

# FEDERATED FACTS

*“ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION, EDUCATE YOUTH, AND ENJOY GARDEN CLUB”*



**Janet Nutt's mixed arrangement placed at the Rome Area History Museum**



**Sue Craft – Secretary, Susan Williams – Vice-president, Billie Watson – Treasurer, Irene Harper and Jane Davis – Co-presidents.**

## **SPADE AND TROWEL CELEBRATES NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**

Spade and Trowel celebrated National Garden Week, June 2 – 8, 2013, with a variety of events. Along with other garden clubs in the Rome Federation, Spade and Trowel posted a sign in our garden plot proclaiming National Garden Week (Photo below at left). Member Janet Nutt took a mixed arrangement of cut flowers from her garden to the Rome Area History Museum (RAHM) (Photo top of page 3).

On Saturday June 8 Spade and Trowel members celebrated National Garden Week at a luncheon in the special events room of the RAHM which included a plant exchange. The 2013 – 2014 officers were installed by Mary Kate Minge, former president of Spade and Trowel and the Rome Federation. Co-presidents are Jane Davis and Irene Harper, Vice-president – Susan Williams, Secretary – Sue Craft, Treasurer – Billie Watson, and Parliamentarian – Norma Braden. (Photo bottom left). The club and incoming presidents Jane and Irene presented gifts of appreciation to Norma who was also awarded a Life Membership in Rome Federation at the Day in May.

Spade and Trowel won the use of the RAHM special events room with its winning Christmas tree in last December's "Festival of Trees." Hostesses for the meeting were Susan Williams and Irene Harper, assisted by Sue Craft.

The Laurel District meeting will be in Rome, October 16, 2013 at the Coosa Country Club. Each club will have an assignment. More information next month.



**A FEW DAYS SPENT ON  
DAUFUSKIE ISLAND—PLANNING  
GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES**

As you can see from the picture your new president is hard at work at the beach recharging her batteries and planning for the fall. It was a relaxing time with family and friends and yes garden club was discussed.

I hope you plan to attend Laurel District awards and officers workshops. Helen Huddleston, State Awards Chair, will share with how easy it is to apply and win awards. Sara Lanier, 2011-2013 Deep South Region Director, will review parliamentary procedure. Both workshops will give us a head start on our garden club year.

Relax, enjoy the summer and recharge your batteries!  
*Diane*

**ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION—  
YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PITCH IN!**

Are you tired of selling tickets, doing fundraisers and making donations to RFGC? Yes, we still need your monetary donations; but now you can help RFGC and the environment by recycling your computers cartridges, iPods, tablets, cell phones etc. We will use the services of Advantage Cartridges to help us in our endeavor to reduce and recycle. Advantage Cartridge recycles and pays cash for empty inkjets, laser toner cartridges and used cell phones, laptops, tablets and iPods. You will be supplied with more information at the federated meeting; however, now begin to collect those items that you no longer use. Bring or send them to the August 26, 2013 federated meeting and we will be on our way to profit and encouraging conservation. **Remember our theme: “ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION, EDUCATE YOUTH, AND ENJOY GARDEN CLUB”.**

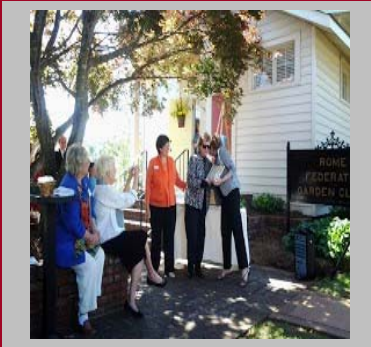


**Fairy Garden at the Kennesaw Mountain  
Daylily Gardens.**

***Have you thought about your awards committee? The yearbook is due before October 15. Hope you will all compete. You will be responsible for your club's entry being mailed on time.***

**“What did the daffodil say to the raindrop?**

**You are all wet.”**



**Adine Shepherd received the Live Oak Award at the Day in May Celebration.**

Best definition: A plants' 'invasiveness' is determined by how hard it is to pull up!

o Lots of things are invasive—Cloeme, Cyprus vine, obedient plant, etc. but they are so easy to pull up and so pretty in the right place it seems a shame to doom them to the compost pile.

o Some plants are just impossible to get destroy and really have no redeeming value in the garden

o A 'weed' is a plant in the wrong place. (Note from: Redbud District Basic Horticulture Newsletter)

*Spade and Trowel decorated their garden site and posted a sign for all of Rome to be aware of the garden week.*



## RFGC OFFICER INTRO

The President of the Townview Garden Club, Kathy Donahue, was invited to a garden club meeting by a long time gardener and neighbor, Ann Milam. Kathy joined Townview in 2008 after becoming a retired teacher with 33 years in the Floyd County School System, serving as HOSA Executive Director, GACTE consultant, and a SHRM consultant, and being a new grandmother, YaYa.

Kathy grew up on a farm in middle Georgia where everything was done the "old fashioned" way. Just ask her about lye soap and building smokehouses. She attended Berry College and graduated with a BS in Business Administration. A M.Eds. and S. Ed were earned at West Georgia College. This year, she and husband, Al (who is also a retired teacher of 30 years), will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Between working in the wood shop with Al and tending to the yard, they both are involved with the lives of grandsons, Arthur Lee Donahue, V and Davis Glynn Donahue. Their son, Lee is a special education math inclusion teacher and is married to Mary Davis Donahue, who serves as the Career Technical Invention state director. Kathy is excited about participating at the CTI Fall Conference in November to present a program on recycling and litter. She will be seeking help. Check your calendars for November 15 to help at the conference at Stone Mountain. Kathy said, "I have learned which end of the plant goes down in the ground, but better than that I learned that garden club members are fun folk to be around and work with." Her theme for 2013 is: Townview YaYa's: In bloom to educate, enhance and excite, through gardening.

### COMMENT FROM A RFGC MEMBER:

**DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I AM THINKING OF CHANGING OVER FROM MOISTURIZER TO ALGAE REMOVER. I SWEAR MY SKIN IS TAKING ON A GREENISH HUE.**

*"What did the garden say to the gardener?"*

*Lettuce work together!"*

### Library Schedule:

July 15 – July 28 Thistle  
 July 29 – August 11 Three Rivers  
 August 12 – 25 Townview  
 August 26 – September 8 Camellia  
 September 9 – September 22 African Violet Study Group  
 September 23 – October 6 Lavender View  
 October 7 – October 20 Mountain View  
 October 21 – November 3 Seven Hills



A small pumpkin seed planted by a small child can be an amazing sight to observe with all the rain that we had (Townview YaYa grandchild's pumpkin).

### Garden Center Schedule\*

July 2013: Seven Hills  
 Paper Towels, Comet, Detergent

August 2013: Townview  
 Refreshments for Federated Meeting

\*In addition to those supplies mentioned in the schedule, the club should also vacuum, mop, dust and clean restroom each month.

*Favorite things combined  
 Watermelon-candy daylily*



*From Judy Howerton's,  
 Townview, yard.*

*FYI: LAUREL DISTRICT AWARDS WORKSHOP: AUGUST 1, HIWASSEE  
 LAUREL DISTRICT OFFICER'S WORKSHOP: AUGUST 19, CARTERSVILLE*