

Norcross Garden Club
33 College Street
March 2021 Newsletter

March Meeting-Sunday March 14TH, 2PM, Heritage Park

(Heritage Park is next door to the garden cottage)

Installation of Officers, Recognition of former officers and committee members, Celebration of 90 years since est. 1931- 2021 and a group photo. We hope many will attend this meeting.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 10th to jennyjordanallen@gmail.com or call/text 770.881.2134.

Other Club Meetings:

March 16th Incoming Officer Planning Meeting at Cottage.

April 12th Bring your plants for the Plant Sale to cottage. This activity is in place of an April meeting. (More details below)

Week of April 19th Recap of Plant Sale

April 27th 7PM Business Meeting

Upcoming Activity Dates

Saturday, March 6th 10AM-Workday at Discovery Garden Park. This is a quarterly event. Bring gloves and favorite tools. Contact Barbara K with questions, 845.548.1311.

Sunday, March 7th, 2PM Pinnacle Park Blue Bird Nesting Boxes Workshop

The Norcross Garden Club Youth Club titled, Norcross Earth Team, will host a Bluebird Nesting Boxes Workshop with 17 youth. We were pleasantly surprised by the interest in the community. This workshop quickly filled with a waiting list. Members are welcome to attend and assist with the workshop. It will be a fun afternoon!

Many thanks to Jolyn and James Barrow for preparing/cutting the wood and pre-drilling holes. Thank you to our Youth Leaders, Tixie Fowler, Leanne Penman and Trudy Rudert.

If interested in joining this Youth Committee, please let us know.

Wednesday, March 10th 1PM, Veteran's Park Photo Op among the daffodils

Meryl Wilkerson, a former club president, and project manager for the City of Norcross organized a photo op in recognition of the club's contribution of 500 daffodils for planting at Veteran's Park. She invited Mayor Craig Newton, City Manager, Eric Johnson, Asst City Manager, Mary Beth Bender, and others. It would be very nice to have a good turnout of our membership. Please come! Veteran's Park is located on S. Peachtree St and the corner of Norcross Tucker Road. S. Peachtree splits off to the right, just past Lively Street. Parking is available along the RR tracks and then walk back to the park. There are a few handicap spaces near the park. A map is at the end of the newsletter.

Thursday, March 11th 10AM, Bucket Brigade at Cottage

The Fourth Annual Bucket Brigade will blanket the cottage garden with two truckloads of mulch. Please join us. It's a big job but many hands make light work.

Plant Sale Digs

Monday, March 15th 1:30-3:30 PM--Meryl Wilkerson, 301 Dogwood Circle, Norcross 30071

Saturday, March 20th 9:30-11:30 AM—Norcross Garden Club Cottage

Monday, March 22nd 10:00 – 12 noon – Loudell Printz 4095 Spalding Drive, Sandy Springs

Friday, March 26th 10:00 – 12 Rain date, Loudell Printz 4095 Spalding Drive, Sandy Springs

Saturday, March 27th 9:30-11:30 AM—Return to Meryl Wilkerson's. (address is above)

We ask that all members contribute a minimum of 20 plants to the sale. Plants can be dug from your garden, a neighbor's, or a friend's. A mature Hosta will often divide into 4-5 plants. A shrub may have some rootings under it. Starts from seed that are a good size by sale time. Rescue some plants from Lowes and have them looking great by sale time. No time to dig? Then please support our club's fundraiser with a cash donation. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Cathy Nelmes, Leanne Penman or Nancy O'Reilly.

Soil for potting plants is available from Dorothy Archer's front yard (60 Buchanan St) and Cathy Nelmes lower gravel driveway (3338 E. Whipoorwill Dr, Duluth).

Plant Sale Prep Week Monday-Thursday April 12th -15th Various Times

All are encouraged to volunteer for one or more days to assist with Plant Sale prep. Every member that can work is needed. Plants will be setup in the cottage garden on the College Street side and in Heritage Park. Tasks include writing tags, trimming plants, and moving plants around. Please sign up to help during this week. Monday, April 12th is designated for bringing your plants to the cottage and is in place of our regular April meeting. We will be sending an electronic signup request using the Sign-Up Genie application.

