

Avon Garden Club

2017-2018

Avondale Estates, Georgia
Organized 1953

Membership
79

Affiliated Organizations

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Deep South Region
(Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee)

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Redbud District

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Purpose

To stimulate interest in home gardening
and the beautification of our neighborhood

Avon Garden Club (AGC) meets on the first Thursday each
month, 10:30 am
Avondale Community Club, 59 Lakeshore Drive

Flower: Violet

Colors: Lavender & White

Visit our website: www.avongardenclub.org

Cherish the Past, Engage the Present, Plan for the Future: Part II

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The President's Message

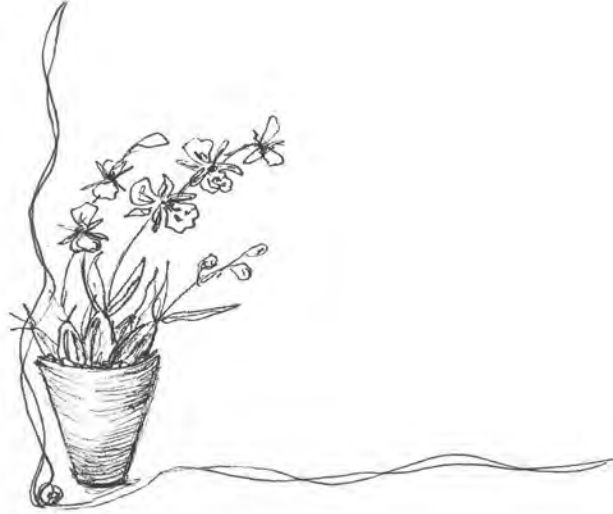
The beginning of another Avon Garden Club year is an opportune time to take stock of how we got to where we are. We have had many different Presidents and many different Boards. Each of those Presidents and Boards has made unique contributions to the Club; each has brought us to where we are today. We owe all of our past Presidents and Board members our gratitude for making prudent decisions and taking wise actions. Without our past officers we would not be the Club we are today. And, I thank all of them.

We are a strong Club and a large one. Each member makes a contribution in her own way to the health and vitality of Avon Garden Club. Without the diversity of talents, opinions, and actions we would be a totally different group. I thank all of you for your dedication to Avon Garden Club. This Club has made and continues to make contributions to our community. We have been a major force in beautifying the town in which we live. We provide leadership in recycling initiatives and in protecting our environment. We care for others through our outreach, whether it is Valentine for Vets, working at Avondale Elementary School, or birthday parties at Mountain View.

As we begin this new Club year, I hope each of you will take stock of how you fit into the Club and how you want to use your unique gifts to make contributions to Avon Garden Club and, through Avon Garden Club, to the wider community. We need you, your talents, ideas, and efforts to continue being the great group that is Avon Garden Club.

Bruce Johnston

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Executive Board 2017-2018

Bruce Johnston, President
Barbara Swicegood, First Vice-President
Candy Jones, Second Vice-President – Programs
Alicia LaRocco, Treasurer
Christine McMahan, Communications Secretary
Alice Guppy, Recording Secretary
Kerry Quinn, Parliamentarian

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Board Meetings

(open to any member at any time; comments welcome)

September 7
October 5
November 2
January 4
February 1
March 1
April 5

*Meeting Day Schedule**

9:15 – 10:15:	Executive Board Meeting
10:30 – 11:20:	Program
11:40 – 12:30:	General Meeting
12:30	Lunch

*Any changes are noted on specific “Meeting Program” pages

Avon Garden Club meetings and/or activities will be canceled in the event of inclement weather resulting in the closing of DeKalb County Schools.

Standing Committees 2017-2018

Constitution and By-Laws

Jane Howe, Chair
Candy Jones
Kerry Quinn

Endowment Fund

Bruce Johnston, Chair
Alicia LaRocco
Barbara Swicegood

Environmental Projects

Kathy Deprey and Mary Galpin, Co-Chairs
Melitta Brandt
Linda Cook
Stephany Cross
Mary Fite
Jane Howe
Chris Kiefer
Beverly McElroy
Heather Ray
Ellie Smith
Michele Spears
Helen Thompson

Garden of the Month

Connie Bryans, Chair
Pat Maddox
Mary Lou Oeschner
Elizabeth Orth
Carolyn Smith
Taylor St. Clair

Garden Therapy

Alice Sheehan, Chair
Cathey Brackett
Linda Mast

Horticulture Tip

Peggy Burgess, Chair

Hostess

Helen Thompson, Chair
Melitta Brandt and Alana Graves, Alternates

Inspiration

Sue Sneed, Chair

Installation

Jennifer Houpt, Chair
Peggy Burgess
Kathy Delaney
Alana Graves

Member Services

Miriam Lyons

Membership

Jean Brice, Chair
Donna Ailion
Rosamund Buckler
Catherine Chastain
Chris Kiefer
Beverly McElroy
Toni Maher
Jeanie Schoelles
Suzy Jennings

Programs

Candy Jones, Chair

Projects

Alana Graves, Chair
Peggy Burgess
Cathey Brackett
Mary Galpin
Christi Granger
Jennifer Houpt
Dorothy Indermark
Toni Maher

Publicity

Kathy Delaney, Chair
Linda Coatsworth, photographer
Sarah Zimny, reporter

Telephone

Kerry Quinn, Chair
Pat Brown
Melitta Brandt
Suzy Jennings
Linda Nardone
Taylor St. Clair

Ways and Means

Pancake Breakfast, Kathy Kingsbury, Chair
Donna Ailion
Cathy Brackett
Melitta Brandt
Peggy Burgess
Jurate Juska
Pat Maddox
Toni Maher
Alice Sheehan
JoAnn Thompson
Garden Boutique, Deb Shum, Chair
Mary Bell, Cashier
Mary Ellen Cates
Carolyn Chandler, Cashier
Rosemary Mosteller

Yearbook

Cheri Johnston, Chair
Rosemary Cox
Dorothy Karandanis
Elaine Mizell
Jeanie Schoelles
Michele Spears

Yellow Daisy

Chris Kiefer and Michele Spears, Co-Chairs
Penny Abraham
Sharon Annan
Rosemary Cox
Terry Followill
Kathy Kingsbury
Susan Williams-Rogers

Youth

Carolyn Chandler and Jean Kingsbury, Co-Chairs

Member Responsibilities

To support the purposes and goals of the Avon Garden Club

To attend meetings and functions of the club on a regular basis and exercise the right to vote on all issues

To pay dues no later than April each year

To serve on one lunch committee per club year and share in the cost of the luncheon (The only exceptions are the Executive Board and other members designated by the Executive Board.) Each member should sign up for month of her choice or accept the assignment made by the hostess chairperson. If unable to serve at the appointed time, the member has the responsibility to swap with another member.

