



# FEDERATED FACTS

AUGUST, 2024

Hello to All Garden Club Members

Oh Happy Day!

As I write this at my house, we are actually experiencing some rain and lower temps. This has been a challenging summer for sure weather wise, but we dedicated Gardeners shoulder on. I am in hopes that the Monarchs will still come to my much larger surprise supply of Milkweed to lay their eggs. We know the Fair is coming, and we want to have some beauties to enter for our clubs! As we start the 2024-25 Year it is my privilege to serve a fourth year as your President. I so enjoy working with such wonderful members. My greatest pleasure in this job is experiencing and relishing in all the talents that all of you have and that you so generously share in our efforts to practice Beautification, Conservation, and Education in our community. What we do is important and needed, and I am very grateful for all that you do so unselfishly.

We take a break from meeting during the Summer; but Club Presidents are busy with their teams getting ready for the new year. Donna Knighten, 2nd V. President has been paying attention to our Club Gardens. We were able to meet with our City Arborist Earnest Watson and City Horticulturist Grant Payne to view many of these gardens recently. We are in hopes that these renewed connections will help keep our gardens in continued good shape for our community to enjoy.

Our first meeting of this new year will be August 20th with our program being presented by Art D'Ambrosio, who many of you know. He has 55 years in the horticulture field and will share a floral design delight for us. Come be with us!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Anita

Caroline Alford is personally ordering some Spring bulbs for her new yard; if you need to order some contact Caroline at [caroboone@aol.com](mailto:caroboone@aol.com)



RFGC and Townview's National Award - based on the Two-Year Project at Harbor House- won the Community Garden Award. RFGC received \$100.00 check.



Great Southeast Pollinator Census- August 23-24.



## !! SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

Aug. 20th- First RFGC mtg. of the year- pick up your FAIR cards

Sept. 30th- FAIR begins



## Minutes, May 7, 2024 Rome Federated Garden Clubs

President Bridges called the meeting to order at 10:00 with a thank you to Violets Club for providing delicious refreshments.

A welcome was given to members and Lisa Little, our guest speaker today. The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Anita.

Our Chaplain Ann Bradfield read a very inspirational story.

The program was introduced by Anita. Lisa Little provided a very informative program on "May Gardening Crafts" which focused on the history and construction of topiaries and how to craft one from materials we are all likely to have at hand.

The Minutes of our March 5 meeting were approved as written

Treasurer's Report The report was presented by Treasurer Caroline Alford. Our ending balance for all accounts was \$24,200.54. A copy of the full report is attached to these minutes. A copy of the 2024-2025 Budget was made available to members.

Two Year Project Cheryl Melton reported ten people worked on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Clock Tower. Lots of weeding, thinning and planting took place with the city arborist present to advise the workers. Next year's workdays will be Oct 24, Feb 27, and April 24. The arborist was made aware of the need for new steps and handrails for safety reasons.

Garden Spots were visited by Donna Knighten who saw 5 Garden Spots and 4 other locations. She was impressed with each of the five spots she visited and the care given to their maintenance.

### Committee Reports

Environmental Concerns Jennifer Kearns reported on the need to provide milkweeds and natural areas for plants, animals and butterflies. Do not buy tropical milkweeds, which are sold by big box stores, as they are harmful. Always plant cultivars. Jennifer showed us examples of appropriate plants for our yards. She reported privet is a mixed bag. Be aware it can become invasive. All plants we saw are helpful to another species. Nandina and crape myrtle are now considered invasive plants.

There were no other committee reports.

Unfinished Business We were reminded the Fair begins October 1. We need to plan for each club to send three volunteers for the Flower Show to help with the setup, recording of winners and dismantling.

The African Violet group will have a plant sale and yard sale on May 11, 10-3 at the Garden Center.

