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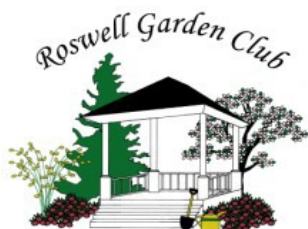
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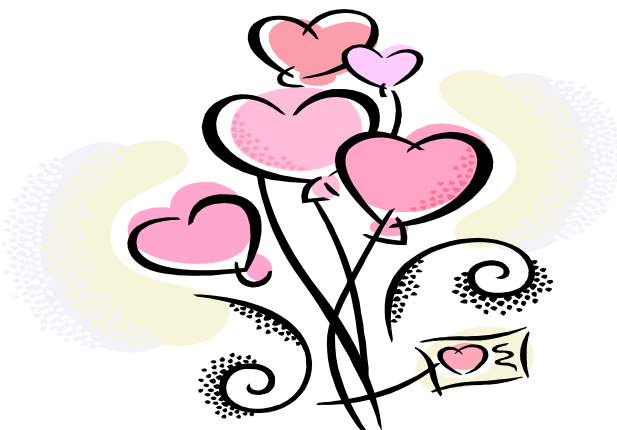
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Hello,
Hope everyone is healthy, happy and enjoying life.
As I reflect back over the past four years RGC has come along way. I am very happy to say I am very proud to be apart of such a wonderful group of ladies. We enjoy each others company and interest. We have made wonderful memories together that I will cherish always. Some of my favorites include: Barrington Hall (Hot work days), 100 bales of pine straw, Orchard dedication, the tea on the front porch of Barrington, Carriage ride with the Mayor around Barrington, Roswell Junior Garden Club, being #1 Garden Club of Georgia & the Deep South, Farm Days & Youth Day Parade, Decorating Barrington, Smith Plantation, Bulloch Hall & the city, RGC Flower Show, our many overnight trips, field trips, our many



gardens, the fidgety aprons, our many successful teas, Rose Polatty's luncheon, and last but not least "Debbie Vann Day"!
But most important everyone of you have been the best in supporting me in everyway and I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart.
As our new president takes the reins, we will continue to support her and continue to make wonderful memories together.
Live Love Laugh
Debbie

Welcome Our Newest Member:

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Roswell Garden Club Meeting
Tuesday, February 22 2011
Renea Winchester
"The Friendships Cultivated in The Garden"
"Hostesses:
Carol Elefante (Coordinator), Michele Foust, Marie Bernacchio, &
Renea Winchester

Dogwood District Petite Flower Show—March 24th—26th

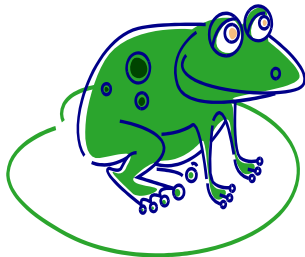
It is good RGC did not plan to have a show this year as we are keeping quite busy between the Southeastern Show and the Dogwood District Petite Show. There are now ten designs being done by our club for 'Treasures.' Since there are only 36 designs in the show and this is almost one third of them it sounds like a normal 'over the top' Roswell effort. If anyone else is interested let me know soon to have a good choice of the available spots. Considering the initial reaction I was hearing about the difficulty of working with small plant material, you all did a great job at our workshop. I hope you are no longer intimidated by small designs.

Treasures Workshop At 8:45 on February 22nd, before our meeting, anyone who is entering can bring their design to get help. I will have dried and fresh plant material for you.

