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“TOGETHER WE GROW”

Message from the President:

Now that a new year splashes out in front of us, let's stop to think. What must we as garden club members do to make the world a better place in the new year of 2018? Please allow me to share with you what brings me to make this statement.

Let me share with you a story about the resilience of nature. As a little girl, I remember trips to the old grist mill to grind corn into cornmeal. As I returned to my home place near Enterprise, Alabama during the holidays, I decided I would go to the old grist mill that stood out as memorable part of my growing up. As I remembered, we would cross the large wooden bridge that crossed the river, then over on the side stood the grist mill with a large waterwheel that generated the power for grinding the corn into cornmeal. In that vast yard of activity stood a country store where groceries could be purchased. This was my memory of this place some 55 or more years ago. Is this what I saw Christmas 2017? Of course not!

What is my point in this vivid memory? The river is the only thing that still flows and survived the changes. It flows under a concrete bridge while a few remains of the wooden bridge rest on the side. There was no grist mill. There was no country store. A grove of trees leans over the river bank as the Mighty River drifted by. The River was the only thing that survived the changes that took place.

Our environment must be protected at all costs. Garden Club Members must guard and educate our community about environmental protection. Our natural resources survival depends on our commitment to conservation, and Our Environment Will Survive. Together We Grow.

Winnie Holland

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*MESSAGE FROM OUR
PRESIDENT*



CREATION

As I stroll out into a new morning
I feel the soft cool gentle breezes brushing my face
Viewing the stretching rays of the early morning sun
Spangling across the eastern skies.
As I walk outside into a new morning.

I see the drops of moisture beading up
upon the leafy greens
growing in the garden
As I walk outside into a new autumn morning.

I taste the magic in the moist air
 As it wraps around my face
 As I trod down the sandy path
 Leading into the grassy pasture
 As I walk out into new morning.

I hear the meadow lark chirping
 as the gift of God's voices.
 Singing God's gift of love
 As I stroll out into
 A birth of a new morning.

I smell the blooms of the Goldenrods
As they dance and wave in the sandy soil
 Giving a promise of God's beauty.
 As I walk out
into a new morning of God's Creation.

Winnie Holland

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
January 10 –January 23	Camellia
January 24-February 6	Mountain View
February 7—February 20	Seven Hills
February 21—March 6	Spade and Trowel
March 7—March 20	Thistle

GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>TASK</u>
January 9, 2018	Townview	Refreshments
February	African Violet	3 bales pine
March 6	Camellia	Refreshments

CALENDAR

January 9	RFGC MEETING, Garden Center, Mary Rolan, Mtn. View, Speaker
January 17	Native Plant Symposium, Athens
February 15	President's Report Due
February	Arbor Day
February 20,	Laurel District Meeting, Smyrna
February 22	Educational Program at Library (see next page) *
March 6	RFGC Meeting, Garden Center

The Rome Federation Education Program will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at the Sara Hightower Library. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 am with the program beginning at 10:30. We are fortunate to have the authors of the new book *Seeking Eden* as our speakers. See the following page for information.



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Coming in Spring 2018

SEEKING EDEN

A Collection of Georgia's Historic Gardens

Staci L. Catron and Mary Ann Eaddy

Photography by James R. Lockhart

FEATURED GARDENS

Andrew Low House and Gardens, Savannah
Ashland Farm, Flintstone
Barnsley Gardens, Adairsville
Barrington Hall and Bulloch Hall, Roswell
Battersby-Hartbridge Garden, Savannah
Beech Haven, Athens
Berry College: Oak Hill and House of Dreams,
Mount Berry
Bradley Olmsted Garden, Columbus
Cator Woolford Gardens, Atlanta
Coffin-Reynolds Mansion, Sapelo Island
Dunaway Gardens, Newnan vicinity
Governor's Mansion, Atlanta
Hilli and Deles Estate, LaGrange
Lullwater Conservation Garden, Atlanta
Millpond Plantation, Thomasville vicinity
Oakton, Marietta
Rock City Gardens, Lookout Mountain
Salubrity Hall, Augusta
Savannah Squares, Savannah
Stephenson-Adams Land Garden, Atlanta
Swan House, Atlanta
University of Georgia: North Campus, the President's
House and Garden, and the Founders Memorial
Garden, Athens
Valley View, Cartersville vicinity
Wormsloe and Wormsloe State Historic Site,
Savannah vicinity
Zahner-Slick Garden, Atlanta

Seeking Eden promotes an awareness of, and appreciation for, Georgia's rich garden heritage. The stories of nearly thirty designed landscapes first identified in the early twentieth-century publication *Garden History of Georgia, 1733-1933*, have been updated and expanded. Beautifully photographed, *Seeking Eden* provides a record of each garden's evolution and history as well as each garden's current early twenty-first-century appearance. Dating from the mid-eighteenth to the early twentieth centuries, these publicly and privately-owned gardens include nineteenth-century parterres, Colonial Revival gardens, Country Place Era landscapes, rock gardens, historic town squares, college campuses, and an urban conservation garden.

Seeking Eden explores the significant impact of the women who envisioned and nurtured many of these special places; the role of professional designers, including J. Neel Reid, Philip Traummel Shutze, William C. Pauley, Robert Cridland, the Olmsted Brothers, Hubert Bond Owens, and Clermont Lee; and the influence of the Garden Club Movement in Georgia in the early twentieth century.

STACI L. CATRON is the director of the Cherokee Garden Library, Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center, and a past president of the Southern Garden History Society.

