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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Happy New Year! Hope you all have had a wonderful start of 2012. My resolution this year is essentially the same as before---to be a better person---wife, mother, friend, etc. I plan to get to know you all better and learn about your interests and goals. So that the other club members can get to know you better, at each meeting I would like some of you to share something about yourself. Please think of what you would like to share (not too personal).

I know we will have a fun and fruitful year with our projects and getting to know each other better. If you know of any worthwhile projects, please let me know. Please be sure to give me feedback regarding anything we are doing. Thanks for being such great friends!

Carolyn H.



## ROSWELL GARDEN CLUB MEETING

January 24, 2012, Tuesday - 9:45 a.m.

Gretchen Collins  
*FLORAL DESIGNS*

Hostesses:  
Florence Anne Berna, Coordinator  
Pam Jones  
Stephanie Iudtke  
Mary Booth Cabot

**RGC IS FAMOUS AMONGST CONGRESS!!**

Congressman Tom Price and Council lady Betty Price used RGC's upside down tree from 2010 (The Snowmen) as their Christmas Card. The back of the card gives honors to Roswell Garden Club & Kim Adamson! **Kudos to us!** Debbie



**Smith Plantation  
Take down of decorations**

Many, many thanks to all RGC members who came out and helped take down the decorations at Smith. Also, want to thank the ones who are helping organize the Christmas decorations for next year. Speaking of next year, our theme for Smith will be "Christmas in Georgia"! We are going to be using Magnolia blooms/ Magnolia leaves, red berries (bunches), birds (Cardinals), birdhouses, Ornaments of historical places, gardens, landmarks and yes, even colleges. So if you are visiting any special places in Georgia and you see a Christmas ornament, please pick one up and, even better, if you have some RGC can borrow. **Final clean up** at Smith will be **Tuesday, 1/17** at 9:00 am. Thanks, Debbie



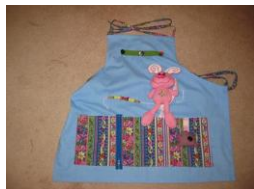
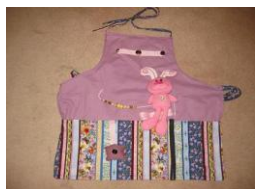
Have you seen the broccoli and cabbage growing in the Smith Kitchen Garden?

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

\*Thank you to Jeanie Wheelless, Linda Lee Parker, Marilyn Bogdonas, Sherron Lawson, and Florence Anne Berna for helping to take down the decorations at the Visitors Center on January 2.

\*Thank you to Carolyn H., Linda Lee Parker, Dottie Hartford, Sherron Lawson, Sherry Calvert and F. A. Berna for coming out to undecorate the tree at city hall and safely pack away our froggie friends.

\*Thank you to Brenda, Linda Lee Parker, Dottie, Hartford, Sherry Calvert, and Carolyn H. for undecorating ARC lobby.



These are a few of the "Fidgety Aprons" sewn by Dottie, Dorothy, Gretchen, and Roz. Thank you, ladies! Also, thanks goes to Brenda and Hilary for helping Carolyn H. attach the buttons and string and attach the spools at the waist. They turned out great---so cute!

**Board and budget meeting**

January 27, Friday, 9 a.m., at Carolyn H.'s home. Please let me know that you can attend. All committee chairmen, please think about your budget amounts needed.

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**JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup> Lunch Bunch  
at Taco Mac**

Near the corner of Woodstock/King Road and Hwy 92. Brusters and Arbys are close by and it's on the side of the intersection that Pikes is located. Brenda

## FLOWER SHOWS....

### The Adventure of Writing a Show Schedule

Last May we talked to Mary Rummel at ARC about the possibility of having a flower show there in May 2012. The idea was to have the theme match the activities enjoyed at the center. A tentative Design schedule was written to get us started. In the fall the nitty gritty began of putting the entire schedule together. JoAnn sent the file from our last show and it was just a matter of replacing information. Due to the many pages of rules and information this did take about a month to complete. The schedule was then sent to the State Flower Show Schedule Chairman, Betty Benson. Our schedule was returned with a lot of red ink as she was much more exacting about our 2nd effort and wanted corrections done that were overlooked the first time. More time was spent taking care of these mistakes. Carolyn Clarke agreed to take the schedule and format it into booklet form. She is expert and enthusiastic. The two of us went to ARC to take all the measurements needed for her to make a floor plan for the schedule. She found a printer and had a sample done for us to proof read. In the past 4 days I have been proofing and Carolyn making corrections, day after day. I finally told her to not send it back to me as I do not want to find any other mistakes. [we are down to really picky things like minor punctuation and italics] In the meantime, JoAnn agreed to do cover art for us. She found a great motif for inspiration and has done a beautiful ink drawing for our show of a watering can. This seems perfect as our primary activity at ARC is to garden. The end of the story is that you each will have a copy of the schedule at our January 24th meeting so you can follow along and really understand what we plan to achieve on May 24th to 26th at FRIENDS, FUN, AND FLOWERS. Gretchen



