

# GPPA NEWSLETTER

October 2006

## Oakland Work Day on Dividing Perennials 9 AM to Noon, October 14

The time for fall clean up in our gardens is fast approaching and this year we will be holding a fall work day at historic Oakland Cemetery to divide the perennials that have become overgrown on the grounds. We will be lifting, dividing and replanting many tried and true perennials including iris, cannas, day-lilies and rudbeckia. This is an opportunity for us to help Oakland as part of their 2nd Saturday garden work days and to help our members and visitors learn the basics of perennial division. We want everyone to come regardless of your experience level and promise that you will leave feeling much more confident of your ability. Basic tools are provided but please bring your gloves and favorite hand tools so that we are sure to have enough.

Oakland is Atlanta's oldest cemetery, founded in 1850, and it represents the Victorian rural garden cemetery movement where cemeteries were seen as public green spaces. They contained winding paths, large shade trees, flowers and shrubs and were actively gardened by the families. These gardens were sources of great pride and most likely a bit of neighborly competition. Even the remnants of a greenhouse remain where tropical plants from the plantings could be over wintered. The Historic Oakland Foundation is working hard to restore the site to its original beauty and to make it available for the enjoyment of citizens today. Future plans in the area call for a pedestrian park linking Oakland to the state capitol and the Beltline is expected to run adjacent to the site, making Oakland's 88 acres an increasingly important part of Atlanta's greenspace.



Directions and information on Oakland and the 2nd Saturday program is at [www.oaklandcemetery.com](http://www.oaklandcemetery.com). This is a monthly activity and Kevin Kuharic, Oakland's Restoration and Landscape Manager always appreciates additional volunteers. You can reach him at 404-688-2107 or [kevin@oaklandcemetery.com](mailto:kevin@oaklandcemetery.com).

Each volunteer attending the Oakland work-day will receive two \$10 gift cards, one to Agave Restaurant ([www.agaverestaurant.com](http://www.agaverestaurant.com)) and the other to Redfish Restaurant. Agave and Redfish co-sponsor the 2nd Saturday program.



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Please be sure to take a moment and thank these merchants for their support whenever you visit their nursery. We want them to know how much we appreciate them and need your help telling them. We also want to thank **Paula Refi** for donating the book of perennials that was offered.

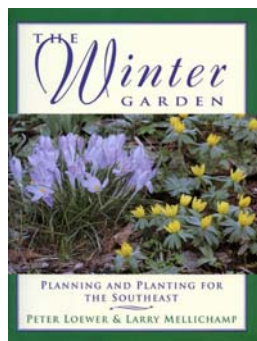
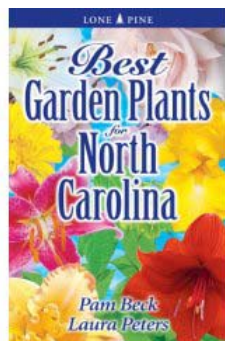
**Pam Beck**  
**“Winter Interest in the Landscape”**  
**October Meeting – 7:30PM, Tuesday, October 17**

Pam will share with us her ideas for adding interest to our gardens during the winter months. While she has gathered ideas and photographs on her worldwide travels, she is a Southerner at heart and knows that our winter days are often beautiful and rarely snow covered. Whether leaf, berry, flower or fruit she will certainly help us identify new ideas for our own gardens.

Pam wrote an excellent article for the Raleigh News & Observer on “Shrubs to delight eyes and nose in winter “ (<http://www.newsobserver.com/374/story/308332.html>) that you might enjoy reading to whet your appetite for what will surely be an excellent program.



Visit Amazon.com for a copy of Pam’s new book *Best Garden Plants for North Carolina*. For something related to her topic, *The Winter Garden: Planning & Planting for the SE* by Loewer & Mellichamp would be another good choice.



