

in the *Garden*

The Garden Club of America
ZONE VIII MEETING



THE JUNIOR LADIES' GARDEN CLUB
Athens, Georgia
April 24 - 26, 2023



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

The purpose of The Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence, and publications, and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

Founded in 1913, The Garden Club of America is a volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization comprised of 199 member clubs and approximately 18,000 club members throughout the country.

Junior Ladies' Garden Club was founded in 1940
in Athens, Georgia and was accepted into
the Garden Club of The America in 1958.



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WELCOME

Dear Ladies of Zone VIII and GCA Guests,

Each and every member of Junior Ladies' Garden Club has been excited about your arrival for months! We are thrilled the time has come to welcome you in person to our Classic City so we can shower you in hospitality and GCA fellowship. It's not hard to fall in love with Athens but we aim to immerse you in the blooming beauty of our hometown that we cherish the most.

It's impossible to visit Athens without taking in our beloved University of Georgia. The University was founded in 1785 as the nation's first land-grant institution, 20 years before the town Athens was established. Now home to more than 40,000 students, the University and our community strive for a strong town and gown relationship. Athens-Clarke County became a unified government in 1990, and we take up every inch of the smallest county in Georgia.

Our quirky little town has launched careers of some of the world's most famous musicians, is home to 40 sites on the National Register of Historic Places, has a famous "Tree that Owns Itself" and is glowing with pride for our back-to-back National Champion Georgia Bulldogs. We are especially thrilled that Athens is home to America's first garden club, the Ladies Garden Club.

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia is where you will be spending most of your time over the next 3 days. The Garden was established by the state's General Assembly in 1984. The 313-acre campus is home to seven gardens, each of which you'll want to see. Your time at the Garden will also include visits to the Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum, the Day Chapel, and the headquarters for the Garden Club of Georgia.

Enjoy your time with us In the Garden!

Rebecca Lang

Rebecca Lang
Junior Ladies' Garden Club President

Cress Johnson Katherine Moseley

Cress Johnson & Katherine Moseley
Zone VIII Meeting Co-Chairs



MAP OF ATHENS



Illustrated by Junior Ladies' Garden Club member Stewart McDonald



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, April 24, 2023

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Meeting Registration (SpringHill Suites Campus Hotel)
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Flower Show Entries Accepted and Passed (Museum & Conservatory, State Botanical Garden)
5:30 pm - 6:15 pm	Welcome Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres (Founders Memorial Garden, UGA North Campus)
6:30 pm	Monday Evening Dinners for Attendees (Optional Prix Fixe Dinner at Chuck's Fish or "Dinner on Your Own")
6:45 pm	Judges' Dinner (Invitation Only)
6:45 pm	Zone Representatives and Out of Zone Guests Dinner (Invitation Only)

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Flower Show Entries Accepted and Passed (Museum & Conservatory, State Botanical Garden)
9:30 am - 1:30 pm	Flower Show Judging (Museum & Conservatory, State Botanical Garden)
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Walking Tours of Gardens (Meet at Conservatory Plaza, State Botanical Garden)
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch on the Lawn (Discovery & Inspiration Garden, State Botanical Garden)
1:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Business Meeting & Speaker (Jennifer Cruse Sanders) (Terrace Room, State Botanical Garden)
4:00 pm	Flower Show and Museum viewing and Plant Exchange (Museum & Conservatory, State Botanical Garden)
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Cocktails and Tour of Ann Frierson's Garden
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Dinners in Junior Ladies' Homes

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

9:15 am	Coffee (Chapel, State Botanical Garden)
9:30 am - 11:45 am	Business Meeting and Speaker (Jennifer Ceska) (Chapel, State Botanical Garden)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Flower Show open to public (Museum & Conservatory, State Botanical Garden)
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Alice H. Richards Children's Garden Tour (Children's Garden, State Botanical Garden)
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Awards Luncheon (Terrace Room, State Botanical Garden)
2:30 pm	Zone Meeting adjourned
2:45 pm	Flower Show entries and Plant exchange selections must be claimed and removed
2:45 pm	Optional River Hike, "Wildflowers & Birds" (Trails, State Botanical Garden)



