

FEDERATED FACTS

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

MEET OUR PRESIDENT

Diane Harbin is a member and former president of Three Rivers Garden Club. She is a life member of Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc., Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South Region, and National Garden Club. Diane is also Co-Director of Laurel District, on the membership committee of Garden Club of Georgia and State Chair of Garden Therapy. Her other interests and affiliations are in National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Boys and Girls Club, Summit Quest Adventures, and Compassionate Paws. She is married to Dr. Bannester Harbin. She is looking forward to serving the federation with her theme of "Encourage Conservation, Educate Youth, and Enjoy Garden Club"



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The Hydrangea is the flower chosen for the 2013-2015 administration. This beautiful photo was taken in Diane Harbin's yard.

OBJECTIVES OF RFGC

- To hold joint meetings of all member clubs
- To sponsor outstanding lectures and other programs for the education of members
- To sponsor youth garden clubs
- To sponsor garden therapy activities
- To encourage, plan, and execute citywide planting programs

DIANE'S DIGGINGS

A new summer season is upon us with abundance of fresh vegetables, flowers, showers, and of course, humidity. With the changing of the seasons comes the changing of the guard for garden club officers. I look forward to being your president for the next two years.

A part of my theme to encourage conservation and educate youth should challenge us to expand our horizons, try new things, and create new challenges for ourselves. A third element speaks to the joy of working together, the fun of gardening, and beautifying our community.

It is an honor to serve, and I pledge my best efforts to encourage conservation, educate youth, and enjoy garden club.

Fondly, Diane



***Caroline Silcox Daylily
hybridized by Kennesaw
Mountain Daylily Gardens.***



***Suzanne S. Wheeler, Hartwell,
Georgia, will serve at the
Garden Club of Georgia State
President, 2013-2015.***



Jackie, back row, posed with the new district directors.



See article below, Shirley and Olivia.

Sweet Caroline



John Barnett, Three Rivers, serenaded The Garden Club of Georgia President 2011-2013, Caroline Silcox at the 85th GCG Convention held in Marietta. Barnett lip-synced and performed to “Sweet Caroline”. As a gift for the two years of hard work and travel, the Laurel District, which hosted the convention, presented Caroline with a daylily that had be hybridized by Bill and Diana Waldrop of the Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens.

One-hundred and forty-seven members were given a fan of the plant to take home for their gardens. Those who did not receive the Caroline Lily were given a lily named Crazy Wings.

Recently, Kathy Donahue, a member of the Townview Garden Club had the opportunity to tour the Kennesaw Mountain Gardens. Donahue, who got the Crazy Wings at GCG, was delighted and shocked to receive a Caroline in bloom from the field. The photo at the top left is the lily blooming at the Donahue home.



Jackie Fulmer, former RFGC President, was installed as the Laurel District Director. The Laurel Fall Meeting will be held in Rome on October 16 at the Coosa Country Club.

Georgia Garden Week

Rome Activities

June 2 – 9, 2013 was the week for tracing our heritage, celebrating our accomplishments and planning for the future. National Garden Week is a time of planning and experiencing the joy of gardening. Activities that RFGC enjoyed for the week were varied.

- June 2, floral arrangements were given to local churches, nursing homes and hospitals.
- June 3, saw the placement of signs and ribbons on nine garden sites in Rome.
- June 4, workers were freshened the garden at the Tony Warren Cancer Center.
- June 5 members completed a display at the Rome Area History Museum. Members were on hand with information sheets and copies of the RFGC cookbook.
- June 6, the “Talk of the Town”, a local radio program provided the opportunity to discuss our clubs and projects.
- June 7, food was taken to food pantries and individuals.
- June 8, YMCA Out-Reach was the gardening focus for campers.



Bobby Mixon, an honorary Three Rivers club member, worked tirelessly with the YMCA Out-Reach Campers.

BUDS OF CHANGE AND GROWTH

That time has come again, the change of hands in our leadership. With that comes new membership, change in method, and fresh development for our group. Let us welcome our new administration for Rome Federated Garden Clubs!

Officers for the 2013-2015 are: President: Diane Harbin; First Vice President: Rita Smith; Second Vice President: D’Ann Downey; Third Vice President: Anne Bradfield; Fourth Vice President: John Barnett; Recording Secretary: Diann Kothe; Corresponding Secretary: Olivia A. Myers; Treasurer: Kathy Donahue; Parliamentarian: Jackie Fulmer, and Chaplain: Anne Bridges



SPADE AND TROWEL DEDICATES

2011 – 2013 ROME FEDERATED PROJECT

The project, the landscaping of an empty slope beside the parking lot of the Rome- Floyd Health Department, was dedicated on April 26. Norma Braden, President of Spade and Trowel, Welcomed guests and Jackie Fulmer, president of Rome Federated Garden Clubs, dedicated the garden.

Speaking of Spade and Trowel Garden Club, Jackie said: "They took a plot of ground and loved it into existence as the creation that it is at this moment. Their dedication will continue to care for this piece of earth so that it will always be a source of joy to those who come and go through these doors."

The dedication ended with those in attendance reading the Garden Club of Georgia Collect. A reception followed in the Health Department Conference Room. Glenda Puckett, Spade and Trowel member and Rome Federation Third Vice-President, headed up the project.

Library Schedule:

June 17 – 30 Seven Hills
July 1 – 14 Spade and Trowel
July 29 – August 11 Three Rivers
August 12 – 25 Townview
September 9 – 22 Camellia

NCG PRESIDENT ATTENDS GCG STATE MEETING

The GCG State Convention was held on April 16, 17 and 18 at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center. Hosted by Laurel District, this fantastic, full three-day state convention featured a design program, workshop, awards, interesting speakers, vendors and a most interesting tour. I was so happy and honored (even giddy) to meet our immediate past National GC president, Shirley Nicolai. She made time to come to each of our officer installation meetings and spend time getting to know us.

Garden Center Schedule*

June 2013: Spade and Trowel
Toilet Supplies

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.**