Electronic Signup for Plant Sale Prep and Plant Sale Days

Below is a link to the Sign-Up page for plant sale prep week and the plant sale days. Please press the control (CTRL) key and click to open.

[Norcross Garden Club 2021 Plant Sale](#)



Annual Plant Sale Friday and Saturday April 16-17 9A-5P

There will be a sign-up opportunity at the March Meeting. If unable to attend the meeting, please contact Nancy O'Reilly and let her know when you can volunteer for the sale days or use the electronic signup link.

Jolyn updated the post card we have used for past sales. The cards are inside the cottage. Please stop by to pick up a couple to distribute to family, friends, and neighbors. Take a picture of it to use with your social media sites. Dolores Stewart is assisting with social media postings for the club. We purchased a banner flag that will draw attention to the sale. Posters will be distributed to downtown businesses. Please tell family, friends, neighbors about the sale.

Garden Therapy

Annandale Villager visits at Discovery Garden Park are on hold because of Covid virus. Contact Barbara if you would like to participate when the visits are resumed.

Neighborhood Co-op ongoing support- Please continue to bring plastic grocery bags. Place them in the basket on top of the refrigerator. These are used to package groceries for Neighborhood Co-op Clients. Formerly known as Norcross Cooperative Ministry. Their address is 500 Pinnacle Court, Norcross 30071.

Ronald McDonald House- Continue to save your aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, a "home away from home" for needy families of children with serious illnesses at nearby hospitals and medical facilities. Please bring the tabs to the cottage and we will bring them to Fulton and District meetings.

Discovery Garden Park

Barbara Kohlhausen is the chairperson for Discovery Garden Park. Pam Cammarata and Dolores Stewart maintain the NGC beds at Discovery Garden Park. All members are always welcome to help with maintenance. Please remember to stop by our beds to harvest veggies for your home use. If you would like to plant seeds in early Spring, please contact Barbara for more information. Take a stroll through the Garden, see all that is growing. Enjoy a nature break from the hustle and bustle! (845-548-1311; barbara.kohlhausen@gmail.com)

Cottage Grounds Care

Board approved tree removal for \$750 by Arbor-Nomics. Tree was removed on February 25th. Old Azalea plants have been removed. Significant pruning was accomplished in other areas. A list of garden chores is kept in the metal table outside the College Street door. All are welcome to stop by at any time to weed or to check off an item or two from the chore list. Contact Carol MacGregor with questions.

Cottage Care

Board approved \$1200 for removal of old chimney cap, installation of new cap, chimney repair, soffit repair and gutter installation on either side of chimney. Work is warranted for 1 year and was completed on February 24th. Bids for interior wall repair near the fireplace and painting of exterior trim are in process. A new wildlife exclusion agreement and quarterly pest control maintenance agreement have been signed.

Arbor Day in Norcross

Several members attended the Arbor Day celebration hosted by the city of Norcross. Two trees were planted on Barton Street. Johnson Dean Forest was recognized as the first forest in Gwinnett County to become a part

of the Old-Growth Forest Network. Member and Artist, Angelika Domschke was recognized for the manhole paintings she created in the forest. Plan a stroll through the forest, you won't be disappointed!

Community Wildlife Project

Fourth quarter (Feb – March – April): The Dogwood District annual goal is 228 projects.

Five Project Opportunities: 1) Backyard Certification; 2) Backyard Nest Box Project; 3) Hummingbird Haven; 4) Gardening with Georgia Native Plants; 5) Creating A Winter Wildlife Wonderland

Contact Leanne for more information.

Youth Garden Club/Norcross Earth Team

Youth Activities

March 5th- Celebrated Arbor Day, planting three native Eastern Redbud trees, with students at Beaver Ridge Elementary School

March 7th -Bluebird Nesting Box Workshop at Pinnacle Park

April 6th -Scavenger Hunt during Spring break

May 2nd -Art in Nature-using natural items from nature. Angel Domschke has agreed to take the lead on this activity.

