



# FEDERATED FACTS

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*“Honoring Our Past - Caring for Our Present – Ensuring Our Future”*

## Jackie’s Jewels

“And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been.” (*Rainer Maria Rilke, Bohemian-Austrian poet*) Do you remember that wonderful feeling on the first day of school? Everything was new --- friends, teachers, books, pencils, lunchboxes, shoes clothing --- and everything was so exciting. Let us all embrace that wonderful new feeling as we begin a new year of garden club work and pleasure, and let us never lose it. Welcome back, friends!

Committees again have been busily preparing for the coming fall, winter and spring seasons. The Preservation Committee, co-chaired by Ann Bradfield and Carolyn Walker, has been diligently working to organize and file the archives of our Federation. The Executive Committee has met to review progress toward our goals and plan for the future. Our organization will continue to be active in and serve our community. We revel in the many opportunities that we are given to serve. And once again, let us go forth to “beautify, conserve and educate” our community and our world.

appreciates this! This is an excellent way to advertise Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. and individual Clubs.

## 2012

August 27 – September 9 --- Rome African Violet Study Group

September 10 – September 23 --- Lavender View

September 24 – October 7 --- Mountain View

October 8 – October 21 --- Seven Hills

October 22 – November 4 --- Spade and Trowel

November 5 – November 18 --- Thistle

November 19 – December 2 --- Three Rivers

December 3 – December 16 --- Townview

## GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE

August 2012	Three Rivers*	Refreshments
September 2012	Spade & Trowel	Toilet Supplies
October 2012	Camellia	Fire Ant Killer
November 2012	Seven Hills*	Refreshments
December 2012	Townview	Paper Towels, Comet, Detergent
January 2013	Mountain View*	Refreshments
February 2013	Thistle	Landscape Supplies
March 2013	Camellia*	Refreshments
April 2013	Three Rivers	Trash Bags --- Large/Small
May 2013	Lavender View*	Refreshments
June 2013	Spade & Trowel	Toilet Supplies
July 2013	Seven Hills	Paper Towels, Comet, Detergent
August 2013	Townview*	Refreshments

## PLAN TO ATTEND

**Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. will meet at 9:30 for coffee and socializing and business at 10:00 AM, Monday, August 27, 2012 at The Garden Center, 100 East Eighth Street.**

**\*Each club shall have three voting delegates (the club president and two others whom she/he shall appoint). Please be sure that your club is represented.**



## LIBRARY SCHEDULE 2012

Each club should be prepared to display a potted plant or arrangement on the front desk (on right) with name of garden club. The Library really

## GARDEN THERAPY

Please continue to support Garden Therapy with your Easter eggs, Christmas stockings, fig leaf items (new underwear and socks – men’s and women’s in large sizes), lotion, and supplies for their green house. If you would like to bring items to the Laurel District meeting we will arrange for them to be transported to Central State. Hosp.

## 2012 – 2013 MASTER CALENDAR

### August 2012

27 Mon Rome Federated GC Meeting  
Rome

### September 2012

5 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome  
6 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome  
7-9 Fri-Sun Yellow Daisy Flower Show  
Stone Mountain  
18 Tue GCG Finance/Exec. Meeting  
Dillard  
19-20 Wed-Thu GCG Board Meeting  
Dillard  
26-29 Wed-Sat NGC Fall Board Meeting  
Little Rock, AR  
30 Sun Coosa Valley Fair Set-up  
Rome

### October 2012

1 Mon Coosa Valley Fair Rose  
Entries Rome  
2-6 Tue-Sat Coosa Valley Fair  
Rome  
3 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome  
4 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome  
5-7 Fri-Sun Perry Flower Show  
(Magnolia Host) Perry  
Georgia National Fairgrounds  
7 Sun Coosa Valley Fair Disassemble  
Rome  
15 Mon Yearbook Deadline  
16 Tue Redbud District Meeting  
Thomaston  
17 Wed Magnolia District Meeting  
Albany  
18 Thu Camellia District Meeting  
Douglas  
19 Fri Oleander District Meeting  
Vidalia  
23 Tue Azalea District Meeting  
Athens  
24 Wed Laurel District Meeting  
Gainesville  
25 Thu Dogwood District Meeting  
Atlanta

### November 2012

5 Mon Rome Federated GC Meeting  
Rome

7 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome  
8 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome  
14-15 Wed-Thu Conservation Workshop  
Mansfield  
Charlie-Elliott Wildlife Center  
15 Thu Youth Poetry Entries Due to  
District Chairman