To serve on a club committee as assigned and support various club projects

To help with fundraisers (All members are responsible for selling tickets or making a specified donation for the Pancake Breakfast.)

To submit a letter to the President should it become necessary to resign

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Members' Birthdays

January

7 – Sue Sneed
 14 – Alice Sheehan
 16 – Wanda Belline
 24 – Kathy Kingsbury
 27 – Linda Coatsworth

February

2 – Linda Cook
 6 – Kerry Quinn
 9 – Stephany Cross
 10 – Karyl Davis
 11 – Kathy Deprey
 12 – Christi Granger
 27 – Jeanie Schoelles

March

2 – Mary Galpin
 3 – Dorothy Indermark
 3 – Jurate Juska
 13 – Terry Followill
 14 – Candy Jones
 24 – Bruce Johnston
 24 – Chris Kiefer

April

2 – Catherine Chastain
 3 – Phoebe Stephens
 16 – Elaine Mizell
 17 – Donna Ailion
 19 – Heather Ray

May

1 – Mary Fite
 6 – Mary Bell
 12 – BJ Morris
 14 – Barbara Swicegood
 14 – Jennifer Houpt
 14 – Jo Anne Thompson
 15 – Catherine Bracket
 17 – Sharon Annan
 24 – Robin Scott
 29 – Ellie Smith

June

9 – JoAnn Geiger
 16 – Penny Abraham
 20 – Rosemary Cox
 22 – Mary Lovings
 25 – Miriam Lyons
 30 – Jeanie Payne

July

3 – Mary Ellen Cates
 3 – Margaret Lunsford
 4 – Jane Howe
 12 – Susan Williams-Rogers
 19 – Melitta Brandt
 19 – Alana Graves
 19 – Taylor St. Clair
 20 – Christine McMahan

August

1 – Cheri Johnston
 1 – Mary Lou Oechsner
 11 – Mary Payne
 28 – Peggy Burgess
 30 – Dorothy Karandanis
 31 – Ruth Olson

September

7 – Linda Mast
 7 – Beverly McElroy
 10 – Rosemary Mosteller
 10 – Pat Brown
 12 – Carolyn Chandler
 12 – Alice Guppy
 15 – Connie Bryans
 17 – Rosamond Buckler
 17 – Rosa Capps
 20 – Deb Schum
 20 – Helen Thompson
 26 – Michéle Spears

October

2 – Kathy Delaney
 4 – Carolyn Smith
 19 – Jean Brice
 20 – Pat Maddox
 21 – Toni Maher
 26 – Suzy Jennings

November

2 – Elizabeth Orth
 16 – Jean Kingsbury
 23 – Linda Nardone

December

10 – Sarah Zimny
 17 – Alicia LaRocco
 23 – Annette Myers
 28 – Ruth McCann

*Members support our city
and area garden interests*

Penny Abraham

Holy Trinity Parish Grounds Committee Chair

Donna Ailion

Avondale Woman's Club 1st Vice President
Avondale Estates Citizens Police Academy Graduate

Mary Bell

Avondale Community Club Board, Treasurer
Avondale Estates Citizens Police Academy Graduate
Avondale Estates Neighborhood Watch Co-Captain

Jean Brice

Avondale Community Club
Avondale Estates Woman's Club

Melitta Brandt

Avondale Community Club

Jean Brice

Avondale Community Club
Avondale Estates Woman's Club

Pat Brown

Avondale Estates Tree Board
Avondale Estates Historic Sign Committee

Connie Bryans

Avondale Community Club
Avondale Estates Christmas Tour of Homes Committee

Rosamond Buckler

Avondale Estates Christmas Tour of Homes Committee

Peggy Burgess

Avondale Community Club
Avondale Estates Garden Club

Rosa Capps

Atlanta Chapter Ivy Society President
Redbud District Ways and Means Chair
Hydrangea Society
Georgia Hosta Society
National Hosta Society
Native Plant Association
Master Landscape Design and Garden Consultant

Carolyn Chandler

Avondale Citizens Police Academy Graduate
Avondale Estates Historic Sign Committee
Avondale Community Club

Linda Coatsworth

Avondale Community Club
Atlanta Botanical Garden

Linda Cook

Avondale Elementary School tutor

Rosemary Cox

Trees Atlanta TreeKeeper
Georgia State University Perimeter College Native Plant
Botanical Garden Advisory Board
Georgia Conservancy
Nature Conservancy
Greenpeace

Stephany Cross

Avondale Estates Tree Committee Chairman
Avondale Estates Willis Park Committee

Kathy Delaney

Avondale Estates Christmas Tour of Homes Committee
Atlanta Botanical Garden

Mary Fite

Avondale Estates First Baptist Church Environmental Community
Chair

Terry Followill

Atlanta Botanical Garden
Georgia Master Gardener

Mary Galpin

Avondale Community Club

Christi Granger

Avondale Community Club
Avondale Estates Garden Club
Avondale Estates Swim & Tennis Club

Alice Guppy

Avondale Community Club
Avondale Estates Garden Club

Jane Howe

Avondale Arts Alliance
Avondale Estates Christmas Tour of Homes
Avondale Community Club
Second Century Avondale Writer

Bruce Johnston

American Ivy Society
Avondale Community Club
Avondale Labor Day Race Volunteer
Avondale Woman's Club
Holy Comfort Episcopal Seedtime & Harvest Gardens and
Greenhouse Volunteer Gardener

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Georgia Master Gardener Intern
Atlanta Botanical Garden
Avondale Estates Citizens Police Academy Graduate

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Chris Kiefer

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Atlanta Botanical Garden
Avondale Community Club
Avondale Estates Citizen Patrol
Avondale Estates Citizens Police Academy Graduate

Kathy Kingsbury

Avondale Community Club Board President

Mary Lovings

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Avondale Estates Garden Club Conservation Chair
Scenic Georgia Board of Directors
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Sierra Club
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Education Chair

