

*Avon Garden
Club*

*Avondale Estates,
Georgia*

2018-2019

Avon Garden Club

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**Avondale Estates, Georgia
Organized 1953**

**Membership
79**

Affiliated Organizations

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.; Redbud District

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

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

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The President's Message

Dear All Garden Club Members,

In 2004 I moved to Avondale Estates and soon received an invitation from the Avon Garden Club to attend a meeting and possibly join the club. Recently divorced, moving to a new area, needing to make new friends, and establishing a sense of belonging into a community, the invitation was a welcomed one. I promptly fell in love with the Garden Club-all aspects-the people, the programs, the food and the community of Avondale Estates. This was where I belonged.

Now it is my turn to give back the caring, energy, and fun that I received during these many years. In this spirit of gratitude for our club, its members, the many beautiful learning experiences, and the excellent food throughout these years, I want to thank you and serve you all graciously, honestly, responsibly, and joyously. As we enter this uncharted future, I want these next two years to be filled with kindness and conscious respect for our planet, each other, our families, our pets, our plants and our community.

My gratitude extends to all the past presidents who have excellently taken on this mantle of responsibility and moved us forward into many positive directions.

I ask each of you to come on this magnificent journey willingly and without restraint to make a big difference in our club, community, and world! It is going to be a fun-filled and active two years, with lots of great projects, luncheons, programs, fund raisers, and celebrations. Hang on and hang in! The journey begins.

Thanks, Barbara

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Executive Board

Barbara Swicegood Fisher, President
Kathy Kingsbury, First Vice-President
Cathy Brackett, Second Vice-President – Programs
Toni Maher, Treasurer
Christine McMahan, Communications Secretary
Alice Guppy, Recording Secretary
Bruce Johnston, Parliamentarian

Board Meetings Dates

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

September 6
October 4
November 1
January 3
February 7
March 7
April 4

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.

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Standing Committees

Constitution and By-Laws

Jane Howe, Chair
Candy Jones
Kerry Quinn

Garden Therapy

Alice Sheehan, Chair
Robin Scott

Endowment Fund

Barbara Swicegood Fisher, Chair
Mary Fite
Toni Maher
Kathy Kingsbury

Horticulture Tip

Peggy Burgess, Chair

Environmental Projects

Kathy Deprey, Co-Chair
Mary Galpin, Co-Chair
Michele Spears
Stephany Cross
Chris Kiefer
Jennifer Houpt
Mary Fife
Helen Thompson
Beverly McElroy
Wanda Belline
Rosemary Mosteller
Christi Granger
Melitta Brandt
Heather Ray
Linda Cook

Hostess

Helen Thompson, Chair
Elaine Mizell

Inspiration

Sue Sneed, Chair

Installation

Jennifer Houpt, Chair
Alana Graves
Taylor St Clair

Garden of the Month

Connie Bryans, Chair
Pat Maddox
Mary Lou Oeschner
Suzy Jennings
Carolyn Smith
Kathy Delaney - write-ups

Member Services

Miriam Lyons, Chair

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Membership

Jean Brice, Chair
 Donna Ailion
 Rosamund Buckler
 Catherine Chastain
 Chris Kiefer
 Beverly McElroy
 Suzy Jennings
 Ellie Smith
 Jeannie Schoelles

Programs

Catherine Brackett, Chair
 Penny Abraham

Projects and Youth

Carolyn Chandler, Co-Chair
 Jean Kingsbury, Co-Chair
 Peggy Burgess
 Mary Ann Anziano
 Carol Gray

Publicity

Catherine Chastain, Chair
 Linda Coatsworth, photographer

Telephone

Taylor St. Clair, Chair
 Pat Brown
 Melitta Brandt
 Dorothy Karnandanis

Ways and Means

Pancake Breakfast, Kathy Kingsbury, Chair
 Melitta Brandt
 Peggy Burgess
 Pat Maddox
 Alice Sheehan
 JoAnn Thompson
 Ellie Smith
 Sharon Annan

Yearbook

Candy Jones
 Kerry Quinn
 Jane Howe
 Michele Spears, artist
 Christine McMahan

Yellow Daisy

Chris Kiefer, Co-Chair
 Michele Spears, Co-Chair
 Kathy Delaney
 Penny Abraham
 Terry Followill
 Shannon Annan
 Rosemary Cox

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Member Responsibilities

Avon Garden Club's Constitution ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP states that "Membership in the Club is open to individuals who meet the qualifications for membership stated in the club's Bylaws", which follow.

ARTICLE I: QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the club is open to any individual who supports the purpose of the Avon Garden Club which is to stimulate interest in home gardening, the beautification and ecological stewardship of Avondale Estates., and who:

- pays dues in accordance with Article II of these Bylaws.
- has agreed to serve on at least one (1) Club committee for the coming fiscal year as assigned by the President, members are invited to advise the President of the member's particular areas of interest and/or expertise.
- has agreed to serve on a Luncheon Committee for one (1) General Membership meeting during the coming fiscal year and share in the cost of the luncheon.
 - i Exceptions are the Executive Board members (who host the annual Holiday Dinner), and other members as determined by the Executive Board.
 - ii Each member will sign up for a Luncheon Committee for the month of the member's choice for the coming fiscal year no later than the March General Membership meeting, or be assigned to a month by the Host Chair.
 - iii If a Luncheon Committee member is unable to serve on the chosen or assigned date, the member is responsible for getting a substitute and timely notifying the Host Chair of the change.
- Regularly attends Club meetings, functions and supports the various projects of the Club.

