

MEN'S GARDEN CLUBS OF AMERICA ANNUAL CONVENTION

PROGRAM

APRIL 14, 15, 16, 1964

ATLANTA BILTMORE HOTEL, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Note (\*) on program denotes special ladies program time)

PRECONVENTION ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

A. M. Attend Church of your choice  
1 P. M. Information, Registration & Housing Desks open  
1 P. M. Special hospitality for early arrivals  
7:30 P. M. Special Church services for visitors and delegates  
at St. Mark Methodist Church

MONDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 A. M. Registration, Information & Housing Desks open  
9 A. M. Board of Directors Meeting  
3 P. M. Informal get together  
3 P. M. Commercial & Educational Exhibits open  
6:30 P. M. Special dinner & entertainment at Top of Mart (Changed from  
Johnny Reb's)  
Price \$4.50 per person, paid at Restaurant. Reservations  
may be made on arrival in Atlanta at Convention Registration Desk

CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 - SHUTTERBUG DAY

8:30 A. M. Registration, Information & Housing Desks open  
\*9 A. M. <sup>10:30</sup> General Assembly Business Session  
Ladies Program at Atlanta Art Museum  
9 A. M. Commercial & Educational Exhibits open  
12 M Convention luncheon (welcoming addresses & other  
attractions)  
2 P. M. Tour of Atlanta gardens  
DINNER ON YOUR OWN  
7:30 P. M. Workshops (special speakers)  
"Gardening Under Lights"  
"Hollies for Every Man's Garden"  
"Garden Photography"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - STONE MOUNTAIN DAY

7 A. M. Committee Breakfasts  
8:30 A. M. Registration & Information Desks open  
9 A. M. Commercial & Educational Exhibits open

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- \*8:30 A. M. Workshops (MGCA functions)
- 10:30 A. M. Stone Mountain Park tour
- Luncheon at Plantation House
- Train ride on Stone Mountain Scenic Railroad
- Ride to top of mountain on Sky Lift
- Tour through Southern Plantation grounds and Magnolia Hall
- 6:30 P. M. Banquet. Speaker, Dr. Robert White-Stephens, "Pesticides or Hunger." Awards presentations

*(Bus to do lunch \$3.00)*  
*(3.00 each for 3 rides)*  
*(7.00)*

*Mr. W...*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 - ATLANTA, THE DOGWOOD CITY

- 8:30 A. M. Information & Hospitality Desks open
- 8:30 A. M. Tour of Industrial Beautification sites en route to Powerama
- 10:00 A. M. Powerama Demonstrations at Atlanta Waterworks Park
- 12:30 P. M. Barbecue luncheon on Powerama grounds
- \*3 P. M. General Assembly Business session
- The ladies will be served a tea at Rich's, Inc.
- 6 P. M. President's Reception
- 7 P. M. Annual Banquet, featuring Dr. Noah Langdale, President of Georgia State College, as speaker, Award Presentations

*(7.00)*  
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POST CONVENTION TOURS

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- Tour #1 To Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga.; Warm Springs, Ga. and the Little White House; return by way of world's largest Farmer's Market
- Tour #2 To Signal Mountain, Tenn. Visit four commercial orchid growing establishments. A very special tour for orchid enthusiasts.

NOTE: Reservations required in advance for either of these tours. May be made at time of arrival in Atlanta.

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*homocallia: Mr. Davidson*  
*Rowe*  
*George Johnson*  
*Mr. Cook*  
*Reiger*  
*H. K. Miller*  
*James ...*  
*Ben ...*  
*William*  
*James ...*  
*David ...*  
*Crown*  
*Russell*

## CABBAGES TO ROSES

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GARDEN CLUBS  
Incl. Men's

# Spirit of Men's DeKalb Garden Club Not Dampened by Small Membership

By DOROTHY NIX

DeKalb County has something like 200 organized groups of women gardeners but only one men's garden club.

But what the men with hoes lack in numbers they supply in hard work, enthusiasm and serious attention to gardening.

