



# FEDERATED FACTS

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## **“TOGETHER WE GROW”**

### **Message from our President:**

#### ***DIFFERENT BRIDGES***

Which bridge will we strive to be as we begin this new year of excitement, unknowing just what lies ahead?

The wooden bridge holds its style, its shape and its color. Yet with time, the rains fall, the winds howl, the snows ply, and the ice form sheets as the seasons widen its doors. The wood cries to keep its form and yet the wooden grains soften and crumble with the torrent weather blowing in and out. Do we hold our shape or do we crumble as the problems arise?

The draw bridge gives and the draw bridge takes. It presses, and it expands. Moving and helping its passengers traveling on their way. Some pass over and some pass under. It changes its shape. Changes move rapidly as the travelers move on their way. The folds of the bridge recover and straighten into their shape. Do we straighten our shapes or do we lose our purpose with the folds.

The Swinging Bridge moves back and forth on a cold moon light night. With grace and delight while tightly tethered, it swings from its anchors over the cold deep waters. The Swinging Bridge sways giving with the strain. Do we get strength as we sway with strains? Yet are we tethered without any sway?

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The covered bridge offers relief from the driving rains while rushing by. The covered bridge gives shade from the blistering rays of the summer tropical sun. The cover stops the dry cold wind as it blows on by. It is all so well and good if there just happens to be a covered bridge. Relief? If there just happens to be a need, will we be there to help when the time arrives?

The steel and concrete bridge rolls out straight and secure providing a way to ones destiny. **The concrete bridge and steel bridge stretch without walls.** Are we the secure concrete and steel bridge that insures a path without walls allowing all to pass?

**Let us in the Federation be the strong concrete, steel bridge giving our community a path that is Strong and Secure making the Community a better place than we found it.**



Dear Garden Club Members,

I hope this year will be a good year for the Rome Federation of Garden Clubs. Much planning has gone into the Education Program, "The Environmental Studies," that we are sponsoring. Jo Hernandez has performed a stupendous job in planning for our first Session on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you, Jo. Three other sessions will follow in the year 2019. Yes, our planning is continuing. The Environment is what we are about. **Please give this program your support.**

We have some thinking about what we are going to do to increase our membership by being inclusive in all of our clubs. Please give this some thought about how we can include minorities, men, and older children. It is very difficult to have a children's club at the schools. Schools have many standards that must be met and it is difficult to be scheduled. We do know that membership will have to be increased to carry out the financial obligations. Yet what is most important is to see that our garden clubs continue to work to make Rome and Floyd County a better place to live for generations to come. **Remember we don't own** anything. It belongs to our great grandchildren and the great, great. **It is up to us to see that all is left better than we found it.**

With Love and Consideration,

Winnie Holland

**LIBRARY SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>CLUB</u></b>
July 25-August 7	Townview
August 8—August 21	African Violet Study Group
August 22—September 4	Camellia
September 5—September 18	Mountain View
September 19-October 2	Seven Hills
October 3—October 16	Spade and Trowel
October 17-October 30	Thistle
October 31-November 13	Three Rivers



**GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>CLUB</u></b>	<b><u>TASK</u></b>
July	Thistle	Trash Bags
August 28	Lavender View	Refreshments
September	Spade and Trowel	4 rolls paper towels
October	Three Rivers	Hand & Dish soap

**CALENDAR**

August 3-4	Garden Study School, Griffin
August 28	RFGC Meeting—Townview Program
September 1	CALENDAR ORDER DEADLINE
October 2-3	Environmental Study School, Rome
October 9	Laurel District Meeting, Dalton
October 19	Marshall Forest Tour led by Joan Maloof Pres. Old Growth Forest Network
November 2-3	Garden Study School, Griffin
November 6	RFGC Meeting, Camellia Program

# Federated Garden Clubs

## May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

### Led by Spade and Trowel Garden Club

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By Winnie Holland

Our final meeting of the year was held on May 01, 2018. The program was a discussion of how our Federated Garden Clubs are addressing the PURPOSE of the garden clubs and how we can include community into the Federated Garden Clubs.

To facilitate the discussion, Federated president, Winifred Holland, prepared a list of questions related to the purpose and the function of each club in the Federation. The Spade and Trowel Garden Club used these questions to guide the discussion on how club meetings and club activities fulfilled the general purpose of the garden club. Seventy five to 90% of those in attendance agreed that the meetings and activities met the clubs purposes. Most agreed that working to keep our city and county clean and beautiful stands at the top of the garden clubs' objective and remain a priority for all members.