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Miriam Lyons

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Area Meals on Wheels

Pat Maddox

Avondale Estates Christmas Tour of Homes
Avondale Estates Historic Sign Committee
Avondale Estates Tree Committee
Avondale Woman's Club
The Museum School of Avondale Estates Volunteer

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Georgia Certified Master Gardener

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Avondale Woman's Club

Bev McElroy

Avondale Community Club

Christine McMahan

Avondale Community Club Board

Avondale Estates Architectural Review Board

Avondale Estates Historic Preservation Commission

Elaine Mizell

Atlanta Botanical Garden

Avondale Estates Citizen Patrol

Avondale Estates Community Club

Rosemary Mosteller

Avondale Estates Historic Sign Committee

Annette Myers

Georgia Hydrangea Society

Linda Nardone

Avondale Estates Tree Committee

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Avondale Woman's Club

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Certified Georgia Master Gardener

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Mrs. J. C. Forkner	Mrs. A. A. Winn
Mrs. Tom Forkner	Mrs. Evelyn Woods

Federation Life Members

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Helen Veal *	Tracy Trentadue
Annette Myers	Mary Fite
Mary Payne	Dorothy Karandanis
Sondra Padgett	Kathy Kingsbury
Rosa Capps	Sarah Zimny
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Mrs. Dale Smith	1957-58	Phoebe Stephens	1995-97
Mrs. W.R. Aiken	1958-59	Camille Harvey	1997-99
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Mrs. John Leitch	1962-63	Katherine Roberts	2003-04
Mrs. R.H. Farrar	1963-64	Michéle Spears	2003-04
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Mrs. Ralph Gross	1987-88		
Mrs. George Greer	1987-88		
Evelyn Wood	1988-89		
Mary Fite	1989-90		
Joscelyn Scott	1990-91		

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End of the Drought

Into my garden the cool water flows,
from heaven, from bucket, from green rubber hose,
soaking the soil at the terminal root,
rising to nourish the plant bearing fruit.

Whatever they say about N, P, and K,*
important, essential, to add in some way,
they're all really useless without a good drench,
without water present the plants' thirst to quench.

*Nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.

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Selected Area Resources

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Calendar of Garden Events 2017-2018

SEPTEMBER

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| 7 | 9:15 am—AGC Board Meeting
10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting |
| 7 | DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center |
| 7-10 | Yellow Daisy Flower Show, Stone Mountain Park |
| 11 | Memorial Wreath Ceremony, DeKalb Police Fire
HQ, Tucker, GA |
| 12-16 | NGC Fall Board Meeting, St Louis, MO12—14 |
| 25-26 | GCG State Board Meeting, St. Simons Island, GA |
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| 28 | DeKalb Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde |

OCTOBER

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| 5 | 9:15 am—AGC Board Meeting
10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting |
| 5 | DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center,
Callanwolde |
| 15 | DEADLINE, GCG Yearbook Award |
| 18 | Redbud District Annual Meeting, Covington, GA |
| 26 | DeKalb Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde |

NOVEMBER

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| 2 | 9:15 am—AGC Board Meeting
10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting |
| 2 | DeKalb Federation Board Meeting--Garden Center |
| 5 | Avondale Estates Tree Planting Day |
| 10 | DeKalb Federation Fund Raiser: Leading Lights
Luncheon and Fashion Show |
| 18 | 8:00 am—11am AGC Pancake Breakfast and Garden
Boutique, Avondale Community Club |
| 24--12/12 | Christmas at Callanwolde |
| 30 | 10 am—2 pm AGC Wreath Making event
18 Fairfield Drive Avondale Estates |

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DECEMBER

TBA Open House – Mountain View Personal Care Home
 1 DEADLINE: NGC, DSR and some GCG Awards
 1 DEADLINE: Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters
 1 DEADLINE: Poetry and Essay Contest
 1 AGC Annual Christmas Party
 7 pm: Cocktails
 8 pm: Dinner

JANUARY

4 9 am--AGC Board Meeting
 10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
 4 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
 TBA GCG Legislative Day, GA State Capitol
 15 DEADLINE: GCG Publicity Press Book Award
 25 DeKalb Federation General Meeting – Callanwolde

FEBRUARY

1 DEADLINE: All other GCG State Awards
 1 9:15 am--AGC Board Meeting
 10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
 1 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
 12 Redbud District Board Meeting, Callanwolde
 16 Arbor Day in Georgia
 22 DeKalb Federation General Meeting and Life Member Luncheon, Callanwolde

MARCH

1 DEADLINE--DeKalb Federation Awards
 1 9:15 am--AGC Board Meeting
 10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
 1 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
 22 DeKalb Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde
 18-21 Deep South Convention, Memphis, TN

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APRIL

5 9:15 am--AGC Board Meeting
 10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
 5 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting
 11-12 GCG Annual Meeting, Macon
 15--21 Garden Week in Georgia
 26 DeKalb Federation General Meeting and Awards Luncheons, Callanwolde

MAY

3 11:30 am AGC Officer Installation
 3 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
 21-24 National Convention, Philadelphia, PA
 24 DeKalb Federation General Meeting and Club Presidents Recognition, Callanwolde

JUNE

7 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
 3--9 National Garden Week

AUGUST

13 Redbud District Board Meeting, location TBA

*Monthly Meeting Programs
& Special Events*

September 7, 2017

Staghorn Ferns and Air Plants

Lecture with Hands-on Demonstration

Oscar Ramos

Oscar Ramos will share some of his magnificent staghorn ferns and other air plants and will discuss how to keep them alive and healthy.

Oscar is an 18-year resident of Avondale Estates who loves gardening and tending his indoor plants.

10:30—11:20 a.m.

Inspiration, Horticulture and Environmental Tips should not exceed two minutes each:

Inspiration

Kathy Delaney

Hort Tip

Peggy Burgess

Enviro Tip

Heather Ray

Hostesses: Deb Shum, Chair

Penny Abraham, Linda Cook, Kathy Delaney, Jane Howe, Suzy Jennings, Jean Kingsbury, Mary Lovings, Linda Mast, Jeannie Schoelles

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Garden Guide: Check soil in your beds, and take a sample to the DeKalb Extension Service (call 404-289-4080). Fertilize roses now for another round of blooms. Attend Yellow Daisy Festival and Flower Show!

Enviro Hint: Glass recycling: partner with a neighbor to take glass to the DeKalb Farmers Market's Word Market Recycling Center.

