



**You don't have a garden just for yourself.
You have it to share.**
Augusta Carter



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Dear Gardeners and Habitat Owners,

Our next meeting is next MONDAY, March 3, 7:30 PM at Kay Packard's home. Note our new date and place of meeting. Leslie Robson and Michael Bowles will bring our program on the PATH project that will run through Keswick Park – it's part of a much larger hook-up and is most exciting to have here in Chamblee. Leslie is on the City Council, so she has more information than most of us, and hopes to make the Chamblee portion of PATH a beautiful reflection of our Community Habitat. We really need this as so many apartments, lofts and condos recently have been built right up to the street affording no hope for certification. This seems to be the way Chamblee is going, so it's even more important to designate our own property as havens for native wildlife and plants. It's easy to make this promise and become certified – I have applications, plus you can become certified online at www.nwf.org. Follow the community links.

On Monday, April 7, we will meet at Leslie's home with Eddie Rhoades bringing our program on soil. May 1 (hopefully at Senior Connections) will bring us Susan Meyers on her trip to Mexico and the monarchs, migration and hibernation. So put these dates on your calendar.

After announcing at the last meeting that I would have to give up the monthly meetings of the garden and habitat club at the end of May, we had a good response so we can continue at least until the end of the year. Programs and meeting places will be announced later. Thanks to all of you for your volunteer efforts. Remember that we don't meet in June, July and August, but may have special happenings during the summer.

I just got off a conference call with National Wildlife and the Certified Habitats from coast to coast. It was most interesting to hear what others are doing to get more habitats certified – raffles, contests, dinners, t-shirts and much more. **One thing** that excited me is a movie coming out in April – Nim's Island – with Jody Foster. It's about a little girl who lives on an island and her wildlife encounters. As we don't have any specific plans yet for **Earth Day** (with our garden tour moved to May) let's get a group together on Saturday April 19th or the 26th and go to the movie and maybe meet for a meal out after. Please call or e-mail me to get on the list.

Our May 31st Garden Tour is shaping up. We have added some new gardens to our list, and Shannon Mulligan is already busy on getting publicity done. Remember that this will be in conjunction with the Taste of Chamblee, one of the Centennial celebrations, which will be held in the evening after the tour. Also the Chamblee Arts Alliance will have members showing their work at various gardens. If you can sell tickets at Leslie's during the morning or early afternoon, please let us know.

Please call (770-451-6079) or e-mail me (kpackard@bellsouth.net) with any questions or information. See you Monday - Love, **Kay**