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“TOGETHER WE GROW”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Garden Club Members,

Our Environmental School beamed with success. We had 32 people attending the two day meeting. It was held at the ECO Center in Rome on October 2nd and 3rd. The participation burst with excitement by those people who participated in the discussions and the activities. The speakers were resplendent and creative with their presentations. People came from Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida and many of our clubs were well represented.

Please make every effort to make sure you can be a student in helping make the world a better place in our next schools of study.

January 09th and 10th 2019

March 20th and 21st 2019

May 15th and 16th 2019

Jo Hernandez completed a stupendous job in planning these seminars. She is one of us. Let’s support these outstanding studies dealing with our environment. We all want to say that we can and will make this world a better place than we found it. Please try to attend these schools listed above. I know you will enjoy being a part of these studies to come.

Sincerely yours,
Winnie Holland

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Words from the Environmental Studies

I Hear the World

I hear the world struggling to be renewed
I hear the world plummeting with no stopping
I hear the world counting the days gone by
I hear the world weeping for a new direction
I hear the world demanding its keepers to be greater
I hear the world grasping for a fresh breath of air
I hear the world calling for us to walk the walk.

By : John Barnett

I Hear the World

I hear the world crying for new legislation for clean air and water
I hear the world asking us to use renewable resources
I hear the world asking not to deplete the non-renewable resources
I hear the world calling out to take care and nurture our children
I hear the world calling upon us to love one another
I hear the world asking for peace
I hear the world asking for respect for all life
I hear the world taking joy in its nature
I hear the world in silent prayer for all.

By : Jo Hernandez

I Hear the World

I hear the world crying for help
I hear the world hiccuping in its mistake
I hear the world falling apart in its intolerance of different people
I hear the world sighing for relief when death arrives
I hear the world wondering how it could be better to its inhabitants
I hear the world singing for the beauty of nature
I hear the world bombing its people with war and unrest
I hear the world praying to God for understanding and peace
I hear the world wrestling with indifferences
I hear the world unhappy with those who sit and do nothing.

By: Janice Knight
Cedar Bluff, AL

In Closing:

When Thunder Sounds

By: Winnie Holland

Rain sprinkles the earth
New seed sprouts
Sprouts grow
Fruits produced
Feeds the consumer
Consumers produce energy
Energy produces a product
Products sold
Money received
Money buys New Seeds
Seeds planted
Rain sprinkled
Thunder sounded
Rain sprinkled upon the EARTH
When Thunder Sounds.



LIBRARY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
October 31-November 13	Three Rivers
November 14—November 27	Townview
November 28—December 11	African Violet
December 12-25	Camellia
December 26—January 8	Mountain View
January 9—January 22	Seven Hills

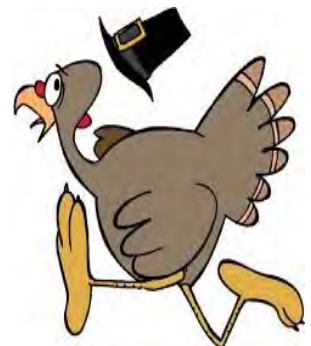


GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>TASK</u>
November 6	Mountain View	Refreshments
December	Townview	3 bales pine straw
January 8	African Violet	Refreshments

CALENDAR

October 31	Wreath to Tony Warren Cancer Center
November 6	RFGC MEETING, Garden Center
November 22	<i>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</i>
December 1	Various AWARDS deadline
January 8, 2019	RFGC Meeting, Garden Center
January 9-10	Environmental School, Rome
January 16	Native Plant Symposium, Athens





COOSA VALLEY FAIR WINNERS 2018

Best in Horticulture—Carolyn Swinford

Best in Junior. Horticulture—Belle Brooks

Best in Agriculture—Felipe P. Morales

Best in Begonia—Carolyn Swinford

Best in Hanging Container—Wanda Michaels, Three Rivers

Best in Cut Specimen—Connie Burnes, Townview, Crocodile Fern

Best in Fern,- -Carolyn Swinford

Best in Rose—Marti Walstad, Seven Hills

Best in Arboreal Specimen (Tree) —Tish Redwine, Camellia

Best in Container Grown plant—Marilyn Hendrickson, Thistle

Best in Pumpkin—Felipe P. Morales

Best in Tomato —Catherine Varidel

Most Blue Ribbons, Townview (123)



