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Cherokee Post March 2015

Membership Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 17th

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Magnolia Hall – in Piedmont Park, enter parking facility at 1320 Monroe Drive NE **

Program: Joint Meeting with Peachtree Garden Club

Speaker: Eric Haskell – French Gardens

**** Parking is available at the new Sage Parking Facility located off of Monroe Drive and Worchester Drive. This is the parking deck that serves Piedmont Park and The Botanical Gardens. Heading south on Piedmont Avenue toward Midtown, turn left on Monroe Drive. At the second traffic light, turn right on Worchester Drive and continue into the Sage parking facility.**

Have you ever wanted to create a formal landscape in your back yard? Beautifully manicured hedges with trellises full of roses, arbors covered with climbing hydrangea, sculpture and bubbling fountains? How would you like to get some landscape ideas from a designer that has been knighted by the French government not just once, but twice? Does the most dazzling, small-scale formal garden in private hands today in France pique your interest? If your answer to any of the above questions is yes, then join us at 10am on Tuesday, March 17th for a joint meeting with Peachtree Garden Club at Magnolia Hall.



Eric Haskell is a noted Francophile and has studied the history of French aristocrats and royals who used their landscapes as status symbols. He is a professor of French studies and interdisciplinary inquiry at Scripps College and director of its Clark Humanities Museum and is also the author of *The Gardens of Brécý: A Lasting Landscape*. **Books are \$35. No credit cards – checks and cash only – Eric will sign them after the meeting.**

Please let us know if you would like to have a boxed lunch. Send an email to Molly Lanier at thlmyl@bellsouth.net to reserve your lunch no later than Wednesday, March 11th.

Our April meeting will be Small Group Luncheons at Members' homes on Tuesday, April 21st at noon. If you would like to attend a luncheon and did not put your name on a sign-up sheet at the February meeting, contact Molly Lanier at thlmyl@bellsouth.net. You will receive an invitation from your hostess a few weeks before the luncheon. This is always a favorite Cherokee event!

President's Message

With more luggage than I could negotiate, I "Ubered" to Union Station, wearing my lack of confidence on my sleeve like a four-year old heading to her first day of kindergarten. It had been a long time since "long train runnin'" was more than a song, and as I boarded that train toward home from the NAL meeting in Washington, the train was long and yes – running.

Packed in my "bookbag" were all my NAL notes: outlines, bios of speakers, and Lindsay's agenda for the three-day meeting. This is where the real story begins.



Once upon a time, there was a Baltimore, Maryland (St. George's) GCA member who moved with her physician husband and two children to Atlanta. She affiliated with Cherokee Garden Club in 2000, becoming active in 2002, and quietly began to invest her time there. Over the years, her children – one married and the other for her profession – moved to other places, and her precious husband fought—and ultimately lost—a courageous battle with a rare disease. At that point, Lindsay Marshall wondered about her future.

Fast forward to this past week where her years of GCA work with Conservation, National Affairs & Legislation culminated in this year's indescribable Conservation/NAL meeting in Washington, DC.

Over three days, Lindsay had invited, scheduled and prepared over twenty speakers to address the national Conservation/NAL members of The Garden Club of America. She arranged facilities, meals, entertainment, and bus transportation. At 8:30 AM on Day 1, she stood before our assembly with supernatural energy, grace and charm. Her casual, make-you-feel-at-home, style engaged both speakers and attendees. Those of us who claimed her were the puffed-up, proud delegates on the southeast corner of the auditorium! I can only say that this was a fine day for Cherokee, The Garden Club of America, and for all 300 women across the nation who wanted to know more about the issues vital to the Earth's conservation and sustainability. (Pictured above are participants: GCA President-Elect Anne Copenhaver, GCA President Katie Heins, NAL Chair Lindsay Marshall, GCA Washington consultant Rich Innes, and GCA Conservation Chair Jennifer Fain.)

Researchers, scientists, environmental law leaders, clean air advocates, wildlife experts and those many more who gave their time without charge to educate us, all came because Lindsay asked them. She even had an arm-chair conversation with Atlanta Laura Turner Seydel, which inspired the whole group. And, as you might imagine, Congressional schedules are often unpredictable and can result in delayed speaking appearances by Members of Congress. However, the always unflappable Lindsay was prepared to step in and continue the conversation until they arrived.