October 5, 2017

What's Happening in our Wonderful City

Lecture

Jonathan Elmore Mayor of Avondale Estates

Mayor Elmore will provide an overview of the status of our wonderful city and what is currently happening in our residential, downtown business and our commercial areas. He will discuss our recent successes, current challenges, opportunities and future plans for our great city.

Jonathan Elmore is a certified architect who, since 2000, has owned his residential architecture firm. He and his family have been Avondale Estates residents since 2007.

10:30—11:20 a.m.

Inspiration, Horticulture and Environmental Tips should not exceed two minutes each:

Inspiration

Alice Sheehan

Horticulture Tip

Terry Followill

Environmental Tip

Linda Cook

Hostesses: Alana Graves, Chair

Donna Ailion, Catherine Chastain, Linda Coatsworth, Jennifer Houpt, Miriam Lyons, Linda Nardone, Elizabeth Orth, Taylor St. Clair, Phoebe Stephens

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Garden Guide: Plant pansies (they weather the snow!) and other blooming annuals. Plant poppy, larkspur, and Ragged-Robin on Halloween for Mother's Day bloom.

Enviro Hint: Reuse newspaper plastic bags to cover shoes for packing.

November 2, 2017

Healthy, Happy and Beautiful House Plants

Hands-on Demonstration

Speaker: Marlysa Jacobus, Fulton County Master Gardener and Specialist

10:30-11:20 a.m.

Description: Learn how to repot your plants correctly. Marlysa will provide tips for watering, fertilizing and placement so your plants thrive, even during the dry winter months.

Marlysa Jacobus is an avid traveler and a Certified Master Gardener with over 15 years of experience in her Milton, Georgia garden.

Inspiration, Horticulture and Environmental Tips should not exceed two minutes each:

Inspiration

Helen Thompson

Horticulture Tip

Jane Howe

Environmental Tip

Michele Spears

Hostesses: Mary Ellen Cates, Chair
Catherine Brackett, Jean Brice, Pat Maddox, Toni Maher, Elaine Mizell, Rosemary Mosteller, Ruth Olson, Robin Scott, Alice Sheehan, Carolyn Smith

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Garden Guide: Best time for planting trees and shrubs. Expect first frost. Clear leaves.

Enviro Hint: While waiting for tap water to warm up, catch running water in a bucket for plants (or for flushing).



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November 18, 2017

Special Event

*Avon Garden Club's Annual
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast &
Garden Boutique Sale*

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Fundraising Committee

Kathy Kingsbury, Chair

Invite your neighbors, sell tickets, and bring home-baked goods or garden wares for the Boutique.

Volunteer to cook, hostess, clean up or collect money.



Garden Guide: Plant bulbs for spring. Best time for pruning shrubs back to your plan size.

Enviro Hint: Reuse mesh produce (from onions, avocados, tangerines, potatoes) for storing bulbs.

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November 30, 2017

Special Event

*Christmas Wreath Making: One for the
City and One for You!*

Hands-on Demonstration and Creation
Conducted by

**Alana Graves
with Kathy Delaney and Candy Jones**

Workshop leaders are experienced and accomplished DIYers
and Avon Garden Club members

10:00-12:00 am
Home of Alana Graves
28 Fairfield Drive
Avondale Estates

Members will create Christmas wreaths for the city and make an autumn or Christmas wreath to take home, as well. Leaders will demonstrate and assist members to create wreaths. Each participant must **bring their own wreath form and any supplies to donate**. Wreaths can be made from grapevines, pinecones or Styrofoam. The club will provide glue guns, glue sticks, craft pins/wire/sticks, ribbon, dried pinecones, nuts, flowers, herbs, and similar materials.

Members are encouraged to clean out home craft closets and/or collect items to donate so that we can all create robust wreaths that

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are colorful and interesting. Bring any of the following items to the wreath-making workshop:

- dried flowers, pinecones and nuts
- dried rosemary or other dried herbs
- ribbon
- Christmas ornaments or balls, sparkly sprigs
- craft pins, wire, or picks

Please inform Alana by November 17th if you plan to attend so she can plan accordingly.



Garden Guide: Try some bulbs in pots with parsley on top. Prune camellias after blooming.

Enviro Hint: Don't idle your car for more than 30 seconds.

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December 1, 2017

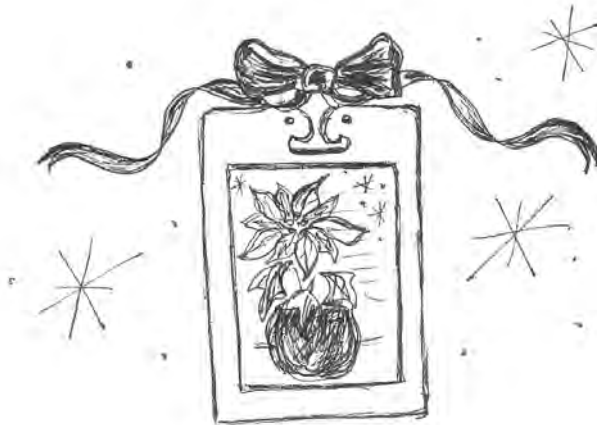
Special Event
Annual Christmas Party

7:00 p.m. Cocktails (BYOB)
8:00 p.m. Dinner
Avondale Community Club
59 Lakeshore Drive, Avondale Estates, GA 30002

Bring a guest and celebrate the holiday season.
Hostesses provide hors d'oeuvres, turkey, and desserts.
Members bring a side dish to share.

Inspiration
Jane Howe

Hostesses
Alice Guppy, Bruce Johnston, Candy Jones, Kathy Kingsbury, Alicia
LaRocco, Christine McMahan, Kerry Quinn, Michele Spears,
Barbara Swicegood



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Garden Guide: Give gifts from the garden, and feed the birds for Christmas!

Enviro Hint: If buying only a few things, don't accept a plastic bag, just hand carry the items and the receipt.

January 4, 2018

Atlanta's Belt Line

Lecture with Power Point

Atlanta Beltline Representative

10:30-11:20 am

The speaker will provide an overview of the Atlanta Belt Line project including project origin and brief history, current status, and review of funding sources. The partnership between the Atlanta Belt Line, Inc. and the Atlanta Belt Line will be discussed. Each organization's roles and responsibilities will be explained, as well as how they work together to deliver the Atlanta Belt Line's vision, and the identification of other strategic partners.

