



# FEDERATED FACTS

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## “3...2...1...LET’S GROW”

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Wilder Words:

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Spring is right around the corner and I know we gardeners are ready to plant and prepare for all the new growth that has been waiting patiently to emerge from our wet winter months. At RFGC we have been doing the same... planning, waiting, and preparing for an amazing Spring! Our Landscape Design School III was a huge success and class IV is coming up soon, so join us if you can. Garden club members have expressed that this class is amazing and our lecturers have given them great practical advice with enthusiasm and humor (Thanks Keith Mickler). Our State Convention in Macon is happening in a few weeks and there is still time to register. This convention is hosted by the Laurel District and we want to show our support with volunteers, attendees and hopefully a few new awards. Chieftains Museum along with Master Gardeners, RFGC and Berry College and others will be hosting a seed-swap on March 7th with Brain Campbell giving a presentation from 11:15-12pm, and the swap occurring at 12:15-2pm. Please let me know if you can attend and assist other gardeners during the swap.

Our regular RFGC meeting will happen on Tuesday, March 3rd, at the Garden Center. We have a wonderful program planned and lots of new information about upcoming projects and plans that will carry us forward into a year of growth and camaraderie. The two year Federated Project, hosted by Camellia, is ready to take off! Glenda Fincher is asking for plant donations to help us succeed in making the Garden Center pollinator friendly. If you have native or pollinator plants that you would like to share, please email a list of plants that your members have available to [gfincher66@gmail.com](mailto:gfincher66@gmail.com).

Also, start setting aside items for our upcoming Garden Yard Sale on April 25th. Gently used pots, decorations, bird feeders, tools, extra plants and planters are the type of items we are looking for. We will begin collecting these items at the Garden Center beginning in April. Please wipe down items before bringing them to the Garden Center. As always, keep up the enthusiasm for Garden Club!

See you soon!

Carrie Wilder

RFGC President 2019-2021



**CALENDAR**

March 3	RFGC Meeting
March 24-26	Garden Club of Georgia Convention, Macon
March 20	Spring Equinox in Northern Hemisphere will be at 11:50 PM !!!
April 13-14	Deep South Convention, Tampa, FL
April 19-25	Garden Week in Georgia
April 18-19	Chieftan’s Plant Sale
April 25	RFGC Yard Sale at Garden Center
April 28-29	Landscape Design School 4
May 5	RFGC Meeting



**LIBRARY SCHEDULE**

March 5-March 18	Three Rivers
March 19-March 31	Townview
April 1 - April 14	African Violet
April 15-April 28	Camellia
April 29—May 12	Mountain View

**GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>CLUB</u></b>	<b><u>TASK</u></b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Camellia</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
April 1	Seven Hills	Trash Bags, (outside, kitchen & bathroom)
May 5	Lavender View	Refreshments

## The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. March Meeting

The March 3rd Meeting will be 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. We need at least three from each club to attend to represent your club. **Any club member** is invited to attend.

Our program will be presented by Rome Floyd Blight/Litter Task Force's Allison Watters.

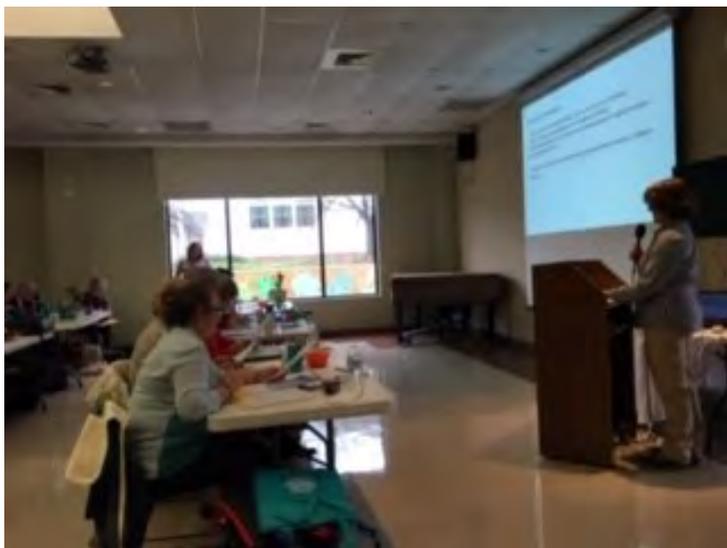
### *THE FEDERATION TWO YEAR COMMUNITY PROJECT*

The rotation for the Two Year Federation Community Project is below:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Seven Hills	2017-2019
Camellia	2019-2021
Townview	2021-2023
Three Rivers	2023-2025
Spade and Trowel	2025-2027
Mt. View	2027-2029
Lavender View	2029-2031

This project goes by seniority rotation. This project shall emphasize one aspect of the NGC objectives as described in The Garden Club of Georgia Guide.

PICTURES FROM LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL



Instructor is Stephanie Shorey, Landscape Architect, Member of Townview Garden Club.

Venue had to be changed from the flooded ECO Center to the Library.



Caroline Alford, foreground, is Refreshing the Landscape Design School.

We were pleased to have Jane Whiteman, Landscape Design School Chairman, GCG, and her assistant, Terry Waith, (back right-hand table) attend all three courses.