Lindsay, Cherokee is mighty proud of you. Come on home so we can say "thank you" for the remarkable job you have done to make us more responsible citizens of our land, water and air. You are a true gift to all who know you!

This train is pulling in, and we can't wait to see what tracks lie ahead

-- Kathy Lee, President

Club Trip – Serenbe

On **Tuesday, April 28th**, we will travel to Serenbe, the expansive acreage in the Chattahoochee Hill Country that was purchased by Steve Nygren in the 1990s to protect and enhance the concept of sustainable communities.

We will begin with a guided walking tour through the organic gardens, followed by a visit to the residential and shopping areas. During our leisurely lunch in the charming Farm House Restaurant, Steve Nygren will join us to share his insight into the acquisition and development of this property which has been successfully guided by his concept of sustainable, environmentally-designed communal life.

After our visit to Serenbe, we have been invited to Wilkerson Mill Gardens on our route back to Atlanta. The nursery specializes in beautiful and rare species of hydrangeas.

Travel will be by a carpool caravan which will leave from the rear parking lot of the Cathedral of St. Philip, 2744 Peachtree Road. We will depart at 9:45am sharp for a 45-minute to one-hour drive to Serenbe. For those who do not stop at Wilkerson Mill Gardens, return to Atlanta should be by 2:30pm. The cost of the trip is \$46.00. Please send your checks, payable to the Cherokee Garden Club, to Carmen Talley, 3255 Valley Road, NW, 30305. Also, please let Carmen know if you would be willing to drive. We hope to have no more than eight cars to transport our maximum number of 32. **The signup deadline is April 20th.**

-- Carolyn Vigtel, Club Trips Co-Chair



Membership

Our newest members-elect hit the ground running! Perrin and Anne led an artistic workshop getting everyone ready for *Art in Bloom*. The members-elect went on a VIP tour of Cut Flower before getting "hooked-on-Hort" while getting their hands dirty with Ellen, Yvonne, and Virginia. They created beautiful arrangements at last week's *Art in Bloom* and achieved success at the seed propagation workshop in preparation for the Zone VIII Flower Show.

-- Paula Hennessy, Membership Chair



Artistic Update

Cherokee was well represented at the High Museum of Art's, *Art in Bloom 2015*. Our newest members were paired with other Cherokees to arrange flowers interpreting artwork at the High Museum. Congratulations to one of our new Cherokee members-elect, Blair Robbins, who co-chaired this fabulous and very successful event! Julie Durkee, Jill Holder, Blair Robbins, Kay Castellow, Hyde Desloge, Elise Drake, Elizabeth Hale, and Felton Norwood all created unique and inspired arrangements for this year's show. See Hyde's and Kay's interpretation pictured at right. Many, many thanks for a job well done!

-- Perrin Kibler, Flower Arranging Co-Chair



Horticulture Update and Hints for March

Spring promises its return by the calendar (March 20), and snow days be "darned." I do believe, I do, I do. Even the daffodils have faith as they push on through. They've been spied popping out around town and in our gardens. Personally, I'm looking forward to seeing the fragrant Falconet daffodils and showy Honeymoon tulips bloom (Hort Fall sale), and I'm keeping an eye out for the 150 GCA daffodil bulbs planted by our Cherokees at Louise Howard Park this past cold November. A lot of bulbs...a lot of work!



But brains and brawn, that's what we've got. Virginia Almand and Ellen Beard dazzled us with their hospitality and brains at the propagation workshop held on February 10th. In Ellen's beautiful and well-organized setting with all the propagation and informational supplies necessary, Virginia expertly demonstrated the step-by-step process of propagation. We also discussed the importance of pollinator plants, like native milkweeds, to revive the declining population of Monarch butterflies. The seeds planted were nasturtium 'Whirlybird' for the April GCA Zone VIII Flower Show Propagation Challenge, native milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) for the monarchs in our own pollinator gardens, and fragrant corkscrew vine (*Vigna caracalla*) for our enjoyment of their showy and fragrant blooms. Good luck to our new members-elect, Elizabeth, Jill, Hyde and Blair, who will be creating an herb container for the Zone VIII show, as well as growing the nasturtiums.

