

# Three Rivers Garden Club



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"Growing in Membership, Gardening in Our Community, Embracing Our Environment"

## *President's Press. . . .*

In 2004, I was invited to join Three Rivers Garden Club. I was the first male to become a member of Three Rivers and to my knowledge, the first male to be a member of Rome Federated Garden Clubs as well. Little did I know what garden clubbing would mean to me seven years later. Three Rivers is the most active club in the Federation (in my opinion) and our community looks at us as the driving force to Keep Rome Beautiful.

Maybe it was our ribbons won at the Coosa Valley Fair Flower Shows; or, maybe it was accolades received from awards submitted to Garden Club of Georgia, Deep South, and National; or, maybe it is our members willing committee chairs in Laurel District/GCG/Deep South/ or, maybe it was our involvement and leadership for "Cultivating Young Minds." Whatever the cause, I am proud to not only be a member of Three Rivers but serving now as your president. I am truly honored and thank you for this opportunity.

When the school bells ring and the hot days begin to subside, we know the "good ole days of summer" are soon coming to an end. It's that special time of year when Mother Nature presents her beautiful palette of color. The autumn season is awesome! Though many of our members have been traveling the state of Georgia for numerous committee meetings during the summer, a time when most garden clubs take a break, autumn is that time of year that we cease our coasting and "put the pedal to the metal" and FALL forward during the months to come.

Three Rivers Garden Club will get in the swing of things on Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30 with our first Club Meeting of this administration. October will have our members entering specimens at the Coosa Valley Fair and now is the time to begin cleaning our containers, nurturing our plants, and hoping for some rain. Also, Thursday, October 20, Laurel District will meet at Amicalola Falls. Put this on your calendar and plan to attend this meeting with the Laurel folks.

Join with me as we make a difference in our community and thank you, Three Rivers, for making a difference wherever you go.

## *September Meeting. . . .*

The first meeting of the year will be held at the Garden Center on Wednesday, September 7. Members will gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and social time. The program and business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Hostesses will be Sue Crist and Anita Bridges.

## *Programs. . . .*

Mary Louise Dixon and her committee have planned a variety of programs that should help inform, inspire, and educate us. At the September 7 meeting, Connie Burns, a member of Townview Garden Club, will present a program on how to identify plans and prepare them for entry in the Coosa Valley Fair Flower Show. Connie's entertaining and informative programs have been well received in the past. She is a local authority on many

aspects of horticulture as well as an accredited Flower Show Judge.

In October Three Rivers member Diane Harbin will give a presentation of pictures taken at the recent World Flower Show, which she attended.

### *Membership....*

Three Rivers begins the year with 23 active members, 1 associate member, and 3 honorary members. Membership will be an emphasis on all levels this year. The membership chairman for Three Rivers is Brenda Harp. A brochure that gives information about our club to new and prospective members is available. Brenda will email copies to all members or she will give copies as needed at the meetings. The best way to attract new members is with you own enthusiasm, so look for opportunities to tell others about Three Rivers.

### *Installation of New Officers. . . .*

At the May luncheon meeting at Coosa Country Club Jackie Fulmer, the new Rome Federation president, installed the 2011-2012 officers for Three Rivers. They are a follows: John Barnett, President; Martha Joy Herndon, Vice President; Winnie Holland, Treasurer; Barbara Littlefield, Recording Treasurer; and Dean Guinn, Corresponding Secretary. The officers were each presented a potted plant as they were challenged to perform their duties.



Jackie Fulmer installs new officers: Winnie Holland, John Barnett, Martha Joy Herndon, and Dean Guinn.

### *Committees and Projects....*

The Coosa Valley Fair will be here soon. Start grooming you plants to enter into the Horticulture Show. Not only is this a ways and means project for our club, but it is a learning experience that is fun. If you need help deciding what to enter or how to fill out the entry cards, information will be available at the September meeting. Remember it costs you a fine of \$5 if you don't enter.

The ways and means items will continue to be available at each meeting. The hostesses will be responsible for having one or more items for the drawing. Tickets are \$1 each. The auction will be held again this year at the annual Christmas luncheon. Begin planning for items you can bring to be sold.

