



## FEDERATED FACTS, FALL 2024

Hello to All:

As I write I am watching and hearing the first real rainstorm that we have experienced in a long while. I am afraid it might be too late for reviving my outside plants that have been on life support this summer, but rain is a real blessing right now.

All clubs are back in session and doing well. Milestones are happening- Townview just celebrated 75 Years in May, Three Rivers will also be celebrating 75 and Seven Hills is preparing for their 100th Celebration! To top it all off at Day in May we will be celebrating the Federation turning 75 Years! What an accomplishment! We are proud of all our clubs.

Over the summer we had some good things to celebrate also. Caroline Alford generously donated a TV for us, perfectly mounted by Jim Little. This is a nice addition for any programs that the clubs might want to present. Over the summer we had some very industrious Scouts from Troop 34 assist Benjamin Boatner work on his Eagle Scout project. These young men built new benches for us for our outside area and in addition a nice two-level shelf in our kitchen. Many, many thanks for all this hard work. Please see the pictures on following pages and thank Steve Fellows when you see him- he has wonderful ideas!

Our next Federation meeting will be November 5 with a program on the rehabilitating of a milkweed presented by a Berry student. Come out and support her, and please put November 12th on your calendar.

The City Commission wants to recognize the Garden Clubs by presenting a Proclamation. Would be great to have a crowd there!

See you soon. Anita Bridges

## Minutes, August 20, 2024, Rome Federated Garden Clubs

President Bridges called the meeting to order at 10:00 with a thank you to Lavender Mountain for providing our refreshments. A welcome was given to members and guests, especially our guest presenter Art D'Ambrosio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Ann Bradfield, Chaplain brought our devotional emphasizing our three members who had recently passed: Ebie Brown, Barbara Ivey, and Melanie Caldwell.

Presentation of Program- Art D'Ambrosio-Creating a floral design. He introduced himself and provided us a very interesting program on how we can decorate our tables and home with lovely floral arrangements, even with a "pasta flair." The minutes from our last meeting were approved as presented. Officers' Reports President's Report: -

- RFGC and Townview received the National Community Garden Award based on the Two-Year Project at Harbor House, and RFGC received \$100.00 check for this recognition.
- Bridges read an e-mail from Joyce Gaston reporting that Elm Street was seeking a Garden Club member who would volunteer to mentor their Youth Garden Club in growing herbs.
- Jan Mendence reported on the sale of Bussey cards. \$1520 dollars was made last year. The sale of cards this year will begin Nov 2 and end the first week in January. Bussey's will help us with sales techniques. If every member of the Federation sold only one card we would make nearly \$4000.
- The Treasurer's Report was given by Brenda Harp and a copy is attached.
- Committee Reports Two Year Project details were updated by Cheryl Melton. There is much work to do and the city is offering workers to help with our guidance. In the fall many of the fall "weedy" plants are beginning to become dominate and we need to keep them weeded out. Our next Clocktower work day is October 24 at 9:00.
- A report on details of the Fair was made by Joy Puckett and Marilyn Hendrickson. A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up for work times. Assistance is especially needed on Sunday, September 29 to take in the items for display, helping with filling out the cards, and placing of plants.
- Monday September 30 clerking in assisting judges and in tabulating the winner's cards; and Sunday October 6 to help with discarding and sorting cards and ribbons. It is important that we enter as many items in the Fair as possible as this is one of our best opportunities to educate the public on the joys of gardening.
- Jennifer Kearns presentation was another wonderful Environmental Concerns regarding pollinator plants that God has provided for us, bringing examples for us to see. New Business Caroline Alford is purchasing bulbs for her yard so while this is not a Federated project anyone interested in ordering bulbs should contact Caroline.
- Coming up calendar events of importance include: September 30– October 5 Fair events. October 9 Laurel District meeting October 22 RFGC Executive Meeting 10 a.m. at the Garden Center.

- October 24 Clocktower Workday 9 a.m. November 2 Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser- Marietta November 5 RFGC meeting 9:30 November 15 Submission deadline for many awards
- Adjournment.

