Get Your Tickets Now for the Peek-a-Boo Fall Tour

The Peek-a-Boo Fall Garden Tour will be Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and will feature six beautiful home gardens in the Augusta area. Tickets are $10. Each club has been asked to purchase a minimum of 10 tickets. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to secure speakers for the 2016 and 2017 Spring ACGC Luncheons. Additional tickets may be purchased at peekaboogardentour@gmail.com.

Volunteers are still needed for the Saturday shifts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 4 p.m. If you can volunteer, please contact Fran Weber at fweberga@knology.net.

An appreciation party for all homeowners and volunteers will be held on Monday, Sept. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wexford Clubhouse.

Please help to make this tour a success by purchasing a ticket and volunteering! For additional information, contact Ann Leonard at annleonard09@comcast.net.

Gardens on Tour: Matt and Marsha Barrett at 611 Scotts Way in Waverly; Chuck and Carol Elliott at 515 Folkstone Circle in Woodbine West; Jack and Jeanne O’Tyson at 3753 Roscommon North in Wexford; Bill and Kathleen Socrates, 3751 Roscommon North in Wexford; John and Linda Lavigne at 4248 Anderson Circle in Creekview Acres, and Horace and Renee’ Foss at 2524 Queens Court.
Update on Garden Therapy for 2015-2017

Please collect “Fig Leaf” items from your members and bring them to the Azalea District Meeting, Oct. 21, in Augusta. “Fig Leaf” items will be delivered to East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta. Remember to take a count of your donations along with your club’s name. All items should be new.

**Fig Leaf items needed in all sizes:**
T-shirts
Boxer shorts, no briefs
Sweat pants, no strings
Pajamas
Nightgowns
Women’s underwear, bras
Sweat shirts
Toiletries: shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, soap, etc., including hotel sizes

**Stockings and Easter Eggs**
These items may go to any organization, nursing home, VA hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Hope House, etc. Distribution is left up to each club. Suggestions: stuff with candy canes or peppermint candy; add some flowers or decorations, and make someone’s day! Remember, photos, publicity, and awards! Patterns for stockings and eggs are on the GCG Website: [www.uga.edu/gardenclub](http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub).

**Garden Therapy Project**
ECRH would love for a club(s) to visit and participate with patients in creating a garden. Take flowers/vegetables to plant, drinks and a snack. Arrangements should be made with Ranita Keener 706-792-7075

Any questions or suggestions, please contact
Beth Wiseman
[Beth.wiseman807@comcast.net](mailto:Beth.wiseman807@comcast.net)
706.814.4115

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It’s not too early to mark your calendars for

The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs

Annual Spring Luncheon on March 24, 2016

at The Augusta Country Club

Guest Speaker: Pam Beck, garden writer, lecturer and photographer on “Fine Vines”
New ACGC Aprons Make Great Gifts

The ACGC is now selling gardening aprons embellished with the Council logo for $15 each. While the denim aprons are currently out of stock, the red and hunter green aprons are still available. With three deep pockets, these attractive, yet practical aprons are perfect for holding your gardening tools and cell phone – OR cooking utensils, if that’s your choice! These aprons would make perfect speaker gifts, so consider this when making club plans for next year. Aprons will be available for purchase through Lottie Gilchrist lottiekay@gmail.com, who is chairing this project for the Council.

Your Club Can Help Support “Streets of Hope” Project

Recycled plastic bags are used in crocheting plastic strips in six-foot long waterproof mats (photo at left) and pillows that are distributed to homeless persons in the Augusta area.

Joanne Tyler, a member of Iris Garden Club, is heading this project, and she says that garden clubs can participate by collecting plastic bags in all colors and sizes, or they can be shown how to crochet the mats. Collected bags can be turned in at AGCG Council meetings.

Contact Joanne at 706.250.3312 (home) or at 706.836.1739 (cell) if your club would like to learn more about this project.
Here is exciting news with facts and Websites where you can get more information about a new National Garden Club, Inc. President’s Project. NGC is one of more than 24 founding members of the National Pollinator Garden Network which is launching a Million Pollinator Gardens Challenge, an unprecedented collaboration of national, regional, conservation and gardening groups to support the President’s Executive Strategy to “Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators.”

