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“TOGETHER WE GROW”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Federated Garden Club Members,

The passing of the baton is about to take place. This executive committee has worked diligently to increase the awareness of keeping our environment clean and safe. They have done this with the Environmental Schools. Two sessions have been completed. The other two will be completed before the end of May 2019. Thanks to Jo Hernandez , Stanley Boulee , Judy Howerton. Carrie Wilder, and Joy Puckett.

I want to thank Jennifer Kearns for her work and organization of the Federation Project of the pollinator garden at Bailey Park next to the Town Clock. The 10 Garden clubs have been a part of this work of beautification beside the Town Clock. Jennifer is a member of the Seven Hills Garden Club and they have given her great support.

We, the executive committee, have acquired a deed to the Federated Garden House at 100 East 8th Street Rome, GA. Now we are happy to turn these accomplishments over to a new and very capable slate of officers for the Rome Federation. They will move us forward for the next two years.

These two years moved with success because of your hard work and support. It has been a magnanimous experience for me and I appreciate the opportunity to work with all of you.

Sincerely Yours,

Winifred Holland

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The Circle and the Square

A circle seem perfect
No sharp edges and
Can roll right over and
Never be aware of what
Edges are all about.

The square works
With effort to see that it's
Sides are kept
Pristine, sharp and stay in place
Keeping its shape.

The circle rolls
With confidence
That all will work
With hopes that
All will shape right in place.

The square views
What is ahead
With sharp corners
Moving slowly
Aware of making bends.

Circle bounces
With a movement
Gracefully moving
Round and about
On the way.

Square stops
Resting of all the strain
Moving slowly
Pondering the
Right or left.

Circle carefully

By Winnie Holland

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
Feb. 20-March 5	Three Rivers
March 6-March 19	Townview
March 20-April 2	African Violet Study
April 3-April 16	Camellia
April 17-April 30	Mountain View
May 1-May 14	Seven Hills



GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>TASK</u>
March 5	Thistle	Refreshments
April, 2019	Lavender View	4 paper towel rolls & Clean Garden Center
May 7, 2019	All Clubs	Tasks to be assigned

CALENDAR

March 5	RFGC Meeting
March 11-13	Deep South Garden Clubs Convention, Jekyll Island
March 20-21	Environmental School III, Rome
March 27	S. Ga. Native Plant Symposium, Tifton
April 16-18	Garden Club of Georgia Convention, Columbus
April 21-27	Garden Week in Georgia
April 29	National Garden Club Convention
May 7	Day in May

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
 100 East Eighth Street
 Rome, GA 30161

Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

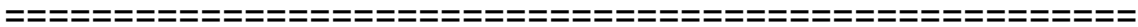
Income:

Projected Dues (240 members x \$20/member)	\$4,800	
Per Fact Finding Committee Recommendation of 2017 for allocation of dues:		
75% for work of the RFGC (\$3,600)		
25% for building maintenance (\$1,200)		
Education (\$15/club)	150	
Projected Ways & Means Fundraising	<u>3,392</u>	
 Total Income		 \$8,342

Expenses:

Building Maintenance		
Georgia Power (\$137/month)	\$1,644	
City of Rome Water (\$25.74/month)	309	
Lawn Maintenance (\$90/month)	1,080	
Cook's Pest Control	267	
State Farm Ins. (Garden Center)	<u>1,292</u>	
	\$4,592	
 RFGC Projects, Membership Dues, etc.		
GCG Council Dues	\$ 15	
GCG Convention Registration Fee (for President per ByLaws)	250	
Education Program (one program per administration per ByLaws)	300	
Day in May (2021)	-0-	
Community Project (per ByLaws \$1/member per year To provide seed money for project)	240	
Projects, Donations For the work of RFGC	<u>2,345</u>	
	\$3,150	

Administrative Expenses		
Website Hosting Fee	\$	200
Secretary of State (annual non-profit registration)		30
Awards--printing, postage		75
Yearbook--delivered by email		-0-
Printing, postage, office supplies, etc.		<u>295</u>
	\$	600
 Total Expenses		 \$8,342



Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Ways and Means Committee
2017-2019 Administration

Porter Family Concert	\$3,329	
Spring Yard Sale	1,000	
Honey Baked Ham - 3 campaigns	1,383	
Environmental School - Course I	2,230*	
Environmental School - Course II	<u>1,746</u>	
		\$9,688
Donations Made to Operating Account		<u>\$ 816</u>
Total		\$10,504

*Includes \$500 donation from Laurel District

Assuming:

Environmental School - Course III	\$1,500
Environmental School - Course IV	<u>\$1,500</u>

Total	\$13,504
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ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL, COURSE III & IV
TO BE OFFERED IN ROME

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. is offering this series in collaboration with NGC, GCG, and The Laurel District. Dates and themes are as follows:

Course III - Air & Related Issues March 20 - 21, 2019

Course IV - Water & Related Issues May 15 - 16, 2019

All courses will be held at the ECO Center, 393 Riverside Pkwy NE, Rome, GA 30161. The cost of each two-day course is \$80. This registration fee covers speaker stipends, course materials, field trips, coffee breaks, and lunch. Participants who enroll in all four courses and take a short open book test for each section of each course, will also be eligible to become a NGC, Inc. Accredited Environmental Consultant. Speakers are specialists in their field. They are drawn from local schools and universities as well as from experienced professionals in specific areas of expertise.

