

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs



July, 2023



Message from our President:

Hello to all Gardeners during this Summer season!

I hope you are having fun and satisfaction with your beautiful plants in your gardens. This Spring I had the pleasure of reading The Sweet Apple Gardening Book by Celestine Sibley, written in 1972. She was a delightful author and journalist whose column in the Atlanta Journal Constitution we followed for years. What was especially fun to read was the chapter dedicated to Garden Clubs. The heading of the chapter is a **quote from the Athens Georgia Banner, 1892.:** **“But the ladies were not satisfied with mere talking. “To my delight, there is a story of what happened in our own Rome, Georgia when women in a Garden Club responded to one of Celestine’s columns about a lady in the TB hospital who yearned for an opportunity to garden. Well, you know what happened- those ladies created a garden outside and even one inside! What a legacy we have of the dedication of members of Rome Garden Clubs as we continue to Beautify, Conserve, and Educate our Community.”**

Thank you for the wonderful turnout for our *Day in May* this year. We hope you enjoy the photos that chronicled the event. We have excellent officers who will lead us in these next two years so I hope you will join in all that RFGC has to offer to you. Looking at the upcoming year and speaking of our gardens, please plan on entering some of your specimens of your beautiful plants and your small potted plants for the Coosa Valley Fair this year. Jo Ann Dorsey, Flower Show Judge will be back with us on our first RFGC meeting on Tuesday, August 22 to advise us on how to win all those Blue Ribbons! Hope to see you then!

Anita Bridges,

RFGC President

The Live Oak Award is the highest honor at RFGC. This award is voted on by past RFGC Presidents and given to a member that has not been President, Executive Board RFGC, has served on the Executive Board for a minimum of 5 years and has actively supported the mission of the Rome Federated Garden Clubs. The 2023 award was presented to **John Barnett.**



CONGRATULATIONS! AWARDS 2023

AWARD	CLUB	RECOGNITION
YEARBOOK UNDER 20	TOWNVIEW	HONORABLE MENTION
YEARBOOK OVER 20	MOUNTAIN VIEW	2 ND PLACE
YEARBOOK OVER 70	SEVEN HILLS	1 ST PLACE
YEARBOOK COUNCIL	RFGC	1 ST PLACE
NEWSLETTER SMALL CLUB	TOWNVIEW	1 ST PACE
NEWSLETTER COUNCIL	RFGC	HONORABLE MENTION
MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE	RFGC	1 ST PLACE
MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE	THREE RIVERS	3 RD PLACE
MARKER AWARD SMALL	TOWNVIEW	1 ST PLACE
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS	TOWNVIEW	2 ND PLACE
WEBSITE	RFGC	2 ND PLACE
HORTICULTURE	RFGC	2 ND PLACE
ARBOR DAY SMALL	TOWNVIEW	1 ST PLACE
OUTSTANDING NEWSLETTER	TOWNVIEW	NATIONAL AWARD
ARBOR DAY	TOWNVIEW	2ND DEEP SOUTH
YEARBOOK	SEVEN HILLS (70-99)	1ST DEEP SOUTH
YEARBOOK COUNCIL	RFGC	1ST DEEP SOUTH

Day in May



The Rome Federated Garden Clubs celebrated Day in May at the Wilder Center at the First Methodist Church. Officers for the 2023 -2024 officers were installed: President: Anita Brides; First Vice-President: Joy Puckett; Second Vice President: Donna Knighten; Third Vice-President: Cheryl Melton; Fourth Vice-President Joan Fellows; Treasurer: Caroline Alford; Recording Secretary: Susan Little; Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Donahue. Cheryl Briscoe attended to install the new officers.



The Rome Federated Garden Clubs *GARDEN CENTER DUTY LIST*

PLEASE NOTE: Every club has the responsibility to keep our facility clean and presentable.

Our duties include the following:

- A. Clean all the counters;
- B. Clean kitchen and bathroom sinks;
- C. Clean Toilet;
- D. Sweep or mop all floors as needed.

DATES: 2023	CLUB	DUTY
August 22	Mt. View	Refreshments
November 7	Seven Hills	Refreshments
January 2	Three Rivers	Refreshments
March 5	Townview	Refreshments
May 7	African Violet	Refreshments
August 20	Lavender View	Refreshments
November 5	Mt. View	Refreshments

DATES: 2024	CLUB	DUTY
January 7	Seven Hills	Refreshments
March 4	Three Rivers	Refreshments
May 6	All Clubs (Day in May)	To be assigned



A beautiful; yard starts with beautiful blubs which are on sale through RFGC until September 30. This is a national fundraiser and a wonderful way to add color to the neighborhood.

The 2023-2025 RFGC Two Year Project is the maintenance of an existing garden, the Clocktower Pollinator Garden. Three Rivers Garden Club will be leading this effort. The garden was chosen as it is one that people purposefully visit, with the decision based on the need for more attention given that the city can offer. Work days in October, February, April for RFGC members will be led by Jennifer Kearns giving direction.

Edited by Kathy Donahue

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Library Schedule 2023-2024

Dates	Club
August 20	September 2 Three Rivers
September 3	September 16 Townview
September 17	September 30..... African Violet
October 16	October 14..... Lavender View
October 15	October 28 Mt. View
October 29.....	November 11 Seven Hills
November 12	November 25..... Three Rivers
November 26.....	December 9..... Townview
December 10.....	December 23..... African Violet
December 24	January 6, 2024 Lavender View
January 7.....	January 20..... Mt. View
January 21	February 3..... Seven Hills
February 4	February 17 Three Rivers
February 18	March 2..... Townview
March 3	March 16 African Violet
March 17.....	March 39..... Lavender View
March 31.....	April 13 Mt. View
April 14.....	April 27 Seven Hills
April 28	May 11..... Three Rivers
May 12	May 27 Townview
August 18, 2024.....	August 31, 2024 African Violet
September 1	September 14 Lavender View
September 15.....	September 28..... Mt. View
September 29	October 12..... Seven Hills
October 13	October 26 Three Rivers
October 27.....	November 9 Townview
November 10	November 23 African Violet
November 24.....	December 7 Lavender View
December 8	December 21 Mt. View
December 22	January 11, 2025 Seven Hills
January 12, 2025	January 25 Three Rivers
January 26.....	February 8 Townview
February 9	February 22 African Violet
February 23.....	March 8 Lavender View
March 9	March 22..... Mt. View
March 23	April 5 Seven Hills
April 6-	April 19 Three Rivers
April 20	May 3..... Townview
May 4.....	May 17..... African Violet
May 18	May 31..... Lavender View