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- Supports the Club fundraising: In addition to donating time and effort to the event, each member is responsible for selling a minimum number of tickets or making an equivalent donation to the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Boutique. The number of tickets to be sold or the amount of the donation to be made is to be determined annually by the Board.

Section 2: Any member may resign from the Club by written notice to the President.

ARTICLE II: DUES

Section 1: The Board will set Club dues annually, no later than the March meeting. Dues are payable no later than the April meeting for the coming year.

Section 2: New members who join the Club after the November meeting will pay one-half (1/2) of the annual dues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Section 3: A member's failure to pay dues for the coming fiscal year by the April General Membership meeting constitutes the member's resignation from the Club.

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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
 Faye Noble
 6 – Kerry Quinn
 9 – Stephany Cross
 10 – Karyl Davis
 11 – Kathy Deprey
 12 – Christi Granger
 27 – Jeanie Schoelles

March

2 – Mary Galpin
 3 – Jurate Juska
 13 – Terry Followill
 14 – Candy Jones
 24 – Bruce Johnston
 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 S. Fisher
 Jennifer Houpt
 Jo Anne Thompson
 15 – Catherine Brackett
 17 – Sharon Annan
 24 – Robin Scott
 29 – Ellie Smith

June

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

July

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

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August

1 – Mary Lou Oechsner
 28 – Peggy Burgess
 30 – Dorothy Karandanis
 31 – Ruth Olson

September

7 – Linda Mast
 Beverly McElroy
 10 - Rosemary Mosteller
 Pat Brown
 12 - Carolyn Chandler
 Alice Guppy
 15 - Connie Bryan
 17 - Rosamond Buckler
 Rosa Capps
 19 - Donna Tanner
 20 - Deb Schum
 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

16 – Jean Kingsbury
 23 – Linda Nardone

December

10 – Sarah Zimny
 17 – Alicia LaRocco
 21 – Carol Gray
 28 – Ruth McCann

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Charter Members

Mrs. D. P. Billard	Mrs. H. J. Helms, Jr.
Mrs. J.C. Brasfield	Mrs. Sam Noble, Jr.
Mrs. C. M. Cuddy	Mrs. J. W. Rogers
Mrs. J. L. DeFreese	Mrs. James E. Stokes
Mrs. H. E. Eubanks	Mrs. John L. Williams
Mrs. J. C. Forkner	Mrs. A. A. Winn
Mrs. Tom Forkner	Mrs. Evelyn Woods

Federation Life Members

Mary Lovings	Tracy Trentadue
Helen Veal *	Mary Fite
Annette Myers	Dorothy Karandanis
Mary Payne *	Kathy Kingsbury
Sondra Padgett	Kerry Quinn
Rosa Capps	Sarah Zimny
Michèle Spears	Penny Abraham
Jean Brice	Candy Jones
Kathy Deprey	Alicia LaRocco
Nancy Elrod * <i>deceased</i>	

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Past Presidents

Mrs. J.L. Williams	1953-54	Helen Darcy	1991-93
Mrs. J. L. DeFreese	1954-55	Lucy Durham	1993-94
Mrs. R. H. Wood	1955-56	Mrs. J.L. Williams	1994-95
Mrs. D.P. Billard	1956-57	Genie Estes	1994-95
Mrs. Dale Smith	1957-58	Phoebe Stephens	1995-97
Mrs. W.R. Aiken	1958-59	Camille Harvey	1997-99
Mrs. J.C. Forkner	1959-60	Carol Brooks	1999-01
Mrs. R.W. Blaker	1960-61	Ruth McCann	2001-02
Mrs. W.H. Heyward	1961-62	Astrid Schneller	2002-03
Mrs. John Leitch	1962-63	Katherine Roberts	2003-04
Mrs. R.H. Farrar	1963-64	Michèle Spears	2003-04
Mrs. Gerald Sawyer	1964-65	Bruce Johnston	2004-05
Mrs. A. Spackman	1965-66	Tracy Trentadue	2005-06
Mrs. Richard Jones	1966-67	Annette Myers	2006-07
Mrs. J.D. Rogers	1967-68	Rosa Capps	2007-08
Mrs. O.P. Ackerman	1968-69	Kathy Kingsbury	2008-10
Mrs. J.L. Williams	1969-70	Kathy Deprey	2010-11
Mrs. Charles Bass	1970-71	Sondra Padgett	2011-12
Mrs. R.C. Wade	1971-72	Kerry Quinn	2012-14
Mrs. Lawrence Brice	1973-74	Penny Abraham	2014-16
Mrs. H. M. Godfry	1974-75	Bruce Johnston	2016-18
Mrs. David Scott	1975-76		
Mrs. Eugene Adams	1976-77		
Ms. Jill Ligon	1977-78		
Mrs. A.G. Coffee	1978-80		
Mrs. George Greer	1980-81		
Mrs. N. M. Cavette	1981-82		
Mrs. David Scott	1982-83		
Mrs. J.R. Stroupe	1982-83		
Mrs. Ralph Gross	1983-84		
Mrs. Lawrence Brice	1984-86		
Mrs. J. Eric Olson, Jr.	1986-87		
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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Clematis Vine