Yearbooks will be ready for distribution at our September meeting. Martha Joy Herndon has worked hard this summer to publish the information that we need to keep us informed and to help us plan for the year. Thank you, Martha Joy.

Dean Guinn is in charge of ordering and distributing the calendars this year. The price of the calendars is included in your dues, so we have 100 percent participation in helping to provide scholarships to students who are majoring in a garden-related subject. The calendar will have pictures of beautiful floral designs by garden club members from Georgia.

The employees at the Rome Visitors Center treated Three Rivers members with cookies and lemonade in appreciation for the work the club does year-round to keep the outside of the building looking inviting. A check for \$100 was presented to Wanda Mixon, Civic Improvements Chairman, to be used for future plantings. The sign was also repainted. About ten or twelve members attended.

During the past year the by laws committee consisting of Dean Guinn, Linda Dean and Georgia Burns with help from President Brenda Harp did a lot of work to be sure our bylaws were up to date. Some sections were reorganized, a few officer duties were revised and words were changed to include the male in our membership. We were pleased that our work was agreeable with the membership and we are poised to enter another 60+ years of success for [Three Rivers](#) Garden Club.

## *Federation Project....*

Spade and Trowel Garden Club will be leading the Federation project for the next two years. They have chosen to do some landscaping at the Health Department.

## *Laurel District Fall Meeting....*

The Laurel District Fall Meeting will be at Amicalola Falls on October 20. All members are invited to attend so mark your calendar.

## *Members Attend Conventions and Meetings....*

A number of Three Rivers members were busy in the spring and summer attending conventions and meetings. Diane Harbin and John Barnett went to Lafayette, LA, to the Deep South Convention in March.



In April Mary Louise Dixon, John Barnett, Diane Harbin, Brenda Harp, and Wanda Mixon (shown above) attended the Garden Clubs of Georgia, Inc. convention in Athens. John was also present at the National Garden Club Convention in Washington, D.C. Diane traveled to Boston for the WFA World Flower Show. As noted above, Diane will present the program in October highlighting her experiences.

## *Awards....*

Three Rivers Garden Club was presented awards at the national, regional, and state conventions. A list of all the awards won are listed on pages 91-93 in the yearbook. How wonderful it is to be recognized and appreciated for the hard work members have done. Great way to end the year!



Carolyn Walker and Jackie Fulmer, past and present Rome Federation presidents, basked in the glory of all the awards won at the state convention.

## *One Book, Many Voices....*

Susan Cooley and Tina Rush, Co-Chairs of the One Book Many Voices Steering Committee, have invited the local garden clubs to participate in reading this year's book selection, The Dirty Life by Kristin Kimball. The author compels the reader to look at the difficulties and challenges of starting an organic farm and a new life from scratch. This is a subject which will appeal to many gardeners.



Ms. Kimball will be in Rome on October 13 to visit two schools. An evening lecture at the Huffman Athletic Center at Darlington School will be presented at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$5 at the Rome-Floyd County Library, the Rome-Floyd Visitor's Center, and Kroger.

## *Websites....*

Be sure to visit the following sites for more information :

[www.3riversgardenclub.com](http://www.3riversgardenclub.com)

[www.laureldistrict.org](http://www.laureldistrict.org)

[www.uga.edu/gardenclub](http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub)

[www.dsregion.org](http://www.dsregion.org)

[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

## *Themes and Projects....*

Shirley S. Nicolai, President, National Garden Club  
Theme: "Proudly Serving Our Members and Communities"

Sara Lanier, Director, Deep South  
"Membership Offers Opportunities For Everyone"

Caroline Silcox, President, GCG, Inc.  
Theme: "Our Garden of Georgia"

Mary Ellen Roos, Laurel District Director  
Theme: "Stop and Smell the Flowers"

Jackie Fulmer, Rome Federation President  
Theme: "**Honoring Our Past – Caring for Our Present – Ensuring Our Future**"

**John Barnett, Three Rivers President**  
Theme: "Growing in Membership, Gardening in Our Community, Embracing our Environment"

## *Note from Barb. . . .*

I will miss seeing all at Sept. meeting. Jerry finally retired and we have been traveling. Saw some beautiful gardens, flowers and even went to a garden club meeting in New York and saw the program...lots to share lots of photos.



One of a number of decorative gates at the State Botanical Garden in Athens.