#### WALTER REEVES SPEAKS IN ROSWELL

Roswell Women's Club's Feb. 8 speaker will be Walter Reeves at the Roswell Area Park where RGC meets. Come and be my guest. Social: 9:30 A.M. General Meeting 10:00 A.M. Program: **A Celebration of Love!**

Linda Lee Parker

#### BARRINGTON HALL LECTURES

On the first and third Wednesdays of each month (and sometimes the fifth Wednesday), Barrington Hall presents a series of lectures in their coach house meeting space. The doors open at 6:30 PM and the lectures begin at 7 PM. The January lecture is scheduled for the 18th at 7 pm with Janet Rigsby speaking on "**Winter Gardening**". Call 770.640.3855 for updated schedule or to join lecture email list. Or visit [www.southerntrilogy.com](http://www.southerntrilogy.com).

Note from Carolyn H.: Last month I had lunch with Carolyn Clarke and learned a lot about her and her children. The story below is fascinating to read as Carolyn tells about her daughter's reaching a goal after many tries.

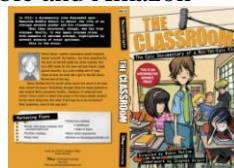
### The Story of Robin Clarke Mellom (daughter of Carolyn Clarke)

Carolyn,

This story is in response to your request that I write an article for the garden club newsletter about my daughter, Robin, who grew up in Roswell, attended Fulton County Schools: Mt. Park Elementary, Crabapple Middle, and Roswell High School. She went to the University of Georgia, majored in education, and subsequently became a teacher in the Fulton County School District. A very respectable background but just not enough for Robin...too ho hum; too predictable... she wanted adventure. So she took off to Albuquerque, New Mexico to teach there. During that time she married and then moved to the central coast of California, continued to teach (always teaching middle schoolers, her love!), got a master's degree in guidance and counseling, worked in that field, gave birth to our grandson, but...she hadn't found her real passion. There was an emptiness professionally. When her son was born, she stayed at home and started writing. She had loved teaching creative writing to her middle schoolers; now at home with her baby, she began to write for herself. She joined a local writer's group and really started getting serious. She wrote her first book for middle schoolers, got an agent, and submitted it to several New York publishing companies...it was rejected by publishing company after publishing company. She continued to write, attended writing workshops and conferences, and fine-tuned her skills. A second book was submitted... which was also rejected. A highly respected New York publishing company liked one particular book and indicated that if she did some rewriting they would probably publish it. After days and nights of rewriting, the publishing company came back with another "no". She changed agents, submitted her third book...rejected once again. How she had the perseverance to pull herself up by the bootstraps and not give up, I'll never know. Eight years passed and five books went by the wayside to no avail; then book number six was the magic number! It was bought by Disney-Hyperion and included a hefty contract to write a second companion book! Thanks go to an agent that never gave up on her and an editor at Disney that totally believed in her as a writer. If you shop Barnes & Noble and Amazon after January 10<sup>th</sup>, you will find *Ditched, A Love Story* by Robin Mellom, a book for young adults. The advertisement for the book below appears in the April, 2012, editions of *Seventeen Prom Magazine* and *Teen Prom Magazine*.



This story didn't stop there. Disney contracted her to write four more books in a series for middle schoolers, *The Classroom*, *The Epic Documentary of a Not-Yet-Epic Kid*. The first book in this series is due to be released June 19, 2012, and will be available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon



Robin is having the official launch party for her first book in a book store in Los Angeles on January 22<sup>nd</sup> where of course my husband and I will be attending. Thank you so much for reading my story about Robin; who knows maybe one day we'll see her on the red carpet! [www.robinmellom.com](http://www.robinmellom.com)  
Carolyn Clarke

# 2012 PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

**Sunday, March 4 – Sunday, March 11, 2012**

Sunday, March 4; 8:00 am - 9:30 pm

Monday - Friday, March 5-9: 10:00 am - 9:30 pm

Saturday, March 10; 8:00 am - 9:30 pm

Sunday, March 11; 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

[Pennsylvania Convention Center](#)

12th & Arch Streets

Philadelphia, PA 19107-2299

**PHS Flower Show Value Pak -- \$100 each – *Exclusive online package!***

**Includes 4 Adult General Admission tickets** to the Flower Show and a FREE one-year PHS Household Membership. Tickets may be used to attend either the Members' Preview on Sat., March 3 from Noon to 3:30 pm or anytime during public hours.

