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“About My Family”

We are a large family, there is dad & 8 kids. This past summer my wife passed away so it has been a “rough” year. All of my kids are adopted, 7 from one family and two girls from Guatemala. Trying to get everything done is defiantly a challenge. My kids are very active and enjoy playing outdoors riding their bikes and just having fun. They are also very sad now and miss mom a lot. I have been unable to return to work due to the fact that there is no one to care for the kids but I am doing an ok job. Cooking, cleaning, mending clothes and etc. We are really no different than any other family except that there is so many of us. But it is fun, challenging and hectic at times. Thank you for considering my application.

Jay Kicklighter

“The seven adopted are from a single family are all “special need children”.

Gardening Club Ladies,

First of all I would like to thank the members who responded to my email supporting the adoption of this family for Christmas. We will be collecting **money** at the Thanksgiving meeting so we can start planning the Christmas shopping for this family. Once we have collected the money then we will begin deciding what to purchase. I hope we **all** can find it in our hearts to help this family in need. There will be a list for everyone who contributes to sign so you will receive a 501 C-3 form from NFC. Thanks again for your support.

Live Love Laugh

Debbie

Congratulations RGC Members

Dogwood District Garden Club of the Year 2010

FLOWER ARRANGING WITH HOUSEPLANTS

A walk through Pikes Nursery houseplant area is like being in a candy shop. It is hard to leave without something new and I frequently come home with foliage to use in floral design.

A new find is a Spathiphyllum [Peace Lily] called 'Domino.' It is charming with white spots on its leaves. This foliage is lovely in arrangements and is so easy to grow. We have known the basic green Spaths for years and just need to divide and re pot every few years to keep them healthy. Also having variegated foliage is the Aspidistra, 'Milky Way,' found at Ashe Simpson last spring. It is growing indoors but a piece may end up in the garden also. This is a favorite plant for designs.

I have had Sansevieria plants for years and used their handsome tall leaves in many designs. JoAnn Jones has a wonderful collection of these plants and inspired me to accumulate different cultivars for their variety of leaf shape and color. How can anyone walk by the ivies without succumbing to the infinite selection of color and shape in these plants. They easily live in pots on the deck all winter long. The Sago Palm fronds are distinctive, both green and when dried. Along with peacock feathers and dried okra, they are in a pair of designs on the mantel just now. These plants travel in and out during the winter, depending on the temperature. A Bird's Nest Fern has intriguing foliage as do most all of the fern family.

Occasionally flower shows have a class for all green designs and there is nothing more attractive than a combination of foliage, as an arrangement.

This was mentioned before but is worth saying again; houseplants keep our houses and us healthy as they clean the air. NASA scientists discovered that the introduction of houseplants will remedy the indoor pollution phenomenon called Sick Building Syndrome which causes allergic reactions and illness. Just a few plants will remove toxins and through photosynthesis, turn pollutants into food for the plants and oxygen for us. Some of the top plants for this are Philodendrons, Spider Plants, Pothos, Chinese Evergreen, Aloe Vera, Schefflera, Spathiphyllum, Peperomia, Dracena, and Sansevieria. Consider treating yourself to a new plant or several to enjoy during our winter months and to decorate a shady outdoor area next spring and summer. Try to use some of your own foliage in a floral design before long. Gretchen Collins

Bird's nest ferns have attractive and distinctive apple green foliage.



A **houseplant** is a [plant](#) that is grown indoors in places such as [residences](#) and [offices](#). Houseplants are commonly grown for decorative purposes, positive psychological effects, or health reasons such as indoor air purification. Plants used in this fashion are most commonly, though not always, tropical or semi-tropical.

RGC donated 45
items to the
NFC food
pantry in
October!

The world is
a better
place be-
cause of folk
like you who
take the time
to do nice
things the
way you
always do!