### December 2012

1 Sat Deadline for NGC, DSR &  
some GCG Awards  
1 Sat Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl  
Posters & Youth  
Poetry Entries Due to District  
Chairman  
2 Sun Holiday Flower Show “Putting  
on the Ritz”  
The Ritz-Carlton Lodge,  
Reynolds Plantation  
5 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome  
6 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome  
10 Mon Youth Poetry Entries Due to  
State Chairman  
12-13 Wed-Thu GCG Awards Committee  
Meeting Athens

### January 2013

2 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome  
3 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome  
7 Mon Rome Federated GC Meeting  
Rome  
16 Wed Native Plant Symposium  
Athens

### February 2013

6 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome  
7 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome  
14 Tue Laurel District Board Meeting  
Hiawassee  
15 Fri Arbor Day in Georgia  
22 Fri GCG Awards Committee  
Meeting Athens

### March 2013

TBA Southeastern Flower Show  
Atlanta  
4 Mon Rome Federated GC Meeting  
Rome

- 6 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome
- 7 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome
- 24-26 Sun-Tue Deep South Convention  
Savannah
- 27 Wed South GA Native Plant  
Symposium Tifton

**April 2013**

- 3 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome
- 4 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome
- 16 Tue GCG Board Luncheon  
/Meeting Marietta
- 16-18 Tue-Thu GCG Convention  
Marietta
- 21-27 Sun-Sat Garden Week in Georgia

**May 2013**

- 1 Wed Three Rivers GC Meeting  
Rome
- 2 Thu Rome African Violet Meeting  
Rome
- 6 Mon Rome Federated GC Meeting  
Rome
- 10 Fri Day in May (RFGC)  
Rome
- 21-27 Tue-Mon NGC Convention  
Seattle, WA

**June 2013**

- 2-8 Sun-Sat National Garden Week

**July 2013**

- 14-16 Sun-Tue Wild and Wonderful Youth  
Camp Mansfield
- 14-16 Sun-Tue Flower Show Judges  
Symposium Athens



**LITTER CRITTERS**

Plans are in the making to re-do the puppet stage, script and DVD for this year. Members of Three Rivers Garden Club as well as Jackie Fulmer and Rita Smith made a video of the show that will be distributed to every school in our State. It is hoped that all clubs will schedule at least one (if not two) schools in Rome and Floyd County for the 2012 – 2013 school year. This 2007 Federated Project is still being conducted yearly, received National recognition, and it is hoped that the new DVD will be another Award winner. Your help is greatly appreciated.



**PULL & SAVE A TAB**

for Ronald McDonald House is an ongoing project of RFGC and Garden Clubs across our state. The goal is set at 2,000 lbs. for this coming year. Laurel District came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the state during 2010-2011. Let's help Laurels of Light SHINE with our TABS. Bring your TABS to the next RFGC meeting in August. It was suggested that tabs be placed in gallon zip lock bags with name of club and district on the bags.

**EVENTS FOR YOUR CLUB TO BE ADDED TO THE MASTER CALENDAR, PLEASE SEND THEM TO THIS EDITOR AT [drb9565@aol.com](mailto:drb9565@aol.com)**

**“HOMECUMMING ON THE MOUNTAIN”**

A Home Standard Flower Show presented by Cumming Garden Club at the home of Linda Hardie, 2000 Hughes Drive, Cumming, GA 30040. Friday (2:00 PM – 5:00 PM) and Saturday, (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) September 14 and 15. Show Chairman is Beverly Williams. Call 770-442-5070 or Email [marcwil@bellsouth.net](mailto:marcwil@bellsouth.net) for information.

**FLOYD COUNTY EXTENTION  
MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS**



Free!!  
COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS  
*at The Forum*  
*On the Second Tuesday of Each Month*  
*Starting at 10:30*



## PHOTO ARCHIVING

Photo Archiving is one of NGC's Special Projects for this administration. This project celebrates the projects, events and activities of the members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Our Flickr site may be used as an idea book --- a photographic scrapbook. Get ideas for plantings, staging, projects and many more. Be sure to identify the club, district, state and location. Some ideas for pictures for posting: Club Special Activities, Flower Show staging, Civic beautification projects, Arbor Day plantings.