PHS Membership benefits at the Flower Show include: shopping discounts at the PHS Shoppe and select vendors in the Show Marketplace and exclusive access to the Members' Lounge (*not open during Members' Preview*)

## **Attractions at the 2012 Show**

The 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show will introduce visitors to a tropical experience that blends next-stage digital technology with the natural beauty and rich culture of the Hawaiian Islands. Guests will have fun, learn, and be wowed by real-time floral competitions, the world's largest lettuce wall, internationally renowned speakers, and a new layout of displays.

Guests will enter the Show beneath dynamic projections of crashing waves and one of the most exciting displays of white orchids ever assembled. Towering palms, bamboo, green walls, and a plant canopy will immerse visitors in the Hawaiian rainforest.

A 25-foot-high waterfall will splash down into Pele's Garden, an island of exotic flowers and plants where performers will conjure volcanic flames and the Fire Goddess. The islands will be celebrated in showcase gardens that highlight their culture through flowers and landscapes, performances and art.

Gardeners of all skill levels will find an ocean of ideas in the 150 [free presentations](#) held throughout the week, as well as dozens of educational displays that explore the latest gardening techniques and trends.

Shoppers will find an array of take-home products to get the garden started and wonderful gifts in the [Marketplace](#), Meadowbrook Farm Store and Flower Show Shoppe. A Hawaiian Village will offer authentic crafts and products from the islands.

Foodies will love the [Free Wine Tastings](#), presented by the [PA Wine & Spirits Store](#).

**Note from Carolyn H.:** This sounds wonderful---a great get-away. I would love to go. This would be great for RGC members, friends and husbands---the more that attend, the more fun we will have!! This would give us an opportunity to learn more about Philadelphia. Please contact Florence Anne if you are interested in this trip. Florence Anne has lots of contacts and knowledge of the city so we definitely won't get lost. We will be in great hands! Her phone # is 770-518-7021, email [phloriesphillies1@yahoo.com](mailto:phloriesphillies1@yahoo.com). LET'S GO!!!

**SUGGESTIONS FROM WALTER REEVES' WEB SITE: Second week of January**

Small, leafless shrubs and trees can be transplanted easily now. Wait for a warm day when the ground is not frozen. Chop unwanted kudzu, English ivy and bamboo to the ground. Follow with weedkiller on the leaves in April. Prune clumps of pampas grass down to 12 inches tall. Use a gloved hand to pull out dead stems in the clump. Water pansies and ornamental kale after a hard freeze so they can re-hydrate their wilted leaves. Remember to regularly water window boxes and other outside plant containers. Give houseplants a half turn every month so they don't lean too much in one direction. For more suggestions for January, go to [www.walterreeves.com](http://www.walterreeves.com).

**NOTE FROM NANCY**

Please bring your used 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. Everything will be used and appreciated! Please recycle and help others! Thanks!

**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.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**January**

- 17 Clean up barn at Smith, 9 a.m.
- 18 Barrington Hall lecture, 7 p.m.
- 24 RGC meeting
- 27 Board & budget meeting at home of Carolyn H., 9 a.m.

**February**

- 8 Walter Reeves – speaker at R. area park, 9:30 a.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 28 RGC meeting

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**JANUARY**

- 14 -- Mary Rogan
- 21 -- Janice Stoltenberg
- 25 -- Roz Reiss

**FEBRUARY**

- 18 -- Carol Elefante
- 22 -- Carolyn Clarke



**BIG THANK YOU TO CAROLYN FOR ALL THE TIME & HARD WORK SHE DONATED THIS PAST MONTH DOING AWARDS. APPLAUSE - DEBBIE**

From Carolyn H.: I thank you all for providing me info and pictures. Hopefully RGC will receive awards again this year. It was fun but time consuming. Thank you, Debbie, for helping with pictures, news reports, etc. and for being my mentor.