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The Dirt

Happy Birthday

10/10/10 Carolyn Herndon

October Hostesses:

Carolyn Clarke (Coordinator)

Beth Carpentier

Liz Nunley

Get Well Wishes

Carol Elefanta

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I love Fall...Don't You!

Autumn (also known as fall in American English) is one of the four temperate seasons. Autumn marks the transition from summer into winter, usually in March (Southern Hemisphere) or September (Northern Hemisphere) when the arrival of night becomes noticeably early.

I love the colors of the trees, pumpkin pie, pot-people, festivals and of course all the different kinds of pumpkins.

Now that we are getting ready to have our second meeting, completed one important community project we will begin our "Huge" community project—

"Christmas" which I also enjoy doing. Yes it gets hectic at times but the finish project is outstanding and I'm proud to be part of it! Please remember we do this for "FUN", when its not fun anymore it's time to do something else or move on! Let's make this Christmas Project just as much fun as the one last year and remember to be respectful to your fellow volunteer. There is so many people who I need to thank for coming out and contributing so much of their time and efforts this last month getting their gardens ready for fall, the year-book, the scarecrow on Can-

ton Street, Fall Farm Days, workshops, and especially to the ones who have been there to support me! RGC is what it is today because of YOU!

I hope to see you all in the next coming weeks when we begin decorating.

Enjoy the rest of your FALL days & remember you are one of the "BEST"!

Live Love Laugh

Debbie



Christmas In Roswell

Now that Fall Farm Days is over RGC will be concentrating on decorating Smith Plantation, "Colors of Christmas" from old to new, from casual to exquisite. We begin working the week of Oct. 18th. **Check your email for dates and times.** We will need everyone who can give us an

hour to many hours. There is something for everyone to do! From "fluffing" to making bows, sweeping, picking up trash, you name it! I'm very excited about using the Peacocks again and "the black, white, & silver" room! I can guarantee you will learn something new. We have ap-

proximately 4 weeks to get Smith ready to open their doors for Christmas. If you have any extra white, black, red, green, silver, gold Christmas Bulbs please bring them to the first workshop. We are also looking for string lights with **white cords.** Debbie



Beautiful hand painted cedar birdhouse donated by Liz Nunley to RGC! We will be raffling them off at our October Meeting.

FLOWER SHOWS

I was excited to see the new exhibitor's guide for the 2011 Southeastern Flower Show. The title is '**In Tune with Blooms**' and as that suggests, the theme is musical. Last year some of you worked very hard helping with Awards. This year someone else is doing that so let's have fun.

Some of you who got your feet wet at Smith Plantation in May might want to enter a design in the show. There are several classes for groups and I have spotted one that might be lots of fun for us to do together. This is staged in an alcove and is titled "Dance to the Music." We would interpret a favorite type of music....Charleston, Fox Trot, Ballet, Cha Cha, etc...if we were to do this. We would need a floral design and accessories to represent the music. For Cha Cha, tropical flowers would be appropriate.

Another possibility is in the Garden Division of the show. "Musical Note-ables" is a Balcony Window Box, suggesting a famous music personality. This would contain rooted plants and accessories. [It could be the Spanish tenor, Placido Domingo and have plants typical to that area and accessories such as a Spanish shawl draped over the edge.]

"**Brassy Sassy Gardens**" is to be staged on a low platform and incorporate a musical instrument or accessory. These are really fun to do. Perhaps you remember the wheel barrow class last year that had this type of staging.

Finally, I hope that there will be Horticulture entries from RGC. Last year Nancy Moses and JoAnn both entered potted plants. Now that you know all about entering horticulture, let's have more people participating. There are sections for bulbs, camellias, cut perennials, trees and shrubs, ferns, violets, begonias, ivy, orchids, succulents, herbs, and other potted plants.

Also coming in March 2011 is our **Dogwood District Petite Flower Show**. We will be preparing to enter this by having workshops to learn to do small designs. In addition, small or miniature horticulture is needed. I have ordered mini narcissus bulbs from 'Brent and Becky's Bulbs. You can find them on line. My bulbs will not be shipped until November so there is time to do this. Also, if you would like to grow a miniature shrub, now is the time to purchase that. Many plants come in miniature varieties...African violets, Orchids, Ivy, etc.

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Finally, I hope some of you will consider signing up for the **Dogwood District Basic Flower Arranging Course** that begins in November. There are 5 class days and you will learn from several different instructors. It really is a great course and will be given right here in Roswell.

