



*President's Message* *Caroline Alderman*

**HURRICANES...**

We've experienced the destructive force of nature and lived through the aftermath of Matthew. We saw what hurricane force winds did to our beautiful island. The surprise was how fast the beauty of nature that Hilton Head is famous for, returned...in a relatively short time, the damage was cleared away and things were lush and green again.

In November, 6 weeks after Category 5 Hurricane Maria, I flew into San Juan Puerto Rico and then on to the The British Virgin Islands. As horrifying as Mathew had been for us, the aftermath of a Category 5 is truly indescribable. I had seen the reports and photos on the news, but it did not prepare me for actually being there. I think it is because the news is showing you one view... when you're there, the view is panoramic... destruction everywhere you look. There was an entire block of thousands of totaled cars. The cars that survived and were providing transportation, had no windows because it's an island and new windows were unavailable. Coves and marinas, 6 weeks out, were still littered with thousands of destroyed boats. It was reported that everything was defoliated. It was more than that. Not only were the leaves gone, but also most of the branches. But here is where I saw the remarkable ability of Nature to come back. These large trees, reduced to a trunk and a few main branches, looked like they were wearing green sweaters. Leaves were sprouting everywhere up and down the trunks. Every once in a while, miraculously, a surviving hibiscus was blooming amidst the rubble...a symbol of hope!



President's Message, cont'd...

Our tour company was the only one that had resumed operations. Imagine...only 4 catamarans sailing the British Virgin Islands! We had it all to ourselves...every cove...every popular tourist destination. We experienced the unique natural beauty the BVI is famous for without thousands of other tourists. When I dived, I was relieved to see that for the most part, the coral reefs weathered the storm well.

It turned out to be the trip of a lifetime with my husband and daughters. We agonized over the decision, but decided to go for it. These Islands need tourism and they are working hard to rebuild and welcome us back... hopefully, it won't be long.

*Caroline*

## REMINDER

### UPCOMING PROGRAM CHANGES

Program Chair, Olivia Ford has advised us that, due to unforeseen events, it has become necessary to switch the scheduled programs for February and March. Therefore, February's program will be:

#### *How to Turn a Functional Table into an Exhibit Table*

Olivia Ford will demonstrate how to turn a functional table into an exhibition table for a flower show. She will have some members volunteer to create an exhibition table using numerous table appointments. Their efforts will then be kindly critiqued.

*Coming up....*

*MARCH: New Colorful Succulents*



**In an attempt to save time at Friday's General meeting, the minutes from last month's meeting will not be read.**

**Please be sure to see page 9 of this issue to review the minutes from our last General meeting so we can make any necessary corrections and then vote**

## HORTICULTURE ...



Camellias are loaded with blooms this year.  
Not too much damage from the cold.

This is the month to prune anything that does not bloom in Spring. You may take out a third of the shrub each year if needed. Don't flattop anything. Pampas grass only needs cutting back every third year. Plant roses and prune and feed the old ones now. Begin fertilizing everything paying close attention to type and amount to use. Use dormant oil with an insecticide where needed for scale.

Transplant new annuals such as Larkspur as they appear in your garden.  
Divide perennials .

*Diane Middleton, Master Gardener*

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Patti Peacock needs a small crew of Weeding Warriors to help keep The Reflective Garden in tip top shape. Patti will monitor the garden and call for help as needed. This is very flexible...an hour here...an hour there, at a time convenient to you.

Call Patti if you have questions. It will be on the sign up sheet at the meeting.

# Telfair in Bloom

March 22–24 / Telfair Academy

On view to the public Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24, 10am–5pm.

Viewing is free to members or with museum admission.

Photos by Dan Biggenstaff



Telfair Academy Guild presents *Telfair in Bloom* 2018, a vibrant festival of art and flowers featuring work by local designers. *Telfair in Bloom* will bring the museum to life with spring flora! Works this year will be from Telfair's permanent collection as well as *Scenic Impressions: Southern Interpretations from the Johnson Collection*.

