

FEDERATED FACTS

*“Encourage Conservation,
Educate Youth, Enjoy Garden Club”*



The above daylily is the Caroline Silcox Daylily that was hybridized by Kennesaw Mountain Daylily farm. This photo was taken by Caroline and shared. The one that bloomed here locally was shared with her. Mary Kate Minge had an opportunity to see the one that bloomed locally. Mary Kate really enjoyed the color and shape of the lily.



Again this year, the grandchild of a Townview member, has three pumpkin vines growing with other 30 blooms. Presently, there are six pumpkins growing. His question is, “How do we grow a big one.” Anyone with advice should share with this little gardener.

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Summer started just recently but we have certainly been experiencing those three h’s: hot, hazy, humid. What else have we experienced?

First, let me say that Diane and Banny Harbin are attending the 11th World Flower Show in Dublin, Ireland so the information here is totally mine, Kathy Donahue, or something that has been sent in. After a restful time at Daufuskie Island with Ann and D’Ann, Diane and Banny left for the trip. Looking over the itinerary one can only be excited about the tours that they are being able to take.

Secondly, Jackie Fulmer has just returned from Paris. The flowers she has shared in photo for the Laurel Letters are outstanding. Some will be shown here.

Glenda Puckett has been scouring the countryside for special antiques. Carolyn Tillman is taking a watercolor class being held at First Baptist Church. Rita Smith, who knew, is one of the celebrity dancers for the 2014 Rome Celebrity Dance Challenge benefiting the Northwest Georgia Sexual Assault Center. As interested Romans and supporting of our garden club members, be aware that there is a fundraiser to be held at Shane’s Rib Shack on Tuesday and at the Partridge on Thursday of this week.

John Barnett had surgery last week and Sandra Burk is scheduled for surgery next week.

Kathy Donahue just had 30 double knockout roses planted. While being a member of a garden club is

helpful, there must be something that can be read about caring for the roses. An old high school friend has indicated that a drip line would be appropriate and of course had a special person who could install this device.

Protecting Our Pollinators, Carol Brody Chair

Summer has arrived and with it come butterflies of all sorts. In addition to growing vegetables and flowers, gardeners may also be interested in encouraging butterflies and pollinators in general, into their garden or backyard. Below are two ideas for doing so.

1. Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail

In 2013 Mrs. Carter established her butterfly garden to bring awareness to conserving butterflies, their habitats and for her love of nature. The trail idea emerged after discussing the garden and Mrs. Carter's desire to bring public awareness to the declining number of the monarch butterfly population. A plan was established to promote public, private and school gardens. Information about plants and garden features to have in your garden are detailed at <http://www.jimmycarter.info/carterbutterflytrail.htm>. You are invited to join the Trail. Joining the trail indicates that you are providing nectar plants (flowers) as a butterfly food source and host plants (such as milkweed or parsley) on which butterflies lay their eggs. Jackie Fulmer and I are interested to know how many Laurel district members are participating in this activity to promote butterfly habitats. If you join the trail, please email me at cbgeorgia@yahoo.com with your name and city you live in or garden club you are a member of.

2. Monarchs across Georgia

MAG is a committee of the Environmental Education Alliance and works together with teachers, students, families, communities and garden clubs to study Monarch butterflies and restore butterfly habitat across the state of Georgia. Its mission is to inspire future caretakers of the natural environment by educating about monarch butterflies and other pollinators. The website <http://www.ealliance.org/mag> has a wealth of information on making your backyard pollinator friendly and as well information on volunteering for Monarchs Across Georgia (<http://www.ealliance.org/volunteers>)



(L) Hemerocalis 'Siloam Double Classic'(R) Hemerocalis 'Alabama Jubilee'

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If you have program suggestions, your officers are beginning to make plans for the coming year, make your ideas known.

JOY, A POEM. THIS POEM WON FIRST PLACE AT THE 2014 GCG CONVENTION

I am a tree named Joy, I am 35 years old
I live outside where I enjoy the sights
There are many tales that could be told
But this one is the truth by all rights.

I stand here and look toward the door
Waiting, wanting to see a smile
He's just playing on the floor
I must wait awhile.

The sun comes up and goes down
The ground changes from brown to green
My arms feel heavy and I frown
The buds are beginning to be seen.

Finally it is warm, he comes out the door
Jacket in hand and feet ready to run
Round me he goes with a John Deere
Gator roar
This is the season for fun!

I cover him as he plays in water
I cover him as he takes a break
I smile when he grabs the fly swatter
I worry about the coming of the rake.

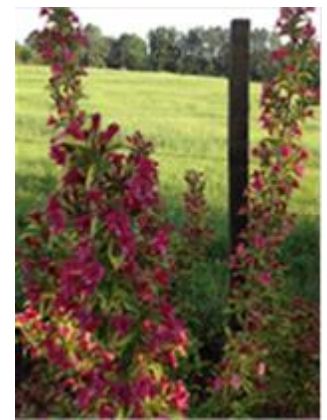
Arms are lifted high to the sky
He is gleeful and fun
When the rain comes I must cry
For the time to play is slipping by.

Time flies, days turn to weeks
Temperatures rise and fall
A man keeps talking about the peak
Then I realize that they are waiting on fall.

My leaves which have given cover from the sun
For the little boy who had fun
Now turn a bright yellow
And begin to fall and on the little fellow.

There is joy in this old tree
He takes a rake in hand
Laughs with glee
We knew this was the plan.

He has played in the sun, rain, and snow
This little boy will become a man I know
Raking the yellow leaves will be a memory he had
And I hope he will remember our fun and be glad.



Echinacea 'Tomato Soup' / French Lace Weigela
Beautiful flower photos from Jackie Fulmer's
farm.

**REMEMBER OUR AWARD WINNING WEBSITE:
WWW.ROMEFEDERATEDGARDENCLUBS.COM**

**Remember to send information on your club activities to the
Rome News Tribune and to Federated Facts.**

Reminders:

The new yearbook information will be available at the first RFGC meeting August 25. At this point plans are to only print the necessary changes to be added to your notebook. Please bring your notebook so that you sheets may be inserted.

Townview Garden Club is responsible for paper supplies for July, 2014. Camellia is scheduled for refreshments for the August meeting. The new rotation for the garden center will be in the notebook changes.



White and blue hydrangeas will be the color scheme for the 2014 2015 year.

Library Arrangement Schedule:

June 17 – June 30	African Violet Study Group
July 1 – July 14	Lavender View
July 15 – July 28	Mountain View
July 29 – August 11	Seven Hills
August 12- August 25	Spade & Trowel
August 26 – September 8	Thistle

Does your garden club have a blue star marker? There will be a list of all those in Rome in the 2014-2015 yearbook. Please send your garden club name, location of your garden site and whether or not you have a marker to: rfgcgardenclubs1315@gmail.com so that our list will be accurate.