



# The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. *leander Leaflets*

*"The Year of Covid19"*

Summer 2020



Dear Oleanders!

I just know that we have all dug and planted beautiful gardens and cleaned our homes, file cabinets and the proverbial "junk drawer" in the kitchen. I also know that we have missed each other – I have missed all our meetings and you.

My "junk drawer" actually did get cleaned out along with everything else, I sold my cabin in the woods, sorted, packed, and moved to a brand new home in Jesup, GA.

Although we cancelled the Oleander Summer Board of Directors Meeting in August and the **Oleander District Annual Meeting** in October, we will send a vote to all members electronically. We need to

vote for the slate of Oleander District Officers for 2021-2023 and our 2020-2021 Oleander Budget.

Remember that the Oleander District Award Applications are due by October 1<sup>st</sup> and GCG later in the year. The Oleander awards application form is in this Leaflet.

If Covid19 allows we hope to have a celebration meeting on February 23, 2021 in lieu of the **Oleander District Annual Meeting**. We will celebrate all the amazing GCG, Deep South, and National GC awards that our clubs and members won this year. Your awards will be mailed to your president.

Because we cannot present the Oleander District Cookbook at the district meeting, we will take orders for the cookbooks, bags, and aprons. The order form is in this Leaf and will be emailed later.

I am very proud of the Oleanders who continued to work for communities all across the district even amidst this pandemic. Please stay safe and I hope we will soon be able to be together again in our club meetings, Oleander meetings, and Garden Club of Georgia meetings.

*Diana Malone, Oleander District Director*

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# Congratulations Oleander NGC Award Winners

## NGC CS-5C Special Achievement- Individual Member

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lynn Skinner - Ailey Garden Club

Right: Lynn Skinner shown with GCG president, Barbara Bourque, received NGC Special Achievement Award for her children's book, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" We are so proud of our Oleander author!!



## NGC PUB 2-1 Bv Handbook: District "Handbook for Oleander District Annual Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall – Oleander District

Right: Oleander Director, Diana Malone, Co-Director, Mary Ogden and Immediate Past Director, June Thomas, compiled the NGC award winning "Handbook for Oleander District Annual Meeting". GCG Awards Chair, Betty Benner gave the award at the Oleander officer's meeting in August.



## NGC G-3-Aiv Therapy Gardens

1<sup>st</sup> Place - The Landings Garden Club

## NGC PUB 2-7 Aii Cookbook "Seasons of St Marys"

1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall – St Mary Garden Club

## NGC FS-1B – Standard Flower Show 21-49 Members "Georgia on My Mind"

Purple Rosette-Certificate of Merit - Seedling Garden Club

## NGC MP-3-Aiv Website

Certificate of Appreciation – The Landings Garden Club

## NGC PUB 1-2-Aiv Newsletter – "The Petal Pusher"

Certificate of Appreciation - The Landings Garden Club

## NGC PUB 2-2 Aii Educational "Quick & Dirty Guide to St Marys Gardening"

Certification of Appreciation – St Marys Garden Club

# Congratulations Oleander Deep South Award Winners

## DEEP SOUTH AWARDS

Spartina Garden Club –

1<sup>st</sup> – Public Relations for “Save the Seas” Project

Pat Wolters of The Landings Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup> – Bird – Individual

The Landings – 1<sup>st</sup> – Butterfly Conservation

The Landings – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Horticulture

Odum Garden Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yearbook (20-29 Members)

The Landings – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yearbook (100-299 Members)



Mail those Oleander Awards Apps  
by **October 1!!**

**Application** and descriptions are  
in this newsletter.

Make **YOUR** club a **2020 STAR!!!**

# Congratulations GCG Winners Outstanding Oleanders



## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA AWARDS

GCG Award # 1sc – Garden Club of the Year (Small Club) –  
Inaugural Award – 1<sup>st</sup> - The Garden Club of Pooler

GCG – Award # 48 – Distinguished Member –  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – June Thomas

GCG – Award # 37 – Publications Manual (District Meeting Planning  
– 1<sup>st</sup> – Oleander District

GCG – Award # 37 – Publications Newsletter –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Oleander District

**Above: Garden Club of Pooler won the GCG Club of the Year-Small Club - Inaugural Award.**

Congratulations President, Barbara Rawlings and GC of Pooler!!!! We are Pooler Proud!!!

**Right: GCG Awards Chairman, Betty Benner, presented the GCG Distinguished Member Award to June Thomas at the August Oleander officer's meeting.**



# Congratulations to Oleander Clubs

## GCG CLUB AWARDS

**Brooklet Garden Club** – 3<sup>rd</sup> - Award # 13 – Civic Improvement

**Brooklet Elementary Garden Club** (sponsored by Brooklet GC) 1<sup>st</sup> Award # 57 J2 Yearbook

**Glad Garden Club** – 3<sup>rd</sup> - Award # 16 – Yearbook

**Jesup Garden Club** – Honorable Mention – Award # 13 – Civic Improvement

**The Landings Garden Club** -

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 4 – Bird

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 10 -Garden Therapy A

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 13 – Civic Improvement

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 14 – Horticulture Achievement

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 16 – Yearbook

1<sup>st</sup> – Award #33 – Member Participation

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 37 – Publications Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 46 – Public Relations

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 49 – Holiday Decorations

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 51 – Butterfly Conservation

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 53 – Best Website

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 53 – Social Media

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 61 – Arbor Day

2<sup>nd</sup> – Award # 38 – School Grounds Improvement

HM – Award # 15 – Historic Preservation

GCG Awards Chairman, Betty Benner, presented the Civic Improvement Award to Bobbie Scott, president of Jesup Garden Club at the Oleander officer's meeting.