Gretchen

Congratulations to JoAnn Jones for the fabulous table design she did for the Yellow Daisy Flower Show. She not only won a blue ribbon but received the Table Artistry Award!

DOGWOOD DISTRICT Basic Design Course I

Hi all,

I would really LOVE to have more Roswell GC members sign up for this course. It is a wonderful flower arranging series, better than you would find most places. There will be 4 or 5 different instructors teaching the classes. If you wanted to come but cannot make every time, it is possible to share it with a friend...each of you attend several of the classes. The reason for the charge is to pay the instructors. It would cost more except for not having to pay for the location. You will need to buy some flowers each time but I can help with containers.

We are lucky to have the classes right here in Roswell, easy access for all of us. The judges were impressed by your talent at our flower show and it would be great for you to pursue this further. The classes are intended for both beginners and those with some design experience. There is much more to be learned than I can offer you in an hour before a meeting.

Any questions, give me a call. We already have about 12 sign-ups so you need to act now.

Gretchen

Project Updates

ROSWELL ADULT RECREATION CENTER ENTRANCE GARDEN:

On October 5, members did a cleanup and planted pansies, liriopse and daylilies. It looked great when we had finished and RGC members received several thank-you's for our hard work. Many thanks go to Florence Anne, Marcia, Debbie, Marilyn, Stephanie and Carolyn H. for working. After Farm Day, Carolyn H. placed fall decorations in the pots by the front doorway. After Taste of Roswell, other fall decorations will be placed at the Entrance Garden.

Carolyn H.

WAIST HIGH GARDEN—On October 5, Liz did a cleanup and planted pansies, violas, mums and columbine to give this garden a fresh fall look.

*Just before the death
of flowers,
And before they are
buried in snow,
There comes a festival
season
When nature is all
aglow."
- Author Unknown*

Yearbook, Website, & Calendars

Kim, you have out done yourself this year on the Yearbook. It is fabulous. Thank you so much for this beautiful yearbook. Members, if you haven't received your yearbook please notify Kim. If we have to mail it, it will cost about \$1.00—\$1.50 to mail them. Please make arrangements to pick yours up at the next meeting.

Also, please check out the Roswell Garden Club website ... Kim has also been busy updating & has added the Yearbook online. It's awesome. Thanks Kimmie

GCG—Calendars

Gretchen, Debbie, Nancy M., Sandy, JoAnn will be attending the Dogwood District Fall meeting on

Oct. 20th in Carrollton GA. If you would like to order a calendar please let me know & I will pick one up for you.

Large—\$8.00 plus tax

Small—\$6.00 plus tax

Dogwood District Fall Annual Meeting

Oct. 20th, 2010

Carrollton, GA

Rescue

RGC Project Chairs:

Several members of our club, some of the master gardeners and Betty Price rescued plants and bulbs from Mrs. Smith's yard yesterday. I have a lot of iris bulbs and sedum autumn joy holding in my yard for now and Marcia took some things for the Barrington Hall butterfly garden. The master gardeners took some plants for Bulloch Hall. If any of you would like iris bulbs for your various gardens please let me know. Otherwise, I will put them in mulch to hold them in my yard for now.

There are still a lot of plants and shrubs to move from Mrs. Smith's yard before the bulldozers start. There are day lilies, azalea, a lot of nandina and I'm sure still a lot of bulbs. There are several days of rescuing still to go. Mr. Smith (her son) only requests that you knock on the door and let Melinda (Mrs. Smith's caregiver) know that you are there when stopping by to dig up plants. Otherwise, you may go anytime.

Thank you to everyone that helped rescue plants! Mrs. Smith spent a lot of time bringing trees and shrubs here from around Georgia and I have personally enjoyed her beautiful flower beds for years. She and her son are grateful that her plants and hard work will live on in yards and City properties around Roswell.