Could you improve on the clematis vine
and add surprise to beauty?
I'll tell you about a vigil of mine
that happened over some weeks in time
along a walkway with address sign
scroll cut, chained high, marked clearly.

The number hung on a metal lamplight
and round it grew a climber.
The season still young, no green was in sight.
Couldn't quite tell what spring would deem right
as a full dress for this wood to turn bright,
pods the only clue offer.

Watching a number of times from the road,
at least there was a flowering.
The red blooms and white blooms surrounded the pole!
Two vines had been planted, each unique and whole,
each reached to the light with its own spectral goal,
and left me amazed and smiling.

Dorothy Karandanis is a member of the Avon Garden Club. This poem is from her book, **Abelias of Avondale**



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Calendar of Garden Events

SEPTEMBER

7	9:15 am—AGC Board Meeting 10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
7	DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
7-9	Yellow Daisy Flower Show, Stone Mountain Park
11	Memorial Wreath Ceremony, DeKalb Police Fire HQ, Tucker, GA
11-13	GCG State Board Meeting, St. Simons Island, GA
27	DeKalb Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde

OCTOBER

4	9:15 am—AGC Board Meeting 10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
4	DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center, Callanwolde
15	DEADLINE, GCG Yearbook Award
26	DeKalb Federation General Meeting, Callanwolde

NOVEMBER

1	9:15 am—AGC Board Meeting 10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
1	DeKalb Federation Board Meeting--Garden Center
TBA	Avondale Estates Tree Planting Day
9	DeKalb Federation Fund Raiser: Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion Show, Mount Carmel Church, Stone Mountain
17	8:00 am—11am AGC Pancake Breakfast and Garden Boutique, Avondale Community Club
TBA	Christmas at Callanwolde
29	10 am—2 pm AGC Wreath Making event 18 Fairfield Drive Avondale Estates

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- 3 9 am--AGC Board Meeting
10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
- 3 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
- TBA GCG Legislative Conservation Day, GA State Capitol
- 15 DEADLINE: GCG Publicity Press Book Award
- 24 DeKalb Federation General Meeting – Callanwolde

FEBRUARY

- 1 DEADLINE: All other GCG State Awards
- 1 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
- 7 9:15 am--AGC Board Meeting
10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
- 11 Redbud District Board Meeting, Callanwolde
- 15 DEADLINE: GCG President's Report
- 28 DeKalb Federation General Meeting and Life Member Luncheon, Callanwolde

MARCH

- 1 DEADLINE--DeKalb Federation Awards
- 7 9:15 am--AGC Board Meeting
10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
- 7 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
- 11-13 Deep South Convention, Jekyll Island Westin
- 28 DeKalb Federation General Meeting and Installation of 2019-2021 Officers, Callanwolde

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APRIL

4 9:15 am--AGC Board Meeting
 10:30 am--AGC Monthly Meeting
 4 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting
 TBA GCG Full Convention/Board Meeting, location TBA
 21-27 Garden Week in Georgia
 25 DeKalb Federation General Meeting and Awards Luncheon, Callanwolde
 Apr 29- NGC National Convention, Biloxi, MS
 May 2

MAY

2 11:30 am AGC Officer Installation
 2 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting, Garden Center
 23 DeKalb Federation General Meeting and Club Presidents Recognition, Callanwolde
 TBA Memorial Day wreath ceremony at City Hall's Blue Star Marker

JUNE

2-8 National Garden Week
 6 AGC Garden Week Celebration, Willis Park
 6 DeKalb Federation Board Meeting

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Monthly Meeting Programs & Special Events

September 6, 2018

Container and Straw Bale Gardening

Lecture and Hands-on Demonstration

**Phoebe Stephens, Avondale Estates Master
Gardener.**

10:30—11:20 a.m.



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

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Phoebe is a Lifetime Certified Master Gardener and a long-time Avon Garden Club member, having served in a number of positions, including President.

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

Inspiration: Taylor St. Clair

Horticultural Tip: Jean Kingsbury

Environmental Tip: Beverly McElroy

Garden Guide: Preserve fresh herbs by blending them with a bit of water. Place the mixture in ice cube trays, and when frozen store cubes in plastic bags. Utilize in your cooking. Prune roses and fertilize them.

