

Trustees' Garden Club

The Trustees' Garden Club was formed in February 1926. The Club took its name from the first public garden in Georgia, which was established in 1733 by the Trustees of the Georgia Colony in order to assess the viability of growing indigo and mulberry trees for silkworms. Trustees' Garden Club became a member of the Garden Club of Georgia in 1929 and since 1941 has been a member of the Garden Club of America.

The purpose of the Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications, and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

Trustees' Garden Club has a proven history of undertaking significant community improvement projects. Whether on its own or through collaboration with City officials and departments, other local area garden clubs and civic organizations, Trustees' Garden Club has provided time, expertise and meaningful financial support to our community. In addition, the Club is actively focused on conservation and providing educational opportunities for members and the community at large.

Selection of Past Club Projects

- Emmett Park: Revitalized twelve-block area with plants, shrubs, lawns, brick walls, iron fencing and the planting of nearly 14,000 bulbs. (10 year project)
- Colonial Park Cemetery: Restored ironwork, repaired brick and tombstones, installed irrigation, tabby walks and decorative iron gates. (3 year project)
- Columbia Square: Restored square with inclusion of landscape design, plants and maintenance.
- Isaiah Davenport House Museum: Created a parterre garden including walkways and benches.
- The Scarborough House Garden: Designed and executed a formal yet functional garden that included design, planting, walkways, benches, a pavilion, a pool and irrigation. (5 year project)
- Forsyth Park Fragrant Garden for the Blind: Restored the Garden, landscaped playground areas, and added brick walkways and benches. The Club continues to provide ongoing care and maintenance of the Garden.
- Revolutionary War Battle Park: Installed garden at the Historic Railroad Shops.
- Savannah Technical College: Funded the design and planting of a culinary garden to be an outdoor classroom for students.
- Bethesda Academy: Landscaped grounds, established plant nursery, designed and installed entrance gateway and outdoor theater, created organic farm and funded an institutional quality greenhouse and spader. (Multiple projects beginning 1932)
- Southwest Chatham Library: Designed and funded the installation of an outdoor family-friendly seating area.
- Jenkins Boys Club, Coastal Center for Developmental Services and other institutions: Funded, designed, and installed landscaping.
- Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens: Designed and planted a replica of the original Trustees' Garden. (2 year project)



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2018 - 2019 Officers

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