**Magnolia Garden Club** – 1<sup>st</sup>- Award # 13 - Civic Improvement

**Magnolia Garden Club Brunswick** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 61 - Arbor Day

**Millen Garden Club** – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Award # 33 – Member Participation

**Odum Garden Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 10 – Garden Therapy B

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 16 – Yearbook

2<sup>nd</sup> – Award # 49 – Holiday Decoration

**Pine Forest Garden Club** - 1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 25 – Digital Scrapbook

2<sup>nd</sup> – Award # 51 - Butterfly Conservation

**Sea Oats Garden Club** - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Award # 37 – Publications: Newsletter

**Seedling Garden Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 5 – Individual Standard Flower Show

3<sup>rd</sup> – Award # 23 – Flower Show Schedule

**Spartina Garden Club** - 1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 8 – Conservation Project

**St. Marys Garden Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 33 – Member Participation

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 37 – Publications: Education

1<sup>st</sup> – Award # 37 – Publications: Cookbook

2<sup>nd</sup> – Award # 40 – Public Relations

2<sup>nd</sup> – Award # 61 – Arbor Day



# Congratulations GCG Council & Flower Show Winners

## COUNCIL & FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

GCG – Award # 18A – Council Standard Flower Show –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs

GCG - Award #23 - Standard Flower Show - Councils –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs

GCG – Award # 23 – Standard Flower Show (2 or more clubs) –  
Honorable Mention – Springfield and Rincon GCs

GCG – Award # 23 – Standard Flower Show (20/less members)–  
2<sup>nd</sup> East GA Judges Council

GCG – Award # 31B – Garden Club Council – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne County GC Council

GCG – Award # 49 – Holiday Award Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wayne County GC Council

GCG – Award # 49 – Holiday Decoration – Council – 1<sup>st</sup> – Millen GC Council



# Congratulations Oleander Youth Winners Deep South & NGC

<b>Youth Poetry</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Club</b>
Kindergarten, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Morgana F.	Odum Elementary	Odum Garden Club
<b>Youth Poetry ESOL</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Club</b>
DS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place NGC -1 <sup>st</sup> Place	William L-S.	Odum Elementary	Odum Garden Club
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place; NGC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Omar L-S.	Odum Elementary	Odum Garden Club
<b>Youth Poetry, Special Needs</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Club</b>
DS 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Place; NGC 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Luke G.	Odum Elementary	Odum Garden Club
<b>Youth Sculpture</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Club</b>
DS 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Haley P.	James E. Bacon Elementary	Jesup Garden Club
Deep South 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade, HM	Coleea J.	James E. Bacon Elementary	Jesup Garden Club



# Oleander Proudly Presents Our GCG Youth Winners

Oleander District GCG Youth Winners			
J 11 Youth Poetry- A	Kindergarten 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Morgana Fenn Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Wesley Gooch St. Francis Xavier Catholic School	Magnolia Garden Club Brunswick
	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Hannah Bodder Martha Puckett Middle School	Odum Garden Club
J 11 Youth Poetry B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Alex Bautista Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kimberly Rodriguez-Miron Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	William Lopez-Sanchez Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Santiago Cruz-Marquez Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Lennox Gonzalez Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Natali Bautista Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Omar Lopez-Sanchez Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
J 11 Youth Poetry C	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Luke Griffis Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Clint Weiss Odum Elementary School	Odum Garden Club
J-12 Youth Sculpture	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Haley Price James E. Bacon Elementary	Jesup Garden Club
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Sariyan Fuller James E. Bacon Elementary	Jesup Garden Club
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Lucy Tyre Odum Elementary	Odum Garden Club
	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Coleea Jones James E. Bacon Elementary	Jesup Garden Club
	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Phoenix Havens Martha Puckett Middle School	Jesup Garden Club
	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Alexa Lopez Martha Puckett Middle School	Jesup Garden Club
H-7 High School Gardeners Essay	Honorable Mention	Amelia Fordham Appling County High School	Pine Forest Garden Club Baxley



## Oleander District GCG Youth Winners

J-10 Woodsy Owl Poster Contest	Grade 1- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Zackary Webb	Lily Garden Club Screven
	Grade 2- 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Amariah Clark	Wayne County Garden Club Council Jesup
	Grade 2 -2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Zoey Graham	Wayne County Garden Club Council Jesup
	Grade 2- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Addison Johnson	Wayne County Garden Club Council Jesup
	Grade 3 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Nathan Newman	Brooklet Garden Club Brooklet
	Grade 3- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	A'Lyric Wilkins	Ruby Riggins Camellia Garden Club Jesup
	Grade 3 - Honorable Mention	Anthony Rodriguez	Ruby Riggins Camellia Garden Club Jesup
	Grade 5 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Tinsley Hires	Odum Garden Club Odum
	Grade 5 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Nevaeh Allen	Wayne County Garden Club Council Jesup
J-10 Smokey Bear Poster Contest	Grade 2 -2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Madison Alderman	Wayne County Garden Club Jesup
	Grade 2 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Bryson Blocker	Odum Garden Club Odum
	Grade 3 -1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Emanuel Bautista	Metter Garden Club Metter
	Grade 3 -3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	William Lopez-Sanchez	Odum Garden Club Odum
	Grade 4 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Serrina Digsby	Wayne County Garden Club Council Jesup
	Grade 4- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Rhianna Larry	Wayne County Garden Club Council Jesup
	Grade 5- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Lucy Tyre	Odum Garden Club Odum
	Grade 5- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Addison Hyers	Wayne County Garden Club Council Jesup
	Grade 5 – Honorable Mention;	Drennon Dinh	Wayne County Garden Club Council Jesup