The complete list of members and their logos is located at [http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/partners](http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/partners), or you can read the entire press release at [http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/NPGN_PressRelease_06032015.pdf](http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/NPGN_PressRelease_06032015.pdf) which explains how all this started. Actually, here is the list so you can see the partners with NGC:

- America In Bloom
- American Horticultural Society
- American Public Gardens Association
- American Seed Trade Association
- AmericanHort
- Captain Planet Foundation
- Home Garden Seed Association
- Keep America Beautiful
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- Monarch Watch
- National Environmental Education Foundation
- National Gardening Association
- National Garden Bureau
- National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- National Recreation and Park Association
- National Wildlife Federation
- North American Butterfly Association
- Pollinator Partnership
- Society of American Florists
- USDA People’s Garden
- Wild Ones
- Wildlife Habitat Council
- Xerces Society for Invertebrate Biology

You may recognize that some of these organizations are partners with NGC in other ways if you have visited the national Website or know about the President’s Projects. Now NGC’s partnerships are expanding to include Monarch Watch and the endangered migration of the Monarch butterfly as well as frogs and pollinator gardens.

The Website [http://gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) is where to start to learn more about the projects as well as see jewelry, books, etc. For now, just know that NGC is working to preserve our environment and that all of this fits with our state motto of “Beautification, Conservation, Education”.

You already know that pollinators need your help because of the NGC partnership with Crown Bees and information you have been receiving for the past two years. Pollinators are responsible for 1 out of 3 bites of food we take each day, and yet pollinators are at critical point in their own survival. Many reasons contribute to their recent decline. We know for certain, however, that more nectar and pollen sources
provided by more flowering plants and trees will help improve their health and numbers. Increasing the number of pollinator-friendly gardens and landscapes will help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators across the country.

SO WHAT does this mean you should do to help? Go to http://millionpollinatorgardens.org to see more about these steps:

1. Plant a pollinator garden
2. Support pollinator friendly businesses BEE Counted
3. Add a photo of your garden or landscape to the S.H.A.R.E map. (Anyone and any size garden can join in our campaign to reach 1 million sites for pollinators! )
4. Plant sustainably
5. Keep an eye out for free seeds
6. Spread the word

WHAT is a pollinator garden?

Pollinators Gardens Should

- use plants that provide nectar and pollen sources
- provide a water source,
- be situated in sunny areas with wind breaks
- create large “pollinator targets” of native or non-invasive plants
- establish continuous bloom throughout the growing season
- eliminate or minimize the impact of pesticides.

HOW should you register it to count as one of the one million?

To register your garden, go to http://share.pollinator.org (Simply Have Areas Reserved for the Environment is what S.H.A.R.E. stands for) and follow the instructions there. You can upload a picture of your garden. The requirements for registering your garden are that you provide plants that provide both nectar and pollen and provide a source of water. This can be done on a balcony with as little as a flower pot and a saucer of water.

You can learn more at www.millionpollinatorgardens.org and join the discussion on Twitter through the hashtag #PolliNation.

Let’s get every garden club member and our neighbors to join the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge!
Wouldn’t a copy of *The Frightened Frog* be a great gift for children in your life between kindergarten and 5th grades?

**Introducing *The Frightened Frog*—**

**A New NGC President’s Project**

You can help us support the National Garden Club’s 2015-2017 President’s Project *The Frightened Frog* by purchasing one of the story books from the Council or downloading the free Amphibian Awareness Lesson Plans for elementary school children K-4 from the NGC Website. You can even learn 22 fun frog facts and the sounds frogs make in 23 languages.

ACGC purchased the $10 books by bulk order so you do not have to pay the $5.83 postage/copy. Copies will be available at the ACGC Board meetings and October Azalea District Meeting or by contacting Ginny Allen at vallenotr@aol.com. We hope clubs will consider donating copies to local schools, daycares, afterschool programs and libraries.