### New Business None/Calendar/Announcements

8. May 11- Violet Sale
9. June 2-8- National Garden Week-put your signs out at Garden Spots
10. Aug. 13- 10:00 Executive Mtg
11. Aug. 20th- 9:30- RFGC Mtg.
12. Oct. 24th- 9:00 Clocktower Workday
13. Feb. 27th-9:00 Clocktower Workday
14. April 24th- 9:00 Clocktower Workday

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30

Susan D. Little, Recording Secretary

Approved as written/correct

## Treasurer's Report

March 1, 2024 – May 6, 2024

Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

March 1, 2024 – May 6, 2024

## Treasurer's Report

### Building Operations Checking Account

Balance Building Operations February 29, 2024 \$ 2,887.29

#### Income Building Operations

Rent \$ 75.00

Total Income \$ 75.00

#### Expenses Building Operations

##### City of Rome Water & Sewer (Draft)

March \$ 26.61

April \$ 26.61

May \$ 26.61

##### Georgia Power (Draft)

March \$ 98.00

April \$ 98.00

Curtain and Rod for Closet \$ 55.62

Total Expenses -\$ 331.45

Balance Building Operations May 6, 2024 \$ 2,630.84

### Administrative Account

Balance Administrative Account February 29, 2024 \$ 3,869.54

#### Income

Education Program \$ 175.00

Thistle Dues (4 members) \$ 120.00

Dues \$1600.00

Total Income \$ 1895.00

#### Expenses

Postage \$ 13.81

Plants \$ 100.00

Ed Program Speaker \$ 200.00

Meals Flowers, & Favors (LD) \$ 516.65

Corporate Registration \$ 30.00

Building Insurance \$1599.00

Historic Preservation Fundraiser \$ 100.00

Total Expenses -\$ 2559.46

Balance Administrative Account May 6, 2024 \$ 3,205.08

### Savings Account

Balance Savings Account February 29, 2024 \$ 6,117.63

#### Income

Interest March \$ .26

Interest April \$ .25

Total Income \$ .51

Balance Savings Account May 6, 2024 \$ 6,118.14

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|---|------------------------|-------------|
| Garden Center Account                           |                        |             |
| Balance Garden Center Account February 29, 2024 |                        | \$ 6,830.58 |
| Income  |                        |             |
| Interest March                                  | \$ .30                 |             |
| Interest April                                  | \$ .29                 |             |
| Donation Fellows                                | \$ 1000.00             |             |
| Bussey's  | \$ 45.00               |             |
| Garden Books                                    | \$ 127.00              |             |
| Total Income                                    |                        | \$1172.59   |
| Expenses  |                        |             |
| Midian Roof Repair                              | \$1000.00              |             |
| Total Expenses                                  |                        | -\$1000.00  |
| Balance Garden Center Account May 6, 2024       |                        | \$ 7,003.17 |
| Bank of the Ozark CD                            | Purchase March 1, 2023 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Interest Earned March 2023–March 31, 2024       | \$ 243.31              |             |
| Balance CD                                      |                        | \$ 5,243.31 |
| Building Operations                             | \$ 2,630.84            |             |
| Administrative Account                          | \$ 3,205.08            |             |
| Savings Account                                 | \$ 6,118.14            |             |
| Garden Center Account                           | \$ 7,003.08            |             |
| Bank of the Ozarks CD                           | \$ 5,243.31            |             |
| Total All Accounts                              |                        | \$24,200.54 |

Notes:

1. \$2500.00 remains in savings to pay any deductible for an insurance loss.
2. March 1, 2023, we opened a 13-month \$ 5000 CD with Bank of the Ozarks with 4.5% interest. Money came from the Savings account. Renewal April 2024 with 0.1210 % interest.
3. Honey Baked Ham fundraiser has ended. Check will be mailed soon.
4. We are expecting a check from Laurel District for the luncheon expenses. Check for curtains and rod will be delivered today to Donna Knighton
5. Council Dues check was lost in the mail and new check issued. Second check cashed.
6. Corporate Registration has been paid for 2024.
7. State Farm Insurance was paid in March for \$1599.00.
8. Still waiting for expenses for the Education Program.

