**Norcross Garden Club**

**33 College Street**

**February 2019 Newsletter**

**Monday, February 11th 7pm EVENING PROGRAM MEETING**

Norcross Historian, Gene Ramsey, will share history on Norcross, our club and past members of our club. ***Celebrate our 88th birthday!  NGC organized February 19, 1931 and 1st NGC meeting March 19, 1931.*** Please plan to arrive at 6:30, so we can begin promptly at 7.

**Reminder: Norcross Garden Club Business Meeting-Tuesday, February 26th, 7pm at the Clubhouse - All are invited and welcome to attend!**

**Date change for March PROGRAM MEETING: Monday March 4th, 11:15AM**

Our March Day meeting will be the first Monday of March instead of the 2nd Monday due to a conflict with the Deep South Garden Clubs Convention date.

**Program: Lunch and Learn, “A Favorite Plant from the Landscape”** presented by club members. We will also have the installation of officers and approval of By-Law revisions.

**DUES Reminder- 2019**

Dues are payable in January and February. The dues amount is $35. There are 3 ways to pay dues: 1) by check (or cash); 2) by credit card at the January and February meetings; 3) by PayPal. ($1 convenience fee for credit card and PayPal payments) If you can’t make it to a meeting and wish to pay by check, please mail it to Treasurer **Sue Wyatt** by February 11th, using our NGC post office box address:  **Norcross Garden Club,** **Box 576, Norcross, Georgia 30091**.  A $5 late fee will be assessed for membership renewals after February 11th.  A portion of each due’s payment is forwarded by our club to give us membership in Garden Club of Georgia and National Garden Clubs.

While we hope, all members WILL RENEW, we ask non-renewing members to notify our treasurer, Sue Wyatt (7.717.9449; or email: suezq50@aol.com; or by mail to the PO Box above).  If you are unable to participate in meetings or activities but wish to retain your membership and support of the club by paying the dues, please note “Sponsor member” on your check.

**Arbor Day Celebration, Thursday, February 14th**

The city of Norcross will celebrate Arbor Day with week-long tree planting of 10 trees on North Peachtree Street to replace trees recently removed because they were deemed safety hazards by arborists.

Our club will join in two community tree plantings on February 14th.

**9:30 am Thursday, February 14th Summerour School Garden Pecan Tree Planting**

Member Tixie Fowler has invited Rick Barnes, from Downey Trees, to speak at Summerour Middle School as the students begin a commemorative tree program. Following his talk, a pecan tree will be planted. Our club donated $30 from our Youth Scholarship fund to purchase a pecan tree for the Summerour Garden.

**10am Thursday, February 14th Community Tree Planting in Discovery Garden Park** A Rising Sun Redbud tree will be planted in Discovery Garden Park. Refreshments and walking tour to follow. We’ll be using a new tree app to identify 14 trees in Thrasher Park.

**Gwinnett County Master Gardeners Monday February 18th, Noon at Bethesda Senior Center**

A seed library is a place where community members can get seeds for free or for a nominal fee. Many seed libraries are open in public libraries and community centers – UGA's Gwinnett Extension office has a seed library! Seed saving is something humans have done for over 10,000 years and on February 18 at 11:30am, Cherokee County Extension Agent, Josh Fuder will help gardeners rejoin the ritual with a presentation on how to start saving seeds and sharing the abundance in our community. Potluck lunch begins at 11:30am followed by the program at noon at Bethesda Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Rd., Lawrenceville 30044. This program is free and open to the public. See website for additional information.

**Garden Club of Georgia-2019 Capital Conservation Day February 20th Free Event**

Nancy O’Reilly will be attending. Contact Nancy to participate: oreilly1@mindspring.com;

<https://www.gawater.org/capitol-conservation-day-details>

7:30-8:00 Check in and hot breakfast at Central Presbyterian Church
8:00-9:30 Program: Issues Update & Advocacy Training
9:30-10:00 Walk to State Capitol
10:00 Group Picture at State Capitol
10:15-12:00 Meet with legislators
12:00-12:30 Event wrap-up

**Deep South Garden Clubs Convention-Jekyll Island March 11-13**

Georgia is one of six states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee) who make up the Deep South Region of Garden Clubs. This year’s rotation to host the convention is Garden Club of Georgia.

The March 11 - 13th event will be in Jekyll Island. See attachments for detailed information.  Does anyone have relatives or friends who would be willing to rent out a room or a house on the island? If so, contact Leanne Penman or Trudy Rudert.  We would love for a group of us to attend.

**Plant Sale - Save the Dates!! Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th**

Plant digs will begin in early March. Contact Cathy Nelmes (raynelmes@aol.com) if you can assist with plant digs. Let her know if you need assistance digging in your yard or can recommend any other gardens that may allow us to dig. Email Cathy with homeowner contact information. Contact Hazel (ringelstein2@att.net) or Barbara K (barbara.kohlhausen@gmail.com) if you can donate an item for the Brown Bag raffle or can assist in contacting businesses for donations.

The club will partner with the Norcross Community Market by featuring four vendor tents in Heritage Park during the plant sale. The club will also use a portion of Heritage Park for our sale items.

***John’s Creek 2nd Annual Garden Tour-May 4th***

The tour organizers are asking for docent volunteers for the day of the tour.