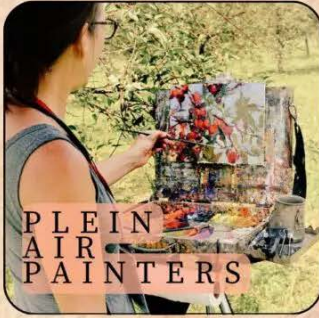
Minutes submitted by Susan Little, recording secretary and approved as submitted or corrected November 5, 2024



Benjamin Boatner



See comments on Eagle Scout project in President's comments.



PLEIN AIR PAINTERS



Fair Oaks HOUSE



Fair Oaks GARDENS



PAUL PUGLIESE



TREVOR BEEMON

Bartow County Extension Coordinator/ ANR Agent

Executive Director Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society, Inc.

GUEST SPEAKERS

**TICKETS \$45**

BOX LUNCH MENU ORDER ON REGISTRATION FORM  
SEND CHECKS FOR TICKETS AND DONATIONS  
CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL  
PAYABLE TO "GCG" TO:  
EDNA MCCLELLAN  
180 PACER COURT #9044  
ELLIJAY | GA | 30540-9305  
REGISTRATION FORM AT:

GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA.ORG



CONTACT HOST CAROL FEY AT CFY@BELLSOUTH.NET  
EVENT AND FUNDRAISING HOSTED BY THE LAUREL DISTRICT OF GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC



HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND  
**HONORING OUR PAST THROUGH STORIES**

FUNDRAISING EVENT

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

10 AM - 2 PM

MARIETTA EDUCATIONAL GARDEN CENTER  
505 KENNESAW AVE | MARIETTA | GA | 30060

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- TWO GUEST SPEAKERS
- EXPLORE THE GARDENS including Georgia's 1st Ladies' named Camellia Garden
- DOCENTS AVAILABLE
- EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS
- PLEIN AIR PAINTERS
- RAFFLE BASKETS
- BOX LUNCH - SEE MENU

**FAIR RESULTS**

MOUNTAIN VIEW	\$26.00
ROME AFRICAN VIOLE T	\$24.00
RFGC (MARILYN HENDRICKSON)	\$18.00
SEVEN HILLS	\$ 512.5 0
TOWNVIEW	\$158.00

Thank you to the 40 members who entered and all who volunteered to make this 75th Coosa Valley Fair Flower Show a Success!

## SEVEN HILLS GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 100th ANNIVERSARY WITH BRICK PROJECT



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In the fall of 1924 five ladies met to form a garden club in Rome. It became Seven Hills Garden Club, the first in Rome and the third in Georgia. According to its charter, its mission was to advance gardening, to promote city beautification, to stimulate an interest in cooperative gardening, and to aid in the protection of forests, wildflowers, birds, and streams.

Seven Hills has actively worked to fulfill its mission for 100 years. Among other projects, it established an outdoor reading room garden at the Carnegie Library. When the Sara Hightower Regional Rome-Floyd County Library was built, Seven Hills was invited to design a similar outdoor reading room garden for that library. With the help of the University of Georgia landscape architect students, the city of Rome, and the late John Schultz, the garden was created and has been maintained by Seven Hills members since then.

In honor of our 100th anniversary, we are creating an area of dedicated, engraved brick inside the entrance of the garden and offering an opportunity for community members to be a part of the history of the garden. Your personalized brick will not only leave a lasting impression, but also support the ongoing work of Seven Hills including the enhancement of the garden.

Brochures will be available soon and in time for Christmas gifts! Bricks can be engraved with up to 3 lines of 18 characters per line including blank spaces and will be \$100 each. Join us by purchasing your personalized brick and make memories for generations to come!

To reserve your brick or ask questions, please call Cheryl Melton at 706-767-0605 or email at [melton.clmft@gmail.com](mailto:melton.clmft@gmail.com)



*Please join us as we commemorate*

# *A Century of Gardening*

***Seven Hills Garden Club***  
*Established 1924*

*Wednesday, November 13, 2024*  
*10:00 - 12:00*

*Sara Hightower Regional Library Garden*  
*205 Riverside Parkway*  
*Rome, Georgia*

***Join us as we share the rich history of***  
***Seven Hills Garden Club.***

*RSVP by November 1st*  
*7hillsgardenclub@gmail.com*

*Reception will be held in the Coosa Room in case of rain.*

