



FEDERATED FACTS

**ROME FEDERATED
GARDEN CLUB**

FEBRUARY, 2025

President's Remarks

Oh, Happy Day! I have tulips and daffodils popping up in my yard. It might be a false Spring, but we will take it-**won't** we? After all this cold weather we gardeners are ready to get out in our yards to putter around.

Speaking of puttering-our next Work Day will be Thursday, Feb. 27th at the Clocktower Garden. It really might be warm that morning at 9:00! Please come out to help tidy up the beautiful garden that so many Romans and visitors enjoy. Coming up before that is Arbor Day on **Valentine's** Day, the 14th at 1:00 at Covington Park. **Let's** come out in big numbers to support this event!

We have a treat in store for our March meeting. Patti Causey, Three Rivers member, experienced extraordinaire gardener will do our program showcasing how to economically plant with large containers- **That's** March 4th at 9:30. We will also be voting on our new Slate of Officers for 2025-2027. Come and join us!

Your Executive Committee is busy planning our 75th Anniversary for our Day in May celebration. Hospitality Chairman-fabulous Kathy Cooper has been diligently making plans. This is a special celebration for all our members so I ask that you support your club by attending. Each club has been asked to donate \$50.00 for expenses as we want to make this very special. So please put May 6th on your calendar- see you at the Civic Center at 10:00.

May this month of Love boost you in your relationships with God, family, and friends and may we all continue to love Garden Club.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! *Anita Bridges*

MINUTES Rome Federated Garden Club

January 7, 2025

President Bridges called the meeting to order at 10:00. She thanked Seven Hills for providing refreshments for our 16 members in attendance.

Guests and members were welcomed and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bridges.

Pam Roberts reported on the slate of officers for the coming year

Co-Presidents Kathy Cook, Seven Hills and Linda Easterwood, Three Rivers 1st VP Joy Puckett, Seven Hills

2nd VP Donna Knighten, Three Rivers

3rd VP Jan Mendence, Mountain View

4th VP Jeanettia Rush, Three Rivers

Recording Secretary Cindy Smith, Mountain View

Corresponding Secretary Kathy Donahue, Townview

Treasurer Caroline Alford, Mountain View

President Bridges gave us an inspirational reading as Ann had been ill. She read a poem on thanksgiving in each day.

Joy Puckett introduced our program speaker, Hannah Bagley, Director of Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful. She spoke on the work of The Tree Board and provided us with a wealth of information, especially Arbor Day. On February 14th at Covington Park, a large tree planting event will be help to mark Arbor Day. Rome is a Tree City, which requires monitoring of the number of trees we have per resident. Minutes of the Tree Board are held on the third Tuesday of odd months in the Rome Administration Building.

The minutes from our last meeting were approved as presented.

Officers' Reports:

President Bridges remind club presidents of the coming deadline for presidents' reports.

Treasurer Caroline Alford reported on our monthly report. We currently have a total of \$24,238.52. A copy of the full report is attached.

Two Year Project – Jeanettia Rush reported our next event will be mostly cleaning of the Clocktower site on February 27.

Committee Reports

Environmental Concerns – Jennifer Kearns discussed The National Communities of Georgia, a great reference book for gardeners as well as other topics of interest.

Ways and means – Jan Mendence reported we sold slightly fewer Bussey cards this year than last. Last year we sold 77 and we expect fewer this year. Everyone who sold/bought them was thanked.

Other Committee Reports - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – Covered earlier

Calendar

February 14th Arbor Day Covington Park

February 15th RFGC Executive Meeting 10:00

February 18th Capitol Conservation Day

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February 27th Clocktower Workday 9:00

March 4th RFGC Patti Causey will present on planting in large containers.

May 6th is our Day in May event and 75th anniversary celebration of The Federation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Susan D. Little

Recording Secretary

Approved/Corrected as presented

March 4, 2025



CELEBRATES ITS 100th ANNIVERSARY WITH BRICK PROJECT

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. 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**

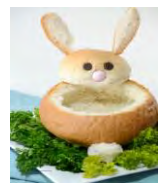


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HONEY baked hams ARE Still AVAIABLE EXELLENT FOR Easter. Contact and order through Caoline Alford at

[carolineandroyalford@facebeook.com](https://www.facebook.com/carolineandroyalford)



Cards would arrive in time for Easter.



DAY IN MAY
RFGC
Celebrating
75 Years
Between the Rivers

May 6, 2025

10:00 am

Rome Civic Center

402 Civic Center Drive

Rome, GA 30161

Please send your reservation to

kathy.b.cook@gmail.com or

706.234.4567 by April 30th.

