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President's Message



Dear Garden Club Members,

The summer season is upon us with 90+ degree-days, high humidity and blazing sun! The recent episodes of heavy rain have allowed everything green to grow abundantly! The corn crops alone are over 8 feet tall! The end result makes the state a beautiful sight to behold with lush farmlands and even more luxurious green spaces as far as the eye can see!

The GCSC State Meeting held at the Embassy Suites in Columbia on April 26th was wonderful! We had great attendance by club members. The captivating words of our speakers, SAR Director Judy Barnes and Dr. Patrick McMillan, were informative and enlightening! Many clubs and councils received GCSC Awards with checks. It was great to see everyone and celebrate your winning projects!

Now we get ready for the upcoming EXPO, Saturday, July 14th at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1301 Richland St., Columbia. The EXPO is the best place to get updated information to start off your new club year. It is a time to visit with club members from across the state, speak with your District Director and me and get ideas for your club programs.

I have just returned from the NGC Convention in Philadelphia, where I received your winning awards! They will be presented to you at EXPO! Thank you for supporting the GCSC State Awards program. The many award applications you sent in have been on a long journey these many months through GCSC, SAR and NGC competitions.

Please let me know if your club or council has or is celebrating a 50th Anniversary (or 55, 60, 65, etc.) this year. I will request a beautiful Anniversary Certificate for you from National Garden Clubs (NGC).

I look forward to seeing you all at EXPO!

Sincerely,

Donna

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GCSC Affiliates

Audubon SC
Moor Farms and Botanical Garden
Pearl Fryer Topiary Garden
Plant, Food Body, Jenks Farmer
Riverbanks Zoo and Garden
SC Bluebird Society
SC Botanical Garden, Clemson
SC Native Plant Society
SC Wildlife Federation

On the Cover

St. Francis of Assisi
Memorial Garden, Columbia, SC

Mission The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc., a non-profit organization, is a force for good that promotes all aspects of gardening, focusing on preservation and restoration of historic gardens, conservation and environmental protection of natural resources, education of members and youth organizations, civic beautification, horticulture, and floral design.

President's Projects



‘Feed the Birds’

Chairman Mary Reeves

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When you read this, it will be summer at last! AND we are now post-GCSC Annual meeting and beginning our 2nd year to have competition among clubs to win the 2019 WREN AWARD from President Donnelly. A second club who donates the most money to ‘Feed the Birds’ project from April 2018 to April 2019 will receive this special award again in April 2019.

We are so pleased to give you two chances to win this coveted recognition!

March was definitely ‘for the birds’ weather-wise but this Bird Woman attended 6 District Meetings promoting the project. As I always I thoroughly enjoyed each area and learned yet again what great people live in our state. My goal is to spread the news of both projects which will be recipients of YOUR clubs’ generous donations. These being the SC Botanical Garden Viewing Station at Clemson and the Riverbanks Arboretum Bird Banding Program in Columbia.

Each District we visited had special programs on birds and the plants that help them to survive year to year. Everything BIRDS, from birdhouses, feeders, Native Plants, books and much more tempted us all. The GCSC Logos Chair, Susan Berry had many new items for purchase and by the time you receive this mailing, she will have a brand new item that I can’t wait to get my hands on!!! Look for it at Expo in July!

No matter the area, the message is coming out loud and clear to intelligent ears. The words to remember are: “Reconciliation Ecology”. This is WHY we care for birds, for native plants and for water purity. We must redesign our homes and habitats not only for ourselves but for the accommodation of other species.



Bird Houses made by Harold Donnelly to support
Feed the Birds Project

Remember this from Doug Tallamy: “A plant that has fed nothing has not done its job” and that one Oak tree feeds 534 Lepidoptera species.

President's Projects

Pollinator Garden

By: Donna Donnelly, GCSC President



Recently, GCSC donated \$1,500 to Audubon SC for the preservation and conservation of birds and their habitats. On April 10th we partnered with Audubon SC to create a Pollinator Garden at the Governor's Complex. The gardens at Mrs. Boylston's home were chosen (just on the other side of the brick wall from the GCSC Memorial Garden) and several volunteers assembled to replant the flower beds around the house. Matt Johnson, Director of Bird Conservation & Engagement for Audubon SC coordinated the event.



An assortment of garden tools and gloves were provided along with over 500 native trees, shrubs and flowers. Native plants provide the best habitats for birds and pollinators. The volunteers spent the good part of the beautiful clear sunny day digging up the beds and planting all the native plants according to the landscape design, and we were all treated to wonderful refreshments and a delicious lunch!



Top: GCSC President Donna Donnelly and Matt Johnson, Audubon SC, join organizations to work on the Pollinator Garden at the Governor's Complex.

Left: View of the Pollinator Garden

Right: Harold Donnelly and Matt Johnson in front of Mrs. Boylston's House

Bottom: Zach Steinhauser

Landscape Design Council

By: Mary Alice Hall, President

In the last few months The Landscape Design Consultant's Council of South Carolina has revitalized their organization by introducing a series of programs geared toward educating their membership.

In September, members visited The Santa Elena History Center in Beaufort, where they were surprised and fascinated to discover that South Carolina was home to a Spanish settlement of 225 people in Port Royal Sound in the year 1566...a settlement that predated the founding of Jamestown, Virginia by forty-one years! Santa Elena was the first Colonial capital of Spain's colony of "La Florida" and the city lasted for twenty-one years. Santa Elena's existence became eclipsed by the importance of St. Augustine and the location of Santa Elena was lost to historians for three hundred years. This early city was rediscovered a few years ago by archeologists under the golf course at the Parris Island Marine Corp Base. We are eagerly awaiting the publication of new research documenting the urban plan of the site, (40 houses around a central plaza) and the plants used in the city's communal gardens. Who knew that South Carolina was one of the earliest settlement sites on this continent?

