



TAG Talk
March, 2026



President's Message.....Sandy Stern

Well, the warmer March Lowcountry weather has finally arrived and many of our club members can't wait to get back to their gardens. We are also starting up our community garden projects with volunteers preparing Plant-it-Pink, Memory Matters and the School Jr. Gardeners Club. Thanks to all who devote their time to make a difference on our island.

Welcome to our new member, Lori Yoss. We look forward to having her join in our club's programs and activities and making new friends.

Our OPEN HOUSE February program on 'Herbs' was well-received and attended by 76 residents of HHP thanks to postings by Pippi on ENGAGE and on the front gate sign.

Speaking of ENGAGE, congratulations to our members who JOINED the Avid Gardeners on our HHP online communications platform. Pippi posted photos of our members' floral arrangements in the Gallery section of Engage. Caroline Alderman had 13 members create floral designs in February and is planning another workshop on March 18 at 1:00 pm. Contact Karen Hardwick to register in advance. We are well on our way to being prepared for our 'Arts & Bloom Show' to be held in March 2027.

This is a reminder that all members are encouraged to vote in person on March 20 at our general meeting or via email on whether or not to withdraw from the Garden Club of South Carolina. Please refer to an email sent out last week.

Our Nominating Committee is working on asking members to step up to Officers' positions. If you are interested in serving as the Board's Secretary or V.P. of Programs please let me know.

Our club has planned a field trip on April 17 to the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah. Karen Hardwick is organizing sign-ups, carpooling and collecting the \$10 admission fee. Please sign up on March 20 at our meeting on 'Gardening to Attract Butterflies & Other Pollinators.'

NOTE: The Bluffton Flower Show will be held March 21 from 10:00 - 5:00 pm at Martin Family Park in Old Town Bluffton. It will host plant and garden-related vendors, professional floral designers' displays, and educational presentations focused on plant care and gardening techniques.

Details: thestores@gmail.com.

March meeting

March 20, 2026

9:30am

Spring Lake Pavillion



Plants for Butterflies and Other Pollinators

Speaker: Suzanne Barton (Green Thumb nursery)

Also, important membership vote regarding whether to withdraw from State Garden Club affiliation. Please attend to cast your vote.



Junior Gardeners Club is back !

On Thursday, March 12 TAG volunteers Melissa, Mary, Edna and Sandy, joined with teacher Grace Mowery to begin the spring season of gardening with the Jr. Gardeners. The smiling faces of the twelve Jr. Gardeners show how happy the students were to get back to planting herbs, vegetables and fruit — lavender, cilantro, tomatoes and strawberries. They each had an individual plant to place in one of the beds. Next, they harvested peas from plants they grew from seeds last season. They weeded around the onion plants and the lucky ones found four-leaf clovers.



Horticulture.....Karen Heaney

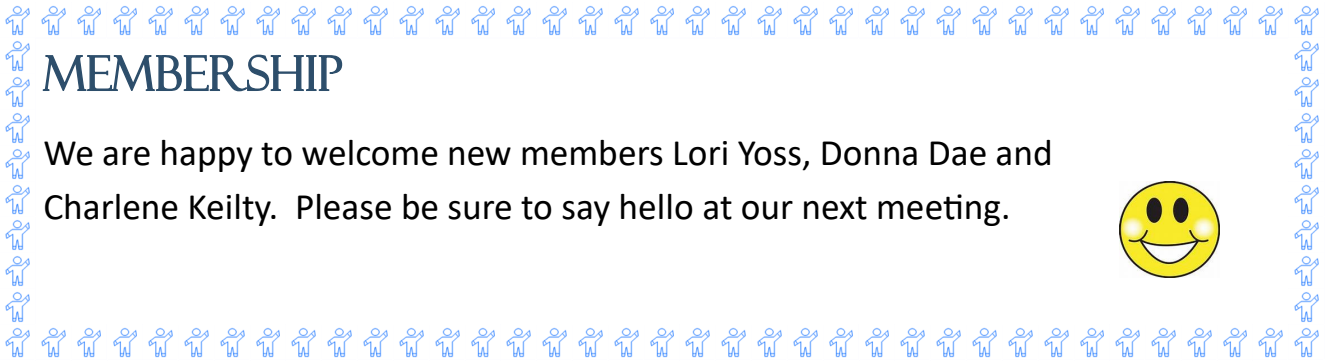


March Madness is upon us in the garden!

Our temperatures are still fluctuating and can be very frustrating! If shrubs/plants have been badly damaged by cold, be patient. As new growth appears you can begin to cut back and clear the dead branches and leaves. The cold weather threat for our area is March 15.

