

KEY NOTES



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THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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