And last, a Hort tip:

There are two ideal times to divide hostas, in the fall and in the spring. Spring division can happen in about a 4-week window. Once the hosta eyes are popping up and before they have begun to unfurl is the window of opportunity to make your move. Click here for more information: <http://www.nhhostas.com/dividing-hostas.htm>
A good Hosta dividing demo video of already unfurled hostas (with a cuter guy!) can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOELV5cNteg>
Enjoy!!

-- Yvonne Wade, Horticulture Co-Chair

Conservation Report

Sea Level Rise and the Beginning of Preparations

If the rate of sea level rise proceeds as recent studies predict, the oceans could rise by as much as a meter (39.56 inches) by the end of this century. Federal, state, and local governments are beginning to pay attention and start a dialogue about the necessary land use/infrastructure preparations needed to accommodate this phenomenon. If you would like to read more about this conservation topic, please [click here to access my article](#). It is a summary of a report I presented to the GCA Conservation Committee a few years ago.



-- Jane Whitaker, Conservation Co-Chair

Cherokee Garden Library

Cherokee Garden Library Seed and Nursery Catalog Collection

Historical seed catalogs provide a variety of insights into the history of horticulture, agriculture, botany, gardening, advertising, seed and nursery companies, and the development of the American mail order business. Nursery catalogs offer valuable horticultural understanding of plant introductions, the use of plants over changing times, cultivation methods, and plant illustrations. Researchers can verify when and how plants were used, study various types of garden equipment and implements, and also gain insight into the changes in printing technology, and the history of graphic arts in advertising.

The Cherokee Garden Library collection holds 956 individual catalogs that represent 632 seed and nursery catalog companies and 32 equipment and supply catalog companies. Material within the collection is both historical and contemporary with companies located chiefly in the North and Southeastern United States. These catalogs were acquired from multiple sources including the De Renne Collection, the Edward Daugherty Collection, the Elizabeth Lawrence Collection, the Henry Hicks Collection, the Larry Gulley Collection, the Norma K. Sieferle Collection, the Philip Trammell Shutze Collection, the Southern Garden History Society Collection, the Southern Nursery's Association Collection, the S. Van Beck Collection, and the Virginia Hand Callaway Collection.



Due to their significance in Georgia's history, two nurseries, Fruitland Nurseries (Augusta) and the H. G. Hastings Company (Atlanta), are held in the Cherokee Garden Library as separate collections. Fruitland Nurseries was established in 1856 by Prosper Jules Alphonse, originally from Belgium, and was one of the first commercial nurseries in the South. Fruitland Nurseries was a world-class experimental station and botanical garden, growing numerous varieties of fruit trees and ornamentals and disseminating them throughout the United States. The property became the site of the Augusta National Golf Club.

In 1889 in Interlachen, Florida, Harry George Hastings (1869–1962) established the H. G. Hastings Company, a mail-order business specializing in garden and field seeds as well as nursery stock. In 1899, the company moved to Atlanta, a more centralized distribution point for its mail-order operation. H. G. Hastings Company shifted its attention to the wholesale and retail nursery business, opening one of the first garden centers in the South in 1955. The family business was sold in 1976.

As the Cherokee Garden Library is always on the lookout for catalogs and materials to enhance our collections, **you can help** by being aware and letting Staci Catron know of potential sources for additions to our collections.

-- Louise Gun, Cherokee Garden Library Past President and Cherokee Garden Club Liaison for the Garden Library

Cherokee Calendar

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TUESDAY, APRIL 21st

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TUESDAY, MAY 12th (note the early date)

Location: Home of Rosa Sumter, 3555 Knollwood Drive

Time: 10:00 AM

Program: Duncan Beard and Marion Smith present: "Let Er Rot 2"



Important Dates

Wednesday, March 18th – Swan House Patron Party

Saturday, April 18th – Swan House Ball

April 20th – 21st – Zone VIII Flower Show and Meeting

Tuesday, April 28th – Club Trip to Serenbe

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