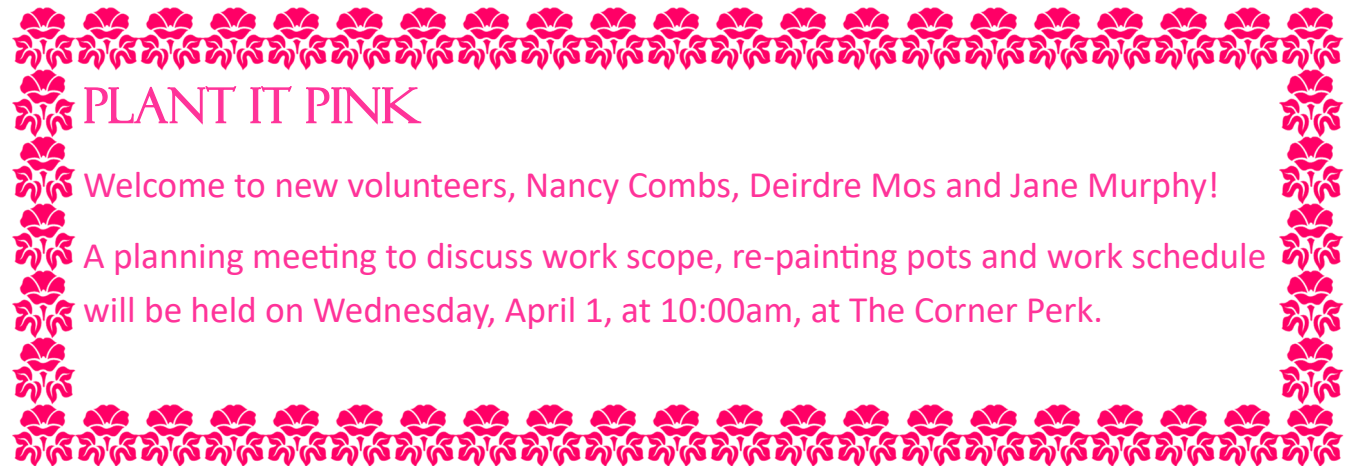
This is the time to see what flowering plants and annuals you might add to your garden. Check the nurseries in the area for new arrivals in the weeks ahead. Begin planning to incorporate low-maintenance native plants as well as new drought-resistant varieties of perennials, trees and shrubs. A few good ones to try are Echinacea (Cone Flower, comes in a variety of colors), Rudbeckia (Black eyed Susan}, Coreopsis and Salvia.





MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to welcome new members Lori Yoss, Donna Dae and Charlene Keilty. Please be sure to say hello at our next meeting.



PLANT IT PINK

Welcome to new volunteers, Nancy Combs, Deirdre Mos and Jane Murphy!

A planning meeting to discuss work scope, re-painting pots and work schedule will be held on Wednesday, April 1, at 10:00am, at The Corner Perk.



MEMORY MATTERS SENSORY GARDEN

Help is needed for plant purchase on Thursday, April 2, for garden cleanup on Friday, April 3, at 10:00am, and for planting of containers on Wednesday, April 8, at 10:00am. A sign up sheet will be available at Friday's meeting or contact Carol Sevelowitz (914-438-3454) if you can help on any of these dates or



Plant and Seedling Exchange

May 15, 2026

Outside Spring Lake Pavilion following our meeting

Can you propagate any plants to share ?

Did you start too many seedlings for your needs?



Have a plant that may be happier in another home?

Would you like to try to grow something new?

Please donate them to our

“Free To A Good Home”

Plant & Seedling Exchange

Coming in April..... **Field Trip !!**

[April 17](#)

Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens

Signup for April Field Trip this Friday!

On April 17th, TAG will take a field trip to the **Coastal Botanical Garden, 2 Canebrake Road, Savannah, GA 31419** plus a guided tour!

Come see the Rivers of Iris, the Formal and White Gardens, the Cottage Garden, the Orchid Greenhouse, the Barbour Lathrop Bamboo Collection, and the Trustees Garden, the native plant trail, and the Camellia trail. The Mediterranean Garden, the Crape Myrtle Allee, and the Sun and Shade Garden.

It is easy to walk the garden paths, but the gardens are spread over a large area. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

It is one hour and fifteen minutes drive to the garden. If you would like to carpool:

8:45 Meet at Plantation House

9:00 Depart

10:15 Arrive at the garden

10:30 Begin Guided Tour

Bring \$10 cash. Each of us will pay at the door.

There will be a signup sheet at the sign-in table at our March 20th meeting. Please let us know that you would like to join the fun.

You can see the website for more details: <https://coastalbg.uga.edu/>

Here is a link to directions: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/B2bTaS4UiM7vzDfy9>



Deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is the second Sunday of the month. Email your document or pictures in Word format to:

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