Capitalizing on renewed member interest and the success of the Beaufort trip, LDCC of SC Vice President Karen Prewitt, planned a spring outing to Camden South Carolina on March 23rd where members were treated to a power point presentation at Camden Archives documenting the no longer existing 19th century pleasure gardens of Camden. This was followed by a visit to three current gardens representing three very different design philosophies. The first was a new garden designed and maintained entirely by the owner in his spare time. The owner of this garden is the Winter Colony's most sought-after equine veterinarian who created multiple water gardens from a swimming pool that had formerly occupied the space. The charm of hidden waterfalls tucked among secret pathways on a deep city lot was an unexpected delight.

The second Camden garden viewed by members of LDCC of SC has been undergoing restoration since 1993. The original plan for this 1930's garden was hidden under a tangle of vegetation and the current owners have now discovered over 80 varieties of



Jeff Whitwer's Waterfall

Landscape Design Council

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camellia japonicas and camellia sasanquas that represented the prized lifetime collection of a previous owner who had acquired rare camellias from all over the world.

The third Camden garden was a nine-acre landscape garden that had once been the first home of famed Civil War diarist Mary Boykin Chesnut and her husband Col. James Chesnut. The restoration of this garden has been a labor of love requiring two and a half years. Members were also treated to a tour of the house so that the garden design could be viewed from the interior rooms as it had been originally planned.



Chesnut's House

Stay tuned for news of our upcoming summer program in June that will include a lecture on "English Cottage Gardens for American Gardeners" and a visit to an upstate garden featuring 300 David Austin roses.

LDCC of SC officers: President: Mary Alice Hall, Vice President: Karen Prewitt, Treasurer: Linda Siceloff, Secretary: Judy Robinson

Blue and Gold Star Memorial Marker

By: Betty Gourdin

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During WW1 and WWII families hung a Service Flag in their windows. There was a Blue Star for each family member serving. If there was one family member there would be one Blue Star. If there were two serving, then there would be two Blue Stars and so forth. If a family member was killed in the service of our country, the Blue Star was replaced with a Gold Star.

After WWII, the National Garden Clubs Inc., like other public spirited groups, was seeking a suitable way to honor those men and women who had served. A Blue Star Memorial Highway program was adopted. A highway, or section of highway, would be designated as a Blue Star Drive Memorial Highway by a state's legislature. Mrs. Fredrick Kellogg, President of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., designed the Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker to identify these highways. The Blue Star was taken from the Blue Star on those Service flags. **This was the first program undertaken by the**

Blue Star Memorial Marker

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garden clubs on a national scale. While originally begun to honor WWII veterans, it enlarged its mission in 1951 to include **all** men and women WHO HAD SERVED (living or dead), ARE SERVING, or WILL SERVE. There are now three (3) types of Blue Star Memorial Markers: the original Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker, for dedicated highways; the smaller By-Way Marker for parks, civic, and historical grounds; and the Memorial Marker to be placed on the grounds of National Cemeteries, Veterans Administration Hospitals and Centers.

The GOLD STAR MEMORIAL PROGRAM began just after WWI, when the GOLD STAR MOTHER'S CLUB was formed to support mothers who lost sons/daughters in the war. Then AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, INC. was founded in 1929 by congressional charter. In 1936, the United States started annually recognizing mothers of fallen service members by observing GOLD STAR MOTHERS Day on the last Sunday of September. The GOLD STAR WIVES organization was established before WWII ended in 1945. The GOLD STAR FAMILIES are the immediate relatives of members of the U. S. Armed Forces who have been killed in combat or in support of certain military activities. GOLD STAR FAMILIES is a 501(c) 3, not for profit organization, created to provide support to those who have lost a loved one in service to our country through the United States Armed Forces. While their heroes paid the ultimate sacrifice, these family members live daily with the pain of that sacrifice.

To recap, the Blue Star Highway Memorial program is a National Garden Clubs, Inc. program. The Gold Star Families organization has nothing to do with the National Garden Clubs, Inc. It is a separate, Federal organization. In May 2016, the National Garden Clubs, Inc. adopted the Gold Star Families Marker Program to honor the Gold Star Families. The Gold Star was taken from the Gold Star on those service flags. As of today, we have one Gold Star Families Marker erected in South Carolina.

In February 2018, GCSC implemented a Blue Star Memorial Marker Grants Program. The grants are to be awarded to eligible clubs and councils to assist in the installation, refurbishing or beautification of Blue Star Memorial Highway, Byway and Memorial Markers. Matching grants may not exceed \$500.00 and will be based on the scope of the project and the size of the club. Clubs of no more than 100 members are eligible. Only two (2) Grants will be awarded each fiscal year. Applications are on the GCSC Website.

Scholarship

By: Sandra Duerksen, Chairman

This year our scholarship program received double the applicants for consideration from the past year. We had so many exceptional candidates that the challenge of selection was huge. As chairman of this committee I was pleased with the dedication of the committee members who served in being objective in their selection process.

We filled the Hessie Morah category with 5 worthy candidates at \$2000 each and the Babs Barnette category with 3 gifts at \$900 each. Six out of our 7 districts had sufficient funds available to grant individual \$500 awards and one district had enough money available to grant 3 \$500 awards.

Past President, Betsy Steele, offered a \$2000 gift to a single candidate who exemplified the highest standards in academic excellence, maturity, and focus.

Our GCSC website was updated to mirror National Garden Club requirements. It contains specific details that answer the many questions asked by prospective winners. Our judging criteria is printed along with the format that is used in applying. We are now beginning to see donations made from the various districts toward gifts for next year.

We honored 20 winners and their guests at the state meeting in April in Columbia. Every winner was there with the exception of one who was in finals at College of Charleston. Grants will be distributed this summer to applicable institutions for each of our winners.

It has been an honor to serve in this capacity for Garden Club of South Carolina. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so and a special thank you to each individual and group who has helped make this program a success with your contributions and your interest.



