Community Groups Request Assistance from Augusta-area Garden Clubs

Two groups have reached out to the Council this summer for assistance with worthwhile community projects:

**FREEDOM PARK SCHOOL** at Fort Gordon is seeking a club or clubs to work with special needs students to landscape an area of their school. If your club would like to adopt this school project, please contact assistant principal Erica Frierson at ericafrierson1@gmail.com.

The **UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF GEORGIA** local advocate is seeking clubs to assist with landscaping 11 residential homes in the Augusta/Evans areas where cerebral palsy patients reside. While each home currently has regular lawn maintenance, each needs help to beautify the grounds to bring it up to neighborhood standards and make the home a more comfortable, beautiful place for the patients who reside there. Homes are located in Chimney Hill, Foxhall, Montclaire, Holly Haven, St. Croix, Edgewood, Glenn Hills, Country Place, Brynwood, Harwood and Orchard Hills. Please consider adopting a home and offering your gardening expertise and/or financial assistance. Please contact Angela DuBois at adubois@ucpga.org if your club would like to assist.

**2017 PEEK-A-BOO FALL GARDEN TOUR**

Our 2017 fund-raising event will be here soon and we need home gardens for our tour. If you would like to recommend a garden, please
The ACGC 2017 budget was able to fund $100 for a yet-to-be determined tree for the fall planting Phase IV. Phases I, II and III of the Hope House Project have been successfully completed and Phase IV will be designed and implemented this fall, including any plants that need to be replaced.

Over the summer while landscape designer Kay Allen of Town & Country was away, Rita Hamilton kept check on the Hope House project to make sure the planting survived the harsh summer heat. Since xeriscape selections were used, the gardens are doing well.

A dedication will be held in October and all donors as well as the media will be invited. There is still time and opportunity to help with this project in 2016.

Another project is the Savannah Riverkeeper's new Headquarters at 328 Riverfront Drive, which is in the early planning stages. This is an ongoing effort with wide interest from the community. Events will be held at this location and we invited members to inspect the facility. Future plans call for wonderful opportunities to involve garden clubs and establish Council's presence at this location.

Augusta Council of Garden Clubs maintains a very dynamic presence in the CSRA through involvement in the Riverwalk Perennial Garden, Blue Star Markers, Sacred Heart Garden Festival and much more.
Updates from the August 16, 2016 Council Meeting

**Ongoing Need for Assistance with watering at the Perennial Garden:** Volunteers should call Nancy Lindroth at 706.364.9706 or Bonnie McClain at 706.738.3428 so that a schedule can be set up to get us through this very hot and dry period. Bonnie reported that 2246 volunteer hours have been given since 2000.

**Streets of Hope Project:** Thank you to everyone who saved plastic bags for this project, but bags are no longer needed. However, Council Chaplain Mary Byrd who volunteers with a food pantry in Appling, Ga., can use recycled bags, so you may send bags to her when Council meets.

**Dollars for Scholars:** This very successful scholarship program will kick off again in January of 2017, so we hope that all clubs will participate by donating one dollar per member. (More information later)

**Calendar of Events**

- **Sept. 15**  ACGC Executive Board 9:30 am, Hospitality; 10 am, Meeting
- **Sept. 22**  ACGC Governing Board 9:30 am, Hospitality; 10 am, Meeting
- **Sept. 23-24**  Environmental Studies School, Course 1, Phinizy Swamp
- **Oct. 18**  Azalea District Meeting, Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, Mansfield, GA
Environmental Studies School
Course I, Series V
The Living Earth
September 23-24, 2016
Phinizy Swamp Nature Park
1858 Lock & Dam Rd.
Augusta, GA 30906

Bring a notebook or folder for handouts.

READING ASSIGNMENT for Course I

The required reading for Course I of Environmental Studies is “The National Gardener”, Bringing Nature Home, by Douglas W. Tallamay and selected chapters from Living in the Environment by G. Tyler Miller, Jr. (Reading requirements for this book vary by edition. Registrants will be sent a list of required reading chapters for each edition.)

Environmental Studies School is aimed at producing a citizenry that is knowledgeable concerning the biophysical environment and its associated problems, aware of how to help solve these problems, and motivated to work toward their solution.
The courses do not have to be taken in order. Garden club members successfully completing all four courses and passing the exams will receive a certificate and the status of Accredited Environmental Consultant. The general public may take the courses and may attain Consultant status by joining a garden club during the course series or shortly after completion. Certificates must be renewed within five years according to NGC procedures. Upon renewing for the fourth time, a Master Status is granted.

