



FEDERATED FACTS

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“3...2...1...LET’S GROW”

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

There is only one word that describes how I feel about Fall--THANKFUL!

Thankful that the summer heat is gone. Thankful that the mornings are cool. Thankful that the harvest is in. Thankful that family gatherings are right around the corner and most of all thankful for you!

These last few months have been full of great projects, great people and great community activities. I am thankful to those that participated in the Coosa Valley Fair. It was wonderful to have so many volunteers, clerks and participants from RFGC. The Laurel District meeting in Dahlongega was a resounding success for our clubs with awards and recognition for Seven Hills, Townview, Camellia, Three Rivers and the RFGC. We were given the Director's Award for Council of the Year from Laurel District among the many awards we received that day. Our first Landscape Design course was a huge success with 39 attendees. We hope that many of you will join us in this wonderful educational opportunity on November 28-29.

We are making things happen at the Garden Center with help from Jason Adams Construction. Jason and his team used our previous inspection report to correct structural issues due to old termite damage underneath the house, repair minor issues with the roof and previous damage to the window soffits, along with many of the other small items that were identified. We are thankful for his efficient work, his extremely reasonable price and the pride he took in our building. We look forward to working with him in the future as we look into our growing needs to repair the bathroom and provide easier access into our building. Please remember that projects such as these rely on your generosity, consider supporting these projects through a financial donation to our renovation account or participate in our Honey Baked Ham gift card promotion during this giving season.

As you are all out at festivals, fairs, shopping centers and holiday parties, remember to look around and invite someone to your Garden Club. This time of year is made sweeter by those we surround ourselves with, so give someone new the opportunity to get to know you, you are all amazingly generous people with so much to share.

Carrie Wilder
RFGC President

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CALENDAR

Oct. 20-Nov. 12	Thistle Library Arrangement
Nov. 5	RFGC MEETING with Three Rivers doing refreshments
Nov. 13-Nov. 26	Three Rivers Library Arrangement
Nov. 20 - 21	LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL
Dec. 1	Mt. View to furnish dish soap, Windex and Sponges to Garden Center and clean center.
Nov. 27—Dec 10	Townview Library Arrangement
Dec. 11—Dec. 24	African Violet Library Arrangement
Dec. 25—Jan. 7	Camellia Library Arrangement
November 20-2	Landscape Design School, Course II, Rome
February 12-13	Landscape Design School, Course III, Rome
April 28-29, 2020	Landscape Design School, Course IV, Rome



**The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
November 5th Meeting**

The November 5th Meeting will be held at the Garden Center with coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by the business meeting at 10:00 a.m. All members of clubs involved with the federation are welcome to attend. We need at least three from each club to attend to represent your club.

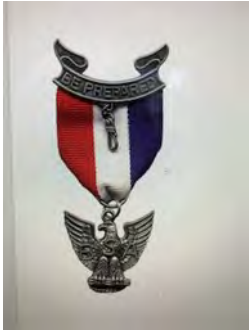
The program will be about The Community Foundation for Greater Rome, by Joel Snider, Director.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THREE RIVERS

At the recent Laurel District Meeting, Three Rivers was honored by receiving the Laurel District Club of the Year Award. Even more impressive — they have won this award for three straight years.

GCG and NATURE CONSERVANCY
RECOGNIZE CARSON GARRETT
Marshall Forest Report



Since the inception of the Eagle Scout rank in 1911 over 2.5 million scouts, representing only 4% of all scouts, have earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. To achieve this award a scout must first be active in a troop for at least six months as a Life Scout. He must earn a total of 21 merit badges, show scouting spirit, demonstrate his leadership and commitment. Scouting is preparing the young man for life experiences he may encounter.

The most difficult and time consuming aspect of the award is fulfillment of the Eagle Scout Project. Carson Garrett, son of Seven Hills Garden Club member Susie Garrett and her husband Casey, completed his project between July 2018 and June 2019. Every part of the project had to be planned, documented, coordinated, and finally executed. Lastly, there is a board of review.

Eagle Scout projects must benefit the Community or other organizations outside of BSA. After much research and thought Carson chose to make improvements to the Big Pine Braille Trail in Marshall Forest located in Rome, Georgia. Several things needed to be addressed. But his choice was to replace the 15 deteriorating signs along the trail. With help and guidance from Marc Weed, who works with Marshall Forest, Carson submitted his project for approvals from all the necessary groups. He started his workbook and headed off to survey the project area and decide what materials would be needed. A plastic-infused, weather-resistant wood was chosen to provide a stronger material that would not rot in the damp elements. Materials arrived on March 12, 2019.

