



FEDERATED FACTS

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"All of the Flowers of tomorrow are in the Seeds of today." Proverb

Hello Gardeners!

If you are like me I am so encouraged to see daffodils popping their pretty yellow heads up as well as some tulip foliage in my yard. This has been a cold winter, and these emerging flowers give us hope for a beautiful spring coming soon.

Until then I have noticed that the Atlanta Botanical Gardens are now having Orchid Daze and the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens are celebrating Orchid Madness- road trips for a visit sounds like a good idea to me as we wait the arrival of Spring.

Along those lines I am delighted to share that the Federation will sponsor a Community Educational Event on Tuesday March 22nd at the Rome Area History Center Upper Floor, due to the generosity of Lisa Smith from Rome Office of Tourism. It's been awhile since we have been able to do this so I am so looking forward to your participation in this event. We will be welcoming Mr. Shelly Prescott, Director of Horticulture at the Georgia Botanical Gardens for a wonderful presentation on the gardens. This will surely inspire all of us to get our gardening tools out as we plan for our lovely gardens.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next Federation meeting at the Garden Center on Tuesday, March 1st at 9:30 with Lisa Smith as our speaker.

Anita Bridges,

President, Rome Federation Garden Clubs



Oleander District invites garden club members to the 94th Annual Convention at Marriott Macon Center, 240 Coliseum Drive, Macon on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13, 2022. The Oleander District proudly hosts "Gardening in Macon". Our special guest is NGC President Mary Warshauer. The following talented speakers will be providing informative and interesting programs.

Bonnie Satterthwaite is originally from Savannah, and is the Southeast Territory Sales Manager for the Espoma Company. She will be presenting "There was no Miracle Gro in the Garden of Eden!"

Stan Gray has been growing iris for more than 60 years mostly on his family property in northern New Jersey, where his parents' gardens were planted in the late 1920's. He has been affiliated with the American Iris Society for more than 50 years and is well known as an iris grower to some of the nation's leading hybridizers. Stan's talk is titled "When Iris Eyes Are Smiling."

Laura Martin has over 40 years' experience in gardening using a degree in botany from UGA and a certificate degree in Botanical Art and Illustration from the New York Botanical Gardens which gave her the technical foundation to explore both the world of science and of art. She will be speaking at our Member Celebration Luncheon on closing day.

Hotel reservations for the convention can be made by calling Marriott reservations at 800-228-9290 and identifying yourself as a Garden Club of Georgia member attending the Macon meeting April 12-13, 2022.

- King/Queen Room rates: \$129.00 + state and local taxes + \$5 Lodging Fee.
- Discounted parking of \$5 per night
- Check-in time: 4:30 p.m. – Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
- Cancellations incur no charge 48 hours prior to arrival.

The room rate is guaranteed until March 25, 2022



“Gardening in Macon”

April 12-13, 2022

The Marriott Macon City Center welcomes the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
240 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 • Phone 478-621-5300

Official Registration Form • Registration Deadline: March 28, 2022

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Badge Name Preference _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (w/area code) _____ E-mail _____

Club _____ District _____

How long have you been a member of a garden club in GCG? _____ years as of April 2022.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

***All GCG Board Members, all GCG Life Members and one member from each club are Voting Delegates; please check *Voting Delegate* box if applicable.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> My First GCG Convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Voting Delegate* | <input type="checkbox"/> Former State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep South Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member |

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER (please check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> PACKAGE PLAN includes registration fee, Awards Banquet and Membership Luncheon		
	PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL	\$110.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> PART-TIME PLAN		
Awards Banquet	\$58.00	\$ _____
Membership Luncheon	\$42.00	\$ _____
REGISTRATION FEE (required)	\$15.00	\$ _____
	PART-TIME PLAN TOTAL	\$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION COSTS \$ _____

Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 28th include extra \$15.00) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make Check Payable to: GCG 2022 CONVENTION

Mail Check & Registration Form to: Elizabeth Gillespie, 734 Mockingbird Lane, Claxton, GA 30417
flamingo954@yahoo.com, 478-957-1308

No Refunds After April 1, 2022 • Registration Fee Not Refundable

On-Line Registration will be available in January on our GCG website – accepting payment by credit card.