**PROGRAM**

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

8:30-9:00 -- Registration, Welcome, and Announcements

9:00-10:00  **Environmental Issues** -- Tonya Bonitatibus
10:00 – 10:15  5 exam questions/break

10:15-11:15  **Networking & Outreach** -- Tonya Bonitatibus
11:15-11:30  5 exam questions/break

11:30 – 12:30  **Plants-Biodiversity** -- Dr. Stacy Bennett
12:30-12:45  5 exam questions/break

12:45 – 1:30  LUNCH

1:30-2:30  **Backyard Wildlife Habitat** -- Terry W. Johnson
2:30-2:45  7 exam questions/break

2:45-3:45  **Historical Environmental Actions and Leaders**
           -- Dr. G. Franklin Carl
3:45 – 4:00  5 exam questions

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

8:30-9:00 Registration, Welcome, and Announcements

9:00 – 10:00  **Ecology Overview** -- Dr. Donna Wear
10:00-10:15  5 exam questions/break

10:15 – 11:15  **Environmental Science** -- Dr. Donna Wear
11:15-11:30  5 exam questions/break

11:30-12:30  **Sustainability** -- Dr. Donna Wear
12:30-12:45  5 exam questions/break

12:45-1:30  LUNCH

1:30 – 4:00  **Wastewater Treatment Plant Field Trip** -- Ruth Mead
INSTRUCTORS

**Dr. Stacy T. Bennetts**
Agnes Scott College, BA Biology; East Tennessee State University, MS Biological Science; Exeter University, PhD Biological Sciences; Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences at Augusta University; special interests in Plant Diversity, Conservation Biology, and Evolution

**Tonya Bonitatibus**
Augusta University, BA Business Marketing; Executive Director of Savannah Riverkeeper; Leadership Committee for Georgia Water Coalition; South Carolina Basin Advisory Council; and Lower Savannah River Alliance

**Dr. G. Franklin Carl**
Gettysburg College, BA Chemistry/Math; University of Wyoming, PhD Biochemistry; University of Alabama, postdoctoral research; retired Professor of Neurology, Psychiatry, Medicine and Cell & Molecular Biology; retired Executive Director of Savannah Riverkeeper

**Terry Johnson**
University of Connecticut, BS Wildlife Management; Tennessee Tech, MS Biology; retired educator, retired Wildlife Biologist and Program Manager for the Georgia Nongame-Endangered Wildlife Program; Director of T.E.R.N

**Ruth Mead**
North Carolina State University, BS Forest Management; Senior Environmental Educator, Phinizy Center for Water Sciences; Facilitator, Georgia Master Naturalist Program

**Dr. Donna J. Wear**
Shorter College, BS; Appalachian State University, MA; Mississippi State University, PhD; Professor of Biological Sciences at Augusta University; special interests in Wetlands Biology, Conservation Biology, and Ecology

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Environmental Studies School Course I, Series V

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Circle one:  
- Full course with exam 
- Refreshing (Environmental Consultant) 
- Non-credit
AZALEA DISTRICT MEETING

The Azalea District of the Garden Club of Georgia Inc.

Cordially invites you to the

58th Annual District Meeting

“OWLS IN THE WOODS”

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Registration, Coffee, and Shopping at 9:15 a.m.
Meeting Starts Promptly at 10:00 a.m.
Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, 563 Elliott Trail
Mansfield, GA 30055

Honored Guest - Martha Price,
President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

**Memorial Service ** **District Awards**

Featured Speaker: Pete Griffin
Training and Development Specialist, Georgia DNR

“History of Charlie Elliott”

Special Presentation: “The Owls of Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center”

Lodging on site: 2 Double Beds/Room $53.50 includes tax/per room
Luncheon Cost - $25

Registrations must be made by October 3rd
### Revised Refreshment Schedule for Executive and Governing Board Meetings 2016-2017*

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### Have you visited our Website recently?

The Augusta Council of Garden Club’s Website: [www.augustacouncilgc.com](http://www.augustacouncilgc.com) contains a plethora of information about the Council. It’s the perfect spot to learn meeting information and more about upcoming projects and events. Some of the information (Members section) is password protected to protect members’ contact information. If you need the password, contact Ann Leonard at annleonard09@comcast.net.

### Deadline for the next issue of Clippings

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

E-mail articles with photos (saved as jpeg files) to normapatterson@comcast.net

Call Norma at 706.294.1698 if you have questions.