Sandra Duerksen with Angela Plemmons:
\$2,000 Scholarship Winner

Scholarship (Continued)

Scholarship Winners

Hessie Morrah = \$2000; Presidential = \$2000

Babs Barnette = \$900; District = \$500

Name	College	Sponsoring District	Scholarship Awarded
Gracie Herrin	Clemson	West Sandhills	Hessie Morrah
Mary Ellen Gaskins	Clemson	East Sandhills	Hessie Morrah District
Joshua Bobo	Clemson	West Piedmont	District
Erica Wearing	Clemson	West Piedmont	Hessie Morrah
Ivy Huiet	Clemson	West Sandhills	District
Caitlyn Ward	Clemson	Coastal	Hessie Morrah District
Robert Castles	Clemson	West Sandhills	Babs Barnette
Stewart Bull	Wofford	East Low Country	Babs Barnette
Maxwell Zollinger	College of Charleston	West Low Country	Babs Barnette
David Fleming	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural	West Low Country	Hessie Morrah District
Angela Plemmons	USC Aiken	East Low Country	Presidential
Mason Gibbs	Tri County Tech (Bridge to Clemson)	West Low Country	District

Youth Symposium

By: Alecia Elrod, Chairman

The 2018 Youth Symposium was held in the Camp Safari at the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden on a beautiful Saturday, April 14, 2018. One Hundred, Thirty-Three people attended which included winners with their families, GCSC members and volunteers. Families arrived before 10:30 to view the Winning Entries. All Children there were invited to make an edible campfire to help illustrate how to safely build a campfire and then how to put it out to reinforce how “only they could prevent a forest fire.”

This year's winners in attendance received a Free Lunch and a Blue T-Shirt with the GCSC logo on the front, “Youth Symposium 2018” and an Owl on the back. The SC and Federal Forestry Commissions provided goodie bags filled with Frisbees, whistles, pencils, coloring books, stickers and magnets. Winners and GCSC Helpers also received free admission donated by the Riverbanks Zoo. All First Place Winners received a \$25 gift card from Wal-Mart with funds provided by GCSC.



President Donna Donnelly presented a short description of the work the GCSC does for the State, our youth and her theme 'For the Birds'. She presented the award certificates and goodie bags to the Award winners who were present with help from First Vice President Trish Bender. Awards were presented for: Smokey the Bear and Woodsy Owl Posters, Youth Poetry and Youth Recycle Sculpture. We had several students win at the National Garden Club South Atlantic Region level. Special Guests in attendance were President Donna Donnelly, First Vice President Trish Bender; Registration Helpers included Helen Lindsay President and Youth Chairman of West Sandhills Garden Club, Rosemary Inabinet and Jenny Swofford. Due to serious illness Youth Awards Chairman Kay Williams was not able to attend. In addition to our Garden Club members, two very special helpers on hand to help with picking up t-shirts and delivering them, setup, handing out materials, making pictures, and clean up were Daughter's of Chairman Alecia Elrod – Anne Langdon Elrod and Carolyn Gowan. Thank you to all GCGC members in attendance and everyone who helped to make the 2018 Youth Symposium a huge success!

GCSC Bus Tour

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. Bus Tour

GCSC invites You on a Wonderful 4 Day/3 Night tour, October 9 - 12, 2018

George Washington's Estate, Mount Vernon
The U.S. Botanic Garden, DC - Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
For Information and /or Reservations, Please Contact the Tour Chairman



Nancy O. Rayner dayzeegarland@yahoo.com

Price: \$599.00 Per Person - Double Occupancy

\$75 deposit due with reservation, balance due July 1, 2018

Travel Protection: \$79.00 per person *separate check payable to: PML Travel & Tours*

First GCSC Commemorative Christmas Ornament

The Garden Club of South Carolina is now offering the first ornament commemorating our President and the President's theme. This first in a series is engraved on the back with President Donna Donnelly, 2017-2019 and her Theme: "Birds of a Feather Garden Together."

\$20.00 plus Shipping & Handling

Order through Logo Sales:

Susan B. Berry

1093 Moore Road

Orangeburg SC 29118

(803) 707-1907

susanberry@yahoo.com

Also Available at Summer Expo!



2017-2019 Commemorative Ornament

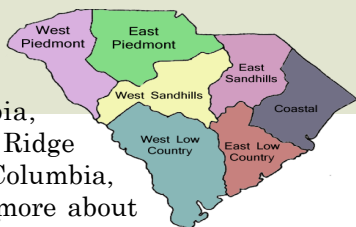
Feature Articles

West Sandhills District

Jan Burch, District Director

Kay Williams, Co-Director

The West Sandhills District is comprised of thirty-four federated garden clubs and one Garden Club Councils. Locations include: Blythewood, Camden, Chapin, Columbia, Edgefield, Hopkins, Irmo, Kershaw, Lexington, Ridge Spring, Saluda, St. Mathews, Trenton, West Columbia, Winnsboro, and Dimensions in Art. To learn more about the West Sandhills District and to read about their history, visit the Garden Club of South Carolina website:



www.gardenclubofsc.org/districts/west-sandhills/

Chapin Garden Club Celebrates 80th Anniversary

The Chapin Garden Club observed its 80th Anniversary on March 28 with a Drop-In at the Lake Murray Presbyterian Church. Several local dignitaries joined present and past members of the club to celebrate the occasion.

Chapin Garden Club was organized in 1938 and federated in 1945. Chapin Councilwoman Kay Hollis surprised garden club members with a review of club history and outline of the positive impact CGC has had on the Town of Chapin throughout the years. Ms. Hollis stated, “The Town of Chapin is honored to be the home of such a longstanding and community-oriented organization and you would be hard pressed to find a public area in the Chapin community that has not been enhanced and beautified by the work of the garden club.”

State Representative Chip Huggins (pictured with CGC President Cindy Chin), was on hand to present the club with a Concurrent Resolution of the House and Senate commending the club on its 80 years of service.



Continuing the anniversary celebration, Chapin Mayor David Knight took the opportunity at the Chapin Town Council Meeting on April 2 to present the club with a proclamation declaring April 6, 2018 as “Chapin Garden Club Day”.

