



FEDERATED FACTS

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“All of the Flowers of tomorrow are in the Seeds of today.” Proverb

Hello to All Garden Club Members

This is the best Season of the year for gardeners-new life, new beginnings-a fruitful, happy time to be involved in what gardeners enjoy. I don't know about you, but for me I will be replacing a lot of my plants as many did not survive our fairly severe winter weather. So I am looking forward to Georgia Northwestern Technical's Sale starting April 11th followed by Chieftains Plant Sale April 15th and 16th. Time to prepare for our Fair entries!

This has been a busy two years and with everyone pitching in we have accomplished a lot- the Fair, hosting the Laurel District Fall Meeting, completing the Landscape course, presenting a wonderful Educational Program downtown, and participating in our Two Year Project led by Townview with fantastic results.

Speaking of looking forward to—we have a Celebration coming up on Tuesday, May 2nd at 9:30 at the Wilder Center of First United Methodist Church. Our Day in May will be celebrated and everyone is invited to enjoy brunch with gardening friends!

Our New Officers will be installed and the recognition of new Life Members and the Live Oak Award honoree will be just a few of the highlights. I am looking forward to seeing you then.

Please come!

Anita Bridges, President

Day in May Invitation

In appreciation of your continued support, the Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. requests the pleasure of your company

At the

Day in May Celebration Brunch

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Rome First United Methodist Church

Wilder Center

202 East Third Street

9:30

ALL garden club members are invited and we look forward to seeing many of you there.



FAVORITE 2022-2023 PROGRAMS FROM OUR CLUBS

We asked each of our clubs to send in descriptions of their favorite meetings of the past year so we could share them with others. The following ones were shared and might be of interest to your club as you plan your meetings for the 2023-2024 year. We suggest you contact the clubs listed for more details.

Seven Hills reported having three interesting programs.

- Creating Beautiful Container Gardens presented by King Brasweall, owner of Blooming Colors and Botanic in Auburn, Ala. Contact number (817) 416-6669.**
- Fairy Gardens Bring Joy to a New Day! Barbara Monday is from D.I.G.S. organization in Rome. (706) 266-2384.**
- The Liberty Garden at Sarah Hightower Library was the location of a presentation on pruning fruit trees by the Master Gardener Association of Rome.**

Spade and Trowel enjoyed the following programs:

- Recycling Instead of Trash presented by Glenda Puckett (706) 506-9878.**
- Growing and Caring of Orchids presented by Leslie Barrios (706) 844-4855**

Three Rivers had “handy” meetings:

- Making Beeswax Candles under the direction of our own Ruth Forrester (706) 766-7331.**
- Ferns, Their Growth and Culture by Jody Flournoy and Dean Guinn, both Three Rivers members. Jodie can be reached at (706) 506-2213.**

Townview had two especially informative programs:

- **The importance of Volunteering in the areas of Litter Reduction, Recycling & Community Beautification by Hannah Bagley, Program Coordinator of Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful. (706) 506-9761.**
- **Kathy Donohue demonstrated how to make Thanksgiving Centerpieces, a timely program for the holidays.**

Mountain View had two great treats:

- **Dr. Gil Watson, Master Gardener, gave a delightful presentation of Thanksgiving using many unusual objects. (drgilw@gmail.com)**
- **Jo Ann Dorsey, Master Flower Show Judge, presented “ How to Win Blue Ribbons in Horticulture Fair Flower Show.” (jadorsey.39@aol.com & (404) 281-3133.**