As I reflect on the Garden Club of Georgia State Convention, I must salute those who took the time to attend and those who took the time to enter the awards. Rome was well represented. We had winners from Camellia, Lavender View, Three Rivers, Seven Hills, Hoe'n in Euharlee, and Townview. Of this group, Townview was definitely the club with the most awards in part to the concentration that Kathy Donahue placed on awards. According to Kathy, winning was not the objective. The objective was participation and encouragement for all the members. How excited I was to see Kathy win first place in the Junior Leadership Award. During her presidency of Townview Garden Club, Kathy's theme was Townview YaYas: In bloom to educate, enhance and excite through gardening. Surely she and her YaYas accomplished this goal as they worked with the Floyd County Career and College Academy whose yearbook won 1st place and the Montessori School of Rome, who school improvement project won 1st place in the Deep South Region. Townview also won 3rd at DSR in the Special Achievement Award. Kathy's computer skills enabled the RFGC to win 1st in the Yearbook Award and the Newsletter Award. Many of the items that this president has been able to send out came from Kathy's imagination and skills.

As I undertake the task, opportunity, of being GCG 4th Vice-President, I look forward to working with Kathy to produce items that will be used around the state to encourage membership. As this administration ends, I know that Kathy and Townview will continue to be active and involved because they have taken my theme to heart: "Encourage Conservation, Educate Youth, Enjoy Garden Club", as they won Litter and Pollution DSR Award, the above mentioned youth awards, and they have a great time at meetings.



As Penny Pines, the mascot that I will use for membership, and I go forth to the 2015-2017 term of office, I hope that you will support each other, continue the work of the clubs and keep my theme, "Encourage Conservation, Educate Youth, Enjoy Garden Club", in mind. Thanks for all you have done. *Diane*

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