Archibald Smith Plantation

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas We have had 4 work days, designing, fluffing, polishing silver, unpacking, painting, shopping and even putting the final touches on several items. The parlor mantel is absolutely gorgeous and the large swag over the armoire is fantastic. This plantation is going to be absolutely gorgeous. Our next schedule workday is Friday, Nov. 2nd at 9:00 am. If you can't make it at 9:00 come anytime between

9:00—3:00. we usually break for lunch around 12:00—12:30. There is something for everyone to do. I guarantee you that you will learn something new! When I made a visit to Heeney's the other day, the designer showed us a "new" way to wrap the tree with ribbon, how to make a snowball, and how to take grapevine wreath apart to use as garland. If you can't make it tomorrow, the next workshop will be on Friday, Nov. 5th. I like to thank the staff at Smith for their

patience while we are in the house. I would also like to thank Frank Berna for cooking our lunch last Friday. Kudos to Frank!

Please check the calendar on the last page for the other dates to remember.

Debbie & Florence Anne



The five most popular ways to eat the leftover turkey from Thanksgiving includes: soups or stews, sandwiches, casseroles, stir-fries and salads

Projects Updates

Our gardens have been put to bed for right now. Just remember to keep them watered.

- Adult Recreation Center
- Waist High Garden
- Butterfly Garden
- Kitchen Garden
- 3-tiered Garden

Thanksgiving—November

The Thanksgiving holiday means different things to people who celebrate it. As it usually provides a four day weekend, for a lot of people it is a holiday that is highly anticipated as a small vacation from work or school. This has thrilled children for years to know that they not only get a huge meal with all the family members but they also get four days of cartoons, sleeping late, and playing. So it is easy to see why the children enjoy this special holiday. For many older people, this is a holiday of simply being grateful and giving thanks for what they have received during the year. This is the true meaning of Thanksgiving especially when the current year has been so much better than ones past. When everyone is gathered around the table for the holiday meal, they may each be asked to share what they are most thankful for that year. This is actually a tradition in many families that is repeated each year.

What are you most thankful for?





Message from Kim:

The website has been updated and all dates that I have are online.
The yearbook is also online.

Visit www.roswellgardenclub.com

RGC is also on Facebook —

Garden Club of Georgia—Garden Therapy—Michele Foust

Please decorate your Christmas stockings and bring them to the November meeting. Deadline for stockings is Dec. 1st.—

Thanks Michele



CALENDAR—DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 2nd 9:00	Smith Plantation
Nov. 2nd	VOTE
Nov. 4th 9:30	Bellmere Curbside Appeal—Dogwood District
Nov. 5th 9:00	Smith Plantation
Nov. 8th 9:30	Fulton Federation Meeting—Hastings Garden Center
Nov. 9th—9:00	Smith Plantation
Nov. 12th—9:00	Smith Plantation
Nov. 15-18—9:00	Smith Plantation
Nov. 23rd—9:45	Roswell Garden Club Meeting –Gretchen Collins - “Petite Designs for Flower Shows”
Nov. 25th	Thanksgiving
Nov. 30th 9:00	City Hall Tree
Nov. 30th 11:00	CVB Tree
Nov. 30th 1:00	Adult Recreation Center Tree & Outside
Dec. 1st	Deadline for Awards
Dec. 4th 3:00	Set-up—Smith Plantation
Dec. 4th 6:00	Smith Plantation “Private” Open House
Dec. 11th 6:00	Candlelight Tour
Dec. 14th	Roswell Garden Club Holiday Luncheon



Thanksgiving

T..... is for our thankfulness for many joys and blessings...

H..... is for our homes so warm and bright...

A..... is for autumn, time for harvest and abundance...

N..... is for nature's beauty and delight...

K..... is for the kitchens where good food is cooked with love...

S..... for spicy fragrances in the air...

G..... is for the gathering of family and friends...

I..... for the inheritance we share...

V..... is for the vision that the Pilgrims held so dear...

I..... is for high ideals in all they planned...

N..... is for our native country brave and great and free...

G..... for God's great goodness to our land



Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Roswell Garden Club

Holiday Luncheon

Brookwood Grill

880 Holcomb Bridge Rd.

Roswell, GA

\$30 (All inclusive)

Your check is your reservation. Deadline for reservations is December 7th.

Please make your check out to RGC and mail to Carolyn Herndon.

More details to follow!

Hostesses: Nancy Moses & Debbie Vann