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From left, Dunwoody Garden Club's 2011 Planning Committee Betty Dworschak, Maria Richmond, Sam Sears, Bonnie Barton and Joyce Amacher.

## Bridge, bidding set for Dunwoody Garden Club fundraiser Tuesday

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The Dunwoody Garden Club members hope for the biggest turn out yet for the 34th annual fundraiser next Tuesday at Dunwoody United Methodist Church.

Karen Converse, the publicity chairman and organizer of field trips for the club, hopes to sell at least 300 tickets for the event.

Since 1967, members of the nonprofit organization have beautified Dunwoody's parks, schools and libraries by hosting their annual Luncheon in an effort to bolster the pride of Dunwoody's residents with their community work.

Some of their projects

the Donaldinclude: son-Bannister House shade garden, The Atrium retirement residence, Dunwoody Community Garden Brook Run, Dunwoody Library landscaping and atrium plantings, the library's children's programs, Dunwoody Nature Center and a Habitat house each year.

Attendees can float between bridge games and bidding on auction items until noon when the lights dim and the fashion show begins.

"Dillard's has contracted Catwalk Productions to provide eight professional models, including a male model, to show their clothing and accessories," Converse said.

"We traditionally have had-

ladies from Dunwoody as models, so this will be a real change for us and professionally done."

The theme of the fundraiser is "Shop Dunwoody First." To encourage the public to stay local and shop, more than 100 Dunwoody merchants have donated items and gift certificates.

Along with professional models turning heads this year, a new auction item may have diamond enthusiasts raising their bids.

"Our show stopper is a diamond necklace and matching earrings valued at over \$8,000 from LeeBrant Jewelers in Perimeter Place," Converse said.

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