



# THE DIRT

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

We have had a wonderful past few weeks. Fall Farm Days was a lot of fun. Thank you to all who participated -- the decorators, the cooks, and the persons who showed up and manned the different stations, i.e. bake table, floral design, children's crafts, scavenger hunt, and concessions. Also, a big thank you to the Girl Scouts of Troop 303 who helped us with the children's crafts.

Thank you to those who helped make RGC's birthday celebration a fun day. Thanks most of all to Debbie who coordinated everything for Fall Farm Days and the Birthday celebration! You are a great group!

Carolyn H.



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

10/10 -- Carolyn Herndon

Thanks for all the wonderful birthday wishes!

## Roswell Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Mike Frances

**"Japanese Maples for Public  
and Special Places"**

### Hostesses:

Sandy Hanlon, Coordinator  
Kim Adamson  
Liz Nunley  
King Trousdale

Roswell Recreation Center  
Roswell Area Park  
10495 Woodstock Rd  
Roswell, GA 30075

### OFFICERS:

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## GARDEN REPORTS

**SMITH KITCHEN GARDEN:** Many thanks to members who helped plant the Fall Vegetable Garden. We cleaned up the old garden and planted cabbage, collards, 2 types of lettuce, rosemary, and broccoli. Debbie

**ROSWELL ADULT RECREATION CENTER – Entrance Garden** -- There will be a work session this Friday, Oct. 14, at 9:30. Please help Linda Becker with this garden.

**Waist-High Garden:** This garden was tidied up and planted with pansies and flowering kale. Hilary.



**BARRINGTON HALL BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** Cleanup was done on Thursday, Oct. 6, as well as Adopt-a-Road. Pansies and mums were planted. Thanks to all who helped.

**ROSWELL NURSING & REHAB COURTYARD GARDEN:** Cleanup will be done this Thursday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. Please help with this garden.

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**ROSWELL RIVER LANDING** now has five beautiful pots planted for Fall. The City of Roswell supplied pots, soil, plants and mulch for them. Mahonia, Carex, and Heuchera were planted in two pots at the front of the building. Mahonia, Carex, Dusty Miller, Daffodils, and pansies were planted in three pots behind the building. Thank you to Linda Lee, Hilary, Roz (and granddaughter) and Carolyn H. for helping the City with this project. This building should look very pretty next spring.

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**FULTON FEDERATION MEETING** –November 14  
Heeney Wholesale Floral Company  
9:30 registration and refreshments  
Holiday Workshop with opportunity to shop  
**You don't want to miss this outing!**

### 2012 Chelsea Flower Show

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Anyone interested in information on the 2012 Chelsea Flower Show and week tour of English gardens may contact Florence Anne for the 2012 brochure on the tour she took in May, 2010. 2012 dates are May 19-26. She has brochures for the first 2 RGC members who contact her.

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**NOTE FROM NANCY:** Once again, I would ask the membership to bring your greeting cards to me....any kind, thank you, birthday, get well, anniversary, Christmas, etc. You do NOT have to cut them apart unless there is writing you do not wish someone to see. Recently my friend told me they had completed cutting some 2800 cards to make missionary books, shut in books, etc. They have made a contact with St. Jude's which then wants whatever they do not use. Recently she sent St. Jude's a 44 pound box of their leftovers. So everything is used and appreciated! Please recycle and help others! Thanks!





## ROSE POLATTY'S SUGAR COOKIE RECIPE

### Story:

My mother, Esther Sweeney Jackson, was euphoric when recalling the sugar and ginger cookies made in a dishpan by her grandmother in Pennsylvania. My Southern antecedents would have called them "tea cakes" or "ginger cakes". This is the recipe for the sugar cookies or "tea cakes".

GRANDMA SWEENEY'S SUGAR COOKIES. from Rose Jackson Polatty founding member of the Roswell Garden Club. Makes 8-10 dozen cookies

1 pound butter	1 teaspoon baking soda (rounded)
1 pound sugar	pinch of salt
3 eggs	1 cup buttermilk
8 cups flour	1 whole nutmeg, grated or 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, beating well after each addition. Combine soda, salt and flour; add alternately with buttermilk. Beat in nutmeg. Refrigerate overnight. (Freezing dough improves flavor and keeps indefinitely.) Roll out on floured board about 1/4" thick. Cut with 2" or 3" cookie cutter. Bake on a greased cookie sheet in a preheated 375\* oven for 10 minutes. ENJOY!!

*Thanks, Dottie, for contributing this recipe and for preparing it for RGC's 60<sup>th</sup> celebration!*

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/19 -- Linda Lee Parker  
11/21 -- Pam Jones  
11/24 -- Jeanne Nardiello

*Happy Birthday!*

### NOTE FROM BRENDA

Please bring tab tops from aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald House.

**Personal request:** also bring any Bed, Bath + Beyond coupons you can spare (any coupon-current or expired- will do) for my dancer daughter living in NYC.

### HORT TIPS FOR OCTOBER

What to plant: Pansies, snapdragons, dianthus, ornamental cabbage, and parsley. STOP feeding roses! Plant spring flowering bulbs; periodically fertilize. Redo your flower beds -- dig and divide daylilies. Mulch after cleanup with 3 inches of your choice of mulch.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 19	Dogwood District Meeting at Capital City Club
October 25	Regular RGC meeting
November 1	Begin Christmas decorating at Smith Plantation House
November 9 – 11	Smith closed for decorating
November 10	Chambrel Holiday Planning Expo, 4-6
November 22	Regular RGC meeting