Now the actual labor - choose a post design, check dimensions, get additional materials - screws, concrete, tools, etc. Total cost - \$1,864.97 - paid by The Nature Conservancy from funds donated by Garden Club of Georgia Garden Clubs to benefit Marshall Forest. On April 6th the signs took shape as Mr Weed, Carson, and his father assembled all 15 signs and began cutting the posts. By May 23rd all the signs were completely assembled and ready for installation.

Final step -announce the project to the troop; choose a work day (June 26) to install signs; set up a time schedule for workers; gather all necessary tools, snacks, and water. Thirteen boys from Troop 113 plus one scout's cousin, and 3 adults arrived to help. Digging out the old posts and setting new ones required hard labor; but with so many helpers the project was finished in 3 hours (2 hours less than anticipated). SUCCESS!



From left Casey Garrett, Carson Garrett, Marc Weed



The Braille Trail in Marshall Forest is an important part of the Forest because it allows the area to be accessible to the visually impaired who lack the ability to see the beauty of their surroundings. The rope next to the trail guides visitors and the signs, written in Braille and English, provide information and education about the flora nearby. The improvements made by Carson Garrett will have an impact on all visitors. His Eagle Scout Project is truly appreciated by both Rome residents and visitors.

NOTE: *The Robert Weed Memorial Walk in the Forest will take place October 11 at 2pm. Carson Garrett and Boy Scouts of Troop 113 will be recognized. Dr. Martin Cipollini of Berry College will speak and lead a tour of the forest.*

Additional Forest updates:

- *The Fire Crew from the Nature Conservancy removed invasive species and fire hazards throughout the Forest.*
- *Several tours of the Forest were conducted during spring and early summer.*
- *The City of Rome Public Works Department worked with Georgia Power to facilitate the installation of a streetlight across from the entrance of the Forest parking lot. The City of Rome paid for installation and will cover future bills.*
- *On their community workday, Berry College freshmen worked removing invasive species around the trails.*
- *Owen Kinney, head of the Science Department at Darlington, and Dr. Brian Campbell, head of Environmental Science Studies at Berry, have been contacted to find ways to involve their students in studying the forest.*
- *Planning by Katie Owens, Caroline Alford, and Ansley Saville for the September 2020 Georgia Historic Preservation Ramble in Rome is underway. Marshall Forest is one of the featured destinations.*

Forest needs:

- *New composite posts and guide ropes for the Big Pine Braille Trail.*
- *New signs to replace damaged and missing signs: need to ordered.*
- *Additional gravel along trails for easier walking and accessibility for all.*
- *QR codes to give background information about the Forest and trail maps for use of visitors to the Forest, are one of the goals for the coming year.*

Your contributions help us keep Marshall Forest in good condition for visitors. Please remember to add Marshall Forest to your club's list of contributions. Deed of Gratitude certificates will be presented to contributors of \$25 or more (by March 1, 2020) at the March Convention.

If your garden club or any other group is interested in touring the Forest please contact Caroline Alford via email at caro-boone@aol.com or by cell 706-346-5886.

*Caroline Alford, Land Trust/Marshall Forest
Sheelah Schreiber, Seven Hills Garden Club*



COOSA VALLEY FAIR WINNERS

Club	Blue/1st	Red/2nd	Yellow/3rd	Premium \$\$
African Violet Group Camellia	12	8	1	\$36.00
Four Seasons	1			\$ 2.00
Lavender View				
Mountain View	8	4	2	\$24.00
Seven Hills	210	75	23	\$423.00
Spade & Trowel	23	8	4	\$62.00
Thistle	10	1		\$21.50
Three Rivers	57	30	15	\$214.00

*GRAND PRIZE WINNERS
AT THE COOSA VALLEY FAIR*



Best in Show—Rabbit Foot Fern, Carolyn McGuiness, Townview

Best Hanging Basket —Rabbit Food Fern, Carolyn McGuiness, Townview

Best Cut Specimen—Pattie Barron, Seven Hills

Best Fern—Linda Evans, Three Rivers

Best Rose—Shellah Schrieber, Seven Hills

Best Arboreal—Jodie Flourney, Three Rivers

Best Shrub—Dawn Irscher, Seven Hills

Best Container—Carolyn Swinford, non-garden club

Best Pumpkin—Lucy Bearden, 12th grade Youth

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL PROJECT FOR 2019 - 2020

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. will be offering the Landscape Design School in Rome, Georgia at the ECO Center. Dates for the schools are November 20-21, 2019; February 12-13, 2020; and April 28-29, 2020. Each two-day school will be \$100.00 and that includes lunch for each day.