SPEAKERS

Jennifer Ceska



Jennifer Ceska is accredited Public Service and Outreach Faculty at the University of Georgia and has served since 1995 as Conservation Coordinator in the Science & Conservation Program of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens. She received her masters at UGA in horticulture with an emphasis on plant conservation. Her specialty is creating project driven professional networks and facilitating projects for endangered species recovery. She has consulted with 14 states in developing their own conservation networks. Jennifer serves as project manager for the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance, coordinating over 60 organizations contributing recovery actions to 105 critically imperiled plant species in Georgia. Professionals contribute intellectual, experiential, and physical resources from all areas of plant conservation from population genetics to conservation horticulture to habitat restoration for safeguarding ex situ and plant community resilience in situ.

While serving as project manager for the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance, Ceska also coordinates the Georgia Native Plant Initiative for native plant materials development, and facilitates with partners the Georgia Milkweed Initiative for ethically and locally sourced *Asclepias* for Monarch recovery, and the Georgia Grasslands Initiative for restoration of grasslands in rights-of-way, old fields, and pocket prairies towards biodiversity. Ceska and colleagues launched the Connect to Protect program for Georgia, an initiative for schools, homes, patios, public landscapes, rights-of-way, and natural areas, getting native plants back on the land, creating beautiful displays that are ecologically relevant to wildlife.

In 1994, Jennifer received the Catherine H. Beattie Fellowship from the Center for Plant Conservation and the Garden Club of America, and it literally changed her life.

Jennifer Ceska has been married to Patrick for 30 years. They have a son, Oliver who is 22. Jennifer has many beloveds including her Ceska Boys, Mom, kin by blood and love, Willie Nelson, Ladybird Johnson, coffee, botanical cocktails, her botanical family throughout the US, and the women of the Garden Club of America.



SPEAKERS

Jennifer Cruse-Sanders, Ph.D.



Jennifer Cruse-Sanders, Ph.D. is the Director of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, which celebrates its 55th anniversary in 2023. The State Botanical Garden is a 323 acre university garden with 33 acres of cultivated gardens and more than five miles of trails through significant natural areas. As part of Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA, the garden serves the citizens of Georgia through educational programming, horticultural expertise, display gardens and conservation programs developed at the Mimsie Lanier Center for Native Plant Studies. In 2019, the award winning Alice H. Richards Children's Garden was opened and since then the State Botanical Garden has seen a 34% increase in annual visitation. More recently, a new entrance and accessibility project was opened including an outdoor elevator and walkway from the parking lot leading to a Discovery and Inspiration Garden with an emphasis on native plants, pollinators and wildlife. The new Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum, with more than 1000 objects of art, was dedicated in April of 2022.

Jennifer has a M.S. and Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Georgia, and she completed her B.A in Biology at Boston University. Until 2017 she served as the Vice President for Science and Conservation at the Atlanta Botanical Garden where she launched the Center for Southeastern Conservation and helped to host the inaugural Southeastern Partners in Plant Conservation meeting with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, and GA Department of Natural Resources.

She is the recipient of the 2016 Marsh Award for International Plant Conservation from Botanic Garden Conservation International, the 2016 Carl N. Becker Stewardship Award from the Natural Areas Association, and 2015 USDA Forest Service, Wings Across America International Award for Urban Communities in Conservation. Through collaborative partnerships, she has helped to build networks for conservation across the southeastern U.S. and develop community sustainability programs to establish native plants and pollinator habitats in greenspaces.



MEETING VENUES

State Botanical Garden of Georgia



Our Mission

As a unit of Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia, the State Botanical Garden of Georgia creates and nurtures an environment for learning, inspiration and engagement through horticulture, conservation, science based programs and lasting partnerships.

Core Values

Education – As part of the University of Georgia, education is at the heart of all we do. We create an environment that stimulates and encourages learning at all ages and stages of life through hands-on experiential learning.

Inspiration – Our garden must engage, nurture and lift our spirits, touch hearts and stimulate our thinking.

Integrity – We act ethically and with respect in fulfillment of our mission and in our relationships with students, staff, volunteers, visitors and all members of our community.

Diversity – Our mission is best advanced by contributions of people from widely diverse backgrounds, experiences and identities.