Designers will interpret works of art by creating original floral arrangements that remain on display during the entire three-day festival. Using glorious, fresh flowers to interpret Telfair's collection of paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts, these designers will open up a whole new way of seeing the museum, proving that not all art is in a frame. Proceeds will help fund improvements to the Jepson Center Sculpture Terrace. For questions, sponsorship, or tickets, please contact Lauren Grant at 790.8866 or grantl@telfair.org.

*With support from: Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, Flower General by Carlstedt's Savannah, and kathi rich clothing*

## BURST into Bloom Opening Party

Thursday, March 22,  
6:30–9pm / Telfair Academy

**\$60 members and guests**

*Ticket includes complimentary glass of champagne and two drink tickets.*

**\$125 patron individual**

*Patron tickets include complimentary drinks, reserved seating, and recognition on event materials.*

Join us for an opening night reception at the Telfair Academy and view the art and beautiful floral arrangements by local floral artists while enjoying cocktails and lite bites. At 7pm, enjoy a stroll of designs by kathi rich clothing paired with floral masterpieces from Flower General by Carlstedt's Savannah.

## Lecture and Luncheon with Sybil Sylvester

Friday, March 23, 10:30am /  
Jepson Center

**\$75 members and guests**

**\$100 patron individual**

*Patron ticket includes priority seating for the lecture and luncheon and recognition on event materials.*

Popular Southern floral artist Sybil Brooke Sylvester is the owner of Wildflower Designs in Birmingham, Alabama, a "creative think tank" for flower fun, designing arrangements for any occasion. She is known for her stunning floral creations and for orchestrating breathtaking events. As a writer, she has contributed to *Southern Accents* and *Flower* magazine and is the author of the recently published *Fresh*.

## Floral Workshop

Saturday, March 24  
Time and location TBA

**\$75 members and guests**

*Ticket includes vase and materials.*

Led by Audrey Wagner King of Flower General by Carlstedt's Savannah, you can create a beautiful arrangement for your home. Stop thinking there are difficult rules about creating beautiful floral arrangements and learn to trust your own vision while you are creating a floral work of art. Flowers are meant to be enjoyed by you and your friends. Anyone who's interested in learning about floral arrangements is welcome to enroll in this class.

## Telfair Academy Guild

Telfair Academy Guild (TAG) supports the goals and activities of Telfair Museums through volunteerism. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month from September to May, excluding December. Meetings offer either a morning coffee gathering or an evening wine reception, followed by a TAG Meeting with notable guest speakers. While members enjoy social and educational experiences at these meetings, they are also encouraged to become involved in the organization's annual fundraising and special events. For more information, visit [telfair.org/tag](http://telfair.org/tag).

## TAG Meetings

Monday, January 8, 10am / Jepson Center

Amanda Everard, Everard Auctions and Appraisals

Monday, February 12, 10am / Jepson Center

Dr. Emory Campbell, Gullah Heritage Consulting Services

Monday, March 12, 10am / Jepson Center

Robin Williams, Savannah College of Art and Design

Monday, April 9, 10am / Jepson Center

TBD

Monday, May 7, 12pm / The Chatham Club

Annual Meeting



*Callaway Gardens & Little White House  
Pine Mt., GA. April 17-18, 2018*

*Scottie Davis of Weekend Get-Aways on a Tank of gas is offering an overnight bus trip to Callaway Gardens & Little White House. (\$339 pp dbl occ, \$397 single occ, \$311 pp 3 occ) TAG members are offered \$10.00 off if they note they are with TAG when they sign up online.*

*If we have 20 members sign up, the bus will pick up and drop off on HHI.  
This trip is open to everyone including your friends.*

*Agenda:*

*Arrive Warm Springs to tour Little White House and Museum, visit the town and have lunch and then on to Callaway Gardens where spring and the azaleas are outstanding. Visit some of the favorite azalea trails. Check into the Mt. Creek Inn where dinner and breakfast are served.*






















*Day 2, spend the morning with a step on guide going to the Conservatory, Butterfly Center and more areas of beauty and places of interest on the resort. Depart after lunch stopping at Lang's for peach ice cream, etc. on the way home.*



