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FLOWER POWER

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THE NATIVE NUDGE *Hepatica americana* Round lobed hepatica



This petite beauty features large basal leaves with three rounded lobes and light blue to lavender (occasionally white) anemone-like flowers (1/2 to 1" diameter). They appear singly on stalks rising 4-8" tall. Flower stalks emerge from a tattered clump of leathery, burgundy-brown leaves from the previous year, with the new leaves emerging only after bloom has occurred. The round-lobed part of the common name is in reference to leaf shape.

Plant this sweet flower at the edge of a woodland garden in part shade. It is likely to reseed and after a while you'll have a pretty patch of blue. It is also good in shaded areas of a rock garden. It blooms late winter to early spring providing early nectar for bees.



We Have An Event Packed Fall

There are so many big events coming up for us this fall, you'll want to mark your calendars and save the dates. We have the Pollinator Census, a 9/11 Memorial event, and a flower show all of which will have members participating. Later in September there is a Treasurer's Workshop and in October another big AEGC event, the biennial Tree Walk.

For our October meeting will be reinstituting an old favorite for our club, the Plant Swap. We will offer plants from our gardens to give or swap with members. Dig up something of which you have a gracious plenty and bring it to the meetings. We'll park the treasures on the porch and first come, first served! It's a great way to diversify your garden and thin out what you don't need!

In the same vein, please take the fall to divide those hostas and other perennials and pot them up for the plant sale. Fall is the best time to do that. Put them in a somewhat protected spot and water them when they need it knowing they don't need much after the first two weeks or so. The cooler weather will keep them happy. Try to find a not too sunny spot and they will be working on growing their roots. In the spring, just in time for the plant sale, they will send up healthy new shoots and leaves and flowers and we will all benefit from them at our annual fundraiser. (Editor's note): I discovered two Calicarpa, American Beautyberry growing under a bird feeder. I watched them grow for a while until I could recognize it (actually Google was a big help). They are now in two large pots happily growing and even have berries on them. A new home is in their future and a bit of income is in ours—all thanks to the birds.



AEGC MISSION STATEMENT

The Avondale Estates Garden Club offers education and service opportunities to inspire the appreciation of the various horticulture arts and to promote the awareness of environmental responsibility.



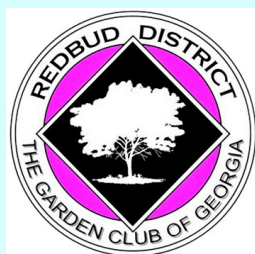
AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH
59 BERKELEY ROAD
HOME OF KEVIN AND ANNE MORAN

For the first year they lived in their '50's home Kevin and Anne spent their time pulling ivy out of their front and back gardens. It had been there so long it was climbing every tree and wall. Once it was gone they discovered a granite wall in the back yard. Next they leveled the ground and installed a sprinkler system, kept dogwood and crape myrtles and began to experiment with a variety of trees, shrubs and perennials to see what worked. The daylilies and George Tabor azaleas make a beautiful display during their bloom season. In the front yard, under an original dogwood, the Morans have a lovely shade garden with ferns and hostas. Kevin uses stones to good effect as borders to the flower beds allowing him to change the borders easily with out digging up plants.

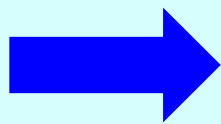
Interesting fact: they have 13 sweet gum trees which they have never thought of cutting down. They provide magnificent shade and provide lovely autumn color. Yes they do shed the sweet gum balls, but for the Morans who have lived in this house for 20 years, the trees are worth the effort.

~Bruce Johnston

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 **It's this Weekend!** and you are cordially invited to the Garden of Deborah Levine on Friday at 10:00 (see invitation below). Then on Saturday, AEGC will have volunteers at the North Woods to help residents count and report from 10:00-12:00. Being a citizen scientist is interesting and fun and helpful. Join!