**Some suggestions on how the clubs can address some concerns were:**

- 1. Young people need to be recruited to insure the long term survival of the  
Organization.**
- 2. Our general recruiting practices need discussing.**
  - a. All minorities**
  - b. Men**
  - c. Students**
- 3. There was a long discussion of outstanding projects. Some of the projects were:**
  - a. Production of edible plants**

- b. Flowers for hummingbirds
- c. Tending garden spots for community use
- d. Recycling
- e. Conservation information
- f. Horticulture

Attendees noted that very positive results were had with working at the Historical Center of Rome, Decorations for the Holidays, Hospital therapy program , Department of Family Children Services , The Women’s Shelter, and the Family Life Center. Some of the projects mentioned that didn’t bring results to garden club members were:

- a. Planters on the bridge in Lindale
- b. Activities dealing with the Rotary Club

The discussion brought up a need for a publicity chairperson with a committee to publish the activities and meetings that happen on a weekly basis. The publication could include pictures and a written narrative for the newspaper, the radio, facebook, and twitter. Brochures could be composed and placed around the communities in Rome City and Floyd County.

## A HUGE SUCCESS



The Spring Garden Sale was indeed a huge success and boosted our treasury. Including donations made to the Federation we collected \$1,000 !!

Much thanks goes to Winnie Holland, Jo Hernandez and Carrie Wilder who spent much of the day on Friday preparing for the sale and much of Saturday actually working the sale. Other dedicated Federation members also helped on one or both of those days.

Thanks also to all the members who donated items to be sold without which there would not have been a sale.

"GARDENING IS A MATTER OF YOUR ENTHUSIASM  
HOLDING UP UNTIL YOUR BACK GETS USED TO IT."



## *ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOLS TO BE HELD IN ROME*

The Laurel District and The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. will be offering the Environmental Studies School in Rome, Georgia at the ECO Center. Dates for the schools are October 2-3, 2018; January 9-10, 2019; March 20-21, 2019; and May 15-16, 2019. Each two-day school will be \$80.00 and that includes lunch for each day.

The Living Earth is the first course, October 2-3, in the Environmental Studies School offered by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and taught by local professionals. This two-day course will discuss the four major components of the Earth's life support system and the dynamic impact that ecosystems, environmental pressures, and historic actions create.

In this course, you will learn about environmental challenges and opportunities, identify both beneficial and harmful impacts that humans have on the environment. You will discover methods of creating habitats in local surroundings, both business settings as well as home landscaping. Discover new ways to conserve wasted energy, develop better habits to fuel conservation practices and encourage habitat rehabilitation.

Explore how to connect with groups and organizations to pursue and implement beneficial earth goals and create sustainable environments. Learn how you can create meaningful change while healing the environment and preserving biodiversity.

Professionally guided field trips include the exploration and identification of the habitats surrounding the Rome/Floyd County ECO Center, including the native garden, wetland demonstration area, and native animal exhibits. Lunch will be provided by members of the Rome Federated Garden Clubs.

Environmental Study Schools are open to all garden club members and non-members.

Upon receipt of your enrollment form and check, an acknowledgment, course outline and information on obtaining Living in the Environment textbook will be sent to you.

Anyone wishing to become an Environmental Consultant, accredited by NGC, Inc., must complete all four courses and pass an open book exam on the last day of each course.

For more information, see [www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com](http://www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com) and click on the "News" tab. You will see a trifold with more information.

You can print the following page which contains the Registration Form.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail before September 21, 2018

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

Limited seating available. No refund after September 21, 2018; a 25% handling fee will be retained on all cancellations. Full refund if class is canceled by RFGC, notification will be issued on or before September 21, 2018.

Contact: Stanley Boulee at [stanleyboulee@gmail.com](mailto:stanleyboulee@gmail.com)





## WAYS IN WHICH ROME FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS CELEBRATED NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK



Clock Tower Garden where **Seven Hills** displayed the **National Garden Week** declaration. They are doing a great job with this Federation project. Thank you to all the RFGC clubs who are participating in this project.

**Mountain View** weeded and planted at the club's garden at Tony E. Warren Cancer Center as they celebrated National Garden Week.



**Three Rivers** planted pollinator pots.

**Townview** spruced up their garden on Broad at 5th Avenue and erected a banner to announce to Rome that it is National Garden Week.

Member, Diane Harbin, attended the GCG 90th anniversary celebration in Athens . GCG Headquarter tours were given. Programs included GCG donations to children's garden construction and C. Burke Day handicap ramp.

Pam Roberts attended the hypertufa pot demonstration at the ECO center.



TOWNVIEW'S PENNY MILLER, PAM ROBERTS, CAROLYN McGUINNESS AND CAROL GREISSINGER





# Order Form

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<b>Club Name</b>				
<b>Club President</b>				
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<b># Expressions Requested</b>		<b>@ \$9.00 each</b>	<b>Total Book Cost</b> \$	
<b>Shipping</b>	If you prefer to have your Expressions shipped, please add shipping costs here. For orders of 50 books or more, contact the GCG Chairman. If picking up at Fall District Meeting, skip this section.	<b># Books</b>	<b>Shipping</b>	<b>Total Shipping</b> \$
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Questions should be directed to:

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