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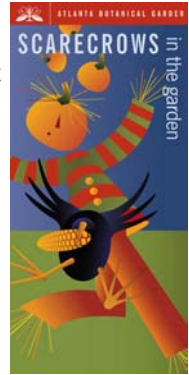
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## Miss Leila Mae Is GPPA's New Ambassador for Scarecrows In the Garden

Atlanta Botanical Garden September 30—October 31

Be sure to stop by Grandmother's House in the Children's Garden at ABG this month to meet GPPA's newest member. Miss Leila Mae is enjoyed by all the visitors, especially the children, and works hard at being a constantly cheerful ambassador for GPPA. Miss Leila Mae was created by a team of GPPA volunteers, led by new member Nadine Tyft, and all involved are to be commended. Nadine conceived the plan, Roxie Higginbotham painted her charming face and John Wolfinger contributed technical guidance. Also assisting in many ways were Anna Bradley, Linda Copeland, Becky Mensinger, Pat Penn, Anne Sheldon, Conne Ward-Cameron and Ginny Wolf. They have done a wonderful job. For more information on visiting, go to ABG's web site at [www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/site/involvement/scarecrows](http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/site/involvement/scarecrows).



## And the Winners Are...GPPA's Top Plants for Sun and Shade

We now have an updated, expanded list of recommended plants thanks to the many members who recently voted. The article has run in the AJC and Karin Guzy had worked hard to get everything ready to post on our web site. It looks great and will be a useful reference piece for gardeners throughout the area. Many of the plants from the 2002 list remained favorites but others were replaced. This is no great surprise since there are so many great plants available today. Soon Karin will have the Top 30 for Sun and the Top 30 for Shade posted so check our site to see all the winners.



## 15% Commission Offered for Perennial Notes Ads Advertising Manager Also Needed

Advertisements help us afford the wonderful, high quality publication that we have come to expect from Perennial Notes but this summer has brought us several disappointments in this area. First, our wonderful Advertising Manager, Susan Byrg, finds that she must step down and we need to find someone to fill her position. Secondly, some of our long time advertisers have decided to refocus their advertising monies and have not renewed. Susan did a wonderful job of managing our existing advertisers and trying to solicit new ones, but the board has decided that this is a job for more than one person. We need someone to take over the job of handling our existing advertisers but we want your help recruiting new advertisers and we are going to pay you for your efforts. Any member who recruits a new, one-year ad for Perennial Notes will receive a commission of 15% of the ad. Any and all current members are eligible and we urge you to help us with this. There are some limitations to what ads we can accept and there is a limited amount of ad space available, but we are interested in new ideas. Please contact Paula Refi to discuss the details. Her number is 404-377-4592 and her email is PMRefi@aol.com.

### Bylaws Amendment to be Voted On At October 17 Meeting

All members should have received the announcement of a proposed bylaws revision that we will vote on at the October 17 regular meeting. If you did not receive the announcement, or if you have any questions, please contact Paula Refi at 404-377-4592 or PMRefi@aol.com.

### GPPA Annual Meeting November 21

Our November meeting is designated in our bylaws as the month that we tend to the business of the association. The slate of officers for the upcoming year is presented to the membership at the October meeting and then voted on at the November meeting.

Both events will be brief as we all want to fully enjoy our speakers' presentations.

### Tailgate Market at 6:30

Please plan to come to the meeting around 6:30 to shop or share at our Tailgate Market. You can sell plants and anything else garden related you have made or personally owned. You never know what surprises you will find. This will be the last Market this year.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**September 30 - October 31** - Visit ABG's *Scarecrows In the Garden* to meet Miss Leila Mae, GPPA's entry

**October 14** - Perennial Planting at Historic Oakland Cemetery 9:00 to Noon

**October 17** - GPPA meeting "Winter Interest in the Landscape" with Pam Beck 7:30

**November 9** - Last day to acquire plants to enter in the Southeastern Flower Show Horticulture Division

**November 21** - GPPA Annual Meeting "Perennials at Yew Dell Garden" with Paul Cappiello 7:30

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**January 16** - GPPA meeting "Modern Day Plant Hunters" with Bobby Ward 7:30

**February 3** - "Come Home to Your Garden" Perennial Symposium sponsored by GPPA & ABG

**February 7-11** - Southeastern Flower Show, [www.flowershow.org](http://www.flowershow.org) - Be sure to visit GPPA's entry and plan to attend "Gardener to Gardener Night" from 4:00 to 8:00PM on Wednesday, February 7.

**February 20** - GPPA meeting "Designing Hydrangea Heaven with Penny" with Sandra Jonas 7:30

**March 20** - GPPA meeting "Design Adventures at the Chelsea Flower Show" with Brooks Garcia 7:30

**April 17** - GPPA meeting "Recent Observations from a South Carolina Garden: New Additions and Outstanding Performers" with John Elsley 7:30