***Oleander Director, Diana Malone,  
proudly announces the  
Oleander 2019  
Standard of Excellence Clubs***

<b>Club</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>President</b>
Brooklet Garden Club	Brooklet	Judy Walker
Glad Garden Club	Swainsboro	Sylvia Durden
Hoe and Hope Garden Club	Statesboro	Glenda Autuna
The Landings Garden Club	Savannah	Jane Golz
Magnolia Garden Club	Brunswick	Jan Galloway
Millen Garden Club	Millen	Veronica Cowart
Odum Garden Club	Odum	Betty Benner
Pine Forest Garden Club	Baxley	Susie Reed
Sea Oats Garden Club	Brunswick	Elaine Alberson
Seedling Garden Club	Swainsboro	Lucille Braswell
Spartina Garden Club	Shellmans Bluff	Jean Wilsterman
Sprig & Dig Garden Club	Statesboro	Janet Ward
Springfield Garden Club	Springfield	Beth Mosley
St Marys Garden Club	St Marys	Joan Seal

***Standard of Excellence, the highest achievement a club can earn, is based on a well balanced program of work, and the documentation is obtained from the Annual GCG President's Report.***



Here's how **Hoe and Hope GC** in Statesboro survived the pandemic!! One member planted zinnia seeds in a raised flower bed at the Open Hearts Community Mission. Open Hearts Community Mission is a privately funded rescue mission.

Others carried fresh vegetables from their gardens to Open Hearts Community Mission and Safe Haven. The residents there love fresh vegetables. Veggies were shared with others in the community.

**Left:** **Hoe and Hope GC** in Statesboro made small fresh flower arrangements to place on the lunch tables at Open Hearts Community Mission and at Safe Haven, a domestic violence shelter in Statesboro. L-R: Renee Perkins and Diane McCord presenting the designs.

**Below:** During the Garden Week of Georgia, members of the Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs toured the beautiful gardens of **Renee Perkins of Hoe and Hope GC**. Renee has a number of gardens including a pollinator designed especially for butterflies and birds. Ladies from the community also visited the gardens. Visitors were given a Purple Heart plant and a quote about the heart to enjoy when their plant is transplanted at their home.



**Hoe and Hope GC in Statesboro** creatively **Sheltered in Place** during the pandemic by helping others. They kept the bird feeders filled at Brown's Health and Rehab Center. This is a nursing home facility where the residents could not go outside or have visitors. They have 12 feeders. A number of ladies have helped with this and it brought joy to the residents to look outside and see birds at the feeders. We are continuing this project.

**Left: Hoe and Hope** member, Diane McCord, filling a bird feeder at Health and Rehab center.



**Above: Hoe and Hope GC** member, Glenda Antuna, filling bird feeders at Brown's Health and Rehab Center.



**Left: Hoe and Hope GC** Peggy Lewis, filling bird feeder for local nursing home



**Green Thumb Garden Club in Millen.** enjoyed a day lily seminar presented by Jerry Messex, owner of Ogeechee River Day Lilies. This is the kickoff of Georgia Garden Week for the Millen Garden Council. Jerry is a Green Thumb GC member.

L to R: **Green Thumb** members: Jerry Messex, Sara Jo Britt, Joann Reeves, Kathy Gay, Arie Hogan, Martha Sue Wilson, Buddy Pope and Shirley Herrmann.



Genelda Reese presented Virginia Anne Franklin, **Sprig-N-Dig Garden Club**, Statesboro, Georgia, three certificates from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and The Georgia Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., for fulfilling certification criteria in the Gardening with Georgia Natives Category with the Community Wildlife Project 2019.

1. The Hummingbird Category
2. The Hummingbird Haven Category
3. The Backyard Habitat Category

Want to certify your yard? Click this link to learn how.

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/cwp.html>



**Above:** St Marys GC members attended member, Judy Molnar's, garden party tour. Her garden looked exceptionally good because of all the extra time for weeding and upkeep due to the virus. Around a dozen members attended the outdoor event and enjoyed visiting with one another while social distancing. Her garden was amazing!. Judy once described her yard as a Redneck Garden. She combined a list to share of the hundreds of plants in her garden.

**Below:** Oleander officers met at Director Diana Malone's brand new home to discuss plans for the future of Oleander. Clockwise: Dottie Yeomans, June Thomas, Bobbie Scott, Malone, Mary Ogden, Sharon Herrin and Kathy Keith. Business will be conducted via email until the pandemic guidelines allow large meetings.



**St. Marys Garden Club** usually meets every month throughout the year, but due to covid19 decided to cancel 2020 summer meetings. They have kept very busy with lots of outside activities and have really enjoyed the change. They did clean-up activities at three churches and worked at Orange Hall to pull the vines out of the azaleas. It was fun seeing each other even though they were spread out being careful weeding and raking in the extreme heat. They held the annual plant sale and made \$1400!!! They were amazed at the profit with so little effort. One sweet member worked at a 93 year old member's garden by herself every Friday for three months pulling weeds. She didn't feel comfortable being around others but she wanted to help someone special. We all treasure our garden club friends and enjoy being with them.