With 21 members, 2 inactive members and 6 honorary members, the club

Feature Articles

West Sandhills District

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continues to be a vital force in the beautification of Chapin. The club maintains the Carolina Fence Garden and grounds at the Chapin Chamber of Commerce along with flower urns at the public library. Club members plant at least one tree every Arbor Day, deliver flowers to garden-loving residents at Generations Assisted Living, decorates areas around Chapin for Christmas and is involved in many other ongoing projects.



L-R: Chapin Mayor David Knight, CGC President Cindy Chin and member Karen McConnell



CGC VP Sally Walker serves the anniversary cake.

West Sandhills District Meeting

The West Sandhills District Meeting was held March 8 at the Garden Council of Greater Columbia Building in Columbia. Chapin Garden Club, along with Coldstream GC, Gay Gardeners GC, and Whitehall Garden Club served as host clubs for the event. 98 persons registered for the meeting. West Sandhills District Director Jan Burch chaired the meeting. WSD Co-Director/ Awards Chairperson Kay Williams presided over awards. Dignitaries present included GCSC State President Donna Donnelly, GCSC 3rd Vice President Dee LeMay, and GCSC Historian (and former WSD Director) Betty Wise Jackson. Two former GCSC state presidents also attended. The morning events included two informative



L-R: Jan Burch, Dee LeMay, Zach Steinhauser and Donna Donnelly

Feature Articles

West Sandhills District

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presentations and opportunities for shopping with many vendors selling garden-related items. Guest speaker Zach Steinhauser, Manager of Wings and Things at Wingard's Nursery and Market in Lexington presented a delightful program entitled "Songbirds in the Garden" and State Flower Show Chairman Goldie Meek delighted with a program on Floral Designs.



Members of Bay Blossom Garden Club.



WSD Co-Director Kay Williams and GCSC Historian Betty Wise Jackson

Memorial Garden

Betsy Steele, Chairman
Memorial Garden Trustees

As members of a Federated Garden Club please take pride in our Memorial Garden. Located in Columbia adjacent to the Governor's Mansion, this is the only property owned by Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. At the 1944 annual meeting of the Garden Club of South Carolina in Columbia, it was resolved, **"that the Garden Club of South Carolina undertake as a project a park in our capital city as a memorial to our dead and an honor to our living in this war."**

Memorial Garden was established in 1945 when Mrs. Sarah Smith Porter Boylston of Pennsylvania and South Carolina deeded the property to the Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. (newly Incorporated). A member of Columbia Garden Club, Mrs. Boylston was an acclaimed hostess, garden designer, horticulturist and philanthropist with a keen business sense. She gave a portion of her own garden as a memorial to her husband and son to establish the Memorial Garden. Renowned Landscape Architect, Loutrel Briggs, friend to many garden club members, donated his time to develop an appropriate plan for the narrow, elongated site. With a raised terrace and a

Feature Articles

Memorial Garden (continued)

Betsy Steele, Chairman

Memorial Garden Trustees

flowing Italian fountain at the far end from the main entry point, one immediately senses the feeling of entering a sacred Cathedral Briggs intended.

Mrs. Boylston loved our Memorial Garden. On a personal note, *my* love for the Garden grew as I learned more about Mrs. Sarah Boylston. When I read that she loved it so much that her own funeral service was held on the raised terrace, I began to feel a special connection...one gardener to another. Thus began my quest for more information. Learning her casket was covered in the flora and fauna from the garden and was followed by family, staff and her two faithful Great Danes dogs down the steps from her house through the garden path into Memorial Garden just tugged at my heart. I so appreciated her love of this garden. To realize that at the age of 93 she was still potting boxwood rang a special bell in my mind. As a true gardener, she believed in the hope and promise of another day.



Memorial Garden Promenade

The life of our Memorial Garden is like that of any other garden, it has experienced exceptional years of lush blooms and then some years of decline and other years of being described as a “diamond in the rough.” We are fortunate that our state government, as well as private citizens, have always appreciated the meaning of Memorial Garden and the fact that it serves as a living memorial to those South Carolinians who served in World War II and those South Carolinians who continue to serve in our Armed Forces. In 1945 our State Legislator passed a bill giving the Garden Club of South Carolina, \$2000.00 to help establish and maintain the garden. Quite a statement of appreciation! At other times in the life of the garden, monies have been appropriated by the State to renovate and restore landscaped areas. Currently, the Garden faces problems from poor drainage and storm water runoff. Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) and the Department of Administration (DOA) have offered to partner with the Garden Club of South Carolina to correct these problems. We are confident this work will return the Memorial Garden to its original beauty and splendor for many

Memorial Garden

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years to come.

Thank you to each club and each individual member who personally donates to the Memorial Garden Fund through the Five Star Honor program. These funds help us partner with these two agencies and will allow funding for future maintenance. We look forward to updating our underground drainage system and refurbishing the lawn area. As you know, the Memorial Garden is used for wedding rentals and special occasions, which helps to defray our maintenance expense.

If your club has not visited, please plan a trip to enjoy the garden and learn more about the rich history of one of only three gardens in South Carolina listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is open to the public free of charge and may be entered through the Boylston Garden walk gate on Lincoln Street. The Memorial Garden wrought iron double gates are opened on special occasions and when the Memorial Garden Trustee Chairman is contacted for a scheduled tour.

Establishing the Memorial Garden almost seventy-five years ago has left not only a great legacy for the Garden Club of South Carolina, but also a great responsibility. All Presidents who have served this organization since 1945 have exhibited leadership skills to make certain that this property is loved and maintained to the best of their ability.

What a privilege to own the Memorial Garden. What a pleasure to share it. What a tradition to uphold.



Pledge to support our Memorial Garden. Send donations to
GCSC Treasurer, 701 Gervais St., Suite 150-142, Columbia, SC 29201



Memorial Garden Gate House

GCSC NEW MEMBER CONTEST 2018-2019

“GROWING OUR FLOCK”



Starts April 26, 2018- Ends April 17, 2019

Club President completes form below and sends to sandieduerksen@gmail.com or by post to 165 Double Eagle Ct. Aiken, SC 29803.

