



# FEDERATED FACTS

Published by Rome Federated Garden  
Clubs, Inc. June 2021

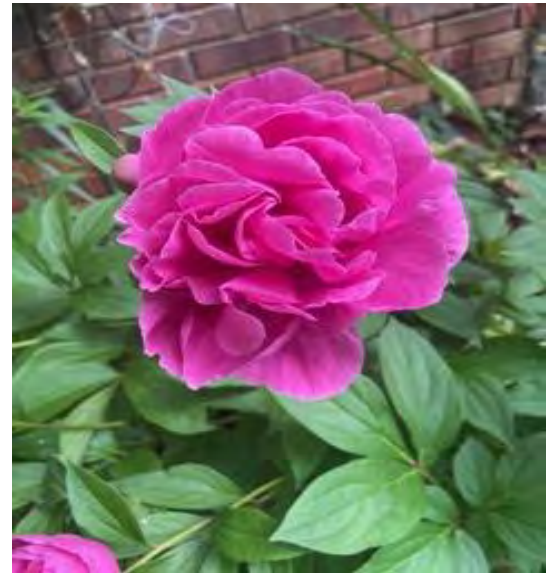
Editor: Susan D. Little

## **“All of the Flowers of tomorrow are in the Seeds of today.” Proverb**

Hello to all Garden Members.

I am Anita Bridges, a member of Three Rivers and the new President of Rome Federated Garden Clubs. We have in place a great Board and Committee Chairmen, and I am honored to be serving in this capacity for you. I have admired many of you through the years - your gardening abilities, administrative excellence, flower arranging gifts, and general knowledge of all things related to Garden Clubs. I hope we all get to know one another better during these next two years as we work together to promote gardening in our community.

We are in good shape financially due to many **members' efforts, our beloved Garden Center has** received many upgrades and in September will receive new flooring. We are very grateful for the generosity of fellow Garden Member Joan Fellows for this gift.



Anita has chosen the Paeonia (peony) as the flower for her administration.

There is lots to look forward to this fall with the anticipated return of the Coosa Valley Fair. (Purchase your plants three months in advance for October.) We are excited about hosting the Laurel District Meeting at Coosa Country Club on October 12th. My hope is you will come to our RFGC meetings where we do the business of the Federation, have great programs, good food, and a time of fellowship. Tuesday, August 24th will be our first meeting of the year and Dr. Gil Watson will present the program. You will not want to miss this treat! Invite a friend to join us as we start off a new year in Garden Club.

Anita Bridges RFGC President

highwell@bellsouth.net

## RFGC 2021-2023 Administration

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| President       | Anita Bridges, Three Rivers    |
| 1st VP          | John Barnett, Three Rivers     |
| 2nd VP          | Mary Rolan, Mountain View      |
| 3rd VP          | Joy Puckett, Seven Hills       |
| 4th VP          | Jo Hernandez, Townview         |
| Treasurer       | Caroline Alford, Mountain View |
| Recording Sec.  | Donna Knighten, Spade & Trowel |
| Corres. Sec.    | Susan Little, Three Rivers     |
| Parliamentarian | Carrie Wilder, Seven Hills     |



Pictured: Donna Knighten, Caroline Alford, Joy Puckett, Anita Bridges and Carrie Wilder

Schedules keep our gardens growing as we plant, prune, fertilize and plan for each year. The following schedules will also keep our Federation producing the best year possible for each of our clubs.

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Meetings are 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. Clubs responsible for providing refreshments for the Federated meetings will be notified and should plan for approximately 30 guests with items being ready by 9:15.

August 24, 2021

March 4, 2022

November 2, 2021

May 2, 2022

January 3, 2022

Library Schedule for the Remainder of 2021

(Full Schedule is available in the Yearbook)

September 1, 2021 - September 14, 2021 African Violet

September 15, 2021 - September 29, 2021 Lavender View

September 30, 2021 - October 13, 2021 Mountain View

October 14, 2021 - October 27, 2021 Seven Hills

October 28, 2021 - November 10, 2021 Spade and Trowel



November 11, 2021 - November 24, 2021 Three Rivers

November 25, 2021 - December 8, 2021 Townview

December 9, 2021 - December 22, 2021 African Violet

December 23, 2021 - January 4, 2022 Lavender View

## Garden Center Schedule for the Remainder of 2021

(Full Schedule is Available in the Yearbook)



| Date              | Club           | Task              |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| August 24, 2021   | African Violet | Refreshments      |
| September 1, 2021 | Lavender View  | Trash bags        |
| October 1, 2022   | Mountain View  | 4 rolls p. towels |
| November 2, 2021  | Lavender View  | Refreshments      |
| December 1, 2021  | Seven Hills    | 4 rolls t. paper  |
| January 3, 2022   | Mountain View  | Refreshments      |

As we schedule our meetings, work and most importantly our gardens it is helpful to consider where our garden clubs began. Many of us are aware as reported by The National Garden Clubs, the first garden club meeting in the United States took place in Athens, Georgia in 1891. It occurred during a time when women were seeking knowledge about a variety of subjects in study clubs of those with like interests. They felt they needed more knowledge, as they had not had the benefit of a formal higher education.

The idea to have a garden club came from Dr. Edwin Dorset Newton, an Athens physician who had a keen interest in horticulture. Twelve women met in the home of Mrs. Edwin **King Lumpkin on a January day in 1891 to form the Ladies' Garden Club of Athens.** The primary purpose was to study plants with each member studying a particular variety. These members dedicated themselves to the study of horticulture and the exchange of plants and ideas for the betterment of their community. Members were **encouraged "to carry out experiments with different vegetables, flowers, seeds and so forth to find out which varieties were best."** The first flower show grew from the exhibitions of their flowers and vegetables.

Reading of our beginning and the goals of our founders sounds very familiar. We should remember their efforts and perhaps even rededicate our efforts to conduct experiments **to "find out which varieties were best"** and share that with our fellow members.