



FEDERATED FACTS

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“3...2...1...LET’S GROW”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Hello Garden Club Friends,

I miss you all so much! We never expected that there wouldn’t be April meetings or May Parties, but here we are after weeks of being cautious and home-bound, missing each other. I am personally so proud of all the awards we received at the Garden Clubs of Georgia Convention, which was also cancelled this year. Thank you to my Executive Committee members for their ability to assess and adjust as we have been challenged by the world situation.

I want to invite RFGC members to participate in a fundraiser at my home on June 6th - for those willing and able to get out or June 13th- for all you patiently abiding by the Governor’s order. My husband and I are honored to host a Daylily Sale and Fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit the Rome Federated Garden Clubs. We took over the daylily business from a sweet couple in Newnan that had been operating successfully for over 30 years and were unable to continue after health difficulties. After many trips back and forth, lots of hole digging, hours upon hours of weeding, and several years of patience, we are excited to host our very first showing to YOU, my Garden Club family.

I am making this available on two Saturdays to limit everyone from arriving all at the same time. This will be an outside, walk-through tour complete with order forms and information on the varieties we are offering. Please wear comfortable shoes, provide your own masks if you feel uncomfortable or vulnerable, and only stay as long as you feel comfortable. I ask that although we are all very excited about seeing each other, PLEASE be respectful and maintain distance while attending.

Thank you for your ongoing support of GCG, RFGC and our local Garden Clubs!

Happy Gardening!

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*The Garden Club of Georgia Awards Won
By Rome Federated Garden Clubs
April 2020*

Award #6 Tree Award

1st Place -Rome Federated Garden Club, Inc.

DEEP SOUTH AWARDS

Award #7 Special Achievement

1st Place - Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Tree Planting

Award # 37 Newsletter

2nd Place - Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

1st Place—Rome Federated

Special Achievement

Award #53 Website

1st Place—Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

1st Place—Rome Federated

Award # 61 Arbor Day

1st Place - Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Award # 7 –Special Achievement

2nd Place—Townview (Winthrop Court)

Award # 61—Arbor Day

2nd Place—Townview

Award # 10 –Garden Therapy

3rd Place—Townview (DFAC)

Award # 13—Civic Improvement

2nd Place—Townview (Garden)

Award #16 Yearbook

1st Place –Camellia

H. M. - Spade and Trowel

2nd Place –Three Rivers

2nd Place—Mountain View

H. M.— Townview

DEEP SOUTH AWARDS

Special Achievement

H. M. –Townview

Award #37—Membership Brochure

2nd Place - Townview (no 1st place winner listed)

Award #37 –Newsletter

1st Place - Townview

CALENDAR

- 6/7-13 National Garden Club Week
- 6/6 Carrie Wilder Daylily Sale
- 6/13 Carrie Wilder Daylily Sale



LIBRARY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
5/13-5/26	Seven Hills
5/27-6/9	Spade and Trowel
6/10-6/23	Three Rivers
6/24-7/7	Townview
7/8-7/21	African Violet
7/22-8/4	Camellia
8/5-8/18	Mountain View

**FEDERATION PROJECT FOR 2019-2021
RFGC GARDEN CENTER**

Before the pandemic started, we had the City Arborist come by to check the Japanese Maples in front due the to roots pushing the brick walls out of place. He said the trees are fine and we now plan to have a brick mason look at the brick and get an estimate as to repair costs.

We are in the process of starting the butterfly/pollinator garden and start work on the shrubbery. One of the committee members on the project has gone by and sprayed weed control and planted some bulbs to attract butterflies at the garden center. Hopefully we can get started back working individually on the project, if we have members who can or want to be out.

Because most of our members are over the age of 65 and have needed to social distance, we have not been able to make a lot of progress. Life came to a standstill for all of us.

Glenda Fincher, President
Camellia

***THE FEDERATION TWO YEAR
COMMUNITY PROJECT***

The rotation for the Two Year Federation Community Project is below:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Seven Hills	2017-2019
Camellia	2019-2021
Townview	2021-2023
Three Rivers	2023-2025
Spade and Trowel	2025-2027
Mt. View	2027-2029
Lavender View	2029-2031

This project goes by seniority rotation. This project shall emphasize one aspect of the NGC objectives as described in The Garden Club of Georgia Guide.

sacred touches

COLORS OF CREATION

4...he (God) is Like the light of morning at sunrise, like a morning without clouds, like the gleaming of the sun on new grass after rain.

2 Samuel 23:4

Imagine a world without color. What a bland world it would be! Fortunately, God, the Great Artist, loves excitement and spice, beauty and delight. In the act of Creation, he invented infinite variations of beauty – in rainbows and sunsets, butterflies and ocean colors, morning light and intricate flowers – and he includes us in his beautiful creation! Each rising and setting sun displays his great artistry for everyone to see.

Like a well written symphony, various garden elements come in and out with their interludes and melodies, each with its own color, texture, and vibrancy, to combine as an exquisitely whole, beautiful composition. How much richer our world is for the various arts that enrich our existence and carry our senses and perceptions to a higher level! How much beauty there is around us, if we can open ourselves to see it! All of nature's beauty around us is God's artwork made for us to discover and enjoy. Appreciation for God's beauty heals the soul. I've enjoyed it tremendously during this time of social distancing and quiet time.

Today, experience God's touch in thousands of colors of spring/summer which is now with us. Let go of the fear and anxiety you are experiencing because of Covid 19!!

Remember the "F's"

Faith

Family

Friends

Facts

Not Fear