MARY ANN EADDY retired from the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources where she worked first as manager of the technical services unit and then as special assistant to the director. She also taught a graduate course in preservation planning in the Heritage Preservation Program at Georgia State University.

JAMES R. LOCKHART is a photographer specializing in architectural and landscape photography. In his role as photographer for the state of Georgia, Historic Preservation Division, he documented over 1,600 nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

Book proceeds will go toward the Garden Club of Georgia's Historic Landscape Preservation Grant program. Matching grants provide seed money to nonprofits and local governments working to preserve and restore historic landscapes across the state.

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Fig Leaf Friends



Floyd County has a foster child crisis! What can you do to help?

With 330+ children currently in foster care [1/3 under 5 years] from Floyd County homes, we have one of the highest numbers per capita in care among Georgia's 159 counties. Mental health issues, poverty, homelessness, incarcerated parents, substance abuse and child neglect are underlying issues for children going into foster care. Until the children can be safely returned to their parents, a relative can take them, or they are adopted, they will remain in foster care. The Restoration Rome collaboration of faith-based services houses agencies assisting these children and their birth and foster families by providing them with after school tutoring, meals, clothing, supervised visits and by housing groups offering medical, dental, mental health care and substance abuse treatments. Reconciliation and restoration of families, when possible, is the primary purpose of the agencies.

You can help by supporting Fig Leaf Friends, a concerted effort to obtain diapers, all sizes of new underwear, socks and sports bras for children and teens endorsed by Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth, a non-profit agency housed at RR. This is a new twist on the Fig Leaf Project that provided socks and underwear for adults in state mental facilities. Items collected will stay in Floyd County!

Mary Yarbrough, Fig Leaf Friends Coordinator, says items are always welcome at Restoration Rome, 1400 Crane Street! There is a receptionist on duty Monday—Thursday from 9:30 am to 4:00pm. Christmas is past but the need exists year round.

The Clothes Closet organizer is most appreciative of the donations made by the Garden Clubs! Be sure to sign register and include Club Name and you will receive a thank you note.

Since we no longer have the state mental facilities to share clothes items with, this will be a wonderful opportunity to help children in need.



TOWNVIEW COLLECTS FOR DFACS

Townview Garden Club collected many items for the Department of Family and Children Services at their December meeting. They had 18 pairs of pajamas, 5 blankets/throws, 21 backpacks, many stuffed animals and beanie babies, diapers, 41 toboggans, 40 pair of socks, and items needed by incoming foster children. These will be very helpful for new incoming children who usually need baths and shampoos upon their arrival. Thereafter, the staff likes to put the child in snug pajamas and give them a stuffed animal to enjoy while the staff locates a foster home for them. They usually arrive with only the clothes they are wearing. By giving each child a backpack it gives them a sense of ownership and they can keep their new belongings in them.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE HONEYBAKED HAM FUNDRAISER



Thanks go out to RFGC members who participated in our HoneyBaked Ham Fundraiser.

We raised \$664 which was 66% of our goal—a very good response considering this was our first experience with this type of a fundraiser! This fundraiser ends 1/1/2018, but please watch your emails for future opportunities to buy HoneyBaked Ham Gift Cards to benefit RFGC!

Stanley Boulee, Treasurer

*In Memory
of Barbara Stegall*

When you think of Barbara Stegall, you think “Garden Club.” So many of her commitments to the community have evolved from first her membership in garden clubs. She served as Club President, Federation President, District Level as Garden Therapy Chairman, as Landscape Design, as Historic Preservation, and finally as Blue Star Marker Chairman. She also represented these last three committees at the state level. Her Third Avenue garden was featured in “The Gardens of Georgia.”

Her efforts for Garden Therapy brought to the attention of Rome the new missions for the new patients at NW Georgia Regional Hospital.

She served on the River Development Planning Committee and the Board of Review for the Rome Historic District. This was the result of both her landscape and historic preservation background, obtained through garden clubs but used to best advantage outside the garden gate.

She served in leadership positions on many Community Boards.

Under her tenure as Federation President, the Garden Center on Eighth Street was rebuilt with the help of the Rome Rotary Club.

Her creativity and innovative ideas produced many successful results with any organization she was associated with. She definitely was the quintessential volunteer.

This information was provided by Seven Hills Garden Club where Barbara will certainly be missed.

*In Memory
of Linda Cane*

Camellia Garden Club lost a loved member when Linda Cane passed away November 18, 2017. She had lived in Phoenix, Las Vegas, and Lakenheath, England while her husband served his country in the US Air Force. They eventually settled in Rome.

Linda Cane was a longtime children’s librarian at Sara Hightower Library and later a longtime volunteer at Habitat for Humanity in Rome. Linda enjoyed working in her own garden as well as around her community. She was a certified Master Gardener and active member of the Camellia Garden Club.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A new year is what most people long for—it is not really the year change they look forward to but the possibility of changing themselves for the better. All of us want to start a year in a good footing. Most believe that a new year entails not only a continuous life but also a fresh beginning and a new lease on life. This lease on life however must be used in full.

The new year can be wasted or used for good. What you do each day is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that you have traded for it. You want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that you shall not regret the price you paid for it.

As garden club members, let's make 2018 a great year for Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. as we continue to work together. Our President's motto is "Together We Grow." Here again we want success, not failure.

The budget crisis RFGC faced in 2017 taught us that we ALL MUST work together in order to save the Garden Center. We had two successful fundraisers and more are planned for 2018. Let's make sure our new year is not wasted but used for good.

Winter is snow much fun!!



happy
NEW
Year!