Winner will be announced by a drawing at our “National Bird Day Party”!!! at GCSC 2019 Spring Convention.

NO MONEY NEEDED.....ONLY GOOD FUN..... so let’s “feather your club’s nest” and send out some bird calls! We need YOU!!!!

PS.... First Prize will fly you out of your nest....your club will thank you..... and so will I!!!!

**Sandie Duerksen, Membership Chairman
2017/2019**

803-644-5242/803-645-2871



Cut here and send to Sandie

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New Member Name _____

Address: _____

Club Name and District _____

President Name and email _____

Date Joined _____

President Signature _____

Master Calendar of Events 2018

THE GARDEN CLUB OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC

“Birds of a Feather Garden Together!”

June 3-9	National Garden Week
June 17-23	Camp Wildwood, Kings Mountain, SC
July 14 EXPO	Columbia
July 15	Deadline of SC Gardener Fall Issue
July 25-26	Judges Club Symposium
August 30	Memorial Garden Concert, Columbia
September 6	GCSC Board of Directors Meeting Riverbanks Botanical Garden, Columbia
September 10-12	Flower Show School, Course III, Columbia
September 25-30	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Orlando FL
October 4	NAJCSC Judges Club Meeting
October 9-12	Bus Tour to Mt. Vernon, White House US Botanical Garden and Monticello

Schools and Symposiums

Judges Club Symposium

Nationally Accredited Judges Club of SC 2018

July 25 & 26 2018

Embassy Suites Columbia Greystone

200 Stoneridge Dr.

Columbia, SC 29210

Local Chairman: Joan Danforth

jayteedan@yahoo.com (803) 738-0240 (h) (803-414-6538 (c)

Flower Show School III

September 9 through 12, 2018

Columbia Council of Garden Clubs

1605 Park Circle

Columbia, SC 29201

Contact: Fair Edmunds 803-968-2534 fairme@ftc-i.net



The EXPO 2018

Fun, Fellowship and Food!

Meet old friends and make some new ones!


Saturday, July 14, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE

**Register via EventBrite on the GCSC Website
www.gardenclubofsc.org click Event Registration**

- *Endless Buffet of Sweet and Savory Finger Foods*
- *Meet your District Director and Co-Director*
- *Visit with Committee Chairmen and learn about GCSC initiatives and projects*
- *Live enactment of "My Forever Home" written by Melissa Moody and performed by the Yellow Jessamine Garden Club Birds*
- *We are again offering workshops. Among them a new one on how to submit an Art Award. Learn winning tips for success.*



**Ebenezer Lutheran Church
1301 Richland Street • Columbia**

State Meeting Highlights

Garden Week Proclamation

One of the greatest honors and highlights of our State Meeting was receiving the Governor's Proclamation for State Garden Week!

State of South Carolina Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, gardeners across the Palmetto State share a passion for nurturing South Carolina's natural beauty and resources by planting seeds and caring for plants; and

WHEREAS, through the cultivation of flowers, herbs, and vegetables, gardeners help provide beauty, food, and fragrance to their communities and advance an understanding of the important role of all creatures in a balanced and productive ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, while sometimes challenging, gardening can be a rewarding activity for people of all ages and levels of experience; and

WHEREAS, gardening helps promote a healthy lifestyle and reduce stress while serving as a tangible reminder of the rewards of hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 3-9, 2018, as

GARDEN WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our gardeners for their contributions that positively impact our communities and the quality of life for our residents.



HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

State Meeting

State Meeting Highlights



Carolyn Tolson, GCSC National Garden Week Chairman, invited Governor Henry McMaster to issue a Proclamation for National Garden Week. He honored our request but was unable to attend our State Award's Luncheon to present the Proclamation. Instead, First Lady Peggy McMaster attended and presented the Proclamation to President Donna Donnelly. First Lady McMaster and aide Karen Campbell were greeted at the door by Carolyn Tolson and Betsy Steele. First Lady McMaster was our honored guest.

Left to Right: Betsy Steele, First Lady Peggy McMaster, Carolyn Tolson, and Karen Campbell.



GCSC Design Coordinator, Mary Ann Kirby, designed this 8 feet tall Cascading Design to Honor GCSC President Donna Donnelly and SAR Director, Judy Barnes.

Can you see the Birds in Nature? Mary used her Original Plexiglass Containers held Yellow Scotch Broom grown by Mary Ann, dried Monkey Vine and Banksia Protea sprayed red. The beveled mirror within the wrought iron stand, also designed by Mary Ann, picks up the colors of the carpet and the Protea. Dried Bird of Paradise Leaves and a Zebra Runner complemented the design.



District News

Coastal District

District Director: Allyson Hirsch

Co-Director: Susan Carter

Driftwood Garden Club - Council Meeting

Submitted By: Juanita Burnett

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Driftwood Garden Club - Carolina Wren Trail

Submitted By: Juanita Burnett

The Driftwood Garden Club of the Coastal District is off to a flying start of its Carolina Wren Trail!

In late September 2017, Club members built 15 birdhouses from the pre-cut lumber pieces provided by Kim Fowlkes (Club's Chair of Birds-Butterflies Committee) and her husband, Don. (picture to right) On February 26, 2018, eight of the birdhouses were officially installed in 3 parks:



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NMB Sports and Park Complex Nature Trail, Edge & 19th Street South Park, and 41st Avenue South Pocket Park. The remaining birdhouses will be installed at various sites this spring and the Club envisions building additional birdhouses by May 1st in order to expand its Carolina Wren Trail during National Garden Week.



