



2025-2026 CALENDAR

EVENTS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

AUGUST

AUGUST 12, 2025 - Where the Kites Are

From late July to mid-August, swallow-tailed kites often gather in groups to feed over south Georgia fields and other open areas before migrating to South America. Although the birds can show up farther north before flying south for winter, Georgia's largest foraging aggregations are usually found in Tattnall and surrounding counties. To learn where the kites are, check Georgia Birders Online and eBird for sightings or consult Birds Georgia and local Audubon Society chapters. Foraging usually peaks in late morning. But hotspots can change and kite numbers fluctuate day by day.

www.georgiawildlife.blog/2025/08/12/where-the-kites-are/

AUGUST 22-23, 2025 - Pollinator Census

Dawn Cordo, Sparrow Field Chair invites The Landings Garden Club members to participate in the Great Southeast Pollinator Census Friday, August 23, 2025 from 8:30am – 9:30am at Sparrow Field.

Hort Short: Pollinator Census by Meg Kettlitz. Meg is a member since 2020, is a certified GA Master Gardener specializing in native plants and healthy living. She has been the Horticulture Chair for 2 1/2 years and the Chair for the Skidaway Farm Project to help feed the hungry for 2 years. Meg's pick for research and great info: Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Here is the link for August 7, 2025 Weekly Digest Bulletin "Georgia Wild: Where the Kites Are."



content.govdelivery.com/accounts/GADNR/bulletins/3ec9c19

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 - Landlovers Opening Reception

Landings Garden Club table at Landlovers Opening Reception. Landings Palmetto Club Ballroom 5pm - 7pm.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Deadline to register for 67th Oleander Annual Meeting, 9am - 2pm.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 - Coastal Wildscapes Fall Plant Sale

Sale takes place 9am - 1pm at the Ashantilly Center in Darien, GA. Join us for our annual Fall Native Plant Sale! We will have native plant vendors on-site and pre-orders are strongly encouraged. Plant vendors include Florabundance Gardens, All the Buzz, Naturescapes, GA Native Plant Society Coastal Plain Chapter. www.coastalwildscapes.org.



SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 - LGC Membership Meeting & Program

Time: 9:15am Socializing, Coffee & refreshments served
10:00am Membership Meeting
10:45am Program

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church
1 W Ridge Road

Program: Friends of the Coastal Gardens: The history of the Historic Bamboo Farm which is now known as the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens at the Historic Bamboo Farm and how it has "grown."

Speaker: Pat Hackney

Pat Hackney moved to the Landings in 1979. Pat has had an interesting career working at the University of Georgia Extension Service for 30 years, numerous boards including The United Way, Safe Shelter, Heart Association, Junior League Advisory Board, Leadership Savannah and as an Elder for Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church. She moved to Michigan with her husband and returned to Savannah in 2014. Pat once again became involved in the Friends of the Coastal Gardens, an organization she had started in 1995.

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OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1, 2025 - 🌸 LGC New Member Tea

New member and active members please bring a friend who is interested in joining. Meeting will be at 26 Delegal Road from 2-3pm.

OCTOBER 9, 2025 - 67TH Oleander Annual Meeting**

Group of Landings Garden Club going together for the day! Guest speaker is Charles McMillian, Georgia Conservancy Coastal Director. Register by September 19, 2025. Join us at College Place Methodist Church (3890 Altama Avenue, Brunswick, GA 31520). Registration is at 9am and meeting starts at 10am. www.gardenclubofgeorgia.org/event/oleander-district-annual-meeting-2025/



OCTOBER 10, 2025 - 🌸 LGC Buzz By Friday

Our Kick off Pop-up Social will be at Fay Clark's, 3 Ogeechee Ferry Lane from 6pm - 9pm.

OCTOBER 11, 2025 - Garden Tour Great Gardens of Savannah



Get your garden shoes ready to tour spectacular gardens of Bradley Point neighborhood on Whitemarsh Island. Learn, Grow and be inspired. From 9-2pm and suggested donation is \$25 per person.

OCTOBER 11, 2025 - Savannah Botanical Gardens Plant Sale

Plant sale will take place 9am - 1pm (rain or shine) at 1388 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah, GA. Fall plants, flowers and day lilies will be available to purchase. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer question.

OCTOBER 13, 2025 - Columbus Day

OCTOBER 15, 2025 - 🌸 LGC Whine (Wine) and Weeds



Event will be at the Delegal Marina weather permitting or member's home TBA.

OCTOBER 27, 2025 - 🌸 LGC Membership Meeting & Program

Time: 5:30pm Socializing, Coffee & refreshments served
6:00pm Membership Meeting
6:30pm Program

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church
1 W Ridge Road

Program: The Fascinating World of Physic, Medicinal, and Poison Gardens

Speakers: Vicki Menke & Gayle Ridgway

Join Vicki and her special guest for a fascinating journey into the importance and enduring value of some historic gardens. This past summer, Vicki traveled back to Europe, revisiting some of the world's oldest and most remarkable gardens. Her passion for both gardening and history was reignited.

Through captivating stories, stunning photographs, and intriguing historical insights, you'll learn how these gardens shaped culture and community across centuries and why you may be inspired to start your own. Along the way, Vicki promises a few fun extras, including tried-and-true "deer-proof" plants and even some whimsical "potion" recipes inspired by the gardens of old. This is sure to be an engaging and memorable program you won't want to miss.

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NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 8, 2025 - Louisiana Iris Sale

Sale at Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens. Check Facebook and emails.

