



FEDERATED FACTS,

OCTOBER, 2023

Happy Fall Everyone!

Even though it still feels like summer the Coosa Valley Fair reminds us that yes indeed it is Fall! On that note let me thank you for all the entries that you submitted for the Flower Show, to all the volunteers that worked so hard on Entry Day and for Clerking the next day, and in advance -as I am writing before Take Down Day- thanks for those needed volunteers. We had wonderful participation this year.

The Flower Show is our premier time to fulfill one of our Garden Club Goals of Education. So many people are inspired about gardening just by visiting the Flower Show- so congratulations on spreading the good news of gardening.

Fall is also the time of our Laurel District Meeting which will be Oct. 24th in Ball Ground. The deadline is Oct. 12th. I encourage you to attend this fun time with fellow Garden Club members from around the district.

Coming up soon is our next Federation meeting on Tues. November 7th at 9:30. We have a real treat in store as our own Judy Howerton **will present our program on “Decorating for Fall.”**

You don't want to miss this! I'd like to put forth a challenge to all of you who have never, ever attended a Federation meeting- come and participate with us! It is generally over before 11:30. We would welcome seeing you.

To all I wish God's Richest Blessings during this Season of Fall!

Anita Bridges,

RFGC President

2023 Fair Results

Mountain View *\$8.50*

Lavender View *\$2.00*

Rome Federated Garden Clubs *\$16.50*
(Marilyn Hendrickson)

Seven Hills *\$480.50*

Best Cut Specimen (Dahlia)
Most Blue Ribbons

Three Rivers *\$96.00*

Townview *\$196.00*

Best Pumpkin
Best Arboreal



Minutes of the Rome Federation of Garden Club--August 22, 2023

President Bridges called the meeting to order at 10:00 with a thanks to Mountain View for providing our refreshments. as well as cleaning the Garden Center. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Knighton. Chaplain Anne Bradfield presented a poem entitled Better, Wiser and Happier. President Bridges called for any corrections to the minutes from our last meetings, March 7 and May 2, 2023. Seeing none they were approved as presented.

Officer Reports President's Report: President Bridges stressed the importance of having good representation from all clubs at our meetings. She called attention to the revised President's Report to club presidents which is due February 15, 2024. She encouraged all clubs to review it and to participate as we can to help our clubs gain additional checks in attaining a Standard of Excellence and for our club members' growth and enjoyment. There are handouts for the club presidents of the Fair Booklet which she will also email so it can be distributed to all club members.

The annual Laurel District Annual Meeting will be held October 24 at the Wheeler House in Ball Ground. **The guest speaker will be Ashley Frasca, WSB radio personality who will speak on "The Beauty of Fall Gardening". She will send out registration forms when they are available.** The district is once again requesting gift baskets from clubs which choose to participate for this meeting; please make plans to discuss this at your September meeting.

President Bridges gave a heartfelt thank you to Joan and Steve Fellows for their continued support of the RFGC and helping to fund improvements to the Garden Center. Joan donated \$3000 designated for the upkeep of the Garden Center, and most recently donated \$1,200 to cover the cost of removing dead and damaged trees around out building. President Bridges reviewed the following important dates on our fall calendar. October 1- Sunday – Fair entries submitted 1:00 - 4:00 October 2- Rose entries submitted 8:30-9:30; Judging 10:00-1:00 October 8- Pick up entries and earnings 1:00-4:00 October 17- RFGC Executive Board meeting 10:00 October 19- Workday at Clocktower- 9:00 October 24- Laurel District Fall Meeting in Ball Ground.

President Bridges reported a recent repair to the AC which was just additional Freon. Treasurer's Report: Brenda Harp presented the treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached. Committee Reports Two Year Project: Co-Chair Jeanettia Rush reported on our project. Copies of the Project proposal were handed out. Three Rivers and Spade and Trowel are working together with Donna Knighton who is the co-chair. Our project for the next two years is the Clocktower Garden and we will be working on Oct. 19 at 9:00 for our first clean-up project. Our winter cleanup is February 29, 2024, and spring is April 25, 2024.

Environmental Concerns: Jennifer Carns gave a very interesting presentation on flowers and weeds which we can find in our yards. She encouraged us to take pictures of those which are growing in our yards. Books by Doug Tallamy which address climate influence on nature were recommended.

