



# FEDERATED FACTS

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## ***“TOGETHER WE GROW”***

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**THE HOLIDAY SEASONS** are arriving quickly. We as garden clubs members must set the pace for our **Rome Floyd County Community**. During the days leading up to the celebration, we seek to find the proper plants for decorations and the foods that must be prepared. We want to put the crowning touches to our yards, our porches, our living rooms and our kitchens. We want to keep in mind that we the keepers of God's Creation.

We want to remember to find how we can best help our friends and our neighbors of all walks of life. Let's seek out the preservation of all living things and to understand the purpose of the life that was given.

## **GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS!**

**G** - Gracious loving people

**A** - All with minds set to

**R** - Remind themselves to

**D** - Do all in their power to preserve our

**E** - Environment for the

**N** - Numerous generations to

**C** - Come and give great praise and

**L** - Love to all for

**U** - United generations

**B** - Belonging as

**M** - Members of God's

**E** - Eternal creation and

**M** - Making use of the land by creating

**B** - Beauty with

**E** - Everlasting love, hope, and joy by

**R** - Remembering that **All people are God's Children! Amen.**

Winnie Holland



## **LIBRARY SCHEDULE**

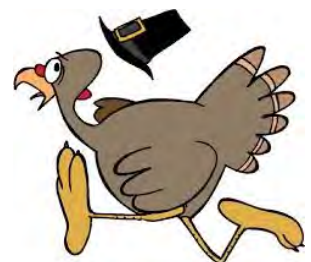
<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>CLUB</u></b>
November 1—November 14	Spade and Trowel
November 15—November 28	Thistle
November 29—December 12	Three Rivers
December 13—December 26	Townview
December 27—January 9, 2018	African Violet

## **GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>CLUB</u></b>	<b><u>TASK</u></b>
November 7	Three Rivers	Refreshments
December,	Mountain View	3 bales pine straw
January 9, 2018	Townview	Refreshments

## **CALENDAR**

October 31	Wreath to Tony Warren Cancer Center
November 7	RFGC MEETING, Garden Center
November 13-14	Plant America Symposium and Tri-Refresher, Athens
November 23	<b><i>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</i></b>
December 1	Various AWARDS deadline
January 9, 2018	RFGC Meeting, Garden Center
January 17	Native Plant Symposium, Athens







### **COOSA VALLEY FAIR WINNERS**

**Best in Horticulture—Nelli Luthi, Master Gardener, Ginger Lily**

**Best in Junior. Horticulture—Gabriel Jones, Scarlet Bella**

**Best in Agriculture—Joe & Anthony Rutledge, Cherokee Moon & Stars Watermelon**

**Best in Begonia—Glenda Fincher, Camellia, Beef Stake**

**Best in Hanging Container—Cindy Captain, Lavender View, Boston Fern**

**Best in Cut Specimen—Melissa Hunter, Dahlia**

**Best in Fern,- Connie Burnes, Townview, Crocodile Fern**

**Best in Rose—Marti Walstad, Seven Hills, Garden Party**

**Best in Arboreal Specimen (Tree) —Ruth Forrester, Seven Hills, Cyptomeria**

**Best in Container Grown plant—Marilyn Hendrickson, Thistle, Orchid**

**Best in Pumpkin—Felipe P. Morales**

**Best in Tomato —Catherine Varidel, Cherry tomatoes**



***COOSA VALLEY FAIR WINNERS BY CLUB***

<u>Club</u>	<u>Blue/1st</u>	<u>Red/2nd</u>	<u>Yellow/3rd</u>	<u>White/HM</u>	<u>Premium \$\$</u>
African Violet Study Group	16	7			\$ 44.00
Camellia	14	4	2	4	\$ 36.00
Four Seasons					
Lavender View	58	30	14	9	\$195.00
Mountain View	13	5	2	1	\$ 35.50
Seven Hills    (most blues +\$75)	137	54	21	23	\$511.00
Spade & Trowel	6	5	4		\$ 23.50
Thistle	8	5	1		\$ 44.50
Three Rivers	34	10	5	2	\$ 87.00
Townview	81	37	15	19	\$252.50

***TOWNVIEW WINS NGC AWARDS***

According to Garden Gateways Fall 2017 issue, Townview won the National Garden Club Awards for

- 1) Membership Publication
- 2) High School Gardeners, Overall—with a \$100 award.

