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“TOGETHER WE GROW”

February Reflection

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F- facing it head on

E-Eagerly, yet gingerly, waiting for

B-Buttercups and other blubs to

R-rip the soil carrying the bright colors

U-under the sleeping leaves and branches ready to

A-announce

R-Reds, yellows, greens for the

Y-Year of 2018 spring

The New Spirit

O' Lord of my heart
May I truly look to see

The New Spirit.

Help me see and to find
The courageous courage to
Plant the seeds of love,
Plant the seeds of goodness and kindness
In the hearts and souls of my fellow persons.
Then may the gift of love and the gift of insight
Help me to see the way
To relate to,
show courage and a willingness to see
the talents and abilities of my peers
then work together, plan together,
to make my home,
to make my community,
to make my state,
to make my nation
that I live to become a better place
than I have found it

with a New Spirit

By: Winnie Holland

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
February 21—March 6	Spade and Trowel
March 7—March 20	Thistle
March 21—April 3	Three Rivers
April 4—April 17	Townview
April 18—May 1	African Violet Study Group

GARDEN CENTER SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>TASK</u>
March 6, 2018	Camellia	Refreshments
April, 2018	Seven Hills	Trash bags (outside, kitchen & bathroom)
May 1, 2018	All Clubs	Refreshments

CALENDAR

March 6	RFGC Meeting, Garden Center
March 18-21	Deep South Region Convention, Memphis
April 10-12	Garden Club of Georgia State Convention, Macon
April 15-21	Garden Week in Georgia
May 1	RFGC Meeting, Garden Center

CLOCK TOWER FEDEDERATED PROJECT*By Jennifer Kearns*

Finally the weather cooperated! We had a beautiful, sunny, 56 degree January day for working on the garden project!

January was the month for Seven Hills and we had 8 members who dug up 2 butterfly bushes, 2 dwarf nandinas, silver grass, and removed most of the weeds around bed #2. Remember we have 5 beds in this project but not to worry, we will concentrate on one at a time.

Nelly reminded us that we need to start with some good stretching before pushing down on shovels. Most of the work was done standing up and leaning down to pull weeds. Why go to the gym when you can get a complete workout!

The design is starting to take shape with the bushes, irises and silver grasses moved to better locations. Pansies were planted in November and are still behind the Bailey Park name.

The city complied with our request to remove the six Burning Bushes next to the street. Now we have a good hole for planting our native Fringe Tree, *Chionanthus Virginicus*. The city is also going to put in an irrigation line at the lower part of the beds next to the sidewalk. Thanks to Mary Hardin Thornton for coordinating this work.

I hope you can go by and see how much better this important landmark is looking. Thanks to all who are contributing with your sweat equity. We will all be proud when this project is completed.

Each club has been assigned a workday, all on Thursdays at 11 AM. Please note your club's workday for planning purposes. No work days are scheduled during June, July or August.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>
March 22	Camellia
April 26	Lavender View
May 24	Mountain View
September 13	Thistle
September 27	Townview
October 11	Three Rivers
October 25	Spade & Trowel

EASTER HAM RFGC FUNDRAISER



Easter is early this year and RFGC is asking that you please participate in our Honey Baked Ham Easter Fundraiser.

You will receive emails with the subject “RFGC Honey Baked Ham Easter Fundraiser.”

To participate, just click on the “link” in the email and follow the intuitive instructions for purchasing gift cards that can then be used to make purchases either in the Honey Baked Ham Store of your choice and/or online.

Keep in mind that Honey Baked Ham offers more than delicious hams—check out their side dishes, desserts and more!

We suggest that you purchase your gift card now so there will be ample time to decide what special treats you will be offering at your Easter events.

Please keep in mind, also, that these gift cards make excellent gifts and that the fundraiser is not limited to our membership. If you know of someone who might be interested, please forward the email to them so that they, too, can support RFGC. We will send a note of thanks to every individual who purchases a card through our HBH link.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

[honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Rome Federated Garden Clubs Inc-Easter](http://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Rome_Federated_Garden_Clubs_Inc-Easter)

Ways and Means Committee



YARD SALE - GARDEN ITEMS

DATE TO REMEMBER - **Ways and Means will be holding a Yard Sale on APRIL 21** at the Garden Center. Anything garden related will be sold. Note this is a change in the date from the original date announced. Drop off used or new garden related items on Friday, April 20 at the garden center. An email will announce times of day later.