The values of economic development, improved health outcomes, transportation infrastructure, cultural vibrancy and other values will be presented. A review of programming and initiatives that support their mission statement of enabling the project, engaging the public and empowering residents in the 45 Atlanta Belt Line communities in the areas of health, housing and economic opportunity will also be discussed.

Inspiration, Horticulture and Environmental Tips should not exceed two minutes each:

Inspiration

Michele Spears

Horticulture tip

Christi Granger

Environmental tip

Mary Galpin

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Hostesses: Kathy Delaney, Chair
Mary Bell, Wanda Belline, Rosamund Buckler, Connie Bryans,
Margaret Lunsford, Jeanie Payne, Susan Williams-Rogers, Sarah
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Garden Guide: Plan your garden for spring. Keep photographs of each season in your garden. Dream!
Enviro Hint: Reuse newspaper plastic bags like a glove to grab poison ivy, then pull the bag through, and tie it off.

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February 1, 2018

Preserving and Canning Food

**Kathy Deprey, Michele Spears
with members of the Environmental Committee**

Lecture with Hands-on Demonstrations

11:30 a.m.--12:20 p.m.

(Note altered program time; follows business meeting)

Hosts will share information and lead demonstrations on the history and science of canning and preserving foods, including equipment and ingredients, preparation, sterilization, filling and processing. Dos and don'ts of various types of food storage will be covered. Tasting samples will be available for members to try.

Kathy Deprey has been an Avondale Estates resident since 1987 and a garden club member since 2004. She has occupied several leadership positions, including president, first vice president, parliamentarian, projects chair, awards chair, yearbook chair, environmental co-chair, and she was honored as the DeKalb Federation Member of the Year. She enjoys finding and sharing craft projects with club members.

Michele Spears has lived in Avondale Estates since 1996 and has been an active Avon Garden Club member since 2001. She has served as president, vice president, corresponding secretary, parliamentarian, flower shows chair, yearbook illustrator, and DeKalb Federation representative. Michele has been canning and pickling foods for more than 20 years.

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Inspiration, Horticulture and Environmental Tips should not exceed two minutes each:

Inspiration:

Carolyn Chandler

Horticulture tip

Linda Cook

Environmental tip

Melitta Brandt

Hostesses: Peggy Burgess, Chair

Pat Brown, Carolyn Chandler, Stephany Cross, Karyl Davis, Mary Galpin, Christi Granger, Cheri Johnston, Jurate Juska, Beverly McElroy



Garden Guide: Prune roses. Lime garden areas. Lime hydrangeas for pink blooms or apply aluminum sulfate for blue blooms. Assess your garden, and plan for spring planting.

Enviro Hint: Replace paper tissues with handkerchiefs, in a redecorated tissue box.

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February 23, 2018

Special Event: Field Trip

Ingénue: A Toast to Georgia's Film Industry

Atlanta Botanical Garden Flower Show

9:15 Avondale Community Club parking lot for car pooling

9:30 Leave for the garden

10:00 Self-guided tour of the show and gardens

1:30 Lunch at one of the local restaurants, on your own

3:30 Expected arrival to Avondale

Description: The Atlanta Botanical Gardens is debuting this flower show after a hiatus since 2013. The gardens will showcase displays of flower design, horticulture, landscape design and photography. The facilities and gardens will serve as a backdrop for these entries while providing the show a permanent home.

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March 1, 2018

All About Perennials

Lecture with Power Point

Chris Adams, Fulton County Master Gardener and Specialist

10:30-11:20 am

Description: Perennials add year-to-year color and form to your gardens, whether you have sun, shade or a mixture of both. This class will cover getting started, as well as tips and techniques to help your perennials prosper for years to come. Topics include:

- preparing soil
- selecting plants
- planting perennials
- dividing mature plants
- watering, mulching and weed control
- fertilizing
- pinching and deadheading
- end-of-season cleanup
- easily grown varieties

Chris Adams is an avid traveler and sailor and has been a Master Gardener since 2006. She was the 2016 president of the North Fulton Master Gardeners and the Sandy Springs Garden Club for 2013-2015.

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Inspiration:

Cheri Johnston

Horticulture Tip

Pat Maddox

Environmental Tip

Chris Kiefer

Hostesses:

Mary Lou Oeschner, Chair

Sharon Annan, Catherine Brackett, Melitta Brandt, Rosemary Cox,
Kathy Deprey, Chris Kiefer, Michele Spears, Helen Thompson



Garden Guide: Fertilize with 10-10-10 for your perennial beds.
Prune roses.

Enviro Hint: Use egg cartons to start seeds or organize small items
in drawers.

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April 5, 2018

**Avon Garden Club Envisioning and
Improvement Breakout Sessions**

Facilitator: Barbara Swicegood

10:30-11:20 am

Members will brainstorm ideas and ways to improve garden club functions and activities. Goal for discussions is to discover the feasibility of making some positive changes moving forward.

Barbara Swicegood is serving her second term as AGC's First Vice President

Inspiration, Horticulture and Environmental Tips should not exceed two minutes each:

Inspiration

Linda Coatsworth

Horticulture Tip

Pat Brown

Environmental Tip

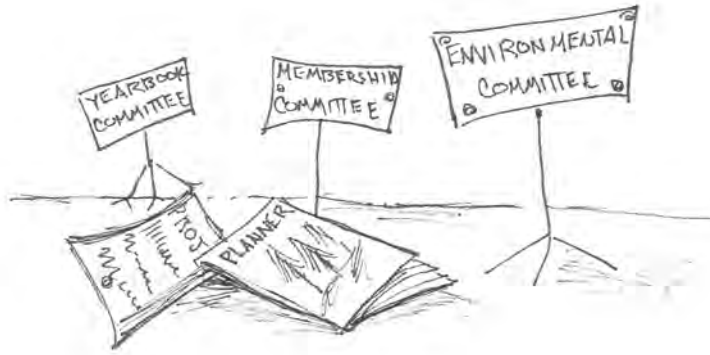
Kathy Deprey

Hostesses:

Jane Howe, Chair

Rosa Capps, Ruth McCann, Mary Fite, Terry Followill, Dorothy Indermark, Dorothy Karandanis, B.J. Morris, Ellie Smith

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Garden Guide: Last frost date: April 15! Weed, seed, and feed!
Incorporate humus, sand, manure and fertilizer into your soil; then mulch!