There is also a very large 7' x 8' gardenia bush that Todd and I may dig up if we can't find anyone else to. It is too beautiful to let go. Let me know if anyone has a place for it in the gardens you are caring for. It will require a lot of work after transplanting and quite a bit to get up in the first place ☺

Kim



CONGRATULATIONS TO RENEA WINCHESTER AUTHOR

*In The Garden With Billy:
Lessons About Life, Love,
and Tomatoes*

Book Launch
Oct. 23, 2010
2-4 pm

Top 10 Fall Perennials

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| 1. Aster novi-belgii (Michaelmas Daisy) | 9. Sedum (Stonecrop) |
| 2. Caryopteris (Blue Mist Shrub) | 10. Solidago (Goldenrod) |
| 3. Chelone (Turtlehead) | Blooming Perennials |
| 4. Chrysanthemum | 1. Aconite <i>Aconitum</i> |
| 5. Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed) | 2. Autumn Crocus <i>Colchicum speciosum</i> |
| 6. Helenium (Sneezeweed) | 3. Black Eyed Susan— <i>Rudbeckia</i> |
| 7. Helianthus (Perennial Sunflower) | 4. Boltonia <i>Boltonia</i> |
| 8. Heliopsis (False Sunflower) | 5. Balloon Flower <i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i> |

Fall Farm Days & Parade Notes

BAKED GOODS for FARM DAYS

Thank you , everyone, who gave their time, their dedication and commitment, and their wonderful, yummy goodies for Farm Days. Everything you donated sold and was such a hit. Those who contributed goodies, we thank you again . A special thank you to Dennis Boyle for filling in for Hilary, now that dedication. Linda Lee & Marcia

Hotdog & Hamburgers

A Big Thank You to Frank Berna, Phil Ludtke, Ron Parker, and Wade Vann for working over those hot grills all day.

Crafts

Thank you to all members who came and helped with the children's activities, Liz, Carolyn H, Dottie, Marilyn, Beth, Jeanne N., Michele. and family members, Anna & Cory Inman and Melanie Herndon. We had a wonderful, fun turnout with many children participating. Brenda did an outstanding job with the scavenger hunt. Thanks so much to Brenda for making numerous signs.



Thank you Kim, Beth, Marcia, and Linda for representing the RGC in the Youth Day Parade. Thank you to Wade for driving the truck. Another thank you to Morgan Rodgers for loaning us the truck. Great Ad for Fall Farm Days!

I thought the decorations at Smith were gorgeous and loved the set up with our activities up near the buildings. We were surprised how many children wanted to do flower arrangements. 60 were completed before we completely ran out of flowers. Fun to be back and see everyone... Gretchen

I was just about to send you both an email thanks so much for all of your work on Saturday what a wonderful day the best ever I think I would love to have the green pot person stay around at Smith thanks so much about thinking about the tiered garden I guess we need to think and talk about that some we are going to get the barn ready for yall to occupy we are going to put some of our archival supplies I think behind a partition in there and pick out the other artifacts so yall can have it for yalls decorating looking forward to that **again thanks to all RGC members for their hard work and dedication I hope yall made a little money Chuck Douglas**

Personally I would like to thank all of you who participated or donated to the Fall Farm Days Event and to the Parade. It was a gorgeous fall day. Smith Plantation looked fabulous with all our decorations & pot-people, scarecrows, wreaths, and even the members looked great in their aprons and t-shirts. Debbie

"Special Project" - Brenda Villwock

PULL & SAVE A TAB for THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE—Did anyone see Brenda at Farm Days pulling the tabs off of the soda cans? That's dedication!

"Golden Days" - The Golden Days Garden looks great with all the yellow pansies that was planted on October 5th at ARC.

"T-Shirts" / Aprons—If you haven't paid for your "T-Shirt" please do so. Also, If you would like a "T-Shirt" please call Debbie ASAP ... I will be placing another order this week! Thanks

Calendar

Oct. 15th—1:00 pm—Smith Plantation—Decorate Square for Taste

Oct. 16th—Taste of Roswell—Take down decorations at 6:00 pm

Oct. 20th—Dogwood District Meeting—Carrollton GA

Oct. 20th—Ramblers "Tea Dazzles Fashion Show" - Adult Recreation Center

Oct. 23rd—Renea Winchester—Book Launch

Oct. 26th—Roswell Garden Club Meeting

Nov. 4th—Holiday Designs & Lunch—Bellemere

Nov. 8th—Fulton Federation Meeting—Hasting's 10:00—12:00

Nov. 15th—18th—Smith Decorating

Nov. 29th—City Hall (9:00), CVB (10:00), and Adult Recreation Center (11:00)

Happenings & News

Dear Garden Club of Georgia,

The fall is a great time to visit Smith-Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw. We would like to extend an invitation to your membership during our fall festival (art show, plant sale, concert, etc.) on October 21-24. Please contact me or Susan Schroeder with any questions at 770-919-0248.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lynn Vanderhoff Docent

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Roswell Garden Club

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

9:45 Social - 10:00—12:00 pm

Speaker: Bill Waldrop— "Growing & Care of Daylilies"

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