We need anything garden related such as gardening books, yard ornaments, pots, planters, tools, wind chimes, etc. that you can donate to be sold. Better yet, put a cute plant in an old container that you would be willing to part with.

The Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
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Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

Income:

Dues (238 members x \$20/member)	\$4,760	
Per Fact Finding Committee Recommendation of 2017		
For Allocation of dues:		
75% for work of the RFGC (\$3,570)		
25% for building maintenance (\$1,190)		
Youth Clubs Registration Fee (\$5/club)	50	
Education (\$15/club)	150	
Ways & Means Committee Fundraising (Projected)	<u>4,123</u>	
		\$9,083

Expenses:

Building Maintenance		
Georgia Power (\$130/month)	\$1,560	
City of Rome Water (\$25.11/month)	301	
Lawn Maintenance (\$90/month)	1,080	
Cook's Pest Control	247	
Garden Center Insurance (State Farm)	1,125	
Contingency for unbudgeted repairs,		
Maintenance	<u>1,000</u>	
		\$5,313
RFGC Projects, Membership Dues, Inc.		
GCG Council Dues	\$ 15	
GCG Convention Registration Fee		
(for president per ByLaws)	205	
Education Program		
(one program per administration per		
ByLaws--next program 2020)	- 0 -	
Day in May (2019)	750	
Community Project		
(per ByLaws \$1/member per year to		
provide seed money for project)	257	
Youth Club Registration & Recognition		
(see Income)	50	

Awards Committee	50	
Donations/Projects	<u>1,433</u>	\$2,760
Administrative Expenses		
Secretary of State		
(Annual Non-Profit Registration)	\$ 30	
Website/Federated Facts	200	
Yearbook Expense	260	
Office Supplies	120	
Contingencies	<u>400</u>	
		<u>\$1,010</u>
		\$9,083

Notes:

The 2018-2019 Budget was prepared to acknowledge the need for fund raising to support the expenses of maintaining the Federation's Garden Center. Membership numbers were based upon actual 2018 paid dues. Building maintenance costs are projected to be \$5,313. Twenty-five percent of collected dues is \$1,190. Thus the Ways and Means Committee needs to raise \$4,123 ($\$5,313 - \$1,190 = \$4,123$).

As a comparison, the 2017-2018 Budget Projected that the Ways and Means Committee needed to raise \$4,486. As of February 28, 2018, the Committee had raised \$3,964. A spring yard sale scheduled for April 21 and a HoneyBaked Ham Fundraiser concluding March 31, is expected to wipe out the current \$522 deficit.

ARBOR DAY 2018

By Pam Roberts

So what do you do with 28 Tree City USA flags?!? That is a good problem to have as Rome celebrated receiving their 28th flag on Arbor Day on February 16th. To earn this honor, a city must have a Tree Board or Committee. There must be a tree ordinance, an Arbor Day celebration and \$2 per capita budgeted for tree planting and maintenance.

Because the International Rotary President wanted a tree planted for every member, we had 200 trees to plant! The DAR, the Rome Federation and the City of Rome all participate annually on Arbor Day, but we were joined this year by members of the Seven Hill Rotary and Rome Rotary Clubs in planting trees.

Carolyn McGuiness, Marti Nasca and I represented Townview as we joined other garden clubs, Rotarians, DAR, Master Gardeners, City and County officials and staff, Tree Board and Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful, the Nature Conservancy and local residents in planting trees along Heritage Trail behind State Mutual Stadium.

It was estimated that around 110 people attended, the largest Arbor Day celebration ever in Rome. I have been there when there were less than 10 and it was freezing! Friday was a nice morning as the rain held off until late afternoon.

Later that day, Townview members met with our Junior Garden Club at the Montessori School and I took a Sawtooth Oak with me and gave it to them to be planted on their school grounds.



RUTH FORRESTER