Townview sponsors a youth club at the Floyd County College and Career Academy. The awards were presented at the Spring 2017 National meeting.



## FEDERATED MEMBERS ATTEND LAUREL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Many Members of the Rome Federated Garden Clubs attended the 59th Annual Laurel District Meeting on October 25 held at the Hilton in Cartersville. RFGC was awarded \$50 for having the largest attendance from a council.

Dr. John Barnett, Laurel District Director conducted the meeting. The Guest of Honor was Jane Hersey, President of the Garden Club of Georgia. The featured speaker was Tony Harris who did an outstanding presentation, "My Cherokee Garden—Flowers Trail of Tears."

To emphasize conservation the meeting had a visitor, Plastic Monster Man. He was covered in the number of plastic shopping bags an individual uses in a year.



### NGC CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I pledge to protect and conserve  
The natural resources of plant earth  
And promise to promote education,  
So we may become caretakers of our  
Air, water, forest, land and wildlife.





## MARSHALL FOREST

By Carolyn Alford

Rome and Floyd County have a very special place that is open for visitors every day– Marshall Forest, which is one of the largest Old Growth Urban Forests in the world and is located just off Horseleg Creek Road in Rome. Schedule a tour for your garden club, group, or family by calling Caroline Alford at 706 346-5886 or e-mailing at [caroboone@aol.com](mailto:caroboone@aol.com).

Marshall Forest needs your continued support. We have many updates planned and hope to begin them when the weather gets cooler and the parking lot dries out. The heavy equipment can't get into the forest without a lot of damage as long as the ground is wet.

This chairman has taken several groups on walks through the forest including Garden Week in Georgia, a garden club meeting and National Garden Week. Many previous visitors tell me how much they enjoy the forest and that they bring husbands, grandchildren, and friends to visit this special place.

We are working to have the Marshall Forest included in the "Old Growth Forest Network". I met with Joan Maloof, founder and director of the Old Growth Forest Network and author of three books on Old Growth forests in late April. She was unable to visit the forest because of the inclement weather and other speaking commitments. Joan plans to return to Rome to see the forest in the spring of 2018.

The annual Robert Weed Memorial Walk is scheduled for Friday October 27, 2017, at 2:00 pm. Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful, The Rome Tree Committee, The Convention and Tourism Office, the Weed Family, and GCG Land Trust/Marshall Forest Committee sponsor this walk.

Please continue to include Land Trust/Marshall Forest in your club's budget with a donation of \$25 in order to receive a "Deed of Gratitude". Your help is greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to schedule a tour of the forest, please contact Caroline Alford at [caroboone@aol.com](mailto:caroboone@aol.com).



## MOUNTAIN VIEW VISITS MARTY WALSTED

By Joanne Burke

Mabel Milner arranged for Mountain View Garden Club to enjoy our October meeting at the home of Marty Walsted on East 8<sup>th</sup> Street. We visited her historic home and the magnificent gardens.



Marty shared her family's history of their original home on Shorter Avenue on the property that is now the Staples Shopping Center. It was known as Seven Oaks. They were one of the few families in all of Georgia to have their own Ferris wheel which was built by her dad.

She told us of her Grandmothers love of gardening which has evidently been inherited by Marty. We toured the rose gardens and ancient boxwoods and enjoyed the serenity of the Koi pond as well as smelling the lavender cascading over low walls. It was a spectacular Fall day for all of us.

Pictured above are Carol Green, Carolyn Tillman and Laura Gafnea.