Accessibility – Our garden must be accessible to all people regardless of age or ability.

Stewardship – We conserve endangered species, restore natural ecosystems, and model best practices in environmental sustainability for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

Partnership – Our mission can only be achieved through strong and long-lasting partnerships locally, throughout the state, nationally and internationally.

Tropical Conservatory, Herb and Physic Garden



The conservatory features plants found exclusively in equatorial climates and informational signs explain their importance in our everyday lives. In the fall, the conservatory is filled with blooming orchids.

The Herb and Physic Garden displays herbs that are culturally and economically significant to ancient peoples around the world.

Visit in the spring to see parsley, lemon balm, raspberry, caladiums and canna lilies; or in the fall to see sage, thyme, kale and Solomon's seal.

Discovery and Inspiration Garden



The Discovery and Inspiration Garden is the very first garden to greet visitors to the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. Surrounding and extending beyond the Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum, this garden teems with life—plants, flowers, insects, butterflies, pollinators—and invites visitors of all ages to explore and discover.

Day Chapel



The State Botanical Garden's Cecil B. Day Chapel was designed to harmonize with the surrounding hardwood forest. The Chapel features a welcoming interior bathed in natural light and an elaborately carved glass and mahogany entrance. The Chapel was given graciously to the garden by the family of Cecil B. Day.

The Alice H. Richards Children's Garden



In 2019, the State Botanical Garden of Georgia opened the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden - the ideal place for children to play and learn in an environment that inspires their sense of adventure, wonder and love for nature. The children's garden is a 2.5-acre wonderland, teaching families about nature in a fun and interactive way with garden plots and edible plants, a tree-house, fossil wall, granite map of Georgia and more.



DINNERS

Monday, April 24th

Welcome Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

The Founders Memorial Garden commemorates the twelve founders of the American garden club movement, which was established in Athens, Georgia in 1891, and is also dedicated as a memorial garden to those who served in the US Armed Forces.

The Garden houses over 300 species of plant material and features historic trees, shrubs, and perennials. It was conceived, designed, and installed under the guidance of Hubert Bond Owens, the founder and first dean of the UGA landscape architecture program. Today, this 2.5 acre award-winning garden and associated historic buildings are managed by the College of Environment and Design, and serve as a teaching resource and public garden for all campus users and visitors to appreciate.



In the 1930s, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. funded the project with contributions from many individuals and garden clubs around the state. Dean Owens, his staff, and students designed and oversaw the garden construction, and the Founders Memorial Garden officially opened in 1939. A formal boxwood garden, two courtyards, a terrace, a sunken perennial garden and informal arboretum areas surround the Lumpkin House, Kitchen Building and Smokehouse. The building complex and garden are on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as the Georgia Register of Historic Places. The garden was recognized in 1999 by the American Society of Landscape Architects as one of the top 100 “landscapes of significance” in the United States.

Optional Prix Fixe Dinner



Chuck Morgan was raised in Birmingham, Alabama. He went to Ramsay High School, the University of Alabama, and graduated from law school in Tuscaloosa. He came to national prominence in 1963, the day after the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham when he delivered a speech critical of the state of race relations in the South. His career as a civil rights attorney has been heralded in many books detailing the turbulent days of the 1960s. He tried nine cases before the United States Supreme Court. Many of these were landmarks in the struggle for racial equality. This restaurant is named in his honor.

In 2005, Charles Morgan III, Chuck's son and owner of Harbor Docks in Destin, Florida, had the idea of opening a restaurant that would showcase the best seafood from the Gulf of Mexico. A year later Chuck's Fish opened in downtown Tuscaloosa. In 2009, the Birmingham, AL location opened, followed by Mobile, AL in 2017, Athens, GA in 2019, and Tallahassee, FL in 2020. Charles will be opening the sixth Chuck's Fish location in Montgomery, Alabama in the spring of 2022.

All of the featured fish at Chuck's Fish comes from our own wholesale market at Harbor Docks. In addition to Gulf seafood, we offer aged, naturally-raised beef - cut in-house, and an award-winning sushi bar, created and managed by renowned chef Yoshie Eddings, who has been the sushi chef at Harbor Docks restaurant for 30 years.



