

## THE AUGUSTA GARDEN CLUB

### Established in 1919

# Board of Directors 2017-2018

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## Dear Ladies of the Club,

One of the great privileges of serving as president, is representing the Augusta Garden Club at Garden Club of Virginia and Garden Club of America meetings. It was my pleasure to travel to Lexington for the GCV Board of Governors Meeting and to Winston-Salem, NC for the GCA Zone VII meeting last month. Both meetings were packed with information on all aspects of each organization; and both were filled with energy and excitement for their programs and projects. Highlights of the GCV meeting were sent out by email; and my highlights of the Zone Meeting are on page two along with the wonderful awards our members won!

I also encourage you to go to both

the GCA and the GCV websites. There is a wealth of information there, from helping plan programs, to ideas for everything from conservation and civic projects to fund raisers, all of which relate to our shared missions. Each committee should use this resource for education and inspiration!

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With Thanksgiving approaching, please know how grateful I am for everything that you do for the Augusta Garden Club. I greatly appreciate your participation, your enthusiasm, your leadership, your input on club issues, and your friendship!

Deneen

# MEETING SIGN IN & NAME TAGS!

Please remember to sign the attendance roster when you pick up your name tag at each meeting.

Return your name tag to the new alphabetized storage boxes at the end of the meeting.

#### **Events & Items of Interest:**

- **Nov. 15th, 10 a.m. Club Meeting**, Conservation program featuring Fay Cooper, former director of Valley Conservation Council, hosted by Susan Laser and Nancy Collins, Covenant Presbyterian Church.
- **Nov. 27th**, Club ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, Staunton Kroger—watch for sign-up sheet, or contact Dana Flanders.
- Dec. 13th, 9:30-11:30 Drop-in Christmas Social at the home of Clair Bell
- Jan. 17th, 10 a.m. Club Meeting. Team Flower Arranging! Hosted by Kathy Moore and Nancy Williams.

Keep up to date by checking out our website blog and calendar:

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ZONE VII MEETING!

The Augusta Garden Club was represented in Winston-Salem with Deneen Brannock and Elaine McCarrick (delegate) attending along with Linda Holden, Vice President of the GCA Board of Directors, Marie Thomas, Zone VII Founders Fund Representative, and Holly Bailey, Zone VII Programs Representative. The Twin-Cities Garden Club warmly welcomed everyone at gardens, homes and historic sites that reflected the character and charm of their city. Meetings and tours were held at historic Old Salem, a gem in the heart of the city, and its Museum of Southern Decorative Arts, and at Reynolda, the historic home and gardens of the R.J. Reynolds family.

Reports were presented by all Zone VII presidents, as well as major GCA committee representatives. Holly Bailey reported on programs and how GCA can assist clubs with ideas and resources. Marie Thomas spoke on the Second Century Campaign and its focus on education, national affairs, Partners for Plants and endowment; and Linda Holden offered a report on the Founders Fund of GCA.

The meeting featured speakers from several key local organizations and conservation leaders. Mike Leonard and Jay Leutze, spoke about the Land and Water Conservation Fund Coalition and the Conservation Trust and the many acres of land protected by these groups. Noted landscape designer, Chip Calloway entertained the group as key-note speaker at lunch. He regaled the audience with his charming descriptions of many incredible garden designs and his local school gardening project. His contagious enthusiasm and passion for gardening was summed up by what he stated was his mantra, "A garden should take no more time than a couple cups of coffee in the morning, and a couple martinis in the evening!" Cheers to that!

In addition, several AGC members provided entries in Floral Design, Horticulture, and Photography. Dianne Pfizenmayer and Dede Hamilton entered floral arrangements and horticulture and walked away with blue ribbons! Linda Holden and Marie Thomas garnered a red ribbon for their beautifully crafted botanical arts exhibit. And Sally James, Karen Santos, and Susie Lendermon (who also helped judge) entered photography exhibits.

**Congratulations and thank you to these ladies!** See photographs on the following page.



## December Giving Project

Help spread some holiday cheer with a plant or arrangement to a shut-in, nursing home, or hospital. The recipients always show great appreciation for being thought of and it is a way for the Augusta Garden Club to reach out to those much less fortunate individuals. Last year 23 members took these gifts to 29 individuals or facilities. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our November meeting along with gift tags to put on your plant or arrangement. Help keep the spirit of Christmas alive!

Jane Fuller & Ellen Moffett, Co-Chairs, Flower Show Committee



Looking Ahead...

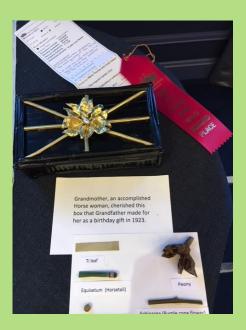
Don't miss our January meeting where we will have a fun team flower arranging program!

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### PHOTOS FROM THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA ZONE VII MEETING!



Dianne Pfizenmayer won the *Sandra Baylor Novice Floral Design Award* for her Art Deco arrangement.



Linda Holden and Marie Thomas created a small lacquered box for the botanical arts exhibit.



Dede Hamilton and Elaine McCarrick celebrate Dede's Clarissa Willemsen Horticulture Propagation Award for her Senna didymobotrya "popcorn plant"!



Photography exhibitors included Susie Lenderman (above left), Sally James (above right) and Karen Santos (right).