[www.flickr.com/NationalGardenClubs](http://www.flickr.com/NationalGardenClubs)

## CAMELLIA GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS

September 13: "Annual President's Meeting", Dedee Sanderson  
October 11: "Native Plants", Pat York  
November 8: "Trees and Shrubs", Shannen Ferry  
December 13: "Annual Christmas Luncheon"  
January 10: "Community Gardens"  
Carolyn Walker  
February 14: "What Lurks in Your Garden"  
Connie Burnes  
March 14: "Hummingbirds", Nelly Luthi  
April 11: "Decorating and Design Ideas"  
Crandall Almond  
May 9: "Installation of 2013-2015 Officers"  
Jackie Fulmer

## Spade & Trowel Garden Club

After our trip to beautiful Gibbs Garden, Spade & Trowel had a wonderful meeting the next day at the House of Dreams, at Berry. It was a lovely day, and after the drive up the mountain, they all enjoyed the spectacular gardens at Martha Berry's retreat. After relaxing in the cottage awhile, they had a brief end-of-the-year meeting. State awards were announced for their club newsletter and

also their yearbook. They received 2nd place in the state for both of these publications.

When they returned from the top of the mountain, they all had a lovely lunch at the Winshape cafeteria. It was a special windup of a great year for Spade and Trowel Garden Club.

Norma Braden, Pres.



## African Violet

## Sale & Display

Sponsored by  
Rome African Violet Study Group  
**Saturday, September 8th, 10  
AM – 4 PM**

**Rome-Floyd Co. Library, Etowah Rm.  
Educational Demonstrations every half  
hour:**

**Potting, watering, light, displaying,  
propagation, fertilizers, blooming, dish  
gardens, terrariums, etc**

Over 50 different varieties available.

Choose from:

Blooming Plants, Starters, Leaves, & supplies  
Minis, Semi-Minis, Trailers, & Standards

Start a collection or just add to it!

Easy to care for & beautiful to look at.

## Gardening Tips for August

If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the garden – at least during the hottest hours of the day. **Avoid heat-related illnesses** and tackle chores early in the morning or after dinner when things cool off a bit. It's been said before, but it's worth repeating: Always

wear a hat and sunblock, and keep that water bottle filled and nearby!

Mow your lawn, regardless of grass species, a little higher than normal so that roots grow more deeply and grass is greener in the abusive heat and humidity. Cut no more than 1/3 of the total height of the grass at each mowing to avoid a scalped, yellow lawn. Continue to **water the lawn** properly to give your turf the moisture it needs to thrive.

Snip off spent flowers from perennials to keep them looking tidy. Now's also the time to **divide and transplant** iris, peony, daylily, garden phlox and others that have finished blooming. (Be sure to water them in well to help your transplants establish a good root system leading into autumn.)

Start annual seeds of cool season flowers now, for planting later this fall in the garden. Pansies, violas, snapdragons are a few.

### TRIFRESHER 2012: "COMMUNITY"

This is the latest information about the upcoming Tri-Fresher to be held in Griffin on September 24-25, 2012. If you are planning to attend please get your reservation to Beth Wielage as soon as possible.

I've talked with Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express in Griffin. Each motel has offered us a rate. Hampton Inn rate was \$70.00 + tax and Holiday Inn Express was \$76.00 + tax if you reserve your room prior to September 10. If you have already made your reservations at either place give them a call and cancel and remake your reservation to get the rate.

They are filming a TV series and movie sets and excitement are all over the place though I think they may have finished by the time we are there. The Walking Dead is the name of the series and is supposedly very successful. We are excited and about and looking forward to an educational and fun tri-fresher and sharing some of the comforts of rural community living.

Gail Berthe, Tri fresher chairman  
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## 2012 – 2013 Yearbooks

Please make sure that your current Yearbook is turned in to John Barnett, Awards Chairman by October 1, 2012. There was a problem with our Yearbooks either not getting to the GCG Yearbook chairman or lost in transient. ALL Club Yearbooks will be sent in one package with a tracking number and will also have a request that the Yearbooks have been received. Presidents/Yearbook chairman from each club may deliver the books at The DeSoto Theatre and left with Mary Ortwein for this chairman to pick up. Thank you.

## Rome Federated Garden Clubs Events

The Federation will participate in the Christmas Wreath Auction at the Cancer Center.

The Federation will decorate the History Museum for Christmas at Leigh Barba's request.

On Friday, December 14 at 9:00 am, the Federation will decorate the tables for the NAIA banquet. Each club may send 2-5 volunteers and bring buckets of greenery.



Along with Laurel District, we are all members of The Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South Region and National Garden Clubs.

*"For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies."*