DINNERS

Tuesday, April 25th Cocktails in Ann and Joe Frierson's Garden



Ann and Joe Frierson have a terraced garden alongside their Five Points home. The landscaping incorporates small vignettes. Designed by Thomas Angel from Savannah, it reflects favorite garden remembrances in Classic Renaissance style.

The curving stone steps into the garden were inspired by those in the University of Georgia's Founders Garden. A plaque in the Founders Garden provided inspiration for Ann's GCA President's annual report following 9/11/2001. The statue at the base of the steps was done by Susie Chisholm from Savannah, GA. It visually represents

"The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth."

The parterre section is a mixture of edibles, annuals and perennials. It was originally all edibles, but the wildlife that frequent the garden amended that plan by harvesting for themselves.

A runnel flows through center of the parterre. The sculpture in the runnel is by Andrea Roggi, Castiglione Fiorentino, Italy.

The small pocket gardens in front of the maple hedge are simple tributes to the serenity of the Japanese garden.

Italian cypress announce the entry into the Italian section of the garden. This is the garden's living room. Espalied pear trees and cherry trees line the stucco wall. The terrace in front of the loggia contains pots of orange, lemon, lime, pomegranate and olive. Cinco de Mayo roses front the rock wall. The pieces of antiquity are from Italy as well as the modern sculpture.

Adjacent to the Italian section is the tennis court garden. When the home was built in 1939, this was a red clay tennis court. Joe and Ann purchased the house in 1972. For many years, Joe taught tennis on weekends to friends' children. In the mid 80's the court was converted into a garden. The Friersons commissioned Dennis Smith from Utah to create a lasting memorial to all the children that frequented the court – the tennis player. It is a simple shrub/flower garden with a grass center. The design is interrupted each year by poppies and gloriosa lilies that have reseeded and pop up all over.



DINNERS

In Junior Ladies' Homes



1
Tootsie Adams
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Athens, Georgia 30606



2
Mercer Brockenbrough
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Athens, Georgia 30606



3
Greta Covington
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Athens, Georgia 30606



4
Bethany Davis
644 Milledge Circle
Athens, Georgia 30606



5
Melissa Fontaine
310 Milledge Heights
Athens, Georgia 30606



6
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Athens, Georgia 30606

In Junior Ladies' Homes



7
Rebecca Lang
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Athens, Georgia 30606



8
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9
April Rooker
140 Cloverhurst Circle
Athens, Georgia 30606



10
Lori Scott
570 Fortson Road
Athens, Georgia 30606



AWARDS LUNCHEON

Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters – The Terrace Room

Construction on the home of the Garden Club of Georgia began in January, 1997. Situated on the highest elevation at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the impressive structure was completed in the summer of 1998. Dedication of the facility took place on October 6, 1998.

The elegant brick building encompasses 9,705 square feet and overlooks the International Garden and the Heritage Garden of the State Botanical Garden, in Athens, Georgia. The award-winning architectural firm, Smith Dalia of Atlanta, designed the plans and had oversight of the project. Smith Dalia Architects also designed the nearby Day Chapel at the State Botanical Garden. The Garden Club Headquarters building is of a neoclassical architectural style, best described as Jeffersonian.



The building consists of two levels. The upper level features an imposing entry hall, a Formal Reception Room, a Dining Room, a Board Room for meetings, an Archives Room which houses our proud history, a 200+ title Reference Library and Garden Club Administrative Offices. These rooms are beautifully enhanced with many exceptional architectural details including extensive custom millwork. Historical and Decorative Arts students at the University of Georgia find the exquisite historical furnishings and appointments an opportunity for study. Fine period furniture, moved from the former Headquarters building, and many new acquisitions fill the upper level. The interior designer, Virginia White, ASID, of Atlanta, Georgia, worked closely with the architects to create the elegant environs.

The lower level features a multi-purpose Terrace Room, a unique ballroom-like space known for its elegant decor and tasteful appointments. Opening onto an expansive brick terrace overlooking a wooded area and landscaped garden, its beauty and location distinguish it as one of the premier wedding reception sites in the area.