Southern Flower Show - February 25th - 27th

Our entry in the Southeastern Flower Show is challenging and should be a lot of fun. The Garden Design Division falls somewhere in between the Artistic Designs and the Horticulture areas as it asks for plants and a design. All the plant material must be in pots or rooted. 30 points are for the design and creativity, 25 for the selection and use of plants, another 15 for condition of plant material, 15 for scale and balance and 5 for labeling and cultural information. I found out the other day that we need to use dirt around the pots...groan, that sounds heavy...but JoAnn and Debbie say we can do it so I am sure we can. The whole design is just 4 feet square..now how much dirt does that sound like. As I mentioned at our meeting we are thinking about frogs and music. The title will be "The Croaking Blues" and included will be Marcia's Saxophone, JoAnn's Cymbals and a frog or two. The class is called "Brassy Sassy Gardens" and I think we will interpret this with lots of creativity. Set up will be on Wednesday, February 23rd between 12:00 and 8:00 pm. If anyone has a garden frog that is not too large, and/or a bromeliad or other medium to bright light plant that might fit in our garden let us know. For the most part we will be setting pots into the 'garden' and hiding them with dirt. Also if you have any waste Styrofoam from a package or box we would love to have that to pack around our pots before being covered with dirt. The Styrofoam peanuts would also be useful but must be in closed plastic bags to be used.

Gretchen Collins



Title:

The Croakin' Blues in the Bayou

Interpretation: [by JoAnn]

What a great way to spend a sultry summer evening!

Listening to the Frogs Singing their Tunes.

They sing loudest in this partially shaded garden,

Harmonizing with everyone at In Tune with Blooms.

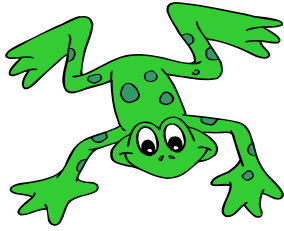
This was intended to explain our idea and to let them know the season and exposure...summer, partially shaded

So far we are planning to use, Marcia's trombone, a small iron garden chair, a pond [or birdbath], a few wrought iron accessories, a log or tree stump, a few frogs

mondo grass, moonlight aspidistra..[smaller leaf], ferns, birds nest ferns, Spanish moss, bromeliads or African violets or orchids for our 'at least one' flowering plant.

We are looking for: a smallish iron gate, low iron garden fencing in sections [15" high or less for fence]...French looking, about 50 bricks

Let me know if you happen to have any of these....Thanks..



Spring Jazz (Haiku)

Frog syncopation
 Beats down pond timpani on
 Water lake a gong.
 Val Morehouse

A Frog's Just A Frog

Of the complexities of Nature how can one explain
 Who can tell of the workings of the amphibian's brain
 Why he often does sing in the wind and the rain
 His song more like a croak in the watery drain
 A frog's just a frog as many do say
 Those who dismiss Nature in their arrogant way
 Our connection to Nature they do seem to miss
 But I envy them their ignorance since ignorance is bliss
 About Nature as me as much they do know
 I have lived many Seasons but with little to show
 In knowledge of Nature others I lag behind
 But an expert on Nature perhaps one could not find
 A frog's just a frog you will hear many say
 But frogs are so complex in their secretive way.
 Francis Duggan

Top 10 Birds

Below are the birds most frequently reported on 2010 Great Backyard Bird Count checklists and the birds reported in the highest individual numbers. All of these images were submitted by GBBC participants. Click on the name of a bird to learn more about the species in our online bird guide.

Birds Reported on the Most Checklists

Northern Cardinal

Dark-eyed Junco

Morning Dove

Downey Woodpecker

Blue Jay

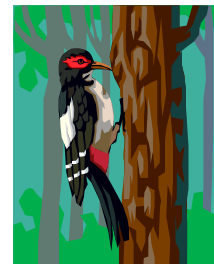
American Goldfinch

Tufted Titmouse

House Finch

American Crow

Black-capped Chickadee



The Great Backyard Bird Count
 February 18-21, 2011
 To participate: www.birdsource.org



Roswell Garden Club Tea & Fashion Show



*Roswell Garden Club Annual Tea and Fashion Show
 Fashions by Unique Boutique Consignment*

*April 6, 2011
 1:00—3:00 pm*

*Roswell Garden Club Annual Tea and Fashion Show
 Fashions by Unique Boutique Consignment
 Roswell Adult Recreation Center
 830 Grimes Bridge Rd., Roswell*

*\$20
 (non-refundable)*

Wear your prettiest, silliest, and most creative Spring Bonnet to enter into our contest.