**Above: St Marys GC** celebrated National Garden Week in June by taking one dozen flower arrangements to many "Essential Workers"; policemen, firemen, and grocery store employees that we wanted to honor in our town. We wanted to thank them all for their service during the virus.

**Above: St Marys GC** enjoyed a field trip to the new Bee Meadow located in nearby Crooked River State Park. Several members have been involved getting this new project started.

**Sea Oats** February hostesses pictured with speaker, Dawn Hart of Ace Garden Center who gave valuable information and potted numerous beautiful succulents. Dawn is a Sea Oats Subscribing Member.



Even though the **Sea Oats GC** members in Brunswick canceled monthly meetings during the Spring due to Covid 19, they have kept in close contact with each other. President, Elaine Alberson says, "We've shared news about members that have been ill and/or lost a loved one, we've conducted garden club business on-line with excellent responses, we've shared numerous pictures of flowers from member's yards, we've shared lots of cartoons and interesting emails with each other. Like everyone else, we're anxious for the Covid 19 pandemic to end but until it does, we're taking care of ourselves and our families and wearing our mask."

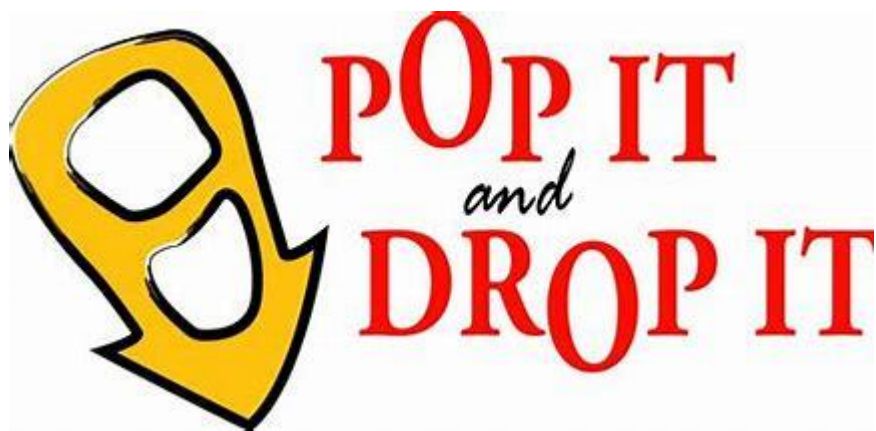


**Sea Oats** January hostesses with speaker, Fletcher Sams of Altamaha Riverkeeper who gave a very informative program about the impact of the capsizing of the Golden Ray to our shipping lanes and to our local environment.





Just before the pandemic struck, **Ruby Riggins Camellia Garden Club** hosted a workshop on camellia air layering propagation. Participants were privileged to learn from Betty Benner of the **Odum Garden Club**. Betty has propagated numerous camellias for her garden as well as for friends, club members and Garden Therapy projects. In attendance were members from three Wayne County garden clubs-**Odum GC**, **Lily GC** of Screven and **Ruby Riggins**. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks Betty!



Keep pOpping & saving thOse tabs cause we're gOing to meet again One day!!



**St Marys Garden Club** was awarded a GCG State Parks and Public Lands Grant which they used to design and plant the front entrance landscape of Crooked River State Park. They used dwarf Walter's Viburnum and Itea in the stone planters along with some society garlic and daffodils. Behind the planter they planted groups of native azalea and oakleaf hydrangea. (Notice the social distancing in some!! This was done before masks were encouraged.)





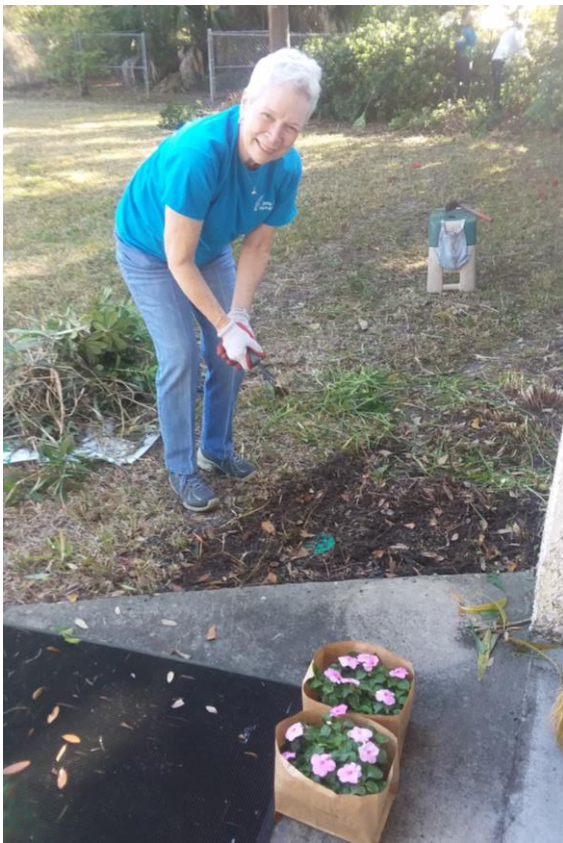
In March **Odum Garden Club** learned that their nursing homes medical staff was unmasked due to the mask shortage; consequently, members frantically began a “Mask Wayne” operation. Today they have sewn & donated over 1,000 masks to nursing homes, doctor offices, hospital employees, state prison staff, family and friends in Wayne, Chatham, Brantley, Glynn, Appling, Ware, Pierce, Dougherty, Fulton and Lowndes counties and even North Carolina & Florida. They also made masks for businesses to reopen and children to return to school. They created two pictorial “Step by Step Mask Tutorials”, one for a medical mask cover and the other a personal fitted mask, and distributed them to over 200 sewists who joined the mask effort.