Enviro Tip: Bring your own cup to meetings (other than Avon Garden Club!) to avoid using Styrofoam.

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May 3, 2018

Annual Installation of Officers

11:30 a.m.

Petite Violette Restaurant
2948 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30329

Inspiration
Catherine Chastain

Installation

Hostesses
Peggy Burgess, Kathy Delaney, Alana Graves, Jennifer Houpt



Garden Guide: Month for blooming! Stake, set out plants, sow seeds. Cut off dead leaves, stems, and blooms. Bring bouquets indoors! Don't forget to take photos of your garden to inspire you again and again!

Enviro Hint: Buy products made from recycled materials or renewable resources, such as bamboo and soybeans.

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Contingency Program

Container and Straw Bale Gardening

Lecture and Hands-on Demonstration

Phoebe Stephens and Cheri Johnston
Avondale Estates Master Gardeners

10:30-11:20 am

Vegetables can easily be grown in containers or wheat straw bales for those who have physical limitations or limited space. Phoebe Stephens and Cheri Johnston will share their knowledge and experience with container and straw bale gardening.

Phoebe is a Lifetime Certified Master Gardener and long-time Avon Garden Club member, having served in a number of positions, including President. Cheri is a Master Gardener intern who has been a member of AGC for 10 years. She served several terms as Recording Secretary and is in her second year as Yearbook Chair.



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Club Projects 2017-2018

AVONDALE CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES (continuing) Bruce Johnston, Chair: The Club provides docents for the Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by the Avondale Community Club. Club members also donate their time to work at the Holiday Market associated with the Tour. Approximately 35 members are expected to participate in this endeavor.

AVONDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (continuing) Bruce Johnston, Chair: The Club has developed and maintains a relationship with Avondale Elementary School (AES) This initiative includes donating money, plant material, and physical labor to beautify the school's ground. Club members collect school materials, such as books and winter apparel for the school's students. The club works with representatives from AES to apply for a Beautification and Environmental Education (BEE) Grant from the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs with one member accompanying the BEE Federation Chair to the on-site visit that is part of the grant requirements. The entire student body and staff both benefit from the Club's involvement with AES. Generally around 20 club members participate in working at the school while the entire membership participates in donating school supplies and other items for the students.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS (continuing) Alana Graves, Chair: Each year club members gather to create wreaths of live greenery for use in the City of Avondale Estates. Generally 15-20 members participate in creating wreaths.

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION (continuing) Alana Graves, Chair: With the City Manager and staff, the club funds plants and other materials for beautification of public areas in the City. We believe that all the residents of our City of Avondale Estates benefit from our efforts at beautification within the city limits. Approximately 40 members participate in these endeavors.

CONSERVATION (continuing) Bruce Johnston, Chair: The Club works with the City of Avondale Estates, planting trees throughout the neighborhood. The club donates money to support the annual Tree Walk sponsored by Avondale Estates Garden Club. Generally about 10 members are involved in this effort.

ENVIRONMENTAL Kathy Deprey and Mary Galpin, Co-Chairs:
 Monthly Collection Bins: (continuing and enhanced) Recycling bins: the Environmental Committee will have collection bins at each monthly meeting. A bin will be dedicated to aluminum pull tabs; another to magazines, which will be recycled to a nursing home. A third bin will be available to recycle plastic pill bottles for use by a non-profit organization which provides prescription medications to medically underserved countries. Another bin will be used for "recycling item of the month" which can include such items as batteries, gloves or mittens. All members are encouraged to participate in all recycling efforts. All members participate in our recycling efforts.

Post-Halloween Litter Pickup (continuing) On November 1st all club members are encouraged to gather to scour the City streets to pick-up litter left behind by Trick or Treaters. Generally a quarter of the Club participate in this activity which is done in cooperation with DeKalb Clean and Beautiful.

Make and take: (new) Members will have the opportunity to participate in optional crafting activities after each meeting. The purpose is to take materials that would normally be discarded and turn them into useful and/or decorative reimaged items.

Environmental Table (new): An area will be set aside at each meeting for a new Swap Spot for members to bring and take plants, seeds, gardening magazines, etc.

GARDEN OF THE MONTH AWARD (continuing) Connie Bryans, Chair: AGC's Garden of the Month Committee recognizes an outstanding garden each month, posting the Garden of the Month sign in front of the selected home or public space. A photograph and description is published in the City Newsletter. The Garden of the Month committee hosts a Christmas season celebration to honor the Garden of the Month recipients. The Committee's six members choose the Garden of the Month. The committee members plus seven board members attend the celebration held for the benefit of the Garden of the Month honorees.

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Sheehan, Chair: Members give Christmas stocking to the residents of Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, GA. Members create and sign Valentine's Day cards for patients at the Atlanta Veterans' Administration hospital. All members participate in this community service project.

GARDEN THERAPY/Community Service, local (continuing) Alice Sheehan, Chair: The Club maintains a relationship with Mountain View, a nursing facility for indigent elderly county residents. As part of the relationship club members provide monthly birthday parties for residents during which Club members provide birthday cake and ice cream. The parties provide an opportunity for Club members to interact with residents for fun and conversation. Residents are invited to the Club's annual Pancake Breakfast with Club members providing transportation. The birthday parties are attended by 2-3 Club members.

FAIRFIELD PLAZA (continuing), Christi Granger and Alana Graves, Chairs: Avon Garden Club has undertaken the task of refurbishing a prominent plaza within the City limits of Avondale Estates. The Club worked with local gardening professionals to draw up a landscape plan and then execute the plan. Drought tolerant, low maintenance plants have been installed, spring bulbs planted and a grassy play area has been refreshed. Maintenance has been taken over by the City with the Club providing oversight. Generally 8-10 members work on this initiative.

YOUTH (continuing), Carolyn Chandler and Jean Kingsbury, Chairs: The Youth Committee plans activities and resources for students at the Avondale Elementary School. Our goal is to provide opportunities for the students to have enriching experiences in the arts, gardening, plants, and the environment. The two co-chairs carry out this project in its entirety.

Donating to Garden Efforts

Donations to the following Garden Club of Georgia (GCG) programs may be sent to the State Treasurer by **March 1**

Make checks payable to **Garden Club of Georgia** and mail to:

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

State Headquarters

2450 S. Milledge Avenue

Athens, Georgia 30602-5817

Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens: Send \$10 or more

Land Trust: Marshall Forest: Send \$25 or more

Natural Disaster Support: Send \$25 or more

Roadside Beautification: Send \$25 or more

Historic Preservation Partner: Send \$25 or more

Donations to the following GCG programs may be sent to the chairperson indicated.