Our own Patti Causey enjoyed the State Botanical Gardens during the Orchid Madness celebration in February. Shelly Prescott, Director of Horticulture at the Garden was the designer.



After weeks of enjoying our daffodil and other bulbs their glory begins to fade and we need to remember our routine maintenance to insure a beautiful blooming season next year. This article from the Gardening Know How website provides some guidance for what we should be doing to insure another beautiful season.

Remove daffodil blooms as soon as they fade, otherwise, the bulbs will exert considerable energy attempting to create seeds. However, remove only the bloom and stem, not the leaves. This is the critical aspect of daffodil care after they bloom. Why do we leave the unsightly foliage in place? In simple terms, the leaves absorb energy from sunlight, and through the process of photosynthesis, the energy is converted into chemicals that produce sugar — the food that keeps bulbs blooming year after year. If you remove the foliage too early, the bulbs will be stunted, which results in smaller and fewer blooms in the following year. This also explains why daffodils should be planted in bright sunlight. If your daffodils are planted in partial or full shade and they don't produce big, healthy blooms, you might want to dig them and move them to a sunnier location after the foliage dies down. Leave the foliage in place until it dies down and turns yellow. Usually, this takes about six weeks. If the appearance of the dying foliage is driving you crazy, don't braid the leaves or bunch them in rubber bands, which reduces the amount of sunlight available to the leaves. Instead, consider ways to camouflage the leaves. For example, plant perennial plants that will hide the dying foliage as they grow in spring.

Read more at Gardening Know How: After Bloom Care Of Daffodil Flowers: Caring For Daffodil Bulbs After Blooming

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/bulbs/daffodil/daffodil-bulbs-after-blooming.htm>

A Way Forward!

Are you the keeper of a multitude of Scrapbooks and other important documents for your Garden Club? Have you thought about to whom you will pass these items on to when you can no longer be responsible for them? Well, I bet, many of us have thought about many of these concerns.

We are very fortunate in Rome to have the Rome History Center with Selena Tilley as the Director/ Chief Curator. I have been in conversation with her about the Garden Clubs. She would very much like to create an exhibit showcasing the history of our Garden Clubs. She already has some material, but is welcoming much more. Any club which has

1. Scrapbooks
2. Yearbooks
3. Programs- for events
4. Plaques and pictures

you would like to give to the Center, should contact Selena. All donations will be archived at the Rome Area History Center. If you want to lend but not give an item, she can take it for the exhibit but cannot store it prior to exhibit. The Federation has such a rich history in Rome, and we are so honored to be recognized in this manner. If you have any questions, please call Selena Tilley at 706-235-8051 or me-678-986-4222 and I will help find the answer. I ask that all our clubs discuss this in their meetings and make some decisions regarding this matter. Thank you.

Anita Bridges

Six Hints for Starting a Successful Vegetable Garden

We often think our gardens are all flowers but vegetables are also an important part of our gardening efforts. Small containers up to large ones can be used and provide great successes.

1. Start with a Small Space, only a few containers
2. Grow what you love to eat.
3. Choose a sunny spot for your vegetables that is convenient for you to reach.
4. Plan where each vegetable will be planted, taller ones should not block sun from shorter.
5. Start plants in rich soil. Add amendments as needed.
6. Be ready for pests and research your natural plan for avoiding chemicals to attack them.

Adapted from Better Homes and Gardens article, May 4, 2021

Christmas Memories Are Never Too Far Away to Enjoy

While Christmas may be over for most of us the memories of delightful times with family and friends never passes. See some of our members enjoying the lovely tea Caroline Alford prepared for us at her home just before the Christmas holiday. Thank you Caroline for always being aware of how much our members enjoy gathering together.



Anita Bridges, Brenda Harp, Caroline Alford, Donna Knighten, and Jennifer Kearns enjoy friendship and wonderful treats around the tree at Caroline's lovely home.