They also make great gifts. Additional information about NGC Youth Projects is available at www.gardenclub.org. Please let Ginny know if you donate a book so we can keep an updated list on the ACGC Facebook Page.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**Update on Bonnie McClain Perennial Garden**

The Iris have been planted at the Riverwalk Augusta Bonnie McClain Perennial Garden, and as soon as conditions are right, plants that have been kept by volunteers over the summer will be planted. As of August 2015, a total of 2,023 volunteer hours have been given over the past 15 years to this garden. Look for photos of the ACGC Facebook page!
Azalea District Meeting
The Azalea District of the Garden Club of Georgia Inc.
Cordially invites you to the
57th Annual District Meeting
"Frolicking with Frogs"
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Registration, Coffee, and Shopping at 9:15 a.m.
Meeting Starts Promptly at 10:00 a.m.
Snelling Center, 3165 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30907
Honored Guest will be Martha Price,
President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

**Memorial Service**

Featured Speaker: Ruth Mead,
Phinizy Center for Water Science
"Ecology of the American Lawn"

Recommended Pad (Lodging): Sheraton Augusta Hotel,
1069 Stevens Creek Road, Augusta, GA 30907
800-325-3535 or 706-288-2204.
The hotel is just off I-20, and located between Washington Road (Hwy 28) and Riverwatch Parkway.

Luncheon Cost - $35
Room Rates - $129+
(if room reservation made by Oct. 6th)

See Attached Registration
Azalea District Meeting
“Frolicking with Frogs”
Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in Augusta, Georgia
Registration Form

Please mail this form and a $35.00 check payable to the Azalea District to Julia Davie, 1250 Apalachee Woods Trail, Buckhead, GA 30625. The deadline for registration is October 13, 2015. Registration fees cannot be refunded after October 13th. Fees increase to $45.00 after October 13th. Additional registration information is available from Julia Davie at jandjdavie@earthlink.net or by telephone at 706-342-3006.

While in Augusta be sure to visit the Sand Hills Flower Show at the Morris Museum of Art, #1 10th Street, Augusta Georgia, (themorris.org) which is open to the public for free viewing on Wednesday, October 21 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

NAME: ______________________________________ Phone: ______________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City __________________ State _______ Zip Code ______
Email: ________________________________ Your Garden Club: ___________ District: __________

Please check all that apply:
First Azalea District Meeting _____ State President _____
*Voting Delegate ______ Former State President _____
Azalea District Club Member ______ State Board Member ______
Azalea District Club/Council President ______ State Life Member ______
Azalea District Director ______ DSR Council Member ______
Former Azalea District Director ______ DSR Life Member ______
District Director of another District ______ NGC Board Member ______
Azalea District Board Member ______ NGC Life Member ______
Guest ______

*Voting delegate is one member from each Club or Council

MEAL TYPE: REGULAR _____ Special Diet Required: Gluten Free _____ Vegan _____

Lodging - Arrangements have been made with the Sheraton Augusta, 1069 Stevens Creek Road, Augusta, GA. Make reservations by calling 800-325-3535 or direct to Ashley Pearson, 706-288-2204, (Email - Ashley.Pearson@SheratonAugusta.com). The cutoff date for the rate of $129 (plus tax and fees) is Oct. 6th. Please specify that you are with Azalea District Garden Club. If you prefer, there are many other hotels convenient to the Snelling Center.

State or District Chairman wishing to reserve display space (3 ft) please indicate here and contact Lauren Burnett, lob5649@hotmail.com, 706-825-0110, 703 Montrose Court, Augusta, GA 30904, by October 13, 2015.

Name: ____________________________ Chairmanship: __________________________

Space is limited so send your request early.

PLEASE SEND A COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING.
Deadline for the next issue of *Clippings*

*Thursday, September 17, 2015*

Send articles with photos *(saved as jpeg files)* to:

normapatterson@comcast.net

Call Norma at 706.294.1698 if you have questions.