GCG Life Memberships: Send \$100 to Bess Hartley, 250 Cotton Hill Road, Ft Gaines, GA 39851 with honoree name. 229-768-3577
bhartley@windstream.net

State Scholarship Fund: Send contributions to Susan Turner, Asst Treasurer, PO Box 810, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-922-4411, glencree@bellsouth.net Designate Brown-Thrasher, Cherokee Rose or General Scholarship fund on your check.

Life Memberships: DeKalb Federation: Send \$50, payable to DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, to Joy Zaiden, 4986 Chedworth Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

Friends of State Botanical Garden: Individuals send \$35 (\$20 for seniors) to FSBG, 2450 South Milledge Ave, Athens, GA 30605.

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*The DeKalb County Federation of
Garden Clubs, Inc.*

The Garden Center/Conservatory at Callanwolde is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from September through May. December and the summer months are not regularly staffed. Please call to be sure someone is there before visiting. Always leave a message if you need assistance. Your call will be returned.

All members are invited to use the facilities.

- Clubs may hold meetings free of charge with prior reservation of the space by calling the center at 404-872-5730.
- Members may borrow books or videos on topics ranging from gardening, flower arranging and landscape design, to horticulture identification.
- Garden-related items are available for purchase.
- Mini-Flower shows are held at the September, October, January, February, April and May regular monthly meetings. These shows afford opportunities to learn and practice design arranging and horticulture entries.

Federation Programs 2017-2018

All meetings are held in the Courtyard at Callanwolde,
980 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, 30306, 10 am

September 28, 2017

Susan Meyers, Monarchs Across Georgia volunteer and trainer

Monarchs and Milkweeds across Georgia

Ladybug Garden club member Susan Meyers is a leading expert on the Monarch butterfly in Georgia. Her years of study and observation of the habits, migration and metamorphosis of the butterfly will provide fascinating insight. Susan will share the latest information on larval host plants such as native butterfly weed or *Asclepias tuberosa* and what plants to include in your gardens to create a personal "Monarch Waystation" to welcome them to your kingdom.

October 26, 2017

Kate Baltzell McAlphin, Executive Director and **Ben Ackerley**,
Garden Manager, Woodlands Garden

A Wooded Wonderland in the heart of Decatur

Kate McAlphin and Ben Ackerley will introduce the seven acres of wooded beauty donated to the city in 2002 by the Morse family. Kate will share the garden history, community and educational activities at the garden and changes in store with the 2016 purchase of an additional acre lot on the corner of Scott and Clairemont. Ben will feature the many unique varieties of native and non-native plants and specimen "Champion Trees" on the grounds.

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November 10, 2017

Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show

No general meetings for November and December

January 25, 2018

Jim Pruckler, retired CDC microbiologist, Member of North GA Camellia Society and American Camellia Society, Camellia expert

Camellias: Intricate, Colorful, Captivating

Iowa native Jim Pruckler moved to Atlanta with his wife after grad school and discovered, to his delight, that some plants bloom in the winter down south! Chief among the bloomers is the species of Camellia. As a scientist, Jim began to try a wide variety of ways to propagate his collection and add to it with air layering and seed collection. Jim will enchant us with cuttings from his garden and include slides of favorites that might not be in bloom at the time of his presentation. Jim is considered a regional authority on camellias and was tapped to go to Charleston, SC for a month-long effort to rescue the camellia collection at Middleton Place Plantation after the historic flooding in October 2015.

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February 22, 2018

Life Member Recognition Luncheon

Honoring Our Life Members

At this annual event, individuals and clubs are recognized for their contributions with a Life Membership in DeKalb Federation, culminating with the announcement of the DeKalb Federation Life Member of the Year.

March 22, 2018

Katherine Kennedy, Executive Director, Concrete Jungle, Inc.

Bridging the Gap between Surplus Fruit and the Hungry

Did you know that Atlanta has over 1600 different neglected fruit and nut trees? The amount of food collected from these trees translates to thousands of pounds of fruits and nuts harvested by volunteers. The produce is distributed to the Atlanta Food Bank and many other organizations that serve the needy all year long. Katherine Kennedy is the executive director of the Concrete Jungle organization here in Atlanta. She will share how she recruits volunteers to harvest, show the farm where they grow vegetables for additional distribution and also tell us how to participate in a "Pick It" event in your community.

April 26, 2018

Congratulations Winners!

Awards Banquet

Our clubs and members will be recognized for their outstanding work during the past year, followed by a catered lunch.

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May 24, 2018

Dave Simpson, Education Program Coordinator, Trees Atlanta, Inc.

Atlanta's Verdant Beauty: What it takes to keep it Green

Since 1985, Trees Atlanta has been working to protect and improve Atlanta's urban forest through planting, conservation and education. Through the combined efforts of the staff and board and dedicated volunteers and the relationships with the community and corporate partners, Trees Atlanta has planted over 119,000 trees since its founding. The focus is to continue to plant and to properly maintain the city's tree canopy. Dave Simpson will share how the plantings have changed over time with greater emphasis on using native trees that are more drought tolerant and disease resistant. The impact of the Beltline Arboretum and Westside Trail Arboretum are major examples of the new direction of Trees Atlanta for the future and combined with summer youth camps, Junior Tree Keeper camp and other educational events that involve all ages of the community provide a tremendous benefit for Atlanta.

"Presidents Recognition Ceremony"

Following the program, current Club Presidents, as well as former Federation Presidents, will be recognized for their service.