**Bulloch County Garden Club** members, Doris Minick, Genelda Reese, and Carol Tripp enjoyed a beautiful day at the Joiner Daylily Farm in Pembroke. The Joiners have registered over 800 daylilies. They are in the process of relocating many of the lost plants. BCGC members highly encourage you to schedule a visit on your 2021 calendar.





Sea Oats GC held a work day at SHARE (Speech, Hearing and Rehabilitation Enterprise) which is an ongoing club project. We met March 11 just as the pandemic started for our annual spring work day where members pruned shrubs, planted new plants and fertilized existing ones.

**Sea Oats GC**  
in Brunswick has spread a lot of cheer during the pandemic.



Keep saving those tabs!!



**Right:** Sea Oats GC Subscribing Member, Nick Grynkeiwich, planted a Vitex tree at the club's Pollinator Oasis on St. Simons Island.

**Bottom:** Sea Oats has 4 raised beds at the Pollinator Oasis. The committee members led by Chairman Raylene Grynkeiwich have worked at the Oasis all spring and summer.





**Magnolia GC in Brunswick** has survived the pandemic by keeping in touch. Since the club canceled monthly meetings Ducille Sullivan, Recording Secretary, turned her "recording" skills toward compiling a photographic record of her daily morning walks and sharing them via Facebook with members of the club and others.



Each day had a theme of some sort - colors, architectural features, types of plants, etc. - and the material was usually centered around Historic Old Town Brunswick/Union Street, which is home to the majority of Magnolia members. One day she snapped a photo of their 90-year-old member, Lynne Krauss, on her daily walk through the neighborhood!



Ducille's photos have provided a way for club members to keep in touch and to remain aware of the beauty around us. Her attention to small details has also reminded us that, in the midst of the pandemic, we should not forget the many small things in our lives that are blessings to us all. Ducille saved her work under the Facebook #mymorningwalk so members could access them to enjoy over and over..





**Seedling GC** thanked the Swainsboro Police Department for its service and protection during the pandemic by presenting them a bouquet of flowers. The officers put themselves in danger so others could be safe, and they are very much appreciated. Presenting the bouquet were Lucille Braswell, Cheryl Goodman Kay Peacock.

**Seedling GC** celebrated National Garden Week but the recovery from COVID-19 continues and so will the garden club's efforts to help promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. If you have bored children, now is a good time to introduce them to gardening. Seedling Garden Club focused attention on the many member gardens that need the club's support and to show their beauty as a source of resilience in these trying times.



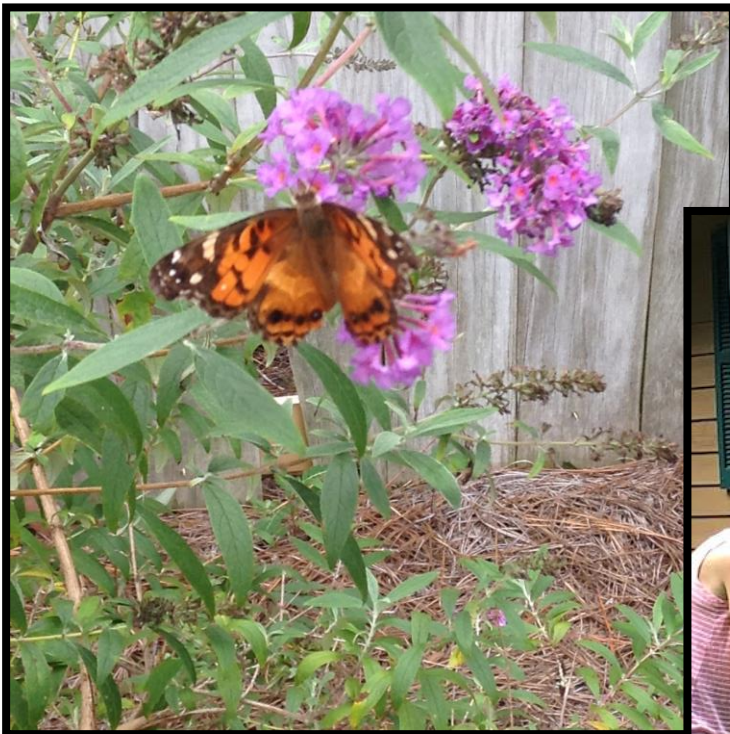
**Seedling GC** members observe as Mayor Schwabe signs the National Garden Week proclamation.





# GREAT GEORGIA Pollinator Census

Betty Benner, **Odum Garden Club** president, her husband, Dennis, and neighbor, Brenda Lewis, paused for 15 minutes on Friday and Saturday, August 21-22, to count critters on pollinator loving plants. Even furbaby, Blueberry, joined the fun.



# Announcing...

## 2020-2021 GCG Awards Book Updates

<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/pdfs/awards.pdf>  
is the link to the **August 2020-2021** updated  
**GCG Awards Handbook**.

PLEASE share with your Awards Chairman.

### Some Important Changes:

**#16 Yearbook:** Annelle Moore has moved to Macon, so all yearbook awards applications must be submitted to her at her new address on page 4.

