

FEDERATED FACTS

This has been printed before; however, a note needed to be made that this wonderful wreath was a product of the efforts of Seven Hills Garden Club.

A call from Janice Hopkins at the Cancer Center concerning our shell wreath: A patient who doesn't have much time left on this earth admired our wreath. So, the Cancer Center allowed a benefactor for the patient to purchase the wreath for \$350 and take it home today. The bids don't actually close until the end of the week but this person wanted to make sure that the patient had the pleasure of owning this wreath. I for one don't always understand the implications of our work as a garden club. We can create beauty and we can also honor the wishes of someone we don't even know. Thank you



NAIA OOPS!

Please note that a very important part of the arrangement making was accidentally left out. Note correction

Workers for the NAIA table arrangements were composed of members of the community and several RFGC member clubs. Clubs represented were: Camellia, Three Rivers, Mountain View, Spade and Trowel Thistle, and Townview. Sixty table arrangements were made. Having enough workers and time, the tables were set with silverware and napkins, as well. This is the last year for the NAIA. We will look forward to working with another conference in the future.

Presidents' Workshop



Suzanne Wheeler, GCG President, will be at the Garden Center on February 3 to help us with our reports. All are welcome to attend. Coffee at 9:30; meeting at 10:00

**Statewide Arbor Day Ceremony,
February 18, 2014, Rome, Georgia
10 A.M.**

Welcome to Rome (Mary Hardin Thornton
on behalf of GUFC and Rome)

Recognition of guests and sponsors

10:15 – 11:15 am

**Benefits of Trees / Ecological Restoration in
Communities – Invite Dr. Coder**

11:15 – 11:45

**Brian Roberts – the basics of trees and
storm water – also talk about the Rome
project?**

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:00 pm

**Duncan Hughes (invited) –
Soque River Watershed success story**

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Remarks from State Forester Robert Farris.
Arbor Day History/Reading of the Arbor
Day proclamations

🌳 Georgia Proclamation – Robert
Farris

🌳 City of Rome Proclamation – Jamie
Doss

Rome - Tree City USA presentation

Tree City USA presentations of certificates,
photos with other cities

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

Tree Board networking reception and tree
planting

MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

**Are you coming to
membership workshop?
Suzanne Wheeler, GCG State
President, will present a
PowerPoint program on
membership at the Garden
Center. We will enjoy coffee
at 9:30 (and time to chat) with
the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Join us. This is an excellent
opportunity to work with the
state president!**

Twas the Week After Christmas

'Twas the week after Christmas, and all
through the house, nothing would fit me,
not even a blouse. The cookies I'd nibble,
the eggnog I'd taste, all the holiday parties
had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales, there arose such a
number! When I walked to the store (less a
walk than a lumber).

I remembered the marvelous meals I
prepared... The gravies and sauces and beef
nicely rared.

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and
the cheese, and the way I never said, "No
thank you, please." As I dressed myself in
my husband's old shirt, and prepared once
again to battle the dirt.

I said to myself, as I only can, "You can't
spend a winter dressed like a man!"

So away with the last of the sour cream dip,
get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and
chip.

Every last bit of food that I like must be
banished, until all the additional ounces
have vanished.

I won't have a cookie, not even a lick. I'll
want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or cornbread, or
pie. I'll munch on a carrot -- and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,
but isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot, Happy
New Year to all!!!and to all a good diet.

Thanks to Ann Bradfield and Kathy
Donahue, who worked the Belk's Charity
Sale, \$115.00 has been added tour treasury.

Seven Hills Garden Club

The December meeting was held at the home of Ansley Saville on Wednesday December 11. Beautiful Christmas decorations surrounded us and we shared a delicious holiday brunch!! Active members donated many garden themed items that were gathered into six baskets that were raffled to raise funds for our library garden - \$700 was raised. It was a perfect morning shared by actives, professionals, associates, and honorary members!!



The baskets contents were donated by the active members. We get to donate money for a chance to win one of them!! We raised over \$700 for our Library Garden.

TOWNVIEW MET JANUARY 8, 2014

Townview members gathered at Wes and Ruth Martin's home. Members were delighted that "Christmas" still up and enjoyable for the meeting.



Elizabeth and Mickey

The program focused on the Scrapbook, PowerPoint entry for the state awards. Ruth Martin and Francis Wiggins provided an enjoyable lunch which provided for much needed socialization

WEATHER!

So sorry that the January 6 meeting was cancelled due to weather. Better safe than sorry was the idea behind the cancellation. This is just another situation that reinforces the need for a ramped entrance to the Garden Center!

Oleander District, Garden Club

of Georgia, Inc.

Invites you to an Historical Preservation Lecture and Luncheon

Dean Norton

Director of Horticulture, Mount
Vernon Estate and Gardens, Virginia

Tickets \$40.00, per seat.

All proceeds benefit the
Historic Landscape and Garden
Grant fund of The Garden Club of
Georgia, Inc.

Make checks payable to Garden Club
of Georgia, Inc., and send to Lisa Hall,
25 Sparnel Road, Savannah, Georgia
31411. For more information, contact
her at hall7796@bellsouth.net, or
912-598-9504.

CSH PICK UP INFORMATION

**Central State Hospital will have a van
in Rome at the Garden Center on
January 17 at 11:00 a.m. There are
several items at the Center for pickup;
however this is an excellent time to
look through your things and see
what you would like to send. Please
have all items at the center by 10:00
a.m. on January 17.**

CYM RECEIVES GRANT

The Cultivating Young Minds project,
located at the Boys and Girls Club has
received a \$1000 grant. Do look over
the article in the January Federated
Facts for details and photographs.
We are thankful to John Schultz for
working on the improvements.

REMINDERS:

- ✿ Print a copy of the President's reports and bring with you on February 3. It can be completed on the computer, saved and added to after the workshop. Need help downloading, let me know? Due to State office on Feb. 15.
- ✿ Check the guide. What awards application can your club still submit?
- ✿ Your club can send photos etc to gardenclub1315@comcast.net if you want something included in Federated Facts.
- ✿ The presidents page is a new item that will be sent to you in 2014. The purpose of the page is to give you up to date information that can be shared at your meetings.
- ✿ Dues are Due February 3. Please bring check and your membership roster to the Presidents' workshop. You will make a copy of the form that you receive from the state office. Should you have questions regarding dues, contact Kathy Donahue, RFGC treasurer, at donahueke@comcast.net.
- ✿ Executive board members would be glad to attend your club meetings. Please invite.
- ✿ Contact your board members if you have questions. Like the Army's quote, we want RFGC to be the best you can be.