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. will be offering the Landscape Design School Course 4 in Rome, Georgia April 28-29, 2020. Each two-day school will be \$100.00 and that includes lunch for each day.

Landscape Design Schools offer a series of four 10-hour courses. The courses cover learning about your ecosystem, the principles and elements of landscape design, the landscape design process, the history of landscape design and designing for the environment, among many other topics.

Since its founding in 1958, professional instructors have maintained the high standards originally incorporated in the study program. Students acquire the tools for making their own gardens more beautiful and easier to maintain. Students have been motivated to serve in political decision-making areas where awareness of the impact of a well-designed landscape can enhance the beauty and enjoyment of life in the public arena.

The courses are intended primarily for garden club members, but are open to the general public. Courses may be sponsored by member clubs, groups of clubs, councils, districts and state garden clubs. Garden club members completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of NGC Landscape Design Consultant. To maintain Consultant status, continuing education is required. Single-subject and Multiple Refreshers provide advanced study opportunity and the occasion to interface with other Consultants. Participation in Consultant Councils is encouraged as one means of using the knowledge gained from this educational program.

More information is available at [www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com](http://www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com) under the “News” tab.

Chairwoman is Jo Hernandez , Caroline Alford is the Treasurer.

Course 3 of the school was just completed with great success. There were 29 in attendance and these ladies and gentlemen were from all around Georgia, and a few of them were from Tennessee and a couple from Arkansas.



## SAVE THE DATE...RFGC YARD SALE - APRIL 25, 2020

As you start thinking Spring cleaning of the gardening projects, collect used tools, containers, pots, anything garden related for the yard sale taking place April 25, 2020 at the garden center.

Not only is this a good way to dispose of unwanted items, it brings awareness to the garden center (where sale is to be held) and garden clubbing. You can hand out brochures about your garden club; you can help sell; you can purchase needed items.

This is good publicity for Rome Federated Garden Clubs.

You might even pick up some items you need. There will be some plants for sale.

This will be a fundraiser for RFGC and all clubs/members are asked to participate. Jo Hernandez, Ways and Means Chairman, will be giving more information in the near future.





What is that I hear? What is it I see? What's that smell floating along on the breeze? Are they things returning once again to remind me that just like that with a sound, a sight, and a scent winter falls slowly but surely into spring, glorious, glorious spring? Could it be that time of year has come when the greens are greener, the colors are fresher, the fragrances sweeter? Have we at last traversed winter's domain of quietness, of drabness, of blandness to find once more that hope is tangible, love is in the air, and the "beauties and mysteries" of the earth yet have a way of feeling old and young alike with wonder and humility?

Is it the forsythia I saw above?

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### DEADLINE FOR MAY FEDERATED FACTS ARTICLES

If you have an article about your Club for the May FF, please send to Judy Howerton, at [judy@howerton2.com](mailto:judy@howerton2.com) by April 15. Tell us about the interesting things you are doing.

## WOULD YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THIS?

In Summerville March 7 – April 18



# CROSSROADS

Change in Rural America

## Touring Georgia August 2019—June 2020

*Crossroads* is a traveling exhibition that explores how rural communities changed in the 20th century. Although the vast majority of the U.S. landscape remains rural, the percentage of Americans living in rural areas is lower than ever. *Crossroads* considers this remarkable societal change and how rural citizens have responded. Programs will also encourage discussion about the future of rural America.

Details at [GeorgiaHumanities.org](http://GeorgiaHumanities.org).

*Crossroads* is presented by Georgia Humanities, Georgia EMC, the Center for Public History at the University of West Georgia, and the Georgia Dept. of Economic Development. The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a partnership with the Smithsonian Institution that provides small and rural communities access to Smithsonian traveling exhibitions.

**Catch *Crossroads* during its Georgia tour!**





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### **CHIEFTAINS MUSEUM HOSTS FREE DAY WITH SEED SWAP**

Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home is pleased to host the Seventh Annual Floyd County Seed Swap in conjunction with a Family Free Day at the museum on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Seed Swap is an informal event co-sponsored by the museum along with the Berry College Department of Environmental Science and Studies, Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful, Davies Homeless Shelters, the Rome Federated Garden Clubs, and Floyd County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers. The purpose of the Seed Swap is to encourage the production and protection of heirloom seeds and plant varieties that are at risk of being lost in order to provide a sustainable and diverse landscape in our community. Seed saving was particularly important to Cherokees like Major Ridge in order to sustain his family through the winter months and provide crops for the spring and summer.

The program will begin with a presentation from 11:15am-12:00pm on seed saving basics by Dr. Brian Campbell, Chair of the Berry College Department of Environmental Science and Studies. After the presentation, garden enthusiasts can share or trade seeds, cuttings, bulbs, and plants with other members of the community at the museum from 12:15-2:00pm. You are not required to have seeds or plants to attend.

For those interested in seeing what the Seed Swap and the museum are all about, the museum is offering free admission for the entire day.

For more information on the Seed Swap/Free Day and other upcoming events, contact the museum at (706) 291-9494 or visit the museum's website at [www.chieftainmuseum.org](http://www.chieftainmuseum.org).