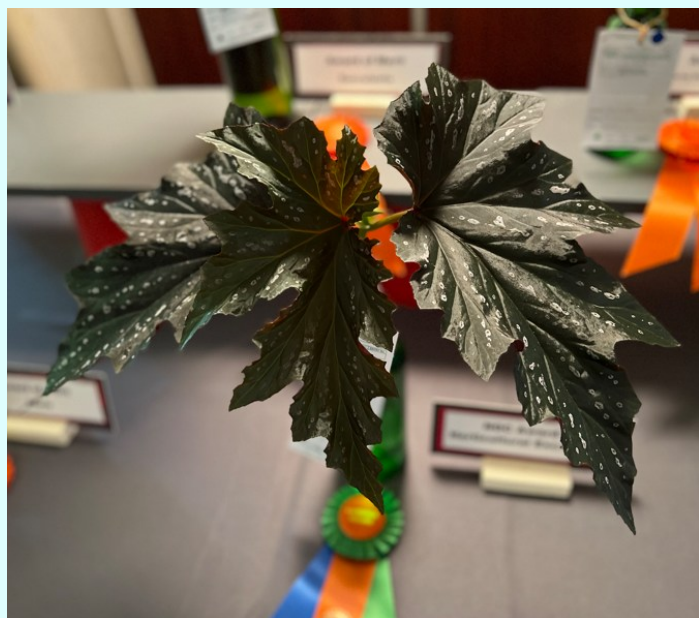




The 52nd Anniversary of the Redbud District Flower Show is around the corner! This year we will be *Cruisin' with Daisy* as she moves to a new location. Daisy will exhibit her sporty convertible at the Tucker Cruise-In classic car show while she is busy at the Redbud Flower Show. The Tucker United Methodist Church in the middle of downtown Tucker will be the site of all the activities.

It's not too early to start scouting your garden for potential entries in the upcoming flower show. All it takes is a single stem—a vibrant bloom, a striking hosta leaf, or even a begonia leaf like last year's grand champion. Japanese Anemones will be in bloom, and evergreen plants are always a reliable choice. The Horticulture Committee will be on hand to receive your entries and assist with completing the forms. Got a late bloomer? Bring it in! Submitting a specimen requires minimal effort, and when you see that ribbon—first or second place—you'll feel a joyful recognition of the care and creativity you've put into your garden.

Look for announcements from the Hort Committee as to when and where to bring your entries. If you have questions, Scott Legg and Donna Tanner are people to ask.



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A Presentation by Doug Tallamy

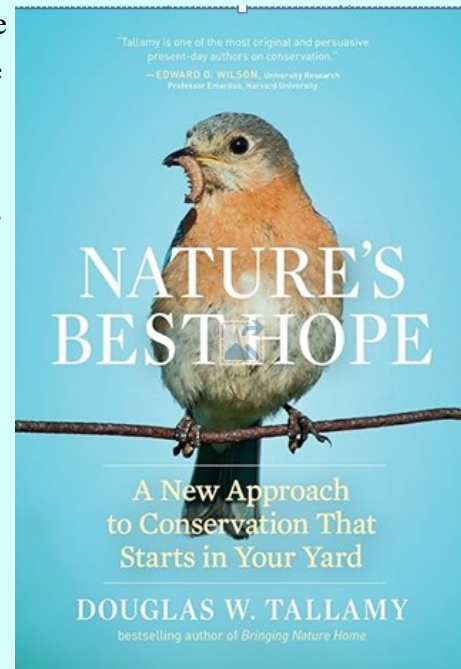
Saturday, October 25th

Doug Tallamy, an American ecologist, conservationist, University of Delaware professor of entomology and Wild Life Ecology and author of several books is one of the leading voices in conservation. He has inspired a national movement to restore biodiversity through native plantings. He is reshaping how gardeners view their role in supporting wildlife. The Dunwoody Garden Club invites us to hear his compelling message on how each of us can help heal the planet, starting right in our own backyards.

The event is Saturday, October 25th at the Dunwoody High School Auditorium, 5035 Vermack Road, Dunwoody. Doors open at 3:00. Admission is free but you must register and be on the list to get in. Registration begins September 10th. Go to the website dunwoodygardenclub.com to register.

In addition to Mr. Tallamy, there will be representatives from the Georgia Native Plant Society as well as other environmentally conscientious groups who will provide valuable information pertinent to our Georgia climate.

There will almost certainly be a carpool leaving from the LakeHouse.



"Tallamy is one of the most original and persuasive present-day authors on conservation."

—Edward O. Wilson

"Here is one area where individual action really can help make up for all that government fails to do: your backyard can provide the margin to keep species alive."

—Bill McKibben

"Even a single person acting boldly with [Tallamy's] goal in mind could be a crucial source of inspiration for others around them."

—Associated Press

"Doug Tallamy is the godfather of the native-plant movement."

—The Washington Post



AEGC Calendar



- August 22.....Great Southeast Pollinator Census
 In Deb Levine's garden
 23.....AEGC Bee City Pollinator Census
- September 10..... AEGC Board meeting
 11..... City 9/11 Memorial Service
 12-13.....Redbud District Flower Show
 18.....AEGC Membership Meeting
 24.....GCG Club Treasurer Workshops
 25DeKalb Federation Meeting
- October 25.....AEGC TreeWalk