Environmentally, Smith Dalia Architects specified low-e glazing windows, passive natural ventilation, natural daylighting, and exterior building wrap to eliminate air filtration. Oriented to face east, the building showcases an imposing staircase on the interior north side of the building. The impressive Board Room on the upper level offers spectacular views into the surrounding hardwood treetops.

The landscape architectural firm was Robinson Fisher Associates of Athens, Georgia. Robinson Fisher Associates previously designed the lovely Day Chapel landscape, which is close by and on the grounds of the State Botanical Garden. The Headquarters House landscape includes a circular drive for passenger drop-off at the formal front entry. The front landscaped area features a broad brick walkway leading from the drop-off to the front portico. Flanking the walkway are panels of lawn, framed with brick edging, perennial flowers, flowering shrubs including Fothergilla, Summersweet Clethra, and Loropetalum, and trees including 'Little Gem' Magnolia, 'October Glory' Red Maple, Persian Ironwood, and Fringetree. On the lower level a large, brick-paved terrace overlooks a small forest. Weather permitting, this lovely terrace can accommodate overflow of guests from the Terrace Room. Adjoining the rear terrace is a lovely garden honoring Deen Day Sanders. Deen is a former GCG President and former NGC National President.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. proudly builds on the history and the legacy of the past. For it was here, in Athens, Georgia, that the first garden club in America was organized in 1891. Having built our home on the red clay and solid granite rock of the Georgia Piedmont, we go forth to inspire Beautification, Conservation, and Education. Our dazzling Headquarters House is one step on the path towards our future.



FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE



View the Flower Show Schedule





PLANT EXCHANGE

Special Gift



As members of the Junior Ladies' Garden Club, it is our mission to aid in the protection of native plants, birds, and other pollinators; to restore, protect, and improve the quality of the environment through programs and action. In preparation for the 2023 Zone VIII Meeting's Propagation Challenge, we chose to take action and focus on ways we could incorporate sustainability and conservation in the design of our Horticulture Challenge, which directly benefits our natural environment. The Spring of 2022, we prepared a propagation box that consists of only biodegradable or recyclable contents. The biodegradable wooden box is lined with aluminum, and includes:

- Four EcoForm pots made from renewable grain fibers
- Spanish moss to keep the pots in place during transportation
- Bamboo plant labels for reference during propagation

In an effort to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, we planned ahead so that our JLGC president, Rebecca Lang, could hand deliver a Challenge Box to each club President at the 2022 Zone 8 Meeting in Atlanta. This advanced planning allowed us to take advantage of all of the Club Presidents being together in one place and avoid releasing greenhouse gasses by way of shipment to each individual club in our zone.

The 2023 Zone VIII Horticulture Challenge, Class 41, asks each club to propagate four different native species of shrubs, vines, trees or flowers that support our pollinators by way of seed, layering, division, or cutting. We will conduct a Plant Exchange using the Propagation Challenge Boxes Tuesday, April 25 at 4:00 pm in the Conservatory. First Place will be rewarded with the first choice of plants! We will move to first come first serve for the remaining boxes.

We are looking forward to seeing your thoughtfully curated and lovingly nurtured collections of native plants for the Propagation Challenge! We thank you for taking the time to research and propagate native plants that will support our pollinators which are essential to all living things!

The plants you choose may be picked at 2:45 pm on Wednesday, April 26 at 2:45 p.m., immediately following the Awards Luncheon.



SPECIAL GIFT



Porky Goodness, LLC is Athens's first female-owned barbecue sauce company. Katie Throne is a University of Georgia graduate and long-time Athenian who loves to cook, especially barbecue!

She is also an active member of Junior Ladies' Garden Club and has graciously bottled a Porky Goodness sauce for each of our Zone VIII meeting attendees. You are in for a treat!

Junior Ladies' thanks Katie for sharing her many talents with our club and with all of you, our "In the Garden" guests.



THE EVOLUTION OF PORKY GOODNESS

Porky Goodness began as a gift in a Mason jar. In my experience, the most wonderful and cherished homemade things come in those little jars, like my great-grandma's green beans.