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Budget 2017-2018

INCOME	
<i>Carry over from 2016-2017</i>	\$5,000.00
Membership	\$3,000.00
Endowment fund	\$90.00
Ways and Means	
Pancake Breakfast	\$3,200.00
Garden Boutique	\$1,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$12,290.00
EXPENSES	
Meetings/Holiday Party	
Club rental	\$900.00
Seed Money for Monthly Luncheons (\$100/lunch)	\$700.00
Clean-up	\$675.00
Holiday party	\$250.00
Wreath-making (equipment/supplies)	\$50.00
Installation lunch	\$200.00
Installation plaques (<i>awards?</i>)	\$25.00
Out-going President's Gift	\$50.00
Total:	\$2,850.00
Standing Committees	
Archivist	\$25.00
Constitution and By Laws	\$0.00
Endowment	\$10.00

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Environmental Projects	\$100.00
Garden of the Month	\$300.00
Garden Therapy	\$150.00
Installation (<i>included in Meetings above</i>)	
Member Services (<i>postage and cards</i>)	\$50.00
Membership	\$50.00
Programs	\$600.00
Projects	\$2,500.00
Ways and Means	
Pancake Breakfast	\$600.00
Boutique	\$50.00
Yellow Daisy	\$25.00
Yearbook	\$450.00
Youth	\$200.00
Total:	\$5,110.00

EXPENSES	
<u>Associations</u>	
Garden Club of Georgia (<i>\$10 per member per year</i>)	\$800.00
Redbud District Delegate	\$30.00
DeKalb Federation:	
Dues	\$25.00
Awards Luncheon	\$120.00
Lifetime Memberships	\$60.00
Raffle Basket	\$50.00
Total:	\$1,085.00
<u>Donations</u>	

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Avondale Community Service Projects/ Donations	\$1,185.00
Avondale Elementary Landscaping	\$500.00
Garden Club of Georgia:	
Arboreta/Botanical - State Botanical Garden	\$25.00
Cherokee Garden Library	\$25.00
Historic Preservation	\$25.00
Land Trust: Marshall Forest	\$25.00
Roadside Beautification (GA Wildflower)	\$25.00
Scholarship Fund	\$90.00
State Parks and Public Lands	\$25.00
DeKalb Federation Healing Heroes	\$10.00
Other projects/donations	\$250.00
Total:	\$2,185.00
Administrative	
Postage/secretarial	\$125.00
President's Fund/Miscellaneous	\$490.00
Web Page	
Web page maintenance	\$300.00
Web hosting	\$120.00
Renew domain name	\$25.00
Total:	\$1,060.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,290.00

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Endowment Fund

Purpose: The Endowment Fund is funded by tax-deductible contributions from members and friends of the Club. Investment income from the Fund will provide money over and above the regular club budget for projects designated by the Club, allowing gifts and memorials to be used in perpetuity.

Organization: The Endowment Fund Committee shall consist of two *ex officio* members, the President and the Treasurer, a committee Chair, appointed by the President, and two members at large. The Chair shall serve on the Executive Committee. She will be responsible for maintaining a permanent written record of donors and memorials, and for providing appropriate notes to donors and the families of those memorialized.

Guidelines: All donations will be invested as the committee deems for maximizing income without unduly endangering the principal.

Only the income from investments will be used for Club projects.

This process shall determine when and how funds will be spent:

The committee will recommend a project to receive funding, as funding becomes available, to the Executive Board, which, upon approval, will then present the project to the Club as a whole for a vote. Members are encouraged to bring worthy projects to the attention of the committee.

The committee will review these guidelines every three (3) years to make any necessary changes. These guidelines will not be part of the Constitution/Bylaws, but will be a separate document to be published as such in the Yearbook annually.

In the event of the dissolution of the Avon Garden Club, the Endowment Fund monies shall be disbursed to the City of Avondale Estates, with a designated purpose as recommended by vote of the Club membership.

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Monthly Hostess Guidelines

Guidelines:

- Contact committee members one month or at least two weeks before the assigned luncheon to arrange a meeting and/or assign duties.
- If a committee member is unable to serve on that date, she is responsible for getting a sub and notifying the Hostess Chair of the change.
- Monthly meal team captain should contact **Alicia LaRocco**, Treasurer (404-289-4581), to obtain \$100 seed money to be used for cost of lunch. The Committee can decide how the seed money is used, and how the committee will handle any expenses not covered by the seed money.
- Contact **Jean Kingsbury (404-698-7575)** for lock box code (which contains clubhouse keys) and to learn location of the pantry key. Return keys to lock box after use. Discuss any special table arrangements with Jean.
- Setup can usually be done the Wednesday before the luncheon. Prepare coffee pot (3 ½ C of coffee for 48 servings).
- **Tablecloths:** Bruce Johnston (404-297-4107) Call before picking them up and **return clean and folded.**
- Committee may thoughtfully wish to accommodate different diets.
- Chair calls Telephone Chair Sunday prior to luncheon to get a head count (AGC will pay \$3 per guest).
- Chair collects all expense receipts. Remind committee members to bring cash to divide expenses after the luncheon.

Thursday:

- At **9:00 a.m., open club** for board meeting and luncheon preparation **and start coffee pot.**
- Place "Reserved for Speaker" sign in front of 1st parking space.

Flower Show Guidelines For Horticultural Exhibits

Let's have more AGC members enter the Yellow Daisy Flower Show! It would be great to have at least one entry by most members, not just lots of entries by a few members. If you've entered specimens before, call a member of our club who has not and offer to help them. Go see the Flower Show!

Naming: Must have **completed** NGC Hort. Entry Card (HE Cards)!
(See August AGC's Flower show email from Flower Show Committee (FSC) for great directions.)

Get Cards and/or HELP from FS Co-chairs the week before. Committee will not be able to help with cards on day of show.

Turn in only as many specimens as you have completed HE Cards!

Correct genus, species and cultivar

Label should be neat and legible, in pencil only.

Two Adhesive Address Labels per card are useful
(bottom label must not cover fold).

You will be given bottles in which to place your specimens.
FSC members attach completed HE Cards. You're done!

Look for **Cultural Perfection:**

Prime maturity, ideal and well-balanced bloom

Ideal for size and clear color which is typical of variety

Stems strong and in good proportion

Healthy, vigorous, well-groomed and clean

No signs of poor cultural practices

Cut specimens showing several nodes, may not exceed 30"
from cut end to tip of stem, 24" for ivy and vines.

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Grooming: Remove dirt as well as signs of insecticides & damaged leaves.

Collections: Obtain specimens with uniformity of size, length and flowers.

Container Grown:

Must be in exhibitor's possession at least 90 days

May not exceed 12" at widest point

Container is part of the exhibit and must be appropriate

Free of salts and or soil build-up or other stains

No hanging plants for YDF

Fruits and Vegetables:

Uniform in size, color, shape and maturity

Free of blemish and insect damage, not washed, waxed or polished

Based on *The Handbook for Flower Shows*,
National Council of State Garden Clubs, Revised 2007. Borrow our copy.



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