Hostesses: Candy Jones, Chair; Linda West, Kerry Quinn, Taylor St Clair, Mary Ann Anziano, Deb Schum, Jeanne Schoelles, Carol Gray

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October 4, 2018

Native Medicinal Plants and Healing through Nature

Lecture with PowerPoint

Jenny Brown Reville

10:30—11:20 a.m.



Explore some common native species here in Georgia and their uses for healing. Explore ideas of how to bring natural healing area into your own garden/meditative space.

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Jenny Brown Reville lives in Washington, Georgia, and is a Georgia Registered Forester, the Vice President of Brown & Brown Forestry Consulting Co. and Broker/Owner of Reville Realty, LLC. She was educated in native botany by Dr. Paul Arnold at Young Harris College and furthered native studies at UGA. She is a graduate of the Warnell School of Forest Resources and annual guest lecturer at the Harley Langdale Jr. Center for Forest Business

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

Inspiration: Stephanie Cross

Horticultural Tip: Linda Coatsworth

Environmental Tip: Linda Cook

Garden Guide: Keep raked leaves away from plant trunks and stems, especially boxwoods and azaleas. Bring in patio plants, and put your winter annuals in the ground.

Hostesses: Peggy Burgess, Chair; Jean Kingsbury, Pat Brown, Jurate Juska, Stephany Cross, Donna Tanner, Mary Ellen Cates, Rosemary Mosteller, Mary Galpin, Linda Coatsworth

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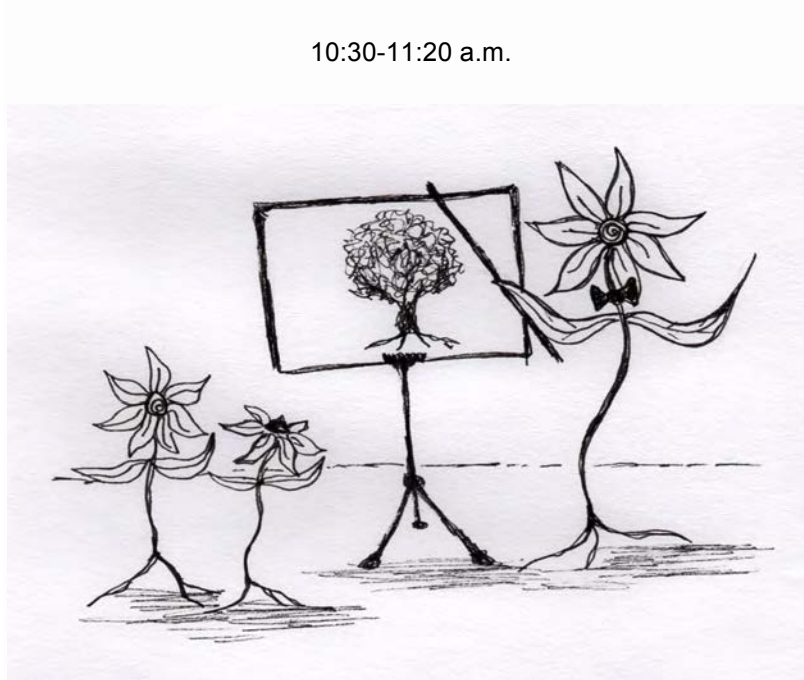
November 1, 2018

**STEM in the Garden: Avondale Elementary School's
Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden**

Lecture with PowerPoint Presentation

**Dr. Carmen Carrion, PhD; AES Principal Dr. Dontae
Andrews and AES STEM Coordinator Ms. Brenda
Walker**

10:30-11:20 a.m.



Avondale Elementary School is working to become certified as a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) school, with a focus on Botany. The school garden is being transformed into a STEM garden which will be integrated into the school's curriculum at all levels. The garden will serve as an outdoor classroom where AES students experience hands-on learning.

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Dr. Carrion, Dr. Andrews and Ms. Walker will describe the benefits of Learning Gardens in schools. Dr. Carrion will share her research on how students learn science and develop sophisticated scientific thinking from school gardens. Dr. Andrews and Walker will share updates on AES' new STEM garden initiative.

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

Inspiration: Helen Thompson

Horticultural Tip: Mary Ann Anziano

Environmental Tip: Michele Spears

Garden Guide: Plant trees, vines and shrubs. Clean up flower beds, and plant Fall bulbs.

Hostesses: Alice Sheehan and Carolyn Smith, Co-Chairs; Beverly McElroy, Robin Scott, Miriam Lyons, Jean Brice, Donna Ailion, Catherine Chastian, Linda Nardone.

More about Learning Gardens:

Gardens are not just for growing vegetables; they are a place of learning, where children can benefit from an authentic, hands-on, inquiry-based education, while learning the importance of environmental stewardship. In the garden we are taught how to think creatively and critically. The garden is ripe with STEM lessons: learn math by measuring growth over time and calculating area. Become an engineer as you design and construct the garden. Use technology to gather data from the garden. Become a botanist, and better understand plants and their growing cycles. There are applications to other subjects as well: create Art in the garden; read garden-inspired literature; study the history of farming; and discover the economic impacts of agricultural supply

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and demand. A garden offers endless possibilities for cultivating young minds!