COOSA VALLEY FAIR WINNERS BY CLUB

<u>Club</u>	<u>Blue/1st</u>	<u>Red/2nd</u>	<u>Yellow/3rd</u>	<u>White/HM</u>	<u>Premium \$\$</u>
African Violet Study Group	14	8			\$ 40.00
Camellia	2		1	Best Arboreal	\$ 25.00
Four Seasons					
Lavender View	6	2	1		\$ 16.00
Mountain View	2	1			\$ 5.50
Seven Hills	87	30	15	Best rose	\$254.00
Spade & Trowel	44	10	3		\$108.00
Thistle	6	3		Best Container	\$ 36.50
Three Rivers	92	40	6	Best Hanging	\$ 270.00
Townview (Most Blues +\$75)	123	45	18		\$406.50
					\$1,159.50

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS FOR ROME FEDERATION

The Federation received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Garden Clubs for our Federated Facts and The Standard of Excellence along with a \$50 check. The presentation to our President was made by the Garden Club of Georgia's President, Jane Hersey, at the Laurel District meeting in Dalton.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL

By Stanley Boulee

The National Garden Clubs (NGC) offers as part of its mission, educational opportunities for members and non-members.

One of the courses offered is “Environmental Studies,” a series of four two-day courses in environmental studies offered over a period of time.

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 I - The Living Earth October 2 - 3, 2018

Course II - Land & Related Issues January 9 - 10, 2019

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

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

All four 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.

The mission of the Environmental School is to teach environmental literacy to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth. The courses teach participants environmental literacy, appreciation of the natural world, encourages action for sustainable development and appreciation for the interrelation of all natural things. Particular emphasis is placed on land conservation, water conservation and air quality.

Topics explored in each course:

Course I: The Living Earth

Ecology, Plants-Biodiversity, Environmental Science, Environmental Issues, Backyard Wildlife Habitat, Networking and Outreach, Historic Environmental Actions and Leaders, Sustainability, Nature Discovery Field Trip (Roman Holiday boat trip).

Course II: The Living Earth - Land and Related Issues

Ecology-Land, Plants-Agriculture, Source Reduction of Pollutants, Toxics and materials, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Science-Resources, Wildlife-Animals-The Misunderstoods, Earth Stewardship-Gardening with Nature, Nature Discovery Field Trip.

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: The Living Earth-Water and Related Issues

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

RFGC’s first course, The Living Earth, was well attended (32 participants from four states) and was well received. 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; and Winifred Holland, President of RFGC and retired teacher with special interest in Environmental Science.

Special recognition for the coordination of this program is extended to Jo Hernandez, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. She was assisted by Carrie Wilder, Joy Puckett, Judy Howerton, Caroline Alford, Stanley Boulee, Winnie Holland, and Dr. John Barnett representing The Laurel District. Many thanks to this dedicated group, as well as the many RFGC members who donated their time and various materials to the program, as well as preparing food for coffee breaks and lunches, a big hit with the attendees—one attendee commented that the early morning coffee we served was better than the \$17 breakfast she had at her hotel.

You’ll find attached a registration form for Course II. If you missed the first course, you may attend any and/or all of the remaining courses. Participants have started enrolling--be sure to get your registration in before the busy holidays! Deadline for registration - December 31, 2018.



Dr. Cathy Borer, Associate Professor of Biology and Coordinator of Environmental Sciences Program at Berry College



Jo Hernandez, Mary Reid and Stanley Boulee enjoying the field trip - Roman Holiday River tour.

REGISTRATION FORM
ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COURSE II
JANUARY 9-10, 2019