Course III: The Living Earth - Air and Related Issues

Ecology-Air, Plants-The Rainforest, Environmental Ethics, Environmental Science-Pollution, Wildlife-Endangered Plants and Wildlife, Initiating School Programs, Earth Stewardship, Nature Discovery Field Trip.

Course IV: Water and Related Issues

Ecology, Plants-Aquatic Plants-Wetlands, Environmental-Science-Sustainability, Wildlife-Aquatic Animals, Youth Programs in Environmental Education, Supplemental Subject, Earth Stewardship-Effective Citizenship and Field Trip.

RFGC's first and second course were each well attended by 32 participants from four states. Instructors were Ben Winkelman, Director of the ECO Center; Dr. Cathy Borer, Associate Professor of Biology and Coordinator of Environmental Sciences Program at Berry College; Dr. Brian Campbell, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Environmental Studies at Berry College; Keith Mickler, Floyd County Extension Coordinator and Agriculture Agent, UGA Cooperative Extension.

One additional instructor at this course III will be Owen Kenney, Science Department Chair, Darlington School. He has been recognized with several teaching honors, including the Beachum, Awsumb, and Betts Master Teacher Awards. Kinney was also named Toyota International Teacher in 2006, and in 2010 he received a Fulbright Award to study Education for Sustainable Development in Japanese schools. We are delighted that we can offer Kinney's knowledge to the participants of our Environmental School.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR COURSE III or IV

Mail before March 15 for Course III or

Mail before May 5 for Course IV.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Garden Club: _____

\$80 Course fee (includes all fees and lunch 2 days)

Total Registration Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Rome Federated Garden Clubs**

Mail registration form and check to: RFGC c/o Stanley Boulee, Treasurer 515 E. 9th St. Rome, GA 30161

Limited seating available. Refunds up to two weeks before school and a 25% handling fee will be retained on all cancellations.

Contact: Stanley Boulee at stanleyboulee@gmail.com

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backwards. So when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means that it is going to launch you into something great.

So just focus and keep aiming.

Author Unknown

As garden club members, we felt the budget crisis as this administration took office—we felt the arrow pulling us back. But, we were launched into fundraising with a vengeance. The financial problems taught us that we ALL must work together in order to save the Garden Center. We had successful fundraisers in 2018 and are once again in good financial condition.

On 1/1/18 our Operating Account balance was \$2,744. On 1/1/19 our Balance is \$8,911. Ways and Means has already planned to continue this success into 2019. Let's make 2019 a great year for Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. as we continue to stay focused and keep aiming to work together. Our President's motto is "Together We Grow." Here again we want success, not failure.

Accolades and applause to all our clubs for your help with all the many projects and plans.

DAY IN MAY

Day in May will be a very important day for Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. We will be recognizing the outgoing administration and installing and welcoming the new administration for 2019– 2021. The Clubs are encouraged to recognize area persons who have been important to your club such as city workers, husbands, community leaders, etc. ALSO, don't forget to give Life Memberships to deserving supporters, officers, business people, and members who have made significant contributions to your Clubs in some way. Send your check for \$100.00 for each person to Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. c/o Stanley Boulee and write "Life Membership" in the appropriate space on your check.

More information will be forthcoming regarding plans for Day in May.

Life Membership Application

Being a Life Member in RFGC indicates an interest in and devotion to the ideals of this organization. It is an excellent means of honoring those who have made valuable contributions in the field of garden club work and/or support through services. A garden club or non-garden club member may become a Life Member. The Life Memberships are given at the end of an administration at the Day in May Celebration. To honor someone with a Life Membership, send a check for \$100, payable to RFGC, and this application to Stanley Boulee, Treasurer, 515 E. 9th Street, Rome, Ga. 30161.

First Name of Honoree _____

Last Name of Honoree _____

Mailing Address: _____

Honored by: _____

Brief description of service to be recognized:

***CLOCK TOWER
FEDERATED PROJECT***



SPADE AND TROWEL WORK DAY



ANEMONE IN BLOOM



YARROW, LAMBSEAR



SULFURS IN THE GARDEN LAST FALL



It's official! Our labor at the **Clock Tower Garden** has resulted in being part of the **Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail**. We have been given this designation because we are providing food and shelter in the many host and nectar plants we've planted. Milkweeds and parsley are necessary for laying the eggs. Asters, ironweed, phlox, goldenrod, fothergilla, yarrow, zinnias, agastache, anemone, basil, daisies, lilies, etc., are sources of nectar food, and also support birds and bees. Thanks to Sheelah Schreiber for submitting the application with all our plants. A plaque and book have been ordered. Plans are to have the plaque installed prior to our April 10 Dedication.