NEW! AFTER LUNCH MAKE-AND-TAKE:

Help Feed our Feathery Friends in the Winter

Join Kathy Deprey and Michele Spears to make bird feeders from plastic bottles and ornaments that are edible by the birds.

Participation is optional.

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November 17, 2018

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.

Members must volunteer to cook, hostess, clean up or collect money.

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November 29, 2018

Special Event

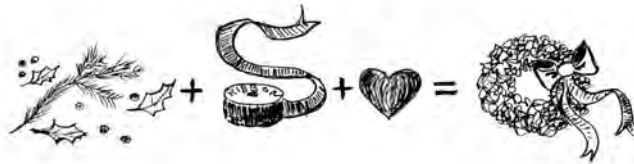
Christmas Wreath Making

Hosted by: Alana Graves, chair and other members

10:00am - 12:00 pm

28 Fairfield Drive

Avondale Estates



Members will gather at Alana's home to share the holiday spirit and participate in a wreath making activity. Wreaths will be made for individual use and as decorations for the garden club holiday dinner.

Wreath making materials will be provided by the club as well as a little guidance for wreath making novices.

If participants have any craft materials appropriate for decorating wreaths, please bring them to the meeting. If members have their own wreath forms, that would be helpful.

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Please inform Alana by November 15th if you plan to attend so she can plan accordingly.

Garden Guide: Enjoy the garden gifts to freshen, share and decorate your home for the holidays – fresh holly, pyracantha, magnolia, acuba and nandina. Remember to feed the birds.

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December 7, 2018

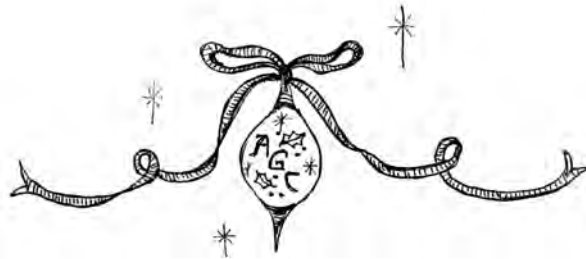
Special Event

Annual Christmas Party

7:00 p.m. Cocktails (BYOB)

8:00 p.m. Dinner

Avondale Community Club



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: Catherine Brackett, Chair; Barbara Swicegood Fisher,
Alice Guppy, Bruce Johnston, Kathy Kingsbury, Toni Maher,
Christine McMahan, Michele Spears

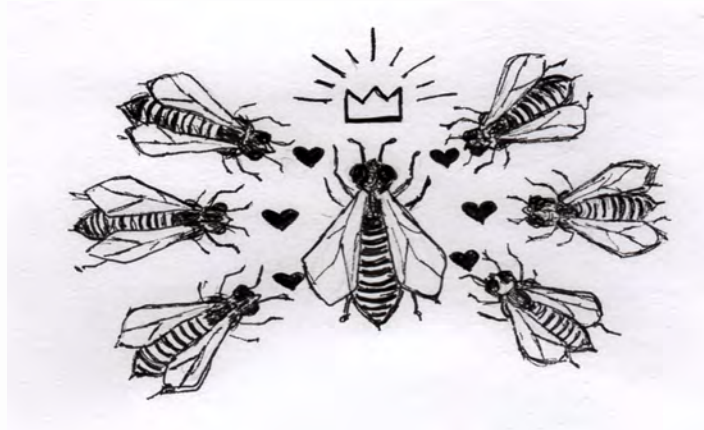
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January 3, 2019

**Honey Bees and Bee-yond
Lecture with PowerPoint, Displays and
Demonstrations**

Peter Helfrich, Bee City USA

10:30-11:20 am



Peter Helfrich provides a crash course in honey bees – and the many other types of bees (with an emphasis on native bees) – found right outside your door, why each kind is important and how you can help them.

Peter Helfrich is a beekeeper and the chairperson of Bee City USA, Decatur Chapter (i.e., “Beecatur”).

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

Inspiration: Kerry Quinn

Horticultural Tip: Jane Howe

Environmental Tip: Helen Thompson

Garden Guide: Prune dormant, deciduous and evergreen trees, as well as shrubs and fruit trees. Continue to feed the birds.

Hostesses: Connie Bryans and Pat Maddox, Co-Chairs; Margaret Lunsford, Jeannie Payne, Rosamond Buckler, Ruth Olson, Suzy Jennings, Carolyn Chandler, Susan Williams-Rogers, Jane Howe

NEW! AFTER LUNCH MAKE-AND-TAKE:

Heirloom Seed Starting

Join Stephany Cross in creating seed starters using egg crates (the cardboard, not Styrofoam ones.)

Members are asked to save cardboard egg crates for this activity so that everyone attending will go home with her own seed starter.

Participation is optional.

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February 7, 2019

What Can I Do, To Reduce the Impact of Plastics?

Discussions, Demonstrations and Displays

Presented By: Members of AGC's Environmental Committee, as facilitated by Kathy Deprey, Michele Spears and Chris Kiefer

10:30 a.m.--11:20 a.m.