*Depart about 7:30 on day 1 and return 7-8 pm on day 2.  
Trip includes; transportation, Acc.entrance to Gardens, 2 tours, 2 meals, snacks and bus driver's tip. Deadline March 1, 2018*



*To sign up go to: [www.scottiedavis.com](http://www.scottiedavis.com)  
click on Overnight Trips and than  
Callaway Gardens  
If you decide to attend, contact  
Sharon Jaunsem  
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 Our Plant-it-Pink Garden sustained major damage during last month's deep freeze here in the Lowcountry. In particular, our pentas did not survive the cold and will need to be replaced in the spring. We are investigating possible donations from local nurseries and/or discounts from retailers. We will also need a team of workers to help restore the garden. Please contact Sharon to volunteer your services.
 

Fellow Garden Buddies - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS -

MARCH 21st 2018

**SPRING "INTO" THE LOW COUNTRY.**

The Avid Gardeners along with other Hilton Head Island Garden Clubs will be hosting The West Low Country District Meeting - to be held at Palmetto Hall Golf and Country Club here on the Island. We will be joined by other garden members of Clubs from Orangeberg, Aiken and North Augusta. Highlights will include Lunch, Coordinating Art and Flower designs, dynamic speaker Maggie Engstrum with creative Easter arrangements and a fun RAFFLE including everything you've ever wanted for your Garden.. Not to mention VENDORS - .with whimsical and unique items. PLEASE JOIN US, HAVE FUN AND HELP US SHOWCASE OUR TALENTS AND OUR BEAUTIFUL PARADISE ISLAND.

*LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION BY E-MAIL AND SEND REGISTRATION FORMS TO SARAH JEBO*



**FEBRUARY'S  
HEALTHY RECIPES  
from Anna Broecker**

**CHOCOLATE BARK, DARK, WITH GOGI BERRIES AND PISTACHIOS**

- 1 3.5 to 4 oz dark chocolate bar (70%), broken into pieces
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips (minimum 65%)
- gogi berries, dried
- pistachios, raw, hulled, chopped
- optional toppings; roasted/salted pistachios, dried cherries, dried cranberries, cacao nibs, hemp seeds, chia seeds, pumpkin seeds, etc

In double boiler, melt together dark chocolate bar and dark chocolate chips. Stir until creamy

and smooth with no un-melted chocolate pieces

Line baking tray with parchment paper. Pour melted chocolate over parchment paper and

spread evenly with spatula. Sprinkle gogi berries and chopped pistachios evenly over top of

chocolate. Add other toppings as desired.

Place tray in freezer and chill for at least 15 minutes to allow bark to harden. You may also

chill in the fridge for 1 hour. Break or cut into desired pieces.

Makes 1 large baking sheet of dark chocolate bark

Another sinfully delicious and healthy dessert!

"What a healthy and delicious way to have that daily dose of dark chocolate"

(Recipe shared by Dr. Karen Holland, Whole-Foods Plant -Based Supper Club)



**FRUIT AND NUT CHOCOLATE CLUSTERS**

- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips  
(to make it vegan use dairy free chocolate chips)
- 3/4 cup chopped salted nuts (peanuts, cashews, pistachios, or a combination)
- 1 cup dried fruit (cranberries, cherries, sliced apricots, sliced mango, finely diced pineapple or a combination)

Melt the chocolate chips in the top of a double boiler. Remove from the heat and stir in

the nuts and fruits. Allow the mixture to stand for 5 minutes or so.

Scoop the mixture out by heaping tablespoons and drop onto parchment or wax paper lined plates.

Refrigerate for at least two hours, then remove the parchment, arrange on plates and serve.



## FUND RAISING

TAG will have an exciting garden item to sell at our booth at the Western Garden Clubs of SC District Meeting on March 21 at Palmetto Hall.

Jane Alexander & Dodi Eschenbach plan to offer a selection of herb and wildflower seed bombs all decked out in a neat pottery container. Each herb seed bomb is a colorful ball while the wildflower packets are shaped like colorful butterflies! It is all neatly packaged and tied with ribbon. Perfect for gift giving!

