



*"Making the World More Beautiful
One Seed at a Time..."*

August 2016

Federated Facts



News from our Garden Muse(s)

As summer draws to a close for many of us, your Co-Presidents are taking a breath and enjoying seeing the fruits of everyone's labors. We were excited over the number of awards our Rome Federated Garden Clubs received at our State Convention in Macon and ecstatic over our Federated Garden Club Inc. yearbook winning awards from the state, Deep South AND National.

This summer your Co-Presidents went to our GCG President, Martha Price's, summer workshop at the Amicalola Falls State Park. We were able to meet and spend some time with our National Garden Club President, Sandra Robinson. (pic)

Many of you saw the 27 boxes of memorabilia from Elizabeth Neal. When we began going through it, it inspired us to start cleaning out the storage closet, drawers, cabinets, and the kitchen. (pic) We have been amazed at the fabulous things the garden clubs have done and continue to do. However, as with everything, our archives are deteriorating. At a called Executive meeting, it was decided that our history would remain in Rome at the Rome History Museum. The Garden Club Presidents have removed their archives and will put them on flash drives to be stored at the office. Russell McCallahan removed the Federation archives and 7 Hills Garden Club yearbooks from their beginning of 1926!!! God Bless Elizabeth!! She had saved them for all these years for us!!

Books that have not been used in MANY years, as well as MANY copies of our state and national magazines were donated to the Sarah Hightower Library. We called "UNCLE" and it was voted to pay ProSystems to come in to finish the cleaning, as well as, clean the carpeting, the chairs, and sanitize the building!!! We voted that all dishes and glassware were to be removed and donated. We will have new rules posted for the use of the building. Sheelah Schreiber has kept your co-presidents on task and has volunteered many hours to help clean and even took tablecloths home and washed, ironed, measured and bagged all of them!! THANK YOU, SHEELAH!!

While we were laboring inside, John Schultz, Jimmy Birdsong, and Stan Rogers and his city crews were working outside on the Meditation Garden at Myrtle Hill. It looks lovely and will be such an asset to our town. Thistle Garden Club has been assisting the progress as their Federation Project. We will co-host a ceremony in October

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2015-2016 A busy year at RFGC



"This past year at RFGC has been full of plans, projects and cleanup.

See what has been accomplished by our leaders!



Community volunteers assisted in the clean-out effort of the Rome Federated Storage Unit, saving the RFGC over \$600 per year on rental fees. Special thanks goes to Ben Janes, Barrett Irmscher, (son of Dawn & grandson of Ruth Forrester) Ben Prevost finishing up!! Marla and I worked with these guys several hours hauling stuff to the street for trash pick up!!

Some bottles were hauled off by Bill Irmscher for the Exchange Club. Many paper boxes full of old flower show literature and cardboard tubes were taken to the recycling dumpster at the Bagwell food pantry.



(hopefully it will be cooler!!) to show the community their new serenity area.

Once again, our Federation will be selling bulbs to support our endeavors and to beautify Floyd County!!! Many of you have ordered BUT we need many more orders to cover our expenses!! Please download the order form and ORDER, ORDER, ORDER!!!! Ask neighbors and friends for orders!! Spread the word....pretend you are a Girl Scout/Boy Scout again and SELL these bulbs!!! This is our only fundraiser... hopefully!!

Marla and I are looking forward to a busy year. We have planned several exciting programs and the State and Laurel District will be holding an Historic Preservation Fundraiser in Rome at Berry College on April 26, 2017!! Check your email and Federated Facts for all the details of the Federation Activities and your Responsibilities. The Federation is all of us working to "Make the World more Beautiful One Seed at a time Through Education, Sharing and Love."

Ansley and Marla

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Marla Janes, Ansley Saville
with Sandra H. Robinson,
National Garden Club
President and Martha Price,
Ga Garden Club President

Marla Janes, Ansley Saville
buzzing around with Laurel
District Chairwoman,
Edna McClellan

Marla Janes and Ansley Saville with First Lady Sandra Deal after a tour of the GA Governor's Mansion during Christmas. Mrs. Deal has written a history book of the families that have lived in and contributed to the Georgia Governor's Mansion, "Memories of the Mansion".