Fair: Joy Puckett's report was made by President Bridges. A sign-up sheet for workers at the fair was circulated for volunteers on the first and last days of the Fair. Cards for items which will be shown at the Fair were given to club presidents to distribute to their members. Townview and Three Rivers will be providing refreshments for the workers.

Other Committees: None President Bridges reminded members that we are collecting soft drink tabs, not cans which will be taken to the Laurel District Meeting.

Unfinished Business: None;

New Business: None

Program Our presenter was unable to attend. Members brought plants as examples of Fair entries which could be successful or unsuccessful examining them with appropriate comments about how they might be judged at the Fair. Announcements-attached Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 11:14.

Minutes submitted by Susan Little, Recording Secretary

Approved as presented Approved with Corrections

LIFE MEMBER 2023



Life members for 2023 were announced at the Day in May:

Cindy Smith, Mountain View

Sallee Smith, Mountain View

Renate Star, Mountain View

Nancy Thompson, Mountain View

Carolyn Tillman, Mountain View

Patti Causey, Three Rivers

Steve Fellows, Three Rivers

Dean Quinn, Three Rivers

Melissa Phillips, Townview

Not pictured:

Kathy Cooper, Seven Hills

Susie Garrett, Seven Hills



PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS OF
ROME FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS

Article V. Election of Officers (p. 21)

D

Current:

“Officers shall be elected at the January meeting of each odd year and installed at the May meeting. They will serve from approximately June 1 through May 31. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.”

Proposed Change:

“Nominations for officers will be presented at the January meeting of each odd year and voted on at the March meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Officers will be installed at the May meeting and then serve a two (2) year term approximately June 1 through May 31.”

Article VI. Duties of Officers (page 22)

A.

Current: first two sentences

“The president(s) shall preside at all meetings of the Federation, of the executive committee and administrative board, and shall perform all other duties consequent upon her/his office. She/he shall appoint a chair of all standing and special committees and shall help extend the work into all parts of the area according to local needs and state plans.

Proposed language change: last sentence

“She/he shall appoint a chair of all standing ad special committees and shall help extend the work into all parts of the community according to local needs and state plans.”

C.

Current: very last sentence:

“ She/he also works with letter control and waste management.”

Proposed Language Change:

“She/he shall also work with letter control and waste management.”

Article VIII. Executive Committee (page 23)

B.

Current

“The executive committee shall meet least annually as specified in the charter, at the call of the president(s); or upon written request of three (3) members of the administrative board.”

Proposed Language Change:

The executive committee shall meet at least once annually as specified in the charter, at the all of the president(s), or upon written request of three (3) members of the **administration board.**”

Article X. Standing Committees (page 24)

B.

Current:

“**The duties of these committees shall be approximated on the local level according to The Guide of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and or policies of The Federation.**”

Proposed capitalization change:

“**The duties of these committees shall be approximated on the local level according to the Guide of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and/or policies of The Federation.**”

Article XII. (page 24)

A.

Current:

Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised

Proposed Change:

“Robert’s Rule of Order, Revised”

Fundraisers to Help You!
Busy Gardeners- we have just the best deal for you!

Thanksgiving will soon be here before we know it- **so let’s help you out with that Big Turkey or Beautiful Ham.** Pay for your order with Honey Baked Ham cards you have ordered using this link:

<https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising.RFGC> or go to **Caroline Alford’s Facebook Page** and order there. Cards arrive in about a week. Easy-Peasy!

Also, as so many of you have enjoyed the **Bussey’s “12 Months of Flowers”**, we are renewing this fundraiser. This makes a great **birthday, Christmas, or “Just Because” gift** to someone special. Plus- many of you share your pretty bouquet with a shut-in or yourself!

Jan Mendance, Ways and Means Chairman, will have these cards at the November 7th RFGC meeting. **Jan’s** number is 706-506-0792; e-mail ivmend520@gmail.com



October 17: Executive meeting



October 19: Work Day at the Clock Tower Garden 9 am. Hopefully, all clubs will have a representative able to work.

October 24: Laurel District Meeting, Ball Ground, GA; registration due Oct. 12



November 7: RFGC meeting: Judy Howerton will be presenting the program on Preparing Fall Decorations.



Bulbs have been ordered. Information on pick up will come shortly.

The Glory of Gardening:
 hands in the dirt, head in the sun,
 heart with nature.

To nurture a garden
 is to feed not just
 on the body, but the soul.

Alfred Austin

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