Now, we need to finish the pruning and prep work for the Dedication April 10, 10:45am. Here is the last schedule I'll send out. We will meet at 11am unless the heat requires us to start earlier, to be announced.

2019 Workdays, joined with Seven Hills:

Thurs., Feb. 21, 11am, African Violet, Camellia, 4 Seasons

Thurs., Mar. 21, Lavender View, Mountain View

Thurs., Apr. 4, Spade & Trowel, Thistle

Thurs., May 16, Three Rivers, Townview

Recognition and thanks goes to all the Rome Garden Clubs who have been involved in this community project, with funds, plants and labor. We have created a welcoming entrance to our famous Clock Tower landmark.

ARBOR DAY 2019

So what do you do with 29 Tree City USA flags?!? That is a good problem to have as Rome celebrated receiving their 29th flag on Arbor Day on February 15th. To earn this honor, a city must have a Tree Board or Committee. There must be a tree ordinance, an Arbor Day celebration and \$2 per capita budgeted for tree planting and maintenance.

The program was hosted by the City of Rome Tree Board, in partnership with Ga. Power, Ga. Forestry, The DAR, the Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful. The city also received its 11th Growth Award from Tree City USA which is given in recognition of meeting higher levels of tree care. Rome is one of 9 cities in Georgia to receive the award.

RFGC President, Winnie Holland, did the Dedication of Trees.

Arbor Day was held at the Senior Center on Riverside Parkway. Eighteen new Willow Oaks were planted in the medians, right of ways and in the Ridge Ferry Arboretum. They are replacing elms that were infected with elm disease and could not be saved.



Ruth Forrester, left, gave the History of the Site.

Below, Rome Federation Members in Attendance.



PLANT AMERICA

SPRING EPHEMERALS

Spring ephemeral describes a life habit of perennial woodland wildflowers which develop aerial parts (i.e. stems, leaves, and flowers) of the plant early each spring and then quickly bloom, and produce seed. The leaves often wither leaving only underground structures (i.e. roots, rhizomes, and bulbs) for the remainder of the year. This strategy is very common in herbaceous communities of deciduous forests as it allows small herbaceous plants to take advantage of the high levels of sunlight reaching the forest floor prior to formation of a canopy by woody plants.

As winter draws to a close and the days have gradually lengthened, gardeners grow increasingly eager for the earliest spring flowers in our woodlands - Spring Ephemerals. They are a wonderful lure into the woods before the trees leaf out. They poke up through the dried leaf litter and bask in the sun when woody plants are just bare limbs. By the time leaves unfurl overhead, these delicate beauties have disappeared.

Spring ephemerals are triggered to grow with the first hint of warm weather. Once hot weather takes hold, ephemerals usually die back on top, but their roots continue growing under the soil, although there will be years when some plants that are usually ephemeral decide to surprise you and stick around.

The natural habitat for most spring ephemerals is a woodland, particularly damp areas like stream banks. Not all ephemerals are widely dispersed and your area may have its own distinct wildflowers, but here a few popularly grown spring ephemerals to consider for your garden.

Some favorites include, Bloodroot, Bluets, Lady slippers, Celandine Poppy, Jack-in-the-pulpit, May apple, Rue Anemone, Sagebrush buttercup, Spring Beauty, Trillium, Twinleaf, and Virginia Bluebell. A friend shared some Lady slippers with me last year and I anxiously await their bloom. Deer and land development are driving these native spring ephemerals to near extinction in many areas. That's another good reason to plant some in your shade gardens.

Take some time to stroll through the woods and search for some of these beauties but **DO NOT DIG FROM THE FOREST**. It can be challenging to get a wildflower to survive transplanting into a garden. Some landscape nurseries have Ephemerals for sale especially if you go to a nursery that specializes in Native Plants.

Spring is a favorite time of year. There's nothing like walking through the garden and watching new growth emerge from the dirt to take in the sun's light and warmth. It's a time of fresh starts as the garden literally changes daily.

Take your club on a field trip to the Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail. Take a jacket and umbrella. Your camera is a must to capture the natural beauty of the area. This is one of the finest areas in the state for viewing wildflowers and it is located in Laurel District near Lafayette.



In that moment, I felt magical, caught by the wonder of nature, blessed with beauty, as we watched the Lunar Eclipse January 21, 2019 at 12:20 AM and 28 degree F.



“Let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans—and all that lives and moves upon them.

He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit— and all that we are about and all that we have misused—

And to save us from our own foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.”

~Sigrid Undset