### #11 NP Native Plant Award -NEW Award!!

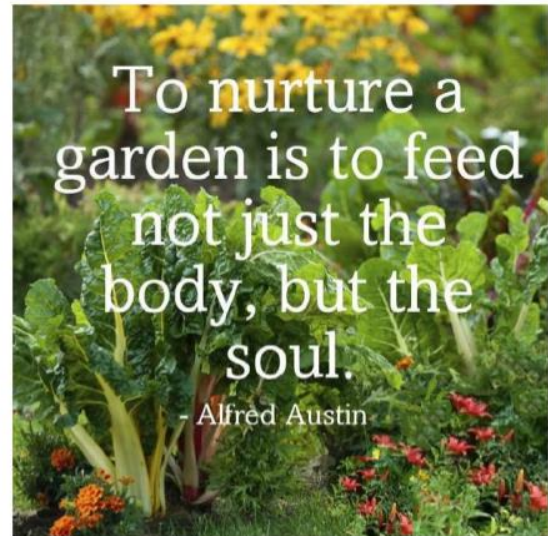
**#H-7 High School Gardeners Essay Award** - Scale of Points has been revised significantly - requires the NGC release for publication form (5 points), and essays must be submitted via email in pdf format (5 points). An email was sent to district youth directors about this High School Gardeners Essay Award change.

There are some tweaks in wording to several awards, so please encourage members to check the revised August 2020-2021 GCG Handbook and the NGC awards website (if applicable) before submitting their awards to the individual awards chairmen. NGC has totally revamped their awards section, and it is fantastic!

Thank you so very much for all that you do to promote awards, and please contact me if your clubs/members need help with their applications. We want Oleander & GCG to have another AWARD winning year!!!

Sincerely,  
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### The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Awards Handbook



**Plant America:  
Nurture the Garden We Call Georgia,  
And showcase your efforts by  
applying for Awards.**

# Your GCG Scholarship Dollars at Work!!

Congratulations to McKenzie Perkins and the **Hoe and Hope Garden Club**. McKenzie was awarded \$2,000 in college scholarships!!! Please continue to support the Scholarship Fund to enable our children to attend college.



*The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.*

April 14, 2020

McKenzie Perkins  
141 Summer Wind Place  
Brooklet, Georgia 30415

Dear McKenzie:

It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by The Garden Club of Georgia Inc. Scholarships Committee to receive a Garden Club of Georgia Scholarship of \$2,000.00. These are two GCG Named Scholarships, in the amount of \$1000.00 each. Again the total grant award is \$2,000.00.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. congratulates you in receiving these scholarships. We wish you much success as you pursue your future objectives at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. These funds will be sent to ABAC in the middle of July, 2020.

Should you desire, a note or letter of appreciation may be mailed to me, as the Scholarships Chairman. I will forward it to the donors of your scholarships. Along with GCG, Oleander District and The Landings Garden Club supported our Named Scholarships giving program. Please let us know how you are doing as you enter your career. Please let us know how you are doing in the coming year. I hope you will again apply to GCG.

With blessings and continued success,  
Sincerely,

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CC: Barbara Bourque, President GCG

# National Garden Clubs Project



The 2020-2021 NGC ongoing project is “**Plant America**” focusing on educating, building and supporting America's Garden Communities.

Plant America grants will be available to garden clubs of up to \$1000 to support a community project. Projects can cover every aspect of gardening including container, community, edible, therapy, pollinator, sustainable and xeriscape to name a few. Publicity around these community gardening projects will show the public what we do as members of The Garden Club of Georgia and National Garden Clubs and how our projects benefit our country.

The Landings Garden Club was awarded a grant in January 2020. Oleander can do it again in 2021! You just need to apply.

**Application Deadline: October 15, 2020. Forms and specifics are available on the website below.**

<https://www.gardenclub.org/plant-america-community-project-grants>

For questions or assistance contact:

Lisa Hall

NGC Projects Chairman, GCG 2nd VP

[hall7796@gmail.com](mailto:hall7796@gmail.com)

912-598-9504 (H)

404-414-6496 (C)

## Unsolicited Packages of Seeds From China

The Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) has been notified that several Georgia residents have received unsolicited packages containing seeds that appear to have originated from China. Recipients are strongly advised not to open the packages or plant the seeds.