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**

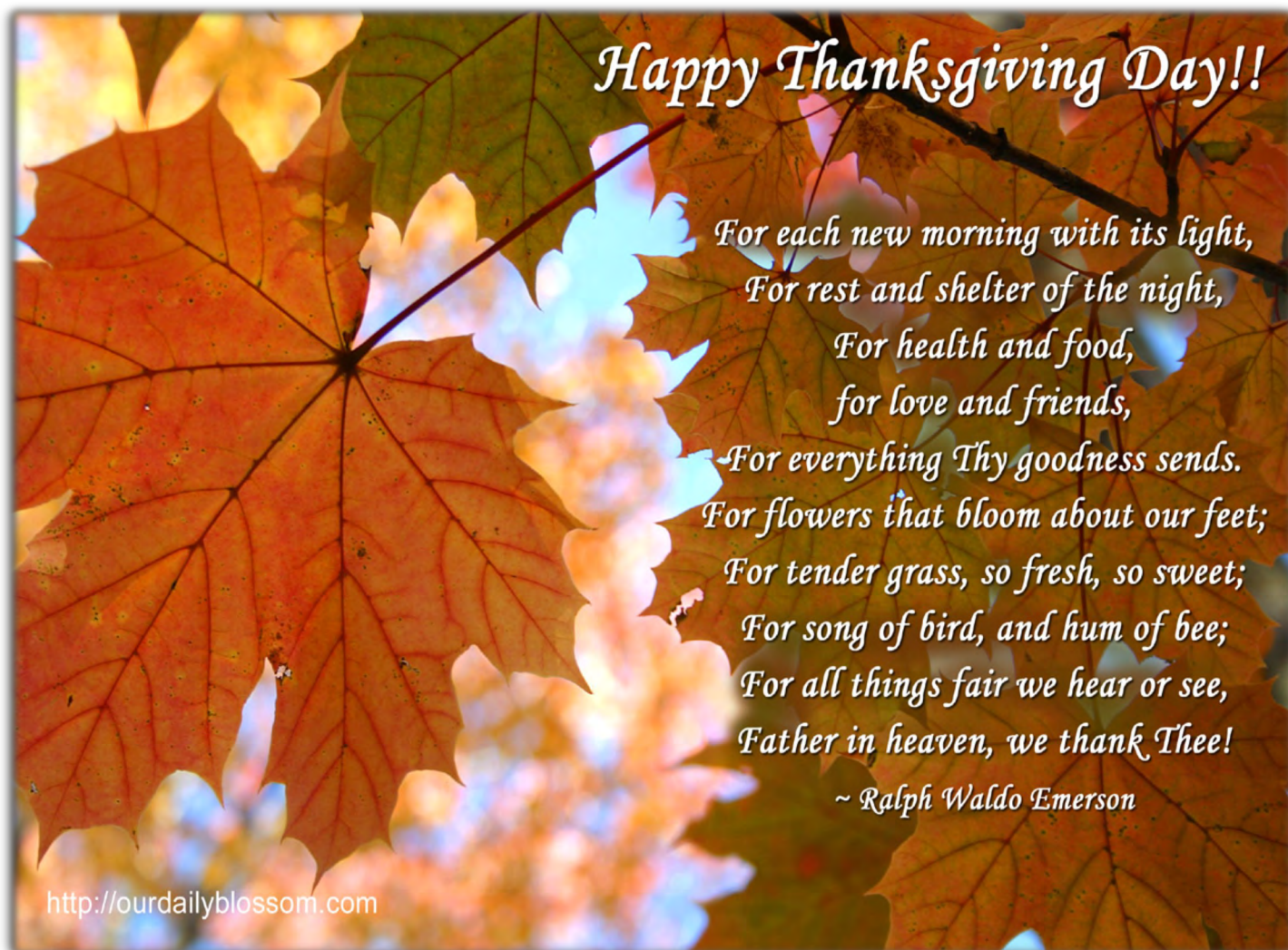
Mail registration form and check to: RFGC c/o Stanley Boulee, Treasurer 515 E. 9th St. Rome, GA 30161. Deadline December 31, 2018.

Contact: Stanley Boulee at stanleyboulee@gmail.com



Attendees enjoying the Environmental School.





TIME TO ORDER HONEY BAKED HAM

The Federation is once again selling Honey Baked Ham gift cards to raise funds to help the Garden Center stay in the black.

It is easy! The entire fundraiser is online only. Just click the website below to purchase your HoneyBaked Gift Cards. They collect funds from the credit card you enter and ship the gift card directly to you. **Best of all – 20% of every purchase goes to our fundraiser for the upkeep of the Garden Center.** Just be sure to order the gift card SOON (before the rush from all other organizations fundraising) so that it arrives at your home before the holiday ham is needed.

https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/rome_federated_garden_clubs_inc