*Reservations for tables of 8
debmailvann@gmail.com or call 770 650 4607*



RGC Budget Meeting

On Tuesday, Feb. 11th, Debbie, Florence Anne, Carolyn, Marilyn, Marcia, Linda Lee, Linda Becker, Sandy, Dottie, Beth, Brenda, Carol E., Kim, attended the board and budget meeting. The 2011-2012 budget will be presented to the members on 2/26. A big thank you to the ladies who attended this meeting. A big thank you to all who brought wonderful food.

Treasurer—Carolyn Herndon

Thank you to all who attended the Board Meeting at Debbie's home. You were a great help in determining the budget for 2011-2012. Thank you, Debbie, for hosting the meeting. Carolyn

A Big Thank You to Gretchen for all the work she has done on RGC's SEFS exhibit. We love you!

A big thank you to Lov, for donating a wonderful Christmas tree and other items.

On Saturday, Feb. 12—Debbie, Kim, Florence Anne, Linda Lee, Roz, Linda Becker, Marcia, Carolyn, Carol Elefante & Friend, Jenn Vann all appeared in our beautiful Hats to celebrate “Roots” by attending the Smith Plantation Afternoon Tea. We all enjoyed fun & laughter while enjoying our afternoon tea.

Send someone you know a special Valentine—'I'm thinking of you”



Ladies, start some seeds. There is a possibility that we will be having a plant sale at the Roswell “Farmer’s Market”. We will need some plants to sell. The best plants are those from our own gardens.

Happy Birthday
 2/18—Carol Elefante
 2/22— Carolyn Clarke



Dates to Remember

2/01—2/19-RGC Board & Budget Meeting

2/11- Deadline for Remaining GCG Awards

2/14-Valentine Day

2/15- Afternoon Teas at Gretchen Collins

2/19-Arbor Day

2/18—21—Great Backyard Bird Count

2/22-Roswell Garden Club Meeting—9:45 am (Social) 10:00 am—12:00 pm Meeting

2/25-27-Southeastern Flower Show, Cobb Galleria

2/25—Field Trip to the Southeastern Flower Show—Departure—9:00 am—Meeting place to carpool Lowe’s on Mansel

3/13-Daylight Saving Times Begin

3/14-Fulton Federation of Garden Club Meeting—Speaker- Sara Henderson—Hydrangeas —Hasting Garden Center

3/21—First Day of Spring

3/24—26—Dogwood District Flower Show—”Little Treasurers” Heritage Sandy Springs

“Roswell, Ours to beautify and conserve.”



Garden Club Day

Friday, February 25
Gifts bags for first 1,000

2011 Southeastern Flower Show

Presented by The Southeastern Horticultural Society

“In Tune with Blooms”

Friday thru Sunday, February 25- 27, 2011
Cobb Galleria Centre

Discounts Tickets for 15 or more

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2011 Southeastern Flower Show

Presented by The Southeastern Horticultural Society

Special speakers of the Day include:

Joe Coleman: Basics of Rhodos in the Deep South

Vince Dooley: Vince Dooley's Garden - A Horticultural Journey of a Football Coach

Geri Laufer: Growing and using Herbs

David Gregory: Coyotes and Other Critters that Share our Gardens

Brian Killingsworth: The Dirt on Dahlias

Walter Reeves: Radio personality and writer

Mike Francis: The Secret to Japanese Maples

P. Allen Smith: Small Space Gardening for Herbs & Vegetables

Daniel Eginton: The Do's and Don'ts of Landscape Design

Josh Kardos: Improved Plants for the Southeast

Ticket Prices

(6% sales tax included)

- Advance Tickets: **\$15**
- General Admission Tickets: **\$18**
- Student Tickets (college students - ID required): **\$7** (Children in Kindergarten and under admitted free)
- Senior Citizen Tickets at Door (65 or older with ID): **\$15**
- Twilight Tickets (Admission after 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday - no coupons apply): **\$14**
- Group Tickets (15 or more sold in advance): **\$14**