Left to Right: JoAnn Johnson Susie Bellamy Sharon Robinson Sandy Barker (Behind Ladder) Mary Laughlin Kim Fowlkes and Iris Bradshaw

Yellow Jasmine Garden Club - Palmetto Pride

Submitted By: Melissa Moody

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East Low Country

District Director: Michael Pound

Co-Director: Sue Lawley

Azalea Garden Club, Manning - 70th Anniversary

Submitted By: Jane Geddings

The Azalea Garden Club of Manning celebrated the club's 70th Anniversary with a Tea on the porch of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julien Weinberg, IV. The house, built in 1916, was the location of the club's organizational meeting in March, 1948. Honored guest at the Tea included Garden Club of South Carolina East Low County Director Michael Pound and Co-Director Sue Lawley. Mr. Pound presented the club a Japanese maple. Sue Lawley presented the club with a Certificate of Recognition. Mayor Julia Nelson sent the club an award for its dedication and service to The City of Manning.

Past Club Presidents Marie Land and Anne Sauls co-chaired the Tea. Their efforts utilizing silver serving pieces created a beautiful event full of meaning and sentiment for the ladies of the club. Baked goods served were made using recipes from the club's cookbook sold more than 30 years ago. Beautiful floral arrangements designed and arranged by past Presidents Ann Plowden and Sue Jordan utilized flowers from their own gardens. Hats were optional for the event.

During the Tea, past President Marie Land spoke of the club's many accomplishments. The club has had fifty-five presidents originally serving one year terms and more recently serving two years. Among many past projects, the club has participated in Accredited Flower Shows, Holiday House Tours, and conducted Garden Symposiums. The club has sponsored Garden Tours, a Junior Garden Club, and students to Camp Wildwood. The club planted trees on Arbor Day, developed a butterfly garden at Manning Primary School, and made bird houses with the students.

Most recently the club assisted with designing and



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landscaping the grounds at the old Manning Library. They continue to maintain these grounds as the Clarendon County Archives. Members maintain a Fence Garden at the Council on Aging, and assist Special Needs and Disabilities Board residents with creation of container gardens. Each year during National Garden Week, the club provides floral arrangements, designed, arranged and delivery by club members throughout the county. For fall and the Christmas holiday, the club decorates the Town Clock and the entrance to City Hall. The past two years the Azalea Garden Club decorated The Millford Plantation Home for their Yuletide Tours.

Current Club President Ginny Honea summed up the event with a toast. "Please raise a glass as we toast 70 years of hard-working, talented, creative, generous, and wonderful women who have been or are now members of the Azalea Garden Club of Manning," she said.

East Piedmont

District Director: Wayne Deal

Co-Director: Elaine Wade

East Piedmont District Meeting

Submitted By: Mary Ann Kirby

March 6, 2018 " Soaring Into Spring " EPD Meeting in Union was a Successful meeting enjoyed by all who attended! The Meeting decorated with Birdhouses was held in Union at the Fairgrounds! Gaffney Garden Club did a Beautiful Coffee and Marshall Goforth is President.

Wayne Deal EPD Director and Elaine Wade Co-Director and Good Neighbor Garden Club Member Kathy Bradshaw Welcomes The President of Garden Club of SC , Donna Donnelly !



Elaine Wade, Wayne Deal, Donna Donnelly
Kathy Bradshaw

Elaine Wade Presented The EPD Awards to The winners.

EPD Award of "Special Achievement" was presented by Wayne to Mary Ann Powell Kirby for her work in National Garden Club Conventions, SAR Wildlife Roadsides Chairman, Design Co-ordinator for The GCSC Board and Past Adv. Bus Mgr for 12 Years for The SC GARDENER, EPD Website and Bird Chairman, and

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East Piedmont

District Director: Wayne Deal

Co-Director: Elaine Wade

District Meeting (Continued)

Serving on The Exe. Board for Spartanburg Garden Club Council as First Vice President and Awards CHR. Mary Ann is a National Master Flower Show Judge and Master Landscape Consultant and Founder of Upsy Daisy Garden Club in 1972 !

Pictured with Mary Ann Powell Kirby is Becky Crow -GCSC Protocol CHR. and serving also on SAR and National Garden Club and Nancy O. Rayner GCSC Tour Chr. Spartanburg Garden Club Council won 9 EPD Awards . President Denie Crowder pictured !



Upsy Daisy Garden Club won 7 awards and was represented by the Members with Jane Zollinger as President .

THANKYOU to Good Neighbor Garden Club Host Club for presented this Wonderful meeting and to Wayne Deal, President.

Elaine Brockman - Historian for Spartanburg Garden Club Council, Jane Zollinger- EPD Youth Chairman and President of Spartanburg Garden Club Council, Janet Adams- Parliamentarian for Spartanburg Garden Club Council and Nancy O Raynor GCSC Tour Chairman enjoy the EPD meeting.

Lady Slipper Garden Club

Submitted by Jane Bagwell

Lady Slipper Garden Club members Suzi Jones, Suzanne Leone – First Vice President, June Ashby, Sandy Huggins- LSGC President, Libba Glenn, (not pictured-Jane Bagwell) plant summer flowers and mulch the flower beds at The Hope Center for Children in Spartanburg. This has been a yearly project of the club for



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many years. Also, LSGC decorates the lobby of The Hope Center for Children including a Christmas tree each year for the Holiday season. Lady Slipper Garden Club has 35 members and was organized in 1974 and federated in September 1977. In September 2018 they will be federated for 41 years. LSGC is a member of the East Piedmont District, The Garden Club of SC, South Atlantic Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Lancaster Garden Club

Submitted by Pat Clancy

Colonial Herb Garden

Members of the Lancaster Garden Club (EPD) tend to our Andrew Jackson State Park colonial herb garden. The herbs we plant are native to SC and were used as medicines and as food for our colonial settlers. The herb garden is a learning tool for students and tourists alike. The garden provides insight into colonial life.



Special Needs

The Lancaster Garden Club of Lancaster, SC gathered on March 6 to visit with our friends at the Center for Disabilities and Special Needs in Lancaster. The garden club brought lunch, music, dancing, and pansies to pot. Everyone looks forward to this every year.



Spartanburg Council Awards

Submitted by Mary Ann Kirby

Becky Crow was given one of the Highest Awards for Garden Club of South Carolina: The Garden Club of South Carolina Special Award at the Garden Club of SC State Convention. This award is presented to an individual for meritorious accomplishments exemplifying GCSC goals and objectives. Spartanburg Garden Club Council send the Application for this wonderful and well deserved Award for Becky Crow!