Via visual displays, demonstrations, and discussion, the program will include:

- facts about plastic
- the world environment in relation to plastic
- advantages of plastic (you know there really are some) and disadvantages
- actions on a global scale to reduce the negative impact
- actions on a personal scale

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Attendees will be provided with their own action plan / checklist.

Kathy Deprey, Michele Spears and Chris Kiefer are all residents of Avondale Estates and have been enthusiastic members of the Environmental Committee since its formation.

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

Inspiration: Jean Kingsbury

Horticultural Tip: Suzy Jennings

Environmental Tip: Melitta Brandt

Garden Guide: Fertilize trees and summer flowering shrubs. Prune roses, and lime garden areas which contain hydrangeas you want to be pink or purple. Never cover plants with plastic to protect them from the cold, as heat builds up quickly when the sun comes out. Cover with an old sheet or blanket instead.

Hostesses: Alicia LaRocco, Chair; Christi Granger, Wanda Belline, Kathy Delaney, Terry Followill, Sue Sneed, Melitta Brandt, Karyl Davis, Rosa Capps, Mary Bell

NEW! AFTER LUNCH MAKE - AND - TAKE:

Shopping Bags

Join Michele Spears and Kathy Deprey to create reusable shopping bags.

Participation is optional.

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March 7, 2019

Avon Garden Club Envisioning and Improvement Breakout Sessions

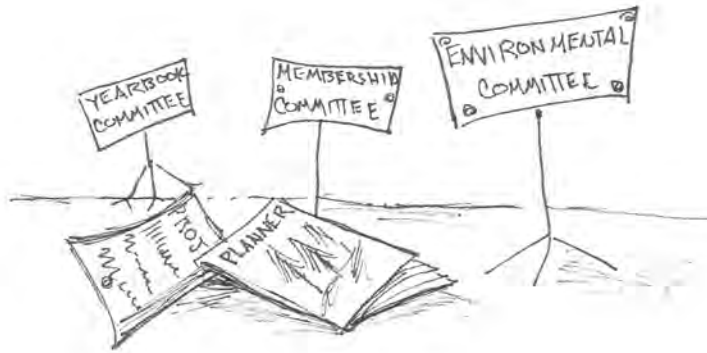
Facilitator: Barbara Swicegood Fisher

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:



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Inspiration: Suzy Jennings

Horticultural Tip: Carolyn Chandler

Environmental Tip: Chris Kiefer

Garden Guide: Weed and seed your plant beds. Plant Southern magnolias and woody vines like clematis and gold flame honeysuckle. Now is also a great time to plant strawberries and figs.

Hostesses: Mary Lou Oechsner, Chair; Kathy Deprey, Helen Thompson, Michelle Spears, Rosemary Cox, Mary Fite, Sarah Zimney, Sharon Annan, Penny Abraham, Chris Kiefer

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April 4, 2019

What's Happening at Woodlands Gardens?

Lecture with PowerPoint Presentation

Presented By: The Woodlands Garden Staff

10:30 – 11:20 a.m.



Woodlands Garden is a Wooded Wonderland in the heart of Decatur. It consists of a 7-acre tract which was donated to Decatur in 2002 by the Morse family and an additional 1-acre tract that was recently purchased. In 2010, the Avon Garden Club toured Woodlands Garden but since that time much work, effort and creativity has gone into the maintenance and improvement of the garden. The Woodlands staff will provide background on the garden as well as updating us on the recent improvements at the garden prior to the garden's projected re-opening in late May.

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

Inspiration: Alana Graves

Horticulture Tip: Melitta Brandt

Environmental Tip: Heather Ray

Garden Guide: Create a colorful display of annuals; remember April 15th is the last frost date for our area. Start planting warm weather veggies, herbs, annual vines (such as morning glory and moonflower), and bulbs/tubers without fear.

Hostesses: Jennifer Houpt, Chair; Alana Graves, Jo Anne Thompson, Linda Cook, Elaine Mizell, Ellie Smith, Dorothy Karandanis, Heather Ray, Phoebe Stephens, Faye Noble

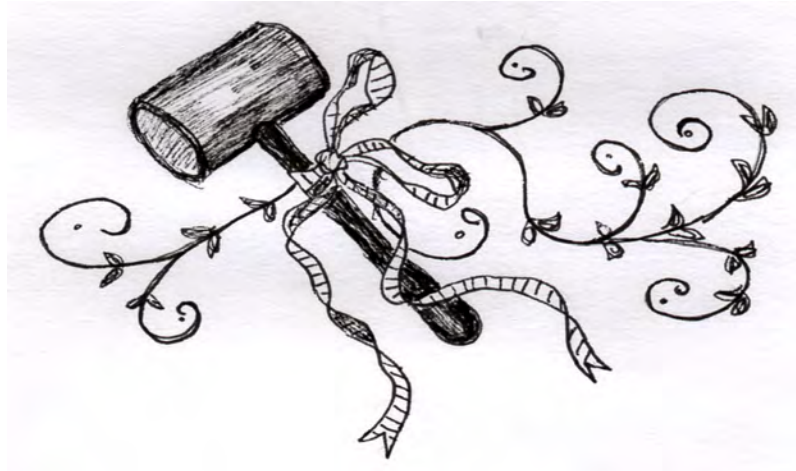
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May 2, 2019

Annual Installation of Officers

11:30 a.m.