Most of the 45 to 50 members of the Decatur-DeKalb Men's Garden Club have gardens that are showplaces in this area.

"We have all kinds of gardeners in the club," says John R. Stillman Jr., president. "We have everything from just plain dirt gardeners to specialized horticulturists."

"Most of the members gather

a half hour before each meeting and just talk gardening. Somebody can always help someone else with problems he's encountered with roses, azaleas, etc."

"No matter who we have for a speaker, and the amount of information presented, somebody always wants to know more," says Clyde Davidson, secretary treasurer and noted hemerocallis grower.

"None of us considers ourselves experts. The more we find out the more we want to find out."

**CLUB MEMBERS** are also happy to share what they know

with others. Mr. Stillman says one of the most rewarding experiences members have had was talking gardening with inmates of the U.S. Penitentiary in a prison rehabilitation program.

There is also a lot of visiting in each other's gardens. Stewart D. Winn has hung out his annual "Visitors Welcome" sign in his sloping hillside garden at 215 Seneca in the Great Lakes section in Decatur, where his azaleas are now at their peak of bloom.

What kind of year is it for azaleas? "Excellent!" says Mr. Winn. "In spite of the late freeze it's an excellent year, al-

though they are blooming about two weeks early."

Mr. Winn grows about 200 varieties, among them all but one of the wild species native to the United States. "That's one from California and Oregon that won't grow here," he says.

**HE HAS** become particularly interested in experimenting with extending the growing season of azaleas. His last bloom faded last year on July 23.

J. H. Lawrence is another azalea specialist famous locally for his beautiful garden on Clairmont Road.

George Johnson's specialty is roses and he's very interested in old varieties. He has one in his garden that was known before the time of Christ.

"There is a revival of interest in the old roses that preceded the hybrid teas," he says. He is president of the Greater Atlanta Rose Society. He cultivates some 200 varieties in his garden on Mt. Vernon Drive.

V. K. Bowman is another member particularly known for his beautiful rose garden on Mason Mill Road.

When a member wants advice on camellias, T. Rice Crown Sr., can usually supply it. The late Mrs. Crown helped orga-

nize the Georgia Camellia Society.

HUGH W. RUSSEY is another club member and a consistent winner in camellia shows as is Mr. Crown. This spring a camellia blossom from the Russey garden was chosen best flower grown out of doors in Fulton, DeKalb and Cobb counties. The Russeys were delighted that it was the R. L. Wheeler Variegated, a plant rooted and given to them a few years ago by Mr. Crown.

William T. Turner, Lullwater Road, formerly U.S. Consul General in Bombay, India, retired after 37 years of foreign service, has stuck a spade in many parts of the earth. He strongly recommends gardening to retired men.

"It's a fine hobby. Men gardeners are very active in England where you find many more societies than you do here."

Along with flowers, Mr. Turner likes to grow vegetables

which he says aren't really a paying proposition on a city lot except for their superior flavor.

He likes to grow leaf lettuce, Chinese cabbage, and tomatoes which are known up and down his street for their sun-ripened goodness.

He says with two dozen of plants he can supply his small family and his neighbors. He thinks many tomato growers fail because they don't supply the soil properly.

"DIG A HOLE the size of a bushel basket, fill it with composted earth, put some anti-nematode chemical in the bottom of the hole and since the soil here is very acid mix in a fistful of lime with the soil.

"Also mix in a fertilizer low in nitrogen. Too much nitrogen will result in huge plants and not much fruit. Use a fertilizer high in phosphate and potash which will produce stocky plants."

He adds that the plants should

be staked or allowed to grow on some sort of trellis so they'll have extra sunshine and air and should be "thoroughly watered since they're about 98 per cent water."

The Decatur-DeKalb club is an offshoot of the Atlanta Club now known as the Downtown Club. About six years ago members decided it would be more

convenient to divide into suburban groups and the Decatur-DeKalb, Buckhead, Marietta and South Fulton clubs were formed.

All five are still closely allied. A few years back they hosted the national convention of men's garden clubs. The five will meet jointly at Callaway Gardens this weekend.