

FEDERATED FACTS

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

September, 2014

AWARDS WORKSHOP. PLEASE COME!

Dear Members of Rome Federation,

Diane invited me to come and do a mini awards workshop for you, and I am looking forward to being with you again in Rome. This will be a time for you to ask very specific questions about your club projects and awards. Be sure to write your questions down so that you won't forget to ask. I realize that there was some

confusion last year, and I hope we can get things cleared up. We won't focus on what happened at the last awards banquet or what was said at the last awards workshop. We will focus, instead, on helping your club win the awards it deserves.

See you in September – remember that song?



Suzanne

Diane's Diggings:

Judy and Don Howerton gave a very informative program on our national award winning website at our first Federation meeting. RFGC works hard and has many award-winning projects. I encourage all members to attend our awards workshop Monday, September 8 at 10 AM presented by Suzanne Wheeler, GCG State President. I am looking forward to another successful year.

Diane

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Two Voice Poem 13 Ways of looking at Three Rivers Garden Club:

By Winnie Holland, President

Garden club is a road with Rose Petals.

Garden club is the Earth's Keepers.

Garden Club is a Zip Line.

Garden Club is Baskets of Flowers.

Garden club is People with Talent.

Garden Club is Friends willing to give.

Garden club fills Promises.

Garden club opens Doors.

Garden Club is Soil Tillers.

Garden Club is Banks of Wisdom.

Garden is Historians.

Garden Club gives Promise.

Garden Club gives Peace of Mind ----- Garden Club gives Peace of Mind.

An Environmental and Emotional Loss for Rome.



The ancient Hackberry Tree located in Thistle's garden site located at the corner of 6th Street and 1st Avenue did not survive Wednesday night's storm.

Members of the woodturners were called to see if any section could be used to make toys, pens, or bowls. The remnants of the tree were taken by the city for storage.

"Community on my Mind" is an exciting means of funding your Club/Council Civic Improvement project. Sponsored by Georgia Power, information and applications may be found on the Garden Club of Georgia Website under Grants/Scholarships. Further assistance may be obtained from State Chairman, Sheryl Beck, sherlecbeck@gmail.com. To date, two applications have been received leaving monies for nine recipients available.

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MONET GARDEN VISITED BY SEVEN HILLS MEMBERS

Photo taken at Central State



Summer travels took Seven Hills Garden Club members - Ansley Saville, Marla Janes, and Sheelah Schreiber - to Claude Monet's garden in Giverny, France. While travelling around the British Isles members, including Ruth Forrester, also viewed walled gardens in the Orkney Islands, Powerscourt near Dublin, the lush grounds of Blarney Castle, and the

spectacular window boxes and hanging baskets.



Garden Therapy Program

The Garden Therapy Programs purpose is to promote the therapeutic aspects of gardening. It began in 1950 and provides funds for gardening activities at state hospitals and regional psychiatrist hospitals.

Recently the program has undergone some changes. Now Garden Therapy projects of Christmas stockings, Easter eggs and Fig Leaf items may be distributed by clubs to the organization of their choice. Some suggestions are the nearest regional hospital, Central State Hospital, veterans' homes or hospitals, senior centers, nursing homes, hospitals women's shelters, Boys and Girl Club or any worthy local group.

The \$1.00 donation for each stocking and egg that was used by hospitals to buy candy for stockings and eggs has been discontinued. Instead, clubs may purchase candy or other items and place in stockings and eggs.

As of January 1, 2014, garden therapy donations of \$25.00 or more donated by March 1 for a certificate of appreciation will be distributed by application for needs at Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah, East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta and the Veterans Hospitals and Homes in Dublin, Milledgeville, Atlanta and Decatur.

For more detailed information on the Garden Therapy Program, visit the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. web site. Also for further information contact Garden Therapy State Chairman, Diane Harbin at 706-346-6510 or Garden Therapy Treasurer, Ann Bridges at 770-336-7053. Donations are to be mailed to Ann Bridges, 38 Cowan Drive SW, Cartersville, GA 30120-5301. Please enclose the Donation Voucher when sending your check.

SEPTEMBER GARDENING

The change of season may be barely perceptible to gardeners in the Deep South, while those in northern regions and higher elevations may see the gardening season come to an end as frosts arrive late in the month. Fall blooming flowers such as asters and

goldenrods reveal their colors at last; with ongoing good weather in September, their displays will accompany the fall foliage of deciduous trees and shrubs well into the month of October. The sun may seem like a fickle

friend this month, shining brightly one day and then hiding behind the cloud for days on end. This is the traditional time for taking cuttings from tender perennials such as geraniums and fuchsias. Cuttings taken now will root more quickly than later when the weather is even cooler.



Article from "Gardening Month by Month"

MARY REID'S FIELD TRIPS (TOWNVIEW)



Mary Reid joined the Townview Garden club in 2001. She has been active in Townview and has achieved the master gardener status. The

knowledge that Mary possess about plants is truly amazing. During a trip that Townview made to Gibbs garden, the comment was made that walking with Mary through the gardens was like walking with a talking encyclopedia. So many Latin phrases and technical names were used

on the many different plants.

During the summer of '14, Mary graciously opened her yard for tours for the Master Gardeners and Townview Garden Club Members. Along with the time spent with groups in her yard, she organized trips to many nurseries during the summer. Mary's yard is featured on the RFGC Website. Please check it out!

ITEMS OF INTEREST: PLEASE MAKE NOTE.

**Blue Star Marker
GCG
Dedication
Friday
November 7, 2014
11 a.m.
Pete Wheeler
Veterans Plaza
Atlanta, Georgia**

**Watch for
information on the
Blue Start Marker
for Three Rivers.
Note the listing in
the yearbook of all
the Blue Star
Markers in Rome.**

**The Coosa Valley Fair is just
around the corner. Your entries
should be taken on Sunday,
September 28 with roses being
entered on the 29th. If your
items should bloom, please
make sure that a bloom is part
of the entry.**



The Towers Plaza is located near the City Auditorium. Below is the garden planted by Mountain View as the Federated Project for 2013-2015. Watch for the announcement of the dedication of this beautiful area.



The theme for the Festival of Trees at the RAHM! Holly Jolly Christmas! Wreaths for the Tony Warren Cancer Center were distributed at the 8.25 meeting.

CALENDAR:
 September 5- 7 Yellow Daisy Flower Show, Stone Mountain
 September 8 Awards workshop, Suzanne Wheeler, Garden Center 9 - 12
 September 17 – 18 State Board Meeting, Little Ocmulgee State Park
 September 25 – 27 NGC Fall Board meeting, Des Moines, IA
 September 28 – Coosa Valley Fair Entries due, Fair Booth Set Up
 September 29 – Rose Entries for CVF

Garden Center:

September, 2014	Thistle	Paper Towels and Bathroom Supplies
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Library Arrangements:

August 26 – September 8	Thistle
September 9 – September 22	Three Rivers
September 23 – October 6	Townview

WEBSITE FOLLOW UP FROM JUDY HOWERTON'S

Judy did a wonderful **RFGC PRESENTATION** presentation on the background and usage of the www.romefederatedgardens.com website.

Each club should send an email with each club's new 2014-2015 info for inclusion on their screen.

Hopefully all clubs will provide information to be included on the website. What an honor to win 1st in the nation but to also achieve the "best overall" award. Your participation is needed so that we can continue to have such an outstanding site.

Remember: email address is



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