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Back row (L - R)
Spartanburg Council
President Denie Crowder,
Lanie Trout Advisor;
Elaine Wade, Treasurer;
Jane Zollinger, Upsy Daisy
Garden Club President;
Nancy O. Rayner, Third
VP; Beth Waddell,
Secretary.

Seated: Mary Ann Kirby,
First VP Spartanburg
Council and Becky Crow
GCSC Protocol Chairman
and recipient of The
Garden Club of South

Carolina Special Award given at the GCSC Convention on 4-26-18.



Carolina Wren Derby Day

Submitted by Donna Donnelly

Members of the Carolina Wren Garden Club celebrate Derby Day!



District News

East Sandhills District

District Director: Jennifer McCutcheon

Co-Director: Radine Tate

District Meeting

Submitted by Jennifer McCutcheon

“Gardening Through the Year” was the theme of the East Sandhills District Meeting on March 13. It was hosted by the Sumter Council of Garden Clubs. It was a beautiful day inside and out. Succulent arrangements adorned the tables. Delicious food was served. The fellowship was great. The speaker was fantastic. Dan Dupree gave a very informative presentation on Camp Wildwood. Plus we had all of the awards. It made for an enjoyable day..



Fair Edmunds and Gay Nelson admire one of the beautiful arrangements.



Dan Dupree - Camp Wildwood



This Spring as I was cleaning out my hair brushes of my grey hair, I thought what wonderful nesting material my hair would be for birds! So I started putting the hair on the shrubs around my screened in back porch. One afternoon I saw a titmouse in my Crape Myrtle tree beside the porch with a mouthful of my hair! It flew off to its nest with my hair in its mouth. If this not recycling at its best, what is?? So glad baby birds can live on what I discarded! *Shirley LaGarde*

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East Sandhills District (Continued)

Azalea Garden Club of Sumter

Submitted by Jennifer McCutcheon

The Sumter Council of Garden Clubs was very proud of their Azalea garden club members at the 2018 State Meeting. They were big winners in the Art Contest. Betty Reese earned at Second Place for Colored Pencil with her Eastern Bluebird. Terry Newman earned a First Place for Pencil with her Coneflower and Terry Newman also won the Best of Show for her acrylic painting of Swans.



Top Left: Twin Swans
Terry Newman, Best of Show



Top Right: Cone Flower
Terry Newman, 1st Place
Pencil



Right: Eastern Blue Bird,
Betty Reese, 2nd Place Colored
Pencil

District News

West Low Country District

District Director: Ann Sheets

Co-Director: Nancy Karl

Beech Island Garden Club 60th Anniversary

Submitted by Ann Sheets

Beech Island Celebrated its 60th Anniversary this year at the home of Cindy Mixon. Congratulations!



Top Left to Right:

Sandie Duerksen, GCSC

Barbara Dover, Visitor

Anna Sheets, WLC Director

Nancy Karl, WLC Co-Director

Trish Bender, GCSC 1st VP

Danny Feagin, Allen County

Councilman

Susan Whittle, Past Member BIGC

Janice Hyder, Past Member BIGC



Bottom Left to Right:

Cindy Mixon, BIGC Member and Host

Janice Gesche, BIGC President

Sandie Duerksen, GCSC

Trish Bender, GCSC 1st VP

Anna Sheets, WLC Directotr

Nancy Karl, WLC Co-Director

Beaufort Council of Garden Clubs Annual Meeting

Submitted by Donna Berger

The Beaufort Council of Garden Clubs' Annual Luncheon/Meeting hosted by Lady's Island Garden Club was held on February 6, 2018 at Dataw Island Club. State President Donna Donnelly, and 1st Vice-President Trish Bender attended.

Guest Speaker, Rachel Jones, Master Naturalist/Program Coordinator of Port Royal Sound Foundation-Maritime Center gave an informative power-point presentation, linking her knowledge of the area with Lady's Island Garden Club's theme "Discovering Our Low Country Treasures of Land & Sea."

Table Centerpieces, consisting of oyster shell cluster 'flowers' with ligustrum, long needle pin boughs and Spanish Moss were assembled in

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'silver' bowls by members of LIGC under the supervision and guidance of Betsi Hilton, Secretary of LIGC. LIGC member Sondra Knight did the gorgeous floral arrangement in the foyer of the Dataw Carolina room.



Donna Culp, Beaufort
Garden Council President



Sondra Knight's Foyer Creation

Dogwood Garden Club - Birds of a Feather Garden and Create Art Together

Submitted by Sheryl King

On March 7, 2018, Dogwood Gardeners in Orangeburg met to learn a new skill which emphasized the gardening theme of the year, "Birds of a Feather Garden Together." Twelve dedicated garden club members created unique stained glass mosaics featuring birds.

Becky Wienges, a member of the Dogwood Garden Club and "artist in residence," opened her home and provided the necessary materials and instruction to complete a stained glass mosaic. Each 'budding' artist began with a 5x7 piece of hardi-backer board, and a generic outline of a bird. Following the bird outline, individuals glued small pieces of beautifully colored opaque glass to their board creating the bird of their choice. The group learned how to use glass nippers to shape pieces of glass to fit the model area exactly. As participants completed their bird, Becky supplied

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mixed grout for the ladies to push between the glass. As the glass was wiped clean after grouting, members saw impressive individual results. Becky remarked, "I was amazed that no bird was alike in color or background on the mosaic." Dogwood club president Roxie Milhouse noted, "Getting together and creating the beautiful mosaics truly stimulated the creative side of our club. The fun was seeing everyone's end product!"

The 'birding' mosaics were designed for display on a plate stand or easel indoors, or placement in the garden outdoors. Following the class, a general business meeting was held.