I started making the sauce nearly a decade ago and giving it to friends as a holiday gift. They would send me photos of their sad faces next to their empty jars, so I made more batches because I realized nothing made me happier than seeing other people enjoy my sauce.

North Carolina transplants told me it reminded them of their beloved vinegar sauces back home. I also heard the sauce had a tangy kick and a simple style reminiscent of Texas barbecue. Another buddy said it reminded him of a sauce you'd find on a table in an Alabama roadside barbecue shack.

All of their comparisons referenced nearby states renowned for their signature sauces. I thought to myself, "Why isn't anyone talking about Georgia?" So, this is my Georgia barbecue sauce – a tangy tomato and peppery vinegar mix of good ol' Porky Goodness.

While it no longer comes in a Mason jar, we still use the same small-batch production methods. No high-fructose corn syrup or preservatives added.

I hope you enjoy!

Katie Throne



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Athens, GA Zone VIII

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Athens, GA

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Jacksonville, FL

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Late Bloomers Garden Club
Jacksonville, FL

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Jacksonville, FL

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VIII ZONE MEETING

Delegates by State

ALABAMA

The Little Garden Club of Birmingham
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Maye Frei, Delegate
Lacy Robinson, Delegate

Red Mountain Garden Club (Birmingham)
Kimberly Bean, Club President
Susan Alison, Delegate
Fluff Roberts, Delegate

FLORIDA

Founders Garden Club of Sarasota, Inc.
Jeannie Russell, Club President
Mimi Hernandez, Delegate
Deborah Walk, Delegate

The Garden Club of Palm Beach
Christine Aylward, Club Vice-President
Annie Cardelús Jones, Delegate
Christina Kramer, Delegate

The Garden Club of the Halifax Country (Ormond Beach)
Marian Tomblin, Club President
Anne Evans, Delegate
Meredith Vincent, Delegate

Jupiter Island Garden Club (Hobe Sound)
Meredith Hughes, Club President
Jennifer Banks, Delegate

The Grass River Garden Club (Delray Beach)
Rebecca Jensen, Club President
Ann Judd, Delegate
Teggie Smith, Delegate

Late Bloomers Garden Club (Jacksonville)
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Kim Bongiovanni, Delegate
Debbie Thompson, Delegate

GEORGIA

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Frazer Fiveash, Delegate
Kim Nagy, Delegate

Sand Hills Garden Club (Augusta)
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Tori Boardman, Delegate
Patti Goodwin, Delegate

Junior Ladies' Garden Club (Athens)
Rebecca Lang, Club President
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Tatum Williams, Delegate

Trustees' Garden Club (Savannah)
Malinda Bergen, Club President
Monica McGoldrick, Delegate
Jane Worsham, Delegate

Peachtree Garden Club (Atlanta)
Nancy Rizor, Club President
Greer Pope, Delegate
Loulie Reese, Delegate

SOUTH CAROLINA

Carolina Foothills Garden Club
(Greenville)
Lisa Ashmore, Club President
Tara Jackson, Delegate
Whitney Ramseur, Delegate

Garden Club of Aiken
Martha Wolf, Club President
Krista Lamar, Delegate
Leslee Peth, Delegate

The Palmetto Garden Club of South
Carolina (Columbia)
Helen Taylor, Club President
Elizabeth Laffitte, Delegate
Julianne Sojourner, Delegate



VIII ZONE MEETING

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HISTORY OF THE JUNIOR LADIES' GARDEN CLUB

On the 18th of April 1940, a group of young Athens women formed a new garden club dedicated to preserving the ideals of the first garden club in the nation, the Ladies Garden Club. In addition to flower arranging and horticulture, the newly formed Junior Ladies' Garden Club decided to focus on beautification and preservation of both community and national landscapes. In December 1941, the club voted to suspend meeting and to devote their time to defense activities. Almost half the members followed war-bound husbands to distant places or took jobs. The other half of members focused their energy on growing Victory Gardens.

Within two years of founding, Junior Ladies' joined the Garden Club of Georgia and staged their first flower show, with proceeds funding a cast-iron gate for the new Founders Garden.

The club was invited to join the Garden Club of America in 1958. Numerous community projects followed, including creating a sunken garden beside the Athens Regional Library, landscaping the grounds at the Municipal Airport, establishing a fragrance garden at the new library site, and developing of a boxwood garden for the historic Taylor-Grady House.

