



# FEDERATED FACTS

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## “3...2...1...LET’S GROW”

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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3...2...1...LET’S GROW! Think about the first thing you grew in your garden that made you fall in love with gardening. My first success was with a simple packet of mixed zinnias and some daylilies rescued from my grandmother’s old homeplace. I had an exposed red clay hillside, piles of coarse mulch litter, a tractor and a rake. I figured that it could only improve with a little bit of work, some prayers and a packet of seeds, it certainly couldn’t get worse. I didn’t have a whole lot of faith in my abilities; I had killed every houseplant that I owned (and a few that my husband had coddled through the years), but I gave it a try. I still remember how proud I felt when those simple little zinnias started popping up. I was even more impressed with myself when they started blooming—I did it! I made so many zinnia bouquets that summer, everywhere I went someone received a mason jar, spaghetti sauce jar, or any other jar I could find full of zinnias. It wasn’t anything particularly special, but every time I shared my homemade flower arrangements, it made someone smile and much to my surprise, they all lavishly praised by abilities! Little did they know!

As your new RFGC President, it is my desire to grow and share our love of gardening within our community. I want to see smiles on faces of new members when they join us, I want to see gardens flourish because of our efforts, and I want to see us share our knowledge, our praise and our camaraderie with others. Rome, Seven Hills and RFGC have given me a place to grow, to set down roots, to make new friends, to work hard and watch my efforts bloom into something wonderful. I am so proud of this organization and grateful to all of you for choosing me to lead you for the next two years. We have much to look forward to, much to reflect on and so much to share. I encourage you all to GROW! GROW your enthusiasm for Garden Clubs, GROW your memberships, GROW your participation in RFGC—then share it with others so they can GROW! The next few years for RFGC are going to be great and I am so happy to be part of that growth!

Happy Gardening!

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**CALENDAR**

June 2-8	National Garden Week
June 19	Laurel District Leadership/Awards Workshop In Gainesville
August 7-8	Landscape Design School, Course I, Rome
November 20-21	Landscape Design School, Course II, Rome
February 12-13, 2020	Landscape Design School, Course III, Rome
April 28-29, 2020	Landscape Design School, Course IV, Rome

***National Garden Clubs******2018 Winning Awards from Georgia -******Awarded May 2019 at NGC Convention in Biloxi, MS*****Award CS 2: Civic Achievement**1<sup>st</sup> Rome Federated Garden Clubs**Award MP 2: National Garden Week**1<sup>st</sup> Rome Federated Garden Clubs**Receiving Certificates of Appreciation****Award PUB 1-1: Newsletter, single page**

Seven Hills Garden Club

**Award PUB 1-3: Newsletter, 3-12 pages**

Townview Garden Club

Rome Federated Garden Clubs

**Award PUB 2-5: MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE**

Townview Garden Club

## ***MORE SCHOOL NEWS***

### ***NGC LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL TO BE OFFERED***

The purpose of the Landscape Design School is to help members become accomplished landscape designers.

The Landscape Design Study Courses offer a series of four 10-hour courses. The courses cover the history of landscape design as well as instruction from landscape architects in a variety of design techniques used in home and municipal settings.

The curriculum covers a wide range of subjects: from landscape design history to landscape architecture in the year 2000 and beyond. Since its founding in 1958, professional instructors have maintained the high standards originally incorporated in the study program. Also offered are many optional programs, such as conferences, symposia and tours. Students acquire the tools for making their own gardens more beautiful and easier to maintain. Many students have been motivated to serve in political decision-making areas where awareness of the impact of a well-designed landscape can enhance the beauty and enjoyment of life in the public arena. The reading for this course is the book "Stewards of the Land" along with the NGC subscription publication *The National Gardener* magazine.

The classes will be offered in Rome by The Laurel District and The Rome Federated Garden Clubs. Dates for the classes are: August 7 & 8; November 20 & 21; February 12 & 13, 2020 and April 28 & 29, 2020. A registration form can be found under the "News" tab, at [www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com](http://www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com).

Each 2-day course is \$100. There will be a breakfast bar, snacks, and lunch each day.

## ***NOTE TO OUTGOING PRESIDENTS***

Each president receives *The National Gardener* magazine. If you are an outgoing President and wish to continue to receive this informative magazine, you will need to go to the National Garden Club website and pay for your subscription.



## ***NEW RFGC OFFICERS***

***Carrie Wilder, President***

***Barbara Ivey, Fourth Vice President***

***Joy Puckett, Third Vice President***

***Mary Rolan, Second Vice President***

***Anita Bridges, First Vice President***

***Donna Knighten, Secretary***

***Caroline Alford, Treasurer***

***John Barnett, Corresponding Secretary***

## **LAUREL LETTERS ARTICLES**

If you would like to submit articles about your clubs activities, you should submit them to Sheelah Schreiber, (mingjoysch@gmail.com) Text Editor for Laurel Letters. She will review and forward for publication to Susan Stephens, Editor.

There are four issues a year. Deadline for each is as follows:  
February 25; May 15; August 25; November 19.

## AS A GARDEN CLUB MEMBER WHAT CLUBS DO YOU BELONG TO ?

**1st**—Your Club belongs to Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. made up of 10 clubs with Carrie Wilder as the President for 2019-2021.  
Her theme is: **“3...2...1... LET’S GROW”**.



**2nd**—Rome Federation belongs to the Laurel District. Laurel was established in 1959 and is one of the 7 Districts in Georgia. The District Director for 2019-2021 is Marie Purser.

Her theme is: **“CULTIVATE THE BEAUTY OF NORTH GEORGIA”**





**3rd**– Laurel District belongs to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. which was organized June 8, 1928. GCG is made up of a President and Officers. Barbara Borque is the President and her theme is:

**“PLANT AMERICA—NURTURE THE GARDEN WE CALL GEORGIA.”**



**4th**–The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is a member of Deep South Garden Club. It includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. The presiding officer is Regional Director, Lena Bateman, and her theme is: **“GET BACK TO NATURE DSGC”**



**5th**–The Deep South Garden Club plus 7 other regions make up the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The presiding officer is the President of NGC. She is Gay Austin, from Mississippi. Her theme is:

**“PLANT AMERICA.”**



**National Garden Clubs**



### WORDS of WISDOM

*I have found, through years of practice, that people garden in order to make something grow; to interact with nature; to share, to find sanctuary, to heal, to honor the earth, to leave a mark. Through gardening, we feel whole as we make our personal work of art upon our land.*

*Julie Moir Messervy, The Inward Garden, 1995*

The flower for Carrie’s administration is the Hemerocallis, commonly known as the Daylily. The below daylilies are from Judy’s collection in her garden which are currently blooming.



COACH’S REAL DEAL



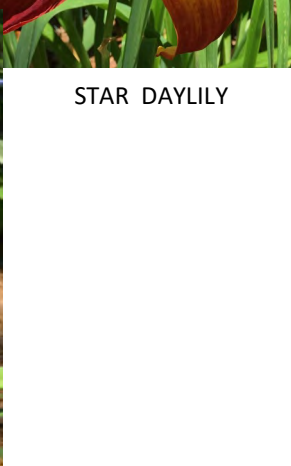
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ANGELIC GRIN



CORAL CRAB



STAR DAYLILY



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SPIDER DAYLILY