Bellmere Designer's Home Tour with
State Garden Club President, Martha
Price. Marla Janes, Caroline Alford,
Ansley Saville, Sheelah Schreiber



2015 Bulb packing party at the Garden Center

We had a bag stuffing party on October 24, 2015. Marla and I thought that we would spend the morning and early afternoon bagging the bulbs.....not with our excellent help..... 40 minutes was all it took!



2016 delivery of the RFGC Bulb Sale Fundraiser will be October 17, 2016. More details to come. Thanks to those Garden Clubs that participated this year!

Garden Center Initiatives 2016

The Garden Center has been a huge priority for RFGC. Records and Yearbooks are being digitized and preserved, since many are nearing 100 years old and some older clubs have been retired. Some items are being sent to the Rome History Museum, Cherokee Garden Library and the State Garden Club for long term storage and preservation.

The Garden Center is also undergoing a complete critter clean-out and thorough sanitization. It became apparent that resident insects, rodents and mold were not paying rent and had to be evicted.

A special thanks goes to Sheelah Schreiber for her "Let's Get it Done" attitude and perseverance.

Please assist us in keeping the Garden Center bug and rodent free. Use plastic tubs with tops for items stored, do not leave food or garbage at the Center, paper items stored in the file cabinets should be inspected for bugs before being stored at the Garden Center. Thanks!



Last opportunity for Bulbs and to support RFGC

Orders due on Sept. 30, 2016



Rome Federated Garden Clubs

2016 Garden Center Bulb Sale



Name _____

Garden Club _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Best Contact Phone # _____

Email _____

Payments should be made to
your Garden Club.
Earn money for your club!



Daffodil- Cheerfulness Only \$1 each! Fragrant, double creamy white with orange centers, 3-4 clusters per stem, 15". Incredible!

6 bulbs for \$6.00

of units

Subtotal



Daffodil- Golden Ducat Fit for a king (or queen)...double King Alfred style daffodil with deep yellow petals on 16" dark sturdy stems.

6 bulbs for \$6.00

of units



Muscari latifolium Two-toned cousin of the grape hyacinth, bright blue tops with deep grape flowers below. Beautiful when paired with early spring daffodils or tulips.

1 Dozen bulbs for \$6.00

of units



Globemaster Allium Spectacular 8-10" orbs of lilac purple on 36" sturdy stems, sterile and deer resistant, gorgeous and long lasting fresh or dried.

1 bulb for \$10.00
Buy 4 get one Free \$40.00

of units



Dancing Queen Amaryllis Double, candy-striped white Amaryllis brushed with rust-red strokes of color. Great for giving, a striking winter centerpiece.