NEWS FROM SEVEN HILLS GARDEN CLUB WITH REPORT ON FEDERATION PROJECT

By Jennifer Kearns

Our **September 27** workday was rained out and thanks to Pam Roberts for rescheduling **Townview** to come the next Thursday. We were able to clean the garden under the oak tree from fallen acorns and trim flowers. The **October 11** workday was assisted by **Three Rivers**. Our Federation President, Winnie Holland was among the workers. We continued digging up canna lilies and planting two native fothergilla bushes to replace invasive butterfly bush. Shasta daisies were divided and put in bed #1. Our **October 26** day was cloudy and a little chilly. **Spade and Trowel** came and helped remove the tall goldenrod, more canna lilies and never ending acorns sprouts. Donna Knighten, took seeds of our native orange butterfly weed last January, and nurtured 8 beautiful plants during the spring, that were planted this fall. In addition, more pollinator plants, dill and phlox, were put in the ground for next year. A special treat for those working was watching the groups of butterflies. Among the sulfurs and gulf fritillaries, were numerous monarch butterflies. Proof of our goal! We envisioned a pollinator garden with host and food plants for all these creatures. Sheelah Schreiber is applying for the Rosalind Carter Butterfly Trail designation for the Clock Tower Garden. We shouldn't have a problem meeting that designation! Monarch butterflies have had a hard time living the past few years with the use of chemicals and weed eating. Milkweeds, their primary host plant will raise 4 generations during the year from about March until October. During cold weather, the Monarchs on the Eastern part of the US will migrate 2,500 miles to Mexico. They will return in the spring and start their first generation. Of all our pollinator plants, the Monarchs at the Clock Tower Garden preferred the butterfly bush that we had been grooming all summer by trimming the brown flowers. Pictures of the Monarchs have been spectacular against the blue flowers of the butterfly bush. As 2018 closes, I would like to thank all the Rome Federated Garden Clubs for contributing time and labor to this Clock Tower Garden Project. We didn't always have perfect weather, but we persisted in the cold, rain and heat. Our leader, Nelly Luthi shared her wisdom and plants. Seedlings became the flowers we enjoyed all summer. Irrigation was installed by the City and kept the garden watered during the late summer drought, thanks to Ansley Saville. A new year will be coming and workdays for each month until May 2019 will be assigned. Contact me if you are interested in helping spread pine straw, sometime this winter. Before frost, go by and see the garden at it's peak. And while you are there, listen to the positive comments by visitors to our famous landmark. You won't be surprised!

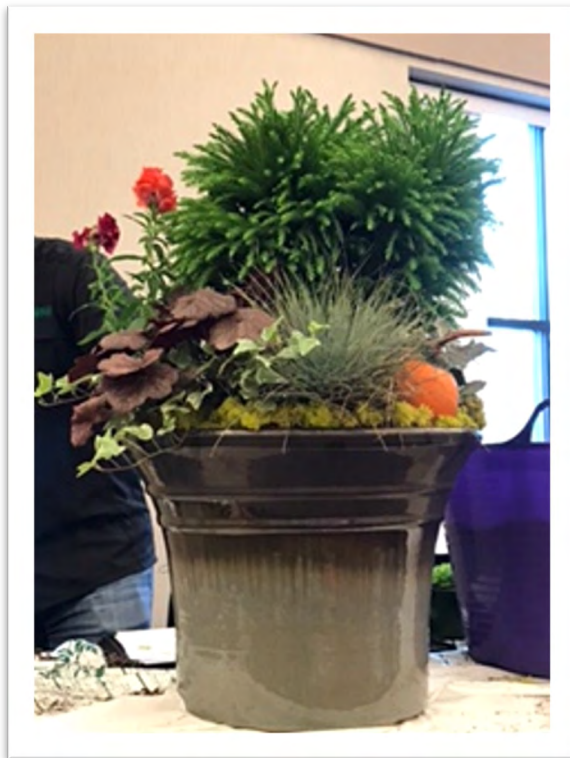


**MOUNTAIN VIEW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS
ATTENDED LAUREL DISTRICT MEETING**



Nancy Thompson, Wanda Meeks, Joanne Burke,
Mary Rolan and Caroline Alford

The program was a demonstration of creating fall arrangements and was presented by Fiddlehead Nursery.



Fall Inspirations

Autumn drifts in on a crisp morning breeze— a welcome reprieve from the heat and humidity of summer. Just as I am growing weary of gardening, this time of year never fails to restore the spirit once I start seeing mums and pansies.

A stroll through Rome reveals the arrival of fall as shoppers enjoy Townview's Ginkgo trees dressed in autumn finery providing a colorful canopy above the sidewalk at Broad and 5th.



The bounty of fall is upon us. The fields of pumpkins, trees weighted down with crisp apples, and (hopefully) foliage in fiery colors all decorate the landscape.

There is an urgency in the arrival of fall—its flurry of festivities. The grandchildren have homecoming dances, football games and tailgating, fairs, apple picking, pumpkin carving and

Halloween.

Then there is the much anticipated Thanksgiving feast with family and friends. The flavorful cuisine prepared this time of year reflects the earth's abundance.



Thanksgiving is definitely a day that we all look forward to, but it should not just be celebrated once a year; it should be celebrated every day. Let's always be thankful for all of the blessings we receive daily. Every morning we wake up is a great blessing. We have yet another day to create memories, another chance to be the best we can be.

This Thanksgiving, I wish for you the happiness that comes from doing the things you love with the people you love.

Judy