In a town rich with university faculty and local experts of horticulture, conservation, historic preservation and art, the Junior Ladies' had incredible opportunities for educational programs for the community and the club. As early as 1947, members gave demonstrations and shared plants with children at the library and local schools.

In 1956 the club created for their daughters the Junior Misses Garden Club, which served as a model throughout the state. A partnership established with a local elementary school resulted in increased environmental awareness among the students and the Junior Misses.

The Junior Ladies' first permanent project began in 1946 when a seedling propagated from an acorn of the Tree That Owns Itself was planted at the site where the original aged white oak fell on the ground deeded to the tree. For fifty years the club maintained the historic tree site. In 1996 a community birthday celebration was held with local officials and Junior Ladies' original president in attendance. Special guests included the members of the Athens Garden Club Council, organized by the Junior Ladies' in 1951, and "favors" were seedlings of acorns from the famous tree.

Interest in trees continued, and the club donated thirteen native American hollies to the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in honor of the nation's bicentennial. "A Tree Registry for Athens and Clarke County", created by members of the club, laid the groundwork for the formation of the Athens Tree Commission. In 1980 the club sponsored the first annual Tree Day with tree walks and a "Tree Babies" project.

In 1974 and 1984 the club sponsored two British landscape architecture students through the GCA Interchange Fellowship Program. The club supported projects such as the new bog garden, supplied educational materials for the Georgia Endangered Plant Stewardship Network, and helped provide a scholarship for a student intern.

The Junior Ladies' celebrated its fiftieth birthday in 1991 by presenting fifty trees to the city of Athens. To celebrate the Garden Club of America's Centennial Birthday, the GCA encouraged each member club to sponsor a Centennial Tree Project. The Junior Ladies planted trees at the Historic Oconee Hill Cemetery and on a large parcel on South Lumpkin Street that was once covered in kudzo, wisteria, privet and other invasive plants.



Further commitment to conservation prompted a study with the Georgia Trust for Public Lands on issues which affected local land use plan. A project benefiting the Oconee Greenway provided funds for a forged metal plaque and life-sized figure depicting the work of William Bartram in the Athens area. Club members participated in the projects such as: an ongoing restoration of the historic Oconee Hill Cemetery, a stream project tracing sources of water in Clarke County, the harvesting of black cohosh in North Carolina, and the elimination of a stand of privet at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia.

Since the founding, flower shows have held an instrumental element of Junior Ladies' as well as source of enjoyment. Over the years members have served as both flower arranging and horticulture judges, staged workshops at the local and zone level, and participated with merit annually in the Southeastern Flower Show. Annual workshops are held for members for education and plant sharing.

Individual members have held positions on almost all GCA committees; two members served as national directors. Junior Ladies have received a number of zone awards including horticulture, conservation, historic preservation and creative leadership; the Eloise Payne Luquer Medal National Medal was presented to a member for her outstanding work in the field of botany. In 1999 the club, with the endorsement of all the clubs in Zone VIII, created the Laura Ann Segrest Mentoring Award. This award is a tribute to a former Junior Ladies president whose support and encouragement were felt both here and throughout the zone in all facets of garden club work.

From 2001-2003, to our great honor, Junior Lady Ann Frierson, served as the Garden Club of America president. Junior Ladies' winners of the Laura Ann Segrest Mentoring Award include Ann Frierson and Lili Outz. Winners of the prestigious Zone VIII Creative Leadership Award include Mimsie Lanier, Ann Frierson, and Tootsie Adams

To celebrate the Junior Ladies' 75th Anniversary in 2015, several special events were held, including a wonderful spring luncheon in Ann Frierson's garden welcoming back many sustainers and former leaders of the club. Awards were presented and the success of 75 years was celebrated. Junior Ladies' also planted 750 heirloom variety bulbs at Oconee Hill Cemetery to mark the anniversary.

For over 80 years, Junior Ladies' has thrived on continuing to seek ways to enhance the environment, promote conservation, and serve their community through volunteerism and education.



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VIII ZONE MEETING

2023 Committees

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