NOVEMBER 11, 2025 - Veterans Day

NOVEMBER 13, 2025 - Woodpecker Trail Olive Farm Field Trip

8:30-4:30pm in Glennville, GA. We will carpool. www.woodpeckertrailolivefarm.com

NOVEMBER 17, 2025 - 🌸 LGC Membership Meeting & Program

Time: 9:15am Socializing, Coffee & refreshments served
10:00am Membership Meeting
10:45am Program

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church
1 W Ridge Road

Program: 100 Miles: Every year, 600,000 visitors flock to the Okefenokee Swamp, which was designated as a National Wildlife Refuge in 1937 and a Wetland of International Importance. Eric will present and update the garden club on the work that is being done with Okefenokee Swamp and explain what it is and how important to maintain its integrity. For more information go to website below.

<https://onehundredmiles.org/okefenokee/>

Speaker: Eric Swanson, Advocacy Education Coordinator

Eric is a science communicator and naturalist who has focused on teaching in the outdoors for more than 15 years across the coast, including at Oatland Island Wildlife Center in Savannah. He Relishes opportunities to learn with people of all ages and backgrounds, with a primary goal of working to make our natural world more accessible so we can advocate for and protect it.

NOVEMBER 27, 2025 - Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 15, 2025 - 🌸 LGC Membership Meeting & Holiday Cookie Swap

Time: 9:15am Socializing, Coffee & refreshments served
10:00am Membership Meeting
10:45am Program

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church
1 W Ridge Road

Program: Holiday Decorating: Demonstrations and tricks for decorating for the holidays.

Speaker: Connie Ross from John Davis Florist voted “Savannah’s Best Florist” for 14 consecutive years!

Now owned by Jackie Davis and managed by Connie Ross. Jackie and Connie are continuing the tradition John Davis started 35 years ago. Giving their personalized attention with the highest quality experience, their creative mix of local, seasonal flowers and plants for a sophisticated flair. Savannah customers have enjoyed their arrangements for over three decades. **Bring one dozen cookies to swap.**

JANUARY

JANUARY 1, 2026 - New Year’s Day!

JANUARY 19, 2026 - MLK Holiday!

JANUARY 26, 2026 - 🌸 LGC Membership Meeting & Program

Time: 9:15 am Socializing, Coffee & refreshments served
10:00 am Membership Meeting
10:45 am Program

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church
1 W Ridge Road

Program: The design and preservation of the gardens of the Ships of the Sea Museum.

Speaker: John McEllen has a degree in historic landscape and 55 years of experience in horticulture, landscape design, installation, and maintenance. John also designed the St Johns Church gardens, designed the park where the Tiny House Project for veterans and many gardens throughout Savannah.

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 20, 2026 - State Arbor Day in Georgia

FEBRUARY 23, 2026 - 🌸 LGC Membership Meeting & Program

Time: 9:15am Socializing, Coffee & refreshments served
10:00am Membership Meeting
10:45am Program

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church
1 W Ridge Road

Program: Organic Skincare harvested from Melaney's gardens. This will be an interactive presentation, and audience will be encouraged to try these products. Herbal tea from Melaney's garden will be offered.

Speaker: Melaney Cress, owner and founder of Sage Adj. Wise, an organic and all natural plant-based skin care company in Savannah, GA. She started her brand two years ago when her 5-year-old daughter had a life-threatening allergic reaction to gluten. These types of allergies stem from inflammation in your gut, which often leads to skin Inflammation. Melaney began with oils and salves to support her skin. That transformed into finding products that truly changed her skin. When she saw these results, she knew she had to share them.

JANUARY 30, 2026 - Buzz by Friday

6pm - 9pm, BYOB and appetizer at Gayle Ridgway, 26 Delegal Road.

MARCH

MARCH 23, 2026 - 🌸 LGC Membership Meeting & Program

Time: 9:15am Socializing, Coffee & refreshments served
10:00am Membership Meeting
10:45am Program

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church
1 W Ridge Road

Program: Caring for the natural recourses of the Landings on Skidaway Island include tending to turtle crossings, deer, plants, alligators..... of my!

Speaker: Greg Freeman, The Landings Association Natural Resources Manager joined the TLA a couple of years ago but has worked with wildlife for more than 25 years. He has spent most of his career in the South-eastern Coastal Plain, with stints in South Carolina, Texas, Colorado, and Georgia. Working within similar residential developments, he has faced many of the same wildlife challenges seen at The Landings.

MARCH 25, 2026 - Garden Tour

Melaney Cress of Sage Adj. Wise at her home at 131 East 48th Street, Ardsley Park, Savannah, GA 31405.

APRIL

APRIL 19, 2025 - Sunday Fun Day

Celebrate pollinators and pollinator gardens at The Soccer Field at TLA. This event is for all families and residents of The Landings. Kids can come in costume dressed as their favorite bee, butterfly, hummingbird... fun for all.

APRIL 27, 2026 - 🌸 LGC Annual Meeting & Program

Time: 9:15am Socializing, Coffee & refreshments served
10:00am Annual Meeting
10:45am Program

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church
1 W Ridge Road

Program: Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary: Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is an ocean park teeming with life. The natural live-bottom habitats of the sanctuary are representative of others across the region. The sanctuary provides year-round opportunities for sport fishing, recreational diving, and boating. The research area within the sanctuary hosts one of the only designated no-take zones in the region, which makes Gray's Reef a catalyst for scientific research studying water quality, ocean noise, hurricane prediction, and climate change. A recently designed museum has opened. This is a must see for all ages and families.

www.graysreef.noaa.gov

Speaker: Danielle Oxman: Outreach and Social Media Specialist, Volunteer Coordinator and Southeast Regional MATE ROV Competition Coordinator for Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary.
Sarah Porter: Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Foundation Chapter Director and Southeast Regional MATE ROV Competition Co-Coordinator.