L to R: Pam Reynolds and Becky Wienges



Dogwood Garden Club at Farnum Inn

Dogwood Garden Club - Tours Farnum Inn

Submitted by Sheryl King

Members of the Dogwood Garden Club in Orangeburg, South Carolina, toured the Farnum House Inn botanical gardens on April 4, 2018. Located at 5209 Columbia Road between Orangeburg and Columbia, the stately antebellum home dates back to 1785 based on records found from Francis Asbury, the famed Methodist circuit rider. Club members were greeted by a grand avenue of oaks that are two hundred to five hundred years old, and serve as a lovely canopy from the main road to the mansion.

Sheryl Jackson, the Innkeeper, gave the group an hour long tour of the gardens which stretch throughout the five acres accompanying the inn. Sheryl discussed care and maintenance of the oak trees as well as the

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maintenance for the plethora of azaleas, which delighted the gardeners by being in full bloom. The five acres of gardens and woodland paths include seasonal perennial gardens. All the fresh cuttings and flower arrangements throughout the inn are supplied by the variety of beautiful flowers and greenery found among the gardens. A greenhouse is also utilized for the house and gardens. Such lovely gardens make the inn an ideal spot for weddings, photo shots, and movie backgrounds. The Inn recently became an official Bed and Breakfast location.

Dogwood Gardeners left the tour with a great appreciation for those who maintain historic homes and gardens as well as many ideas for their personal gardens. The tour followed an enjoyable lunch at The Chestnut Grille in Orangeburg and a formal business meeting.

West Piedmont District

District Director: Marguerite P. Warren

Co-Director: Dee LeMay

Lake and Hills Garden Club - 30th Anniversary Celebration

Submitted by Laurie Flanagan

The Lake and Hills Garden Club celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on April 24 with an elegant dinner at The Club at Keowee Key. The Garden Club was organized in 1988 and federated in 1989. Nearly 100 Garden Club members, spouses, and invited guests attended.

The celebration program included a showcase of the Garden Club's numerous civic service projects over the last 30 years, as well as the honoring of three founding members: Barbara Shaver, Phyllis Elder, and Alice Schrader (*pictured right*). However, the guest speakers were the highlight of the evening. Dr. Patrick McMillan, the Director of the South Carolina Botanical Garden, enlightened the audience about how they could participate in "Gardening for Life." Donna Donnelly, President of The Garden Club of South Carolina, shared reasons why the focus of her "Feed the Birds" campaign is so important to sustainable wildlife habitats.

At the conclusion of the program, Lake and Hills Garden Club President



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Laura Havran presented a \$3,000 donation to Dr. McMillan to help build a full-fledged birding garden and bird-viewing platform at the South Carolina Botanical Garden. Havran also presented a \$1,000 donation to Donna Donnelly to help make a long term impact on the South Carolina birding population by educating garden club members how they can make the transition from just feeding birds to cultivating habitats in which the birds can feed themselves.



Pictured L-R: Kim Herren, recording secretary; Lynn Pode, VP; Dr. Patrick McMillan, Director of SCBG; Laura Havran, President; and Donna Donnelly DGCSG President.

Clarice Wilson Garden Club - Blue Bird Trail

Submitted by Eva Beale

Eastern Bluebird populations fell in the early twentieth century as aggressive introduced species such as European Starlings and House Sparrows made available nest holes increasingly difficult for bluebirds to hold on to. In the 1960s and 1970s establishment of bluebird trails and other nest box campaigns alleviated much of this competition, especially after people began using nest boxes designed to keep out the larger European Starling. Eastern Bluebird numbers have been recovering since.



With this in mind the Clarice Wilson Garden Club decided to help out the Eastern Bluebird population by placing nesting boxes at the Kilgore Lewis property to assist in increasing the population of Eastern Bluebirds. This also ties in with the States President Donna Donnelly's theme of "Birds of a Feather Garden Together". The Clarice Wilson Garden Club members purchased 15 of the Bluebird nesting boxes and a plaque was attached to each nesting box identifying the donor of the box.

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Ron Stojek and Bill Keener install a Bluebird House at Kilgore-Lewis House

McCormick Garden Club - Yard of the Month

Submitted by Nancy Renstrom

The McCormick Garden Club has a tradition that goes back many years. For five months, May through September, a home is selected to be The Garden of the Month. The selected homeowners are interviewed and photographed along with key features of their gardens. The descriptive article and pictures are featured in *Shorelines*, our local lifestyle magazine, and the weekly newspaper, *The McCormick Messenger*.

The gardens that have been selected so far this year reflects the diversity we try to achieve. Our May selection had a great integration of architecture and landscaping, creating a courtyard effect. The June garden is young and is an excellent example of taking builder grade landscaping to the next level. And finally, you cannot approach our July home without thinking of an English country cottage.

At the end of the month our award winning gardeners receive a small commemorative plaque for permanent display. We use the Garden of the Month program to recognize hard work and to inspire others.



Top: NGC President Nancy Hargroves with GCSC President Donna Donnelly, at the NGC Convention, Philadelphia, May 2018.



Bottom: Five State Presidents with Director Judy Barnes (far right) at the South Atlantic Region (SAR) Convention in Covington Kentucky, March 2018.



Fun and Funds!

Idea for Fund Raising - Anna Sheets

This sounds simple, but it works every time. The North Augusta Council of Garden Clubs held a “Yard / Rummage / Garage” Sale on April 27, 2018 at a member’s home to raise funds for a scholarship for the North Augusta High School and to send a young person to Camp Wildwood. All items were donated by the 3 garden clubs in the council. Ads were placed in the local town paper, The Star, and others in the area. Signs were posted at street intersections and posters placed in local shops in the area. The hardest part was sorting and pricing all the items which was done by the various volunteers from the garden clubs the day before.

The weather was perfect, not too hot and no rain. We had people stopping by on our “sorting and pricing” day before the sale. Our community has a service organization called CMONA (Community Ministries of North Augusta) which is run by the local churches that assist people in need. They came after the sale and took all of our leftovers to help with their ministries and to sell in their shop. We made money for our needs and helped our community too. It was a very satisfying day.



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