

# Ripples from Three Rivers



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*Brenda Harp, Editor*

*“Growing in Membership, Gardening in Our Community, Embracing Our Environment”*

## *President’s Press. . . .*

It is always a special time of year when nature presents her beautiful palette of color, cool temperatures, and all of nature preparing for the long winter which brings with it, her own mood of slumbering. The autumn season is truly awesome! The season has certainly been complimentary to our Club as we have pulled out all the stoppers.

The Coosa Valley Fair was a great success and all our members who participated in this great horticulture show and were winners of many awards are to be congratulated. We must also express our thanks to the Exchange Club for their generosity and making this great event possible. Don’t forget, however, that if you were unable to participate, there is a \$5.00 fine!

I have traveled with Diane Harbin, Carolyn Walker and Caroline Alford from “the sea to the mountains” during the past weeks, visiting every District Meeting in The Garden Club of Georgia and ending at Amicalola Falls with the Laurel District Meeting along with several Three Rivers Members. I certainly learned a lot from all seven districts.

Central State Hospital will be visiting the Rome area on Tuesday, November 8, to pick up any Garden Therapy items we may have at that time. Don’t forget the Fig Leaf Project as well as items for the Green House at CSH. A “Wish List” is included in this newsletter. You may bring any items to our meeting on Wednesday, November 2, or at the Federated meeting on Monday, November 7. Let’s let Three Rivers shine in this project.

As we enter the holiday season, may you be blessed with all the joys the season brings. You are such a special group and it is truly a pleasure to be your president. Do remember, as things get a little hectic, that we need to keep “growing in membership, gardening in our community, and embracing our environment. *John Barnett*

## *November Meeting. . . .*

The November meeting of Three Rivers Garden Club will be November 2 at 9:30 at the Garden Center for coffee and social time. Winnie Holland and Sandra Norman will be our hostesses. The business meeting will begin at 9:45.

Following the business meeting, the group will go to Marshall Forest on Horseleg Creek Road where Caroline Alford, the recent Land Forest/Marshall Forest Director for Laurel District and the Garden Club of Georgia will guide us on a tour of the forest. Caroline is a past president of the Rome Federation and is a member of Mt. View Garden Club.

## *Rome Area History Museum. . . .*

*By John Barnett*

Rome Area History Museum has asked for each club to help in decorating the Rome Area History Museum for Christmas! “A reflection of the past . . . . A view to the future” is the theme.

Those in charge need our talent in creating beautiful and festive holiday decorations for the museum. We are asked to use our interpretive and design skills for these holiday decorations. Prize ribbons will be awarded for the most points. Time periods of history will be assigned and space made available in the various areas of the museum. Windows (front and back) will also be assigned for special exhibits and displays.

The decorations must be correct for the time period. Christmas displays will be left up until New Years. The decorations must be in place before November the 18th. They will be judged and ribbons awarded on that date.



Assignments of space and time periods may be selected from a list – first come/first choice.

Point scale:  
Compliance with theme/time period: 40%  
Originality: 40%  
Beauty and proportion: 20%

Time periods:

Victorian Era  
Colonial Times  
Art Deco (1920's)  
Happy Days Era (1950's)  
Mod 1960's Era Seasons Greetings  
WW2 Era Christmas  
Log Cabin Country Christmas Decorating  
Into the new millennium – Modern Celebrations of the season

We will discuss this and make a decision at our meeting on Wednesday, November 2.

## *WAF A Program. . . .*

*By Barb Littlefield*

Three Rivers Garden Club welcomed Betty Grimes, past Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. president, to its October meeting at Coosa Country Club. Members of all the garden clubs in Rome along with community leaders were invited to hear Betty speak about her participation in the World Association of Flower Arrangers in Boston.

Diane Harbin, Three Rivers member who also attended the WAF A Flower Show, introduced Betty.

The WAF A Flower Show was entitled “This Glorious Earth.” Betty shared a video which showed sample arrangements from all the categories. Over 600 floral designs representing participants from 31 countries were entered. Betty entered two designs. She won a gold ribbon for her wonderful table design named “Crazy for Color.” She also entered the “Wheels” category. Georgia had representation from every district, and many won design awards.