We'll need help putting these packages together. *A workshop is planned for March 1 from 10-12 at Spring Lake.* To sign up to help please email either

Jane - [diamondsun50@hotmail.com](mailto:diamondsun50@hotmail.com)

Dodi - [dhesch1999@aol.com](mailto:dhesch1999@aol.com)

**Don't forget to save old forks and bring them to our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.** Those will be used to make plant markers for our herb seed bombs we will be selling. If you would like to volunteer and have not signed up for a workshop ( March 1, 10 am - 12 noon) to put our items to sell together, please let us know.



*Also, please remember:*

The fundraising team - Jane & Dodi - will offer for sale Nadine Korosi's jewelry at every meeting going forward. Members are urged to bring cash or checks and be ready to shop!



**General Membership Meeting  
January 19, 2018**

President Caroline Alderman called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM

Attendance: Members: 53                      Guests: 6

Hostesses were: Cheryl Hocevar, Carol Sevelowitz, Jane Alexander, Carol Vivona,  
Joyce Prange

1st Vice President Olivia Ford introduced our Program presenter Maggie Engstrom, owner of Sweet Bay in Beaufort and Honorary Member of TAG. Techniques for floral arrangements were presented for flower show competitions

1st Vice President Olivia Ford announced that the scheduled March program will be presented in February and the February program will be presented in March. Olivia reported that the fundraiser in November netted \$1702.

2nd Vice President: Corliss was represented by Carol Sevelowitz who welcomed our new members and guests

Treasurer Lori Schmidt reported previous balance was \$8713.26, Income: \$4787.00  
Expenses: \$3621.21 Current Balance: \$9879.00

**Motion: To accept the treasure's report Liz Van Alstyne**

**Second: Olivia Ford                      Vote: Unanimous**

Awards: Sandy Stern reported that she submitted award applications to the Garden Clubs of South Carolina and to the West Lowcountry District for 2018.

Library: Liz Van Alstyne announced that donations were accepted for all garden books and contributed magazines from our library. She explained that our library had not been utilized. The board decided to disband it and then we will develop a virtual library on our web page that can easily be accessed by all members. Submissions would be sent to the librarian for submission to the website chair.

Hospitality: Caroline Alderman asked for two volunteers to co-chair the committee replacing Chair Peg McCann who is unable to complete her term due to surgery. It is desirable that one experienced member work with one of our new members.

Holiday Decorations: Caroline Alderman reported for Barb Holmes that all decorations had been removed, packed and stored

Horticulture: Diane Middleton's report can be read in TAG Talk

Mentors and Sunshine: Dede Bethke asked that any new members who have not yet been contacted by their mentor to let her know to resolve.

TAG Talk: Chris Thumm reported that TAG Talk was due next Wednesday.

Website: Chris Thumm explained how to access our website for members.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Approval: Lori Schmidt presented the 2017-18 budget for approval.

The budget was accepted by unanimous vote.

Garden Clubs of South Carolina District Meeting: Ann Clayton Date: March 21 9AM-2PM

Cost is \$31 Theme: Spring Into the Low Country. Our club is responsible for the table decorations, favors and 2 gifts for the raffle. We will also be selling some items.

Fund Raisers: Jane Alexander and Dodi Eschbach showed the seed bomb and butterfly seeds item and said one or two other items were being considered to be made and sold.

A meeting to assemble items will be held on March 1 at 10 AM at the Plantation House

Announcements: Rosemary Krantz announced that volunteers will be needed to do a spring clean up at the Xeroscape Garden and she will be sending out an email when the weather is better.

President Caroline Alderman called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion: to adjourn meeting                      Sandy Stern**

**Second: Rosemary Krantz**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Sullivan  
Secretary

**MARCH PROGRAM**

The March Program will be “New Plants for Spring”. This program, presented by Olivia Ford, will feature colorful succulents and ways to display them creatively.

Please note that these Programs have flipped and are not the months printed in your Yearbook.

Hostesses will remain with their originally assigned month.  
See your Program/Member Directory for detailed descriptions.

**Deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is the second Sunday of each month.**

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