Other

Inquiry from Girl Scout Troop 15358, Lilburn for help with tree badge.

Sustainable Norcross, Linda DeMaris, Inquiry for Partnership for Earth Day Event, April 22nd

Anyone interested in joining Tixie Fowler, Trudy Rudert and Leanne Penman to educate and inspire our youth, please let us know of your interest and join our team.

Other Meetings and Dates

Gwinnett Master Gardeners (GCMGA) Monday, March 15th, 7pm Zoom Meeting

Program Speaker: Carol Hassell. She will share her knowledge about” **Protecting Land for Today and Tomorrow.**”

Gwinnett Master Gardeners (GCMGA) Monday, April 19th 7pm Zoom Meeting

Program Speaker: Shirley Bohm will give a talk about “**Vines Garden Park – A Learning Garden**”

If you are not a member but would be interested in attending a meeting, please contact Lynda Pollock, President, via gwinnettgardener@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

For program updates and to find out about any cancellations, please visit www.gwinnettmastergardeners.com.

Garden Week in Georgia April 18-April 24

National Garden Week June 7-June 13

Dogwood District Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Oct 13

Historic Landscape Preservation Fundraiser & Tour, Hills & Dales, LaGrange, Oct 30

Garden Club of Georgia (GCG)-**Plant America Project** The National Garden Club (NGC) initiative to plant 165,000 trees for each year of the 2019-2021. Deadline is May 1, 2021. Each member, plant one tree. Native plants are encouraged, but all trees will be reported. We are counting all trees planted by you personally.

Membership Corner

Membership 2021

Dues were sent to Garden Club of Georgia for 94 members.

A warm garden club welcome to new members:

Susan Bell, Payge Cox, Divya Joshi, Donna Pickert, Joanie Santander, Laura Thurston, Christina Wagner, Maria Williams

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Elizabeth Gross, Mar 9	Dolores Stewart Mar 19
Maria Williams, Mar 10	Katie Bates Mar 21
Jeannie Davis Mar 11	Haley Cognata Mar 28
Cindi Aspinwall Mar 14	Linda Doiron Mar 29
Bethany Foley Mar 16	

Good Health Wishes to all!

**Don't Forget to Spring Forward. Daylight Savings time begins at 2AM Sunday, March 14th
(Unless the GA legislature passes the bill to eliminate daylight savings time)**

Visit our website: www.norcrossgardenclub.org Jolyn Barrow is actively updating and improving our website. Check it out for up to date information and opportunities. ***We need a volunteer to take over website and PR roles. Training and support will be provided. Please contact Jolyn for more information.*** Julie Fitzgerald designed a logo to celebrate our 90th year. It's on our website and Dolores is using it for social media postings. Thank you, Julie!

Around the community:

City of Norcross-Events, calendar, information, etc.
<http://www.norcrossga.net> and www.aplacetoimagine.com

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

Norcross Gallery and Studios FKA: Kudzu Art Zone: Great art, free admission. Check website for gallery hours, class schedules and exhibits. <https://norcrossgalleryandstudios.org/>

LionHeart Theatre check website for current and upcoming performances

Norcross Community Market has transitioned to a Drive-Thru Market. Orders can be placed from Sunday thru Thursday 5pm for Saturday pickup between 9 and 11. Pickup is in front of City Hall. Completely contactless. Volunteers place your purchases in your trunk or back seat. Sign up for their weekly newsletter to find out about new vendors, special offers and items they collect for recycling or donation.
<https://www.norcrosscommunitymarket.com/>

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>
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>

GardensforGrowingCommunity on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Gardens4community> (Tixie Fowler tixie@gardensforgrowingcommunity.com)

Friends-of-Johnson-Dean-Forest on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/.../Friends-of-Johnson-Dean-Forest/377208> (Take a stroll on the trail!)

Left to right: New and current members who participated in the Plant Sale training session at Cathy Nelmes garden on February 27th: Payge Cox, Angelika Domschke, Nancy O'Reilly, Karen Hodges, Maria Williams, Susan Bell, Christina Wagner, Ana Segarra-Brechtel, Cathy Nelmes and Becca Janikowska