Landscape Design Schools offer a series of four 10-hour courses. The courses cover learning about your ecosystem, the principles and elements of landscape design, the landscape design process, the history of landscape design and designing for the environment, among many other topics.

Since its founding in 1958, professional instructors have maintained the high standards originally incorporated in the study program. Students acquire the tools for making their own gardens more beautiful and easier to maintain. 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 courses are intended primarily for garden club members, but are open to the general public. Courses may be sponsored by member clubs, groups of clubs, councils, districts and state garden clubs. Garden club members completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of NGC Landscape Design Consultant. To maintain Consultant status, continuing education is required. Single-subject and Multiple Refreshers provide advanced study opportunity and the occasion to interface with other Consultants. Participation in Consultant Councils is encouraged as one means of using the knowledge gained from this educational program.

More information is available at www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com under the "News" tab.

Chairwoman is Jo Hernandez, Caroline Alford is the Treasurer. Many thanks to Judy Howerton and Winnie Holland for their dedicated support for this project.

Course 1 of the school was just completed with great success. There were 39 in attendance and these ladies and four gentlemen were from all around Georgia and a few of them were from Tennessee.





AWARD APPLICATIONS

Award Application for this year should be submitted by December 1 for the GCG Awards. Yearbooks are now due December 1 also.



DEADLINE FOR JANUARY FEDERATED FACTS ARTICLES

If you have an article about your Club for the January FF, please send to Judy Howerton, at judy@howerton2.com by December 27.

SAVE THE DATE...RFGC YARD SALE - APRIL 25, 2020

As you start doing your fall cleaning of the gardening projects, collect used tools, containers, pots, anything garden related for the yard sale taking place April 25, 2020 at the garden center.

Not only is this a good way to dispose of unwanted items, it brings awareness to the garden center (where sale is to be held) and garden clubbing. You can hand out brochures about your garden club; you can help sell; you can purchase needed items.

This is good publicity for Rome Federated Garden Clubs.

You might even pick up some items you need. There will be some plants for sale.

This will be a fundraiser for RFGC and all clubs/members are asked to participate. Jo Hernandez, Ways and Means Chairman, will be giving more information closer to the date.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

If your club is responsible for furnishing an item to the garden center in any given month, it is also your responsibility to clean the garden center AND THE BATHROOM that month. Garden Center calendar is on the website and also it is in the Federated Facts.

Also, if your club has a meeting there, it is your responsibility to leave the garden center CLEAN and that includes the bathroom!!

Thank you very much.



HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING

Dear Fellow Gardeners.

Our Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser has been approved. The end date is 1/3/2020. Please support the Rome Federation by purchasing gift cards for any occasion. If you are thinking of buying a Ham or turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas, purchase your card early and use it whenever you wish. I am attaching the flyer that gives you an idea of what the different amounts will purchase. We receive 20% of your purchase price back as a donation, which does not cost you anything.

Order your cards early as they do not expire. The cards must be purchased on line from our fundraising site. Here is the link:

[https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Support the Rome Federation](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Support%20the%20Rome%20Federation). You may have to actually type in this link as you may not be able to access the link by clicking on it.

Thanks for participating.

Caroline



Good things come in small packages!

Available in any denomination, HoneyBaked Gift Cards allow everyone on your shopping list to choose and enjoy something delicious! With no expiration date they make the perfect gift. HoneyBaked—Always a Special Occasion!

Here are some gift suggestions at several denomination levels:

<p>\$10 HoneyBaked Gift Card</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px dashed #ccc;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delicious HoneyBaked Lunch Fresh Deli Sides Heat & Serve Sides HoneyBaked Sweet Glaze Bacon 	<p>\$35 HoneyBaked Gift Card</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px dashed #ccc;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HoneyBaked Boneless Half Ham HoneyBaked Turkey Breast Beef Pot Roast
<p>\$25 HoneyBaked Gift Card</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px dashed #ccc;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Rack of Ribs BBQ Pork Roast HoneyBaked Ham and Turkey Slices Cookie and Brownie Platter Cheese Cake Sampler Carrot Cake 	<p>\$50 HoneyBaked Gift Card</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px dashed #ccc;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HoneyBaked Quarter Ham HoneyBaked Whole Turkey HoneyBaked Turkey Breast with 1 Side HoneyBaked Boneless Half Ham with 1 Side