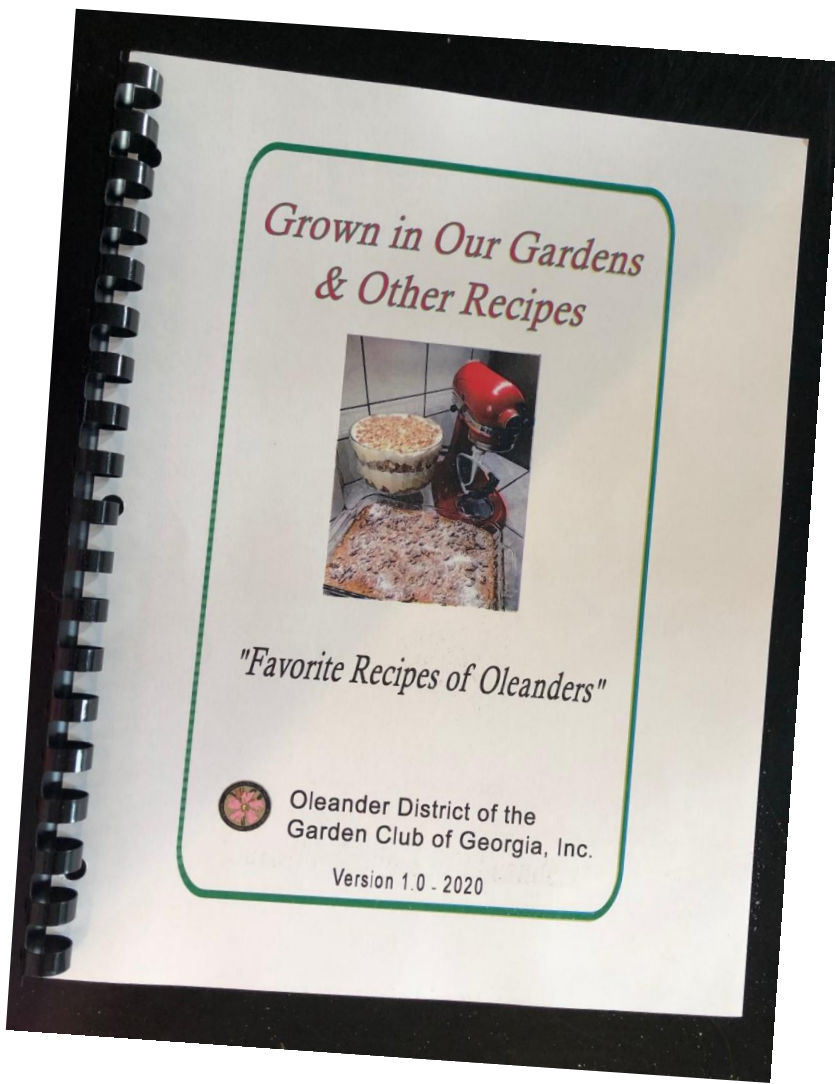
“At this time, we are not sure what the seeds are and therefore are urging everyone to be exceedingly vigilant,” Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary W. Black says. “If you have received one of these packages in the mail, please use extreme caution by not touching the contents and securing the package in a plastic bag.”

The types of seeds in the packages are unknown at this time and may be invasive plant species. The packages were sent by mail and may have Chinese writing on them.

Invasive species wreak havoc on the environment, displace or destroy native plants and insects and severely damage crops. Taking steps to prevent their introduction is the most effective method of reducing both the risk of invasive species infestations and the cost to control and mitigate those infestations.

Anyone who has received unsolicited seeds in the mail from China or any other country is encouraged to contact the GDA Seed Lab at **229-386-3145** or email [SeedLab@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:SeedLab@agr.georgia.gov).

*Georgia Department of Agriculture*



**Oleander District Cookbook**  
135 Recipes in 8.5x11 format  
(for easy reading)



All new  
**Oleander District  
Merchandise**  
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(Order form on next page)



**Left:** GCG seal insulated bag with water bottle pocket. Available in 5 beautiful colors.

**Above:** Beautiful & durable khaki Oleander aprons. Cotton/poly twill, bib style with 3 gorgeous designs to please everyone.

# Oleander District Cookbook

## 135 Recipes in 8.5x11 format (for easy reading)

### The Cookbook is available for order NOW!

#### Order Form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Quantity	Price Per Item	Payment Sent
<b>Oleander District Cookbooks</b>		<b>\$20.00</b>	\$
<b>Cookbook Postage</b>		<b>\$3.00</b>	\$
<b>GCG Insulated Bags</b> Check color below		<b>\$10.00</b>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Purple <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Turquoise			
<b>Oleander Aprons</b> Check design below		<b>\$20.00</b>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers <input type="checkbox"/> Garden quote <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs			
		<b>Total</b>	\$

Cookbooks can be mailed to you at a cost of \$3.00 each or you can arrange to pick them up from Diana Malone, District Director (770-490-7417) or [dmalone4086@hotmail.com](mailto:dmalone4086@hotmail.com)

To save postage, clubs may wish to place a group order for pick-up. Also for sale are the GCG seal insulated bags in red, turquoise, green, purple, blue & Oleander aprons with several designs.

**Send orders to Diana Malone, District Director, 129 Hannah Drive, Jesup, GA 31546**

Make checks to : Oleander District

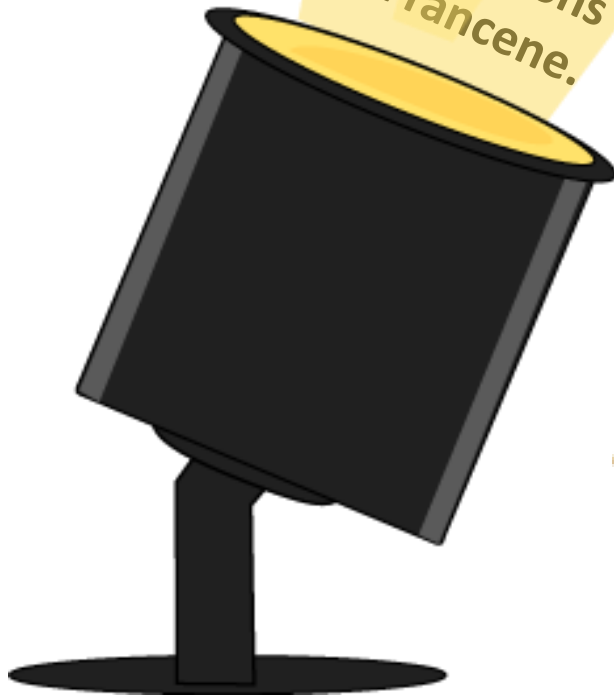


Put the  
**SPOTLIGHT**  
on your club!!!