Petite Violette Restaurant
2948 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30329



Inspiration: Pat Maddox

Installation: Tracy Trentadue
Avondale resident and past AGC President

Hostesses
Jennifer Hought, Chair; Alana Graves,
Peggy Burgess, Kathy Delaney

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May 16, 2019

Special Event: Field Trip

Gibbs Garden
1987 Gibbs Drive
Ball Ground, GA 30107

Self-Guided Tour of Gardens, Lunch at a Local
Restaurant and Visit to Retail Art Gallery



Enjoy the beauty of Gibbs Garden which is located on over 200 acres in the foothills of the Georgia mountains, about 1 hour's drive north of Atlanta. It is the brainchild of Jim Gibbs, the retired President of one of the largest landscaping companies in Atlanta. There are sixteen gardens including three (3) feature gardens – the Manor House Gardens, the Japanese Gardens and the Water Lily Gardens. The Japanese garden is reputed to be one of the largest, if not the largest, Japanese garden in this country.

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After a stroll through the gardens, we will eat lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch we will browse an art gallery in Ball Ground named "Wildcat on a Wing" which carries whimsical outdoor furniture and other garden accessories in addition to being an art gallery. After the visit to the gallery, we will return to Avondale Estates.

The pricing of group tickets is \$16.96 per person

For those who do not want to do a lot of walking, tram tickets are available for \$5.30 per person.

NOTE: As the field trip date approaches, more specific details as to time, transportation method, restaurant choice, sign-up and payment will be communicated through meeting announcements and the "News You Can Use". Please note that trip will likely last 8 hours.

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Contingency Programs

Scenes from Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Slideshow with Commentary

Presented By: Carolyn Chandler

Carolyn will share a slideshow of pictures taken on a visit to the Chinese Lantern Festival held at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. The Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden is located on 380 acres of rolling, meadows, woodland and lakefront property in Belmont, N.C. which is located about 30 miles west of Charlotte.

She will lead us through a world of illuminated pandas, lions, flamingos, and 800 larger-than-life lanterns created by masters of the craft in Zigong, China. Ancient lanterns originally used for lighting have evolved into a spellbinding art form. Modern lights, sound effects and music in conjunction with metal frames, stretched nylon, bottles, and china create the imaginative animal shapes which were visited by thousands.

Carolyn Chandler is a long-time resident of Avondale Estates and has been a member of the Avon Garden Club for several years. She enjoys traveling and has visited many gardens, near and far, in her travels.

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The Carnivorous Garden

Lecture and Hands-On Demonstration

Presented By: Michele Spears

From Flytraps to Pitcher plants, learn how easy it is to grow these fierce, fascinating plants.



Michele Spears has been an Avon member since 2001. She has served in several positions including President, Flower Show co-chair, Yearbook illustrator and Dekalb Federation representative.

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Projects and Youth

Carolyn Chandler and Jean Kingsbury, Co-Chairs

AVONDALE CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES (continuing) Jean Kingsbury, Chair. Avon Garden Club provides volunteers for a community wide event each Christmas season. Approximately 35 club members act as docents at the homes that are a part of the Tour of Homes and as volunteers at the Holiday Market associated with the tour. The tour is sponsored by the Avondale Community Club.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS (continuing) Alana Graves, Chair. Each year club members gather to create Christmas wreaths. Generally 15-20 members participate in creating wreaths.

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION (new) Mary Ann Anziano, Chair. Several needs have been identified and committee members assigned to address them. They will be working with the city manager and staff to improve one entrance to the city. Benches and swings located throughout the city will be adopted by pairs of individuals to sand, paint, varnish and/or repair specific benches or swings. We anticipate 20 members to participate in this project.

CONSERVATION (continuing) Stephany Cross, 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.

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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.
- 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 reimagined 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 with 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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GARDEN THERAPY/COMMUNITY SERVICE (continuing) Alice Sheehan, Chair. All members participate in these community service projects.

- 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.
- Members give Christmas stockings 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.

YOUTH: AVONDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (AES) (continuing) Carolyn Chandler, Activities Co-Chair; Jean Kingsbury, Gardens and Art C0-Chair.

- Avondale Elementary School (AES) and Avon Garden Club have maintained a long-standing relationship. Meetings with the principal generated several projects planned for the upcoming year. The school is working toward a STEM designation with club projects to enhance and support that goal. The year-round garden will be supported by members working in the garden with the students, and providing seeds, hand tools, and other supplies. Landscaping projects will use wildflowers, plants to attract butterflies, and bird (birdbath and plants that attract pest control birds). The north side of the school faces a busy road and will be beautified by hosting a community workday to spread mulch to enrich the soil for future plantings. The club usually has 20+ members who participate in the work days and the entire club will be providing seeds and gardening tools.

