



THE LOG

LIVE OAKS GARDEN CLUB

DECEMBER 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all! It is officially the holiday season! Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of lights starting on December 14th. We will celebrate both Hanukkah and the Christmas holiday at June Sortwell's beautiful home on December 8th complete with canned goods donations, delicious food and a gift for everyone to open and maybe the opportunity to steal one. Thank you to Deidre for coordinating the delivery of canned food to Sparrows Nest! We always have a generous amount to donate! YAY!

Not knowing what the winter months will bring, be ready to layer up to help keep the Village pots sparkling, and I know the dollar weed is peeking out in the Butterfly Garden. Sandy is a faithful servant of these projects as are many of you so thank you for the glistening mini gardens in our village. Even if you are just driving by these noticeable projects of ours, feel free to jump out and pull a weed or two.

November brought a speaker from DNR to help us understand our soil. Gardeners, we need to test our soil! Please share any success that you have had with organic or other fertilizers that changed your plants appearance. Remember our minute of sharing at the end of our meetings.

The club voted to donate money along with the Sea Island Garden group to buy plants for the Land Trust project of a greenway on Frederica Road and for the entrance to the John Gilbert Trail. The planting should start soon - so be on the lookout!

The poinsettia sale will happen without a glitch as we have many hands on deck and the pros will be guiding us. Once you recover from this busy day, get ready to jump in to help sustain the above and also our Harrington garden.

Please send pictures to Patrice and Kathy of any visits to the StoryWalk, Poinsettia delivery day and also garden upkeep. Thanks to you both for your support of documenting our work.

Please make sure you have signed up for snack food for the coming year and thanks for bringing coffee cups and water in sustainable containers. Thanks to Carrie and her committee for keeping us well fed.

Stay warm and I'll look forward to seeing everyone in December!



JEAN DEROSA

FUNDRAISING



Thanks to all who sold 1,640 plants this year! And thanks to those who are volunteering on pick-up day.

POINSETTIA PICK-UP/DELIVERY IS THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT COMMUNITY CHURCH!

The truck will arrive at **8:00 am (not 7:00 am as reported at the last meeting)**.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please bring a pair of scissors and a trash bag with you (and a festive attitude!).



DIANE DIERKS

PROGRAMS



DEIRDRE BYERS

Our January program will be about Pruning...how to do it when to do it and why to do it.

Thinking ahead, we would like to offer an extra field trip to interested members. This is the Garden Club of Savannah annual NOGS tour of gardens on Friday 17 April. We would carpool up to the Historic District. The ticket includes a walking tour of private gardens and a tea party and floral display at an historic Savannah home. The cost is 75 dollars. Tickets go on sale on January 1, 2026 and tend to sell out quickly. Please check the details at [Your paragraph text](#). If you want to go, let Deirdre know in writing by Dec 31. We can talk about this more at our Christmas party or contact Deirdre anytime.

Check out our storywalk by the village pool!!



COMMUNICATIONS



PATRICE ALLGOOD

Happy Thanksgiving from my house to yours! When you sit down at the dinner table, remember Thanksgiving is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives. I'm thankful for a lot of things, but I'm most thankful for my LOGC friends and family.



MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member..... Joy Riley! Joy has already been active with the Garden Angels and other activities.



We would also like to thank June Sortwell for hosting the New Member tea party. It was a beautiful, sunny day, and we enjoyed the tea, treats and conversation about LOGC. June will also be our hostess for the Christmas party. Thank You, June!



JUDY MERRICK



HOSPITALITY



CARRIE VERHOFF

Please make sure you have signed up to bring a food item to the Christmas party on December 8. It is being held at June Sortwell's home -103 Gleneagles at 11:00AM. If you didn't sign up at our November meeting to bring food for the party, please contact Vanessa no later than December 5th. She will be reaching out to you as well. Also bring a \$15 gift and a canned food donation.

If you are working at the poinsettia delivery on December 5, a continental breakfast as well as a sandwich lunch will be served.

ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION



SANDY ANDERSON

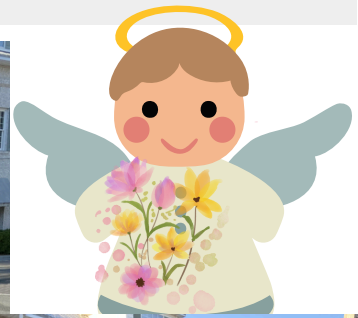
Thank you again, Garden Angels, for all your work adding new plants in the village pots, pier planters, and the butterfly garden. They are all so beautiful!!



Our next work date will be December 10 at 8:30am at the Butterfly Garden to trim and clean-up.

We would like to propose a new idea for our island beautification where LOGC members who have extra plantings in their yard "donate" them be used in our various areas. This will help expand our plantings, beautify the areas even more and save the club some money!

Let Sandy or Vanessa know if you have anything, and one of us can come pick them up.





REMINDERS



*** **Don't forget ...POP TOPS!!** We are still collecting pop top can tabs for Ronald McDonald house. Please bring them to our meetings and give them to Vanessa.

*** **Please be sure you have signed up for food for the holiday party. Contact Vanessa if you haven't signed up yet. We still have a few categories that need items. Please bring a \$15 gift that will go to one of the members, and canned food donations for the Sparrow's Nest.**

*** **Have you signed up for our meeting social time food for the coming year? There are still a few slots left. Thanks for bringing your own coffee cups and water in sustainable containers to each meeting!**

COMING UP.....



DEC 5 - POINSETTIA DELIVERY WORK DAY

8:00 AM Community Church on Frederica Rd Bring scissors!

DEC 8- LOGC HOLIDAY PARTY

11:00 AM Held at June Sortwell's- 103 Gleneagles SSI Bring your party food contribution, \$15 gift, and food donation for The Sparrow's Nest.

JAN 1 - SAVANNAH GARDEN CLUB -GARDEN TOUR TICKET SALES

The tour is April 17, 2026, but you will need to buy tickets on Jan 1 to get them as they sell quickly. <https://gardenclubofsavannah.org/> Contact Deirdre with any questions.

JAN 27 - LOGC MEETING

Pruning Tips

A Special Note.....If you missed completing a soil test through the club, the county extension always offers it. Soil test kits are also available at ACE.

