

Landings Garden Club Membership Meeting
March 23, 2026

Welcome

Gayle Ridgway (Gayle) welcomed the membership and guests, briefly mentioned Stan Gray's River of Irises at the Coastal GA Botanical Gardens, and how to propagate African violets.

Two new members were acknowledged, as well as two guests.

Meeting was called to order

Membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Mindfulness Reflection
There were no corrections or additions for the minutes of the February 23, 2026 meeting, so they were approved and accepted by the membership. No one opposed.

Treasurer's Report

Martha Nesmith said the treasurer's report, dated February 2026, was published in the March 2026 Petal Pusher. The club's fiscal year ends April 30th, 2026. Martha asked that all requests be sent to her using the provided reimbursement forms. Any purchases made after April 30th will come out of the next fiscal year (2026-2027).

Martha sent an email to the committee chairs asking them to submit budget requests for the upcoming year.

There will be a luncheon at the April 27th club meeting for a cost of \$20. Martha will accept checks, cash, or Zelle payments. The club has a Zelle account attached to the Landings Garden Club account at Chase Bank.

Bylaws

The bylaws, dated February 16, 2026, were published in the February 2026 Petal Pusher for the membership to review. Gayle asked for questions or comments. There were none. Martha Nesmith made a motion to accept the new bylaws, and Angie Stewart seconded the motion. Lisa Olson (Parliamentarian), asked that only active members vote by a show of hands. Lisa counted the hands, and the required two-thirds voted in favor. The February 16, 2026 bylaws were accepted.

Yearbook

Angie Stewart and Gayle discussed that 2025 - 2026 yearbook format will be used for the coming year with updated information. Alpha graphics will be doing the printing because of their advanced tech capabilities.

Gayle requested assistance with editing and proofreading. Sally Dunphy and Lisa Olson volunteered.

National Garden Club

This year this meeting will be at Peachtree City, April 1-3. Vicki Menke, past president, will be attending. Gayle will not be able to attend due to a conflict. Dawn Cordo will be there to accept an award.

Garden Club Live Auction, "Springtime in Savannah"

The auction will go live from April 17th at 7:00 AM to May 26th at 3:00 PM. The auction continues to need items, and all the proceeds will go to the University of Georgia's Marine Extension Program for summertime classes for children. Gayle and Pam Patterson are heading up the auction.

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

There will be a field trip to tour the backlot of SCAD, along with a luncheon (paid by SCAD) on April 8th. There will be 28 spaces available through Evite by email with a wait list after the slots are filled.

Members will meet at the Methodist church on the island and carpool to a location TBD.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Hospitality

Lee Collier thanked the members who brought food for the meeting. For the April meeting, members with the last names beginning with T through Z are asked to bring a dessert for the luncheon.

Fundraising

The committee will be selling 3,000 daffodils in packages of 12 for \$20 this coming fall. Starting in the summer, groups will begin making red bows for the Christmas season. It was determined by last season's sales that there continues to be a market for the bows.

Community Service

Georgia Klautzer requested donations of elementary reading level books be added to the list of donations for the residents of the Georgia Regional Hospital. (Requested items are listed in the current Petal Pusher.)

Birds and Conservation

Sue Hamlet gave the results of the bird counting challenge. Lisa Hall won the contest with a count of 24 birds. She will receive a \$50 gift certificate. The Merlin app was recommended because it will help you identify birds through their songs.

Membership

Gayle thanked Joni Brownstein, Donna Slappey, and Pam Patterson for hosting the new member's brunch at Donna's house. Approximately 25 people attended the event.

Gayle stated that the membership drive is on-going and to continue to encourage people to join the club.

The next Buzz By will be at Martha Nesmith's house on April 23rd at 6:00 PM. The event is open to husbands and guests. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice.

Horticulture

Kathy Jacobs referred to her article in the March Petal Pusher titled, *Attracting Birds, Butterflies and other Wildlife to Your Garden*, where she discussed how using native plants is key to attracting wildlife to your yard. She recommended Douglas Tallamy's book, *Nature's Best Hope, A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*, for more detailed information. Please see Kathy's article for more information.

Policy and Procedures

Gayle stated that the updated Policy and Procedures had passed unanimously at the March 16th Board of Directors meeting. Under Club Policies, a code of conduct (item H), and electronic voting and communication (item P) have been added. Please see the section of Policy and Procedures on the club's website for more information.

Nomination of Officers

Barbara Martin, chair of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers at the February meeting.

President: Gayle asked if there were any nominations from the floor for president. There were none, so the nominations were closed with Gayle Ridgway being the nomination for president.

Vice President: Gayle asked for nominations from the floor. Barbara Victor self-nominated. All approved, there were no other nominations, so the nominations were closed with Barbara Victor being the nomination for Vice President.

For the offices of *Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary*, there were no nominations from the floor, so the nominations were closed with Martha Nesmith the nomination for Treasurer, Phyllis Aaron the nomination for Recording Secretary, and Barbara Martin the nomination for Corresponding Secretary. Voting and installation of the officers will be at the April 27th meeting.

Donna Slappey pulled the tickets for the raffle, and Tammy Viviani and Patsy Bowden were the winners.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45

Speaker

Barbara Victor introduced the speaker, Sarah Porter with Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, Georgia's national underwater park.

Minutes submitted March 25th, 2026

Barbara Martin

Corresponding Secretary