Awards deadline

**October 1**

Email or mail  
your  
applications  
to Francene.



## **Due: October 1**

Oleander District recognizes OUTSTANDING OLEANDERS at the Annual Fall District Meeting. Your club, council or a member could be a **WINNER!** Just complete the application and submit to Oleander Awards Chairman.



### **Oleander District Annual Awards Descriptions**

#### **Sara Lewis Award**

To the INDIVIDUAL who has proficient achievement in the field of HORTICULTURE.

#### **Nelle Pope Award**

To a CLUB or GROUP OF CLUBS that has excelled in the field of HORTICULTURE.

#### **Shirley M. Lewis Environmental Awareness Award**

To a CLUB or GROUP OF CLUBS that has accomplished the most in the ENVIRONMENTAL field.

#### **Mary Helen Ray Beautification & Historic Preservation Award**

To an INDIVIDUAL or CLUB who has made superior influences in the area of BEAUTIFICATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

#### **Martha Miller Butterfly Award**

To a CLUB or GROUP OF CLUBS that has made outstanding environmental contributions through planting and maintaining a butterfly garden.

#### **Louise Stewart Membership Award**

To the CLUB that has the greatest number of new members over previous year's membership.

#### **Expressions Calendar Award**

To the CLUB who marketed the highest number of GCG Expressions calendars. *(Info is provided by 2018 GCG Calendar Chairperson)*

**Awards All Star:** To the CLUB that has applied for and/or won the greatest number of Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs awards. *(No District form is required. Info is obtained from the Annual GCG President's Report which is sent to the Oleander director by February 15.)*

#### **Outstanding Youth Garden Club of the Year**

A CLUB must have submitted an application for GCG Youth Garden Clubs Standard of Excellence. Junior, Intermediate or High School Clubs will receive equal consideration. Sponsored by a member or club affiliated with the Garden Club of Georgia, the youth club must have at least five members and must meet at least four times annually. Youth club programs should be balanced, providing instruction in the areas of Horticulture, Environmental Education and Conservation. Activities should be varied and may include Nature Study, Flower Arranging Workshops, Arbor Day Planting, Garden Therapy, Litter Control or other civic outreach.

#### **Outstanding Garden Club of the Year**

To the CLUB receiving the highest score on the annual GCG President's Report. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the descriptions of the following President's Report questions: 18, 19, 23, 24, 40, 42 & 50. *(No District form is required. Reports are sent annually to the GCG president and Oleander director by February 15.)*

#### **Outstanding Garden Club Member**

To a garden club MEMBER who has demonstrated outstanding service to garden related activities.







## Oleander District Garden Clubs Award Application 2020

Award Name:

Applicant Name:

Club Name:

Club Town:

Club Contact Person:

Email:

Phone:

Home Address:

City:

Zip:

Please complete each topic, if applicable. Use numbering as below when completing form.

(Application is limited to three pages including this form – front of pages only.)

1. New Project: Yes No Beginning date: Completion date:

2. Brief summary and objectives of project:

3. Involvement of club members and other organizations:

4. Project expenses and means of funding:

5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:

6. Insert supporting materials:

<b>Application should be sent to</b>	
<b>Email Deadline-October 1</b> Francene Roberson fjrr3@comcast.net (Send only in pdf format)	<b>Mailed paper copies must be in the hands of Francene by October 1.</b> Francene Roberson 209 Lillie Way Brunswick, GA 31525



## National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Sculpture Contest

Encouraging fun and  
creative ways to  
*Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.*

**Entries due to chairman no later than January 1**  
The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our environment.

### Contest Rules:

- Children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be eligible to enter the contest.
- Sculptures must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials.
- The sculpture is limited to a size that would fit on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Height should be proportional to width.
- Entry form and information are located on the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) You can use the entry form attached to this flyer.
- Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form but two different 4X6 photographs are recommended.
- NGC Youth Sculpture contest winners may be asked to submit a high quality photo of their entry to be used on the NGC website and in other NGC publications.
- Club entries should be submitted to the State Chairman before or no later than January 1.
- Mail completed entry form with photo(s) to: Betty Benner, GCG Youth Sculpture Chairman, P O Box 738, Jesup, GA 31598
- Call or email with questions: Phone: 912-294-6841 email: bbenner18@hotmail.com

### Scale of points:

Creative use of materials and self-expression – 60 points  
Description of sculpture and materials use – 30 points  
Craftsmanship and techniques - 10 points



**National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Youth Sculpture Contest**  
**Entry Form**

Child's

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and email of Garden Club contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring State Garden Club: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

NGC Region: Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

List materials used:

Describe sculpture in 3-5 sentences:

**On the back of this form, please attach photos. Two-4x6 photos are recommended.**

Club entries should be submitted to this State Chairman before or *no later than* January 1. **Send by U.S. Mail or delivery service** of your choice the completed entry form with photo(s) to: **Betty Benner P O Box 738, Jesup, GA 31598.**

For information contact **Betty Benner**: 912-294-6841 [bbenner18@hotmail.com](mailto:bbenner18@hotmail.com)

# Save the Dates

Date	Event	Info
October 1	Oleander Awards Due	Info in this leaflet
<b>October</b>	<b>Oleander District Annual Meeting has been canceled due to covid19.</b>	
December 1	Most GCG Awards Due	See GCG Awards Book
January 12	Oleander Board Meeting	The Landings, Savannah More info coming soon
February 23	Oleander Celebration	Jekyll Island <b>IF Covid allows</b>



*District Awards due October 1*