Shifts are 8:45-12:30 and 12:15-4:00. They need 30 volunteers. If interested, contact the volunteer coordinator, Pat Boegel (peboeg@aol.com) or Chuck Wilkinson (chuck.wilkinson@att.net)

**Garden Therapy-Annandale Villagers**

The Villagers are scheduled to meet at Discovery Garden Park on the first and third Thursday of the month. If interested in helping with projects with the Villagers, please contact Hazel Ringelstein. She will keep you informed of any changes in the schedule.

**Ronald McDonald House – Dogwood District Garden Therapy**

Continue to save your aluminum tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House, a “home away from home” for needy families of children with serious illnesses at nearby hospitals and medical facilities.

**Garden Grounds Update**

Thanks to the members and husbands who participated int eh 2019 Winter “Bucket Brigade”. Two truckloads of mulch were emptied and spread in the garden.

A list of “any-time” tasks are in the drawer of the outside table. Contact Carol MacGregor for work day opportunities, tasks and questions. (macgregc@comcast.net)

**Discovery Garden Park beds** – Contact Barbara K if you want to help maintain our garden beds at Discovery Garden Park. Feel free to pick edibles and water beds if dry when you visit.

**Clubhouse Update**

Hazel reports that the gutters have been cleaned and cottage has been winterized. All outdated food and freezer ice were removed from the refrigerator. Hostesses please remember to remove unused food and dispose of extra ice at the end of each meeting.

Hazel has asked to be replaced as House Chairperson for the 2019-2021 term. Please contact Hazel or Leanne if you will consider volunteering as chairperson for this important committee.

**Website Update**

Please check our website for current updates and links to a wealth of gardening information. As an added benefit to members, Jolyn will add links on the rental page of our website, advertising member services pertaining to rental, i.e. floral, catering, photography, etc. The advertising is limited to services provided by members.

**Membership Corner**

**Election of Officers for 2019-2021 term and By-laws Update**

The slate of officers for the term March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2021 is as follows:

Leanne Penman, President

Cathy Nelmes, 1st Vice President elect, Programs

Terrie Watch, 2nd Vice President elect, Membership

Sue Wyatt, Treasurer

Linda Doiron, Recording Secretary

Jeanette Shewbert, Corresponding Secretary.

By-laws revisions will be presented to membership for approval at the annual meeting in March 2019

***Happy Birthday***

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| Jane Cunningham | February 4th  |  |  |
| Linda DeMaris | February 5th  |  |  |
| Renee Stein | February 5th  |  |  |
| Joe Johnson | February 7th  |  |  |
| Beth Bahel | February 12th  |  |  |

**Good Health Wishes to all!**

Our best wishes for health and healing to members and family members who may be ill or recovering from illness/surgery.

**Happy Valentine’s Day!**

**Please Note: Beginning Monday, April 18th through May, Holcomb Bridge will be closed at West Peachtree Street to the RR crossing.Thrasher Street will be closed on either side of the RR tracks. This is for construction related to the RR crossing. Please see the map on city of Norcross website for exact detour details.**

**Visit our website:** [www.norcrossgardenclub.org](http://www.norcrossgardenclub.org) Our webmaster, Jolyn Barrow is actively updating and improving our website. If you have not checked it recently, you will be surprised and amazed at the improvements and expanded content.

**Around the community:**

***City of Norcross***-Events, calendar, information, etc.

<http://www.norcrossga.net> and [www.aplacetoimagine.com](http://www.aplacetoimagine.com)

Check out Movie Mondays, First Friday Concerts, Book Signings—ALL FREE!

**Historic Trolley Tours-Monthly-3rd Saturday, $5.**

***Norcross Moves Me!***A 50+ walking group every Saturday and Sunday morning, 8:30A at Thrasher Park Pavilion. Let’s get moving! Fantastic way to meet new friends and visit with old friends. Contact Jolyn Barrow for more information jbarrow1011@comcast.net;

**Keep it Local! —Dine, shop and support the Arts! It’s fun and supports our local economy.**

**Kudzu Art Zone:**  Great art, free admission. Check website for class schedules and exhibits [www.kudzuartzone.org](http://www.kudzuartzone.org)

**LionHeart Theatre:** [www.lionhearttheatre.org](http://www.lionhearttheatre.org) check website for current and upcoming performances

***Keep up to date on projects, programs and volunteer opportunities by liking these Facebook sites***

**Sustainable Norcross on Facebook** [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sustainable-Norcross/115275745150897](https://owa.rocktenn.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=W8TjOnh2hEu61vUo74IKr3ALLO8EzdEIvDukK-dhjV4x9q__dq-nIaysB9luC5X2LjgGYTm6qEg.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.facebook.com%2fpages%2fSustainable-Norcross%2f115275745150897) For more information about Sustainable Norcross events/activities, email: sustainablenorcross@gmail.com or call 404-229-7077.

**Norcross Discovery Park on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/#!/NorcrossCommunityGarden>

**Gardens4GrowingCommunity on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/Gardens4community>

**Friends-of-Johnson-Dean-Forest on Facebook** [https://www.facebook.com/.../Friends-of- Johnson-Dean-Forest/377208](https://www.facebook.com/.../Friends-of-%20Johnson-Dean-Forest/377208) (Take a stroll on the trail!)