**REMEMBER - SUPPORT THE FEDERATION'S  
CURRENT FUNDRAISER**

[https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/  
Rome\\_Federated\\_Garden\\_Clubs\\_Inc.](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Rome_Federated_Garden_Clubs_Inc)



## **NEWS FROM SEVEN HILLS GARDEN CLUB WITH REPORT ON FEDERATION PROJECT**

What a beautiful day for a luncheon and meeting in the Library Garden. On 11 October Seven Hills met for an activity filled meeting. Yearbooks were distributed and explained, officers were installed by Winnie Holland, Virginia Hunter taught us how to make a succulent wreath, and we discussed our 2017-2019 Federation project. Bags of mulch brought by members were spread in the library gardens and we all enjoyed our picnic basket lunch.

**Our Federation project is the restoration of the 2015 Alice Clock Tower Garden.** The garden has been without care for two years and when visitors enter the Clock Tower parking lot this is the first thing they see. On 26 October, with the help of eighteen Berry Freshmen students working on their Freshmen community service, we were able to start cleaning the garden. Knock out roses needed to be removed due to disease, weeds were pulled, bushes were trimmed, and flowers were dead headed. Nellie Luthi, Ruth Forrester, Paige Swiger, Linda Sipp, Amanda Kinder, Marla Janes, Jennifer Kearns, and Pam Roberts were present to lead the first step of the restorative process. We will continue to visit the area to remove emerging weeds and spray when necessary. Before winter sets in we will start planting some native perennials with hopes that they will survive the winter. We have encouraged members to share some of the special plants from their gardens. If anyone else has plants to share please contact Seven Hills Garden Club. We hope to make this a sustainable perennial garden that will attract butterflies, birds, and other pollinators and be colorful and welcoming at the same time. When our next workday is announced (depending on weather) Federation members will be notified so others may aid us in this large undertaking.

The Clock Tower Project Committee consists of Mary Frances Wright, chair; Nelly Luthi and Ruth Forrester. Master Gardeners; Linda Sill, publicity and book of evidence; Hollye Smith, neighbor; Jennifer Kearns and Paige Swiger, club Presidents; Barbara Stegall, Historian; Ansley Saville, liaison for city services. These members will work together to design an attractive landscape of sun tolerant species to welcome all visitors year round.

Sheelah Schreiber  
Seven Hills Garden Club



### MANY GCG AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 1

If you are actively involved with Wildflowers you will want to enter an application for the following GCG award. I understand there was not a lot of competition last year!

**WILDFLOWER AWARD** (Award # 11—Due December 1) Awarded for the most comprehensive activity for the protection, preservation and/or propagation of wildflowers. Entries must include supporting information as applicable: before and after photos, safety considered in all plantings, educational value, aesthetic beauty, unique aspect and/or unusual features, and financial statement. The first-place winner in each category will receive a state certificate. No project may receive an award for 2 consecutive years.



## ***TOWNVIEW VISITS MAJOR RIDGE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN***



Townview met at the Grizzard Center for their October meeting with Ginny Word, MG, presenting a program on the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden at Chieftains Museum.

This Garden was created through the vision of the Chieftains Museum Landscape Advisory Board as a way to demonstrate on a smaller scale the wide variety of plants and crops that were grown on Major Ridge's plantation.

Documentation from the time period when Ridge lived on the farm provided direction for the selection of historically accurate plants. The garden brings to life the living history of Major Ridge's large agriculture operation, which included food gardens, vast crop land, acres of orchards and medicinal gardens.

The featured gardens are the raised garden bed, kitchen garden, medicinal bed, native bed, and commercial bed.

The meeting was hosted by Mary Reid, Jo Hernandez and Marti Nasca and featured a fall theme. They served a very tasty Turkey-Apple Waldrop Salad, seasonal muffins, and apple dumplings. This was a fun, informative meeting.

Club Members were happy to have Penny Miller join Townview at this meeting.



Photos by Marti Nasca