Betty gave us a very personal glimpse into what was a once in a lifetime experience for her. Her behind-the-scene stories delighted everyone. She shared with us about many flowers and plant

material that were different and many that were similar to what we have.

On the day of the judging three large tractor trailer trucks arrived filled with pre-ordered flowers for those who would enter the show. In a 12,000 square foot room every design would have its own space and individual lighting. The designers worked from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m.. Then the judging began. The fabulous staging was made in Atlanta under the leadership of Dean Day Smith.

The next WAFA Flower Shop will be in Ireland in June 2014.



Jackie Fulmer, Diane Harbin, John Barnette, and Betty Grimes at the October meeting of Three Rivers

### *Membership...*

Membership is being emphasized by leadership on all levels this year. National, Deep South, GCG, Laurel District, the Rome Federation of Garden Clubs, and Three Rivers presidents realize that we need to emphasize membership in order to keep our clubs vital and active. New clubs need to be organized in order to include sections of Rome and Floyd County that are not presently being served. Invite prospective members to visit and follow up by giving them information.

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

*By Georgia Burns*

The fall leaves were bright though the sun was not at the annual meeting of Laurel District at Amicalola Falls Lodge on October 20. Attendance was good from Three Rivers and the district with 143 registered including GCG president Caroline Silcox. District Director Mary Ellen Roos did a great job in organizing the meeting with interesting reports given. An important item was the election of the nominating committee. Mary Ellen appointed Victoria Chandler chairman, and Jackie Fulmer and Kathy Hawthorne were elected members with Kathryn Litton and Linda Pugh as alternates. Gainesville Council extended an invitation for the meeting next year so this committee will present their slate of officers there.

After enjoying a delicious buffet lunch, we were interestingly informed by Paul Puglise of the Top 10 Most Common Tree and Landscape Mistakes. In addition to the money raising opportunities for Laurel and GCG at the meeting, Laurel had raffle items available. We will host the GCG convention in 2013 so we need to raise extra money. Drawings for the raffle and door prizes brought an informative meeting to a close.

### *Flower Show Judge...*

Mary Louise Dixon finished requirements to become an accredited flower show judge in March 2011. Congratulations! She is also a master gardener, past president of Three Rivers, past president of Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. and Laurel District Board Member.

Having been a member of Three Rivers for over twenty years, Mary Louise is also a Life Member of Rome Federated Garden Clubs, Inc., a Life Member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and a Life Member of Nation Garden Clubs, Inc.

## *New Name for Newsletter. . . .*

The members of Three Rivers have voted and the new name for our newsletter is “**Three Rivers Ripples.**” Last spring our president suggested that a contest should be held to name it, so members were invited to make suggestions and then a vote was taken. This name seems appropriate since the projects we participate in a garden club do ripple throughout our community, district, state, and nation. Thanks for participating.



Alston Bruder makes “ripples” as he canoes on a lake.

## *Coosa Valley Fair. . . .*

Eleven members of Three Rivers entered horticulture at the Coosa Valley Fair Flower Show. Prize money totaling \$164.50 went to the club’s treasury. Forty-two first place ribbons, 31 second place ribbons, 8 third place ribbons, and 15 fourth place ribbons were awarded. In addition, Dean Guinn’s fern won the “best in fern.”

## *Websites. . . .*

Be sure to visit the following sites:

[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)

## *Green House Wish List for CSH. . . .*

Plants to divide or take cuttings  
Knives for making divisions  
Pruning shears  
Work gloves  
Brooms  
Shovels  
Spades  
Hoes  
Digging forks  
Outdoor garden soil  
Bleach for sterilization  
Utility sink  
Refrigerator to hold cuttings  
Potting Soil  
Pots for planting (all sizes)  
Fertilizers (Peter)  
Trays  
Water hose/watering wand  
Books and magazines on horticulture

## *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”