# The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

## Calendar

2024-2025

| <b>2024</b> |  |                     |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| Aug 13      | RFGC Executive Meeting- 10 am              | Garden Center       |
| Aug 20      | RFGC Meeting- 9:30 am                      | Garden Center       |
| Sep 29      | Fair Submissions (1:00 to 4:00 pm)         | Coosa Fairground    |
| Sep 30      | Enter Roses + Fair Judging                 | Coosa Fairground    |
| Oct 1-5     | Coosa Valley Fair                          | Coosa Fairground    |
| Oct 6       | Pick Up Entries and Club Earnings          | Coosa Fairground    |
| Oct 9       | Laurel District Fall Meeting               |                     |
| Oct 22      | RFGC Executive Meeting- 10 am              | Garden Center       |
| Oct 24      | Clocktower Workday- 9:00 am                | Clocktower          |
| Nov 2       | Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser | Fair Oaks, Marietta |
| Nov 5       | RFGC Meeting- 9:30 am                      | Garden Center       |
| Dec 1       | Many Award Applications Due                |                     |
| <b>2025</b> |  |                     |
| Jan 7       | RFGC Meeting- 9:30 am                      | Garden Center       |
| Feb 15      | Presidents Reports Due                     |                     |
| Feb 18      | RFGC Executive Meeting- 10 am              | Garden Center       |
| Feb 18      | Capitol Conservation Day                   | Georgia Capitol     |
| Feb 21      | Arbor Day in Georgia                       |                     |
| Feb 27      | Clocktower Workday- 9:00 am                | Clocktower          |
| Mar 4       | RFGC Meeting- 9:30 am                      | Garden Center       |
| Mar. 11-13  | Deep South Convention                      | Valdosta            |
| Apr 13-19   | Garden Week in Georgia                     |                     |
| Apr 24      | Clocktower Workday- 9:00 am                | Clocktower          |
| Apr 29-30   | GCG Convention                             | Augusta             |
| May 6       | RFGC Day in May                            |                     |
| May 19-23   | NGC Convention                             | Omaha, NB           |
| Jun 1-7     | National Garden Club Week                  |                     |

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Library Schedule 2024-2025

| Dates            |                  | Club           |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| August 18, 2024  | August 31, 2024  | African Violet |
| September 1      | September 14     | Lavender View  |
| September 15     | September 28     | Mt. View       |
| September 29     | October 12       | Seven Hills    |
| October 13       | October 26       | Three Rivers   |
| October 27       | November 9       | Townview       |
| November 10      | November 23      | African Violet |
| November 24      | December 7       | Lavender View  |
| December 8       | December 21      | Mt. View       |
| December 22      | January 11, 2025 | Seven Hills    |
| January 12, 2025 | January 25, 2025 | Three Rivers   |
| January 26       | February 8       | Townview       |
| February 9       | February 22      | African Violet |
| February 23      | March 8          | Lavender View  |
| March 9          | March 22         | Mt. View       |
| March 23         | April 5          | Seven Hills    |
| April 6          | April 19         | Three Rivers   |
| April 20         | May 3            | Townview       |
| May 4            | May 17           | African Violet |
| May 18           | May 31           | Lavender View  |

# THE ROME FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS

## GARDEN CENTER DUTY LIST

**PLEASE NOTE: Every club has the responsibility to keep our facility clean and presentable.**

**Our duties include the following:**

- A. Clean all the counters;**
- B. Clean kitchen and bathroom sinks;**
- C. Clean Toilet;**
- D. Sweep or mop all floors as needed.**

| <b>DATES:2024</b> | <b>CLUB</b>   | <b>DUTY</b>  |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| August 20         | Lavender View | Refreshments |
| November 5        | Mtn. View     | Refreshments |

| <b>DATES:2025</b> | <b>CLUB</b>            | <b>DUTY</b>    |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| January 7         | Seven Hills            | Refreshments   |
| March 4           | Three Rivers           | Refreshments   |
| May 6             | All Clubs (Day In May) | To be assigned |

Kathy Donahue, Editor





# Townview Garden Club

## Townview Celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May



Front row: Stanley Boulee, Judy Howerton, Pres., Melissa Phillips, Diane Harbin, Trudie Sansbury and Pam Roberts.

Back row: Marilyn Goff, Carol Greissinger, Vickie Hill, Francis Wiggins, and Margaret Lambert.



**Judy Howerton,  
President**

Townview Garden Club of Rome celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May with a lovely luncheon held at the home of Marilyn Goff. Although no founding members are still living, the foundation they provided is the basis for a very active club today. The projects they continue to support around the city are greatly appreciated by not only the citizens of Rome but also by visitors to the city who often use their gardens as backdrops for pictures.

Their club President, Judy Howerton, announced a number of first place awards presented at the GCG Convention in April. Pam Roberts, a member since the 1970's, shared the history of the club. Cheryl Briscoe presented a Certificate of Appreciation for 75 Years on behalf of Lisa Hall, GCG President.

This club has a rich history and a bright future! Congratulations on 75 Years' service to the Rome community.