1 bulb for \$15.00
Buy 4 get one Free \$60.00

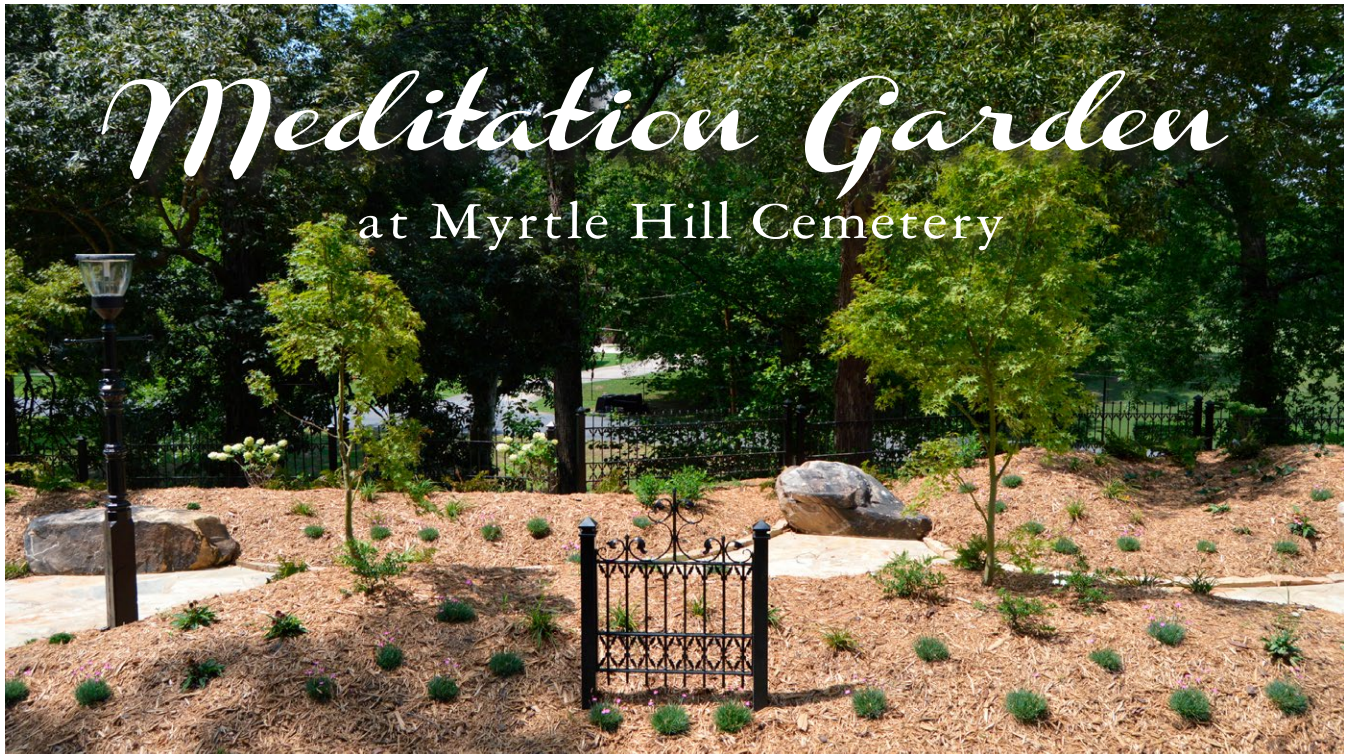
of units

Total order amount:

Each order must have an order form and be paid in full to the Garden Club listed above. Orders must be received by Sept. 30, 2016. Club Treasurers will collect the money and orders and send them to Ruth Martin at 212 E. 9th St., Rome GA 30161.

Myrtle Hill Serenity Garden
Located near the Mausoleum at Myrtle Hill Cemetery
Community Project 2015-2017
Thistle Garden Club
Barbara Ivy & Nancy Davis, Project Chairmen

Federated Project



***The Myrtle Hill-Oak Hill Memorial Association
In conjunction with
Rome Federated Garden Clubs
Invite you to the
Dedication of the Meditation Garden at Myrtle Hill Cemetery
4 p.m., Friday, October 14, 2016***

*The garden entrance is located on Branham Avenue, just past the Myrtle Hill Mausoleum.
Park at the mausoleum or the Kingfisher trail head parking lot and walk up.
The garden is free and open to the public.*



“Where Romans Rest” Walking Tours

*Also plan to join us Saturday, October 15 for “Where Romans Rest” walking tours.
Each guided tour lasts 90 minutes and gives insights into the cemetery’s history while uncovering the meanings behind symbols
and imagery used throughout the cemetery. Actors dressed in period specific costumes portray the stories of Romans past.
This year’s tour will also feature the Meditation Garden. Landscape Artist, John Schulz, will share the story behind the design.*

*“Where Romans Rest” tours are offered at 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.
Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased online at RomeGeorgia.org/Tour or at the Rome-Floyd Visitor Center.
The tours are made possible through a partnership with the Rome Cemetery Department.*

State Garden Club



Ronald McDonald House- Please continue collecting aluminum can tops, cans and soda tops. This is a continuing project and a District Level Competition supporting a great cause. Turn your cleaned cans, tops and lids into your President to be delivered to the Federation.