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- Art, poetry, and/or sculpture projects working with the art teacher and supporting the STEM curriculum will be developed. Winning work will be displayed at the school, city hall and/or entered in national contests. These will be based on donated book sets of the book recommended by the National Garden Club, Inc. called The Frightened Frog. Books will provide club members and the community-at-large an opportunity to donate books in honor or memory of friends and loved ones. Each book will have a book plate designed by a club artist and inscribed by our calligrapher with the donor's name and the name of the recipient. The goal is 75 books.
- Club members will also donate school supplies and winter clothing for those students who may need them. We anticipate at least 75 of our members to contribute to this project.
- Club members act as volunteers or participants in school fund raising activities – the AES Run the World 5K and the Golf Tournament.

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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.

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Federation Programs 2018-2019

All meetings are held in the Courtyard at Callanwolde,
980 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, 30306,
first Thursday of each month, 10 a.m.

September 27, 2018: Fernbank Forest: From Neglected to Renewed

October 25, 2018: Restoring Heritage Gardens, Lessons Learned from Oakland Cemetery's Restoration

January 24, 2019: The Queen of the Garden and the rest of the Court of Iris

February 28, 2019: Honoring our *Life Members*

March 28, 2019: Olmsted's Legacy for our City's Green Space

April 25, 2019: Awards Banquet/Congratulations Winners!

May 23, 2019: Meet the Bee Buzzing in your Garden and Presidents Recognition Ceremony

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BUDGET 2018 - 2019

INCOME	
Carry over from 2017 - 2018	\$6,628
Membership	3,000
Endowment Fund	80
Ways and Means	
Pancake Breakfast	3,200
Garden Boutique	800
TOTAL INCOME AVAILABLE	\$13,708
EXPENSES	
Meetings/Holiday Party	
Club rental	1,000
Monthly luncheon seed money (\$100/month)	800
Holiday party	300
Wreath-making (equipment/supplies)	50
Installation luncheon	225
Installation awards	75
Outgoing President's gift	75
Total Meetings/Holiday Party	\$2,525
Standing Committees	
Archivist	25
Constitution and By Laws	0
Endowment	10
Environmental Projects	100
Garden of the Month	400
Garden Therapy	150
Member Services (postage and cards)	50

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Membership	50
Programs	600
Projects	2,500
<i>Ways and Means</i>	
Pancake Breakfast	700
Boutique	50
Yellow Daisy	25
Yearbook	450
Youth	200
Total Standing Committees	\$5,310
Associations	
Garden Club of GA (\$10/member/year)	800
Redbud District Delegate	30
<i>Dekalb Federation</i>	
Dues	25
Awards luncheon	140
Lifetime Memberships	60
Raffle basket	50
Breakfast	100
Total Associations	\$1,205
Donations	
Avondale Community Service Projects	2,123
Avondale Elementary Foundation	1,000
<i>Garden Club of Georgia:</i>	
Arboreta/Botanical - State Botanical Garden	10
Cherokee Garden Library	25
Historic Preservation	25
Land Trust: Marshall Forest	25
Roadside Beautification (GA Wildflower)	25

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Scholarship Fund	90
State Parks and Public Lands	25
Other Projects/Donations	250
Total Donations	\$3,598
Administrative	
Postage/office supplies	125
President's Fund/miscellaneous	500
Web page	
Web page maintenance	300
Web hosting	120
Web domain name renewal	25
Total Administrative	\$1,070
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,708

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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

- Contact committee members 1 month or at least 2 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 **Toni Maher**, Treasurer, (404-434-7194) 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.
- Keys: contact **Jean Kingsbury (404-698-7575)** for information regarding the code to unlock the lock box (containing keys) at the club house and to learn location of the pantry key. Return keys to lock box after use.
- Setup can usually be done the Wednesday before the luncheon.
- Prepare coffee pot (3 ½ C of coffee for 48 servings).
- Place sign-in book on card table (stored in foyer desk).
- President brings the gavel and places it on the table.
- **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
- Chair collects all expense receipts. Remind committee members to bring cash to divide expenses after the luncheon.
- Dietary issues some of our members face:
 - 4 vegetarians
 - 2 with inability to eat nuts/seeds/peelings/berries
 - 2 with lactose intolerance
 - 2 with glucose intolerance
 Please try to take these problems into consideration when planning your menus, and/or have plates set aside avoiding these food groups if at all possible

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Normal Set-up by porter:

- Dance hall and Library room: 8 round tables, each with 8 chairs (64); 1 long table, 1 card table for guest book.
- Dining room: 60 chairs in rows facing the single lake side door, 1 long table in front of door, American flag on a stand.
- Foyer: Reserved for speaker.
- **Jean Kingsbury** (404-254-1560) for any set up requirement other than above, 1 week in advance.

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.

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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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Additional Resources can be found on the Avon
Garden Club website:

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