*Martha Price, President
The Garden Club of GA*

Special Announcement:

Our esteemed State Garden Club President, Martha Price, had the extraordinary opportunity to celebrate her mother's 100th birthday on July 19th, 2016.

Congratulations Mrs. Houston!

Happy 100th Birthday!

National Garden Club



Because of our renowned reputation, and the strength of our membership, NGC has been invited to be an Inaugural Network Partner of the National Pollinator Garden Network, recently formed to help establish one million gardens to assist in restoring critical pollinator population recovery in the United States. Over the next two years, The Network will bring together the science and garden capabilities of industry with the outreach of nongovernmental organizations to empower a million private citizens and organizations to plant pollinator gardens nationwide.

Join National Pollinator Garden Network and The Million Pollinator Garden Challenge Federal agencies have been directed to take steps to protect and restore pollinator populations due to recent declines in the number and distribution of pollinating insects causing significant concern among ecologists and agricultural interests. These declines include our managed bee population used in agricultural, native bees, monarch butterflies (suffering a decline of more than 90% over the past two decades), and many others. In addition to being important to natural ecosystems across our country, pollinators are critical to one third of our food production. While there may be many reasons for pollinator decline, experts agree that the overall loss in the amount and distribution of habitat and food plants is a critical contributor.

This is an unprecedented collaboration and our members will be providing food and habitat for pollinators in our home gardens (can even be a container on a deck or a condo window planter), as well as our public garden projects, youth garden projects, nursing homes, botanical gardens, business areas, and government offices. Monetary awards will be available for our member clubs, and we plan to coordinate grants to clubs that will plant pollinator gardens with our youth! It is SO important to teach our youth how to take care of our land, our wildlife, our food supply for the future! Who will teach them if we don't!?

Register your pollinator habitat! Click [here](#) to buzz over to the Pollinator Partnership Website where you can create an account, register your pollinator site and see an interactive map of sites that have been registered. It's free and easy! Explore other pollinator friendly SHARE landscapes all over the globe! Be a part of the movement now!



Bloomin' Responsibilities

THE ROME FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

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CALENDAR

2016 – 2017

2016

August 11	Laurel District Board Meeting	Gainsville
August 23	RFGC Executive Board Meeting	
August 30	RFGC Meeting, Garden Center	
September 14-15	GCG State Board Meeting	Peachtree City
September 26-29	Suzanne Wheeler Flower Show School Course III	Bellmere Garden House, Johns Creek
October 2	Coosa Valley Fair Entries	
October 3	Coosa Valley Fair Rose Entries	
October 12	Laurel District Fall Meeting	Marietta
October 14	Dedication of the Meditation Garden at Myrtle Hill Cemetery 4:00 p.m. (Federation Project)	Meditation Garden
October 14-16	Perry Flower Show	Perry
October 22-23	Chiaha	
October 25	RFGC Executive Board Meeting	
November 1	RFGC Meeting	
December 18	RFGC Christmas Tea, 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Marla Janes' Home

2017

January 10	RFGC Meeting, Garden Center	
January 11	GCG State Board Meeting	Thomasville
February 16	Laurel District Board Meeting	Rome
February 21	RFGC Public Education Program – Marshal Forest	Library
February 28	RFGC Executive Board Meeting	
March 1	RFGC Meeting	Garden Center
March 27-30	Suzanne Wheeler Flower Show School Course IV	Bellmere Garden House, Johns Creek
April 16-22	Garden Week in Georgia	
April 18-20	Georgia Garden Club State Convention	Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain
May 2	Day In May	Library
May 16-21	National Garden Club Convention	Richmond, VA

**Other dates or activities that arise will be reported to members by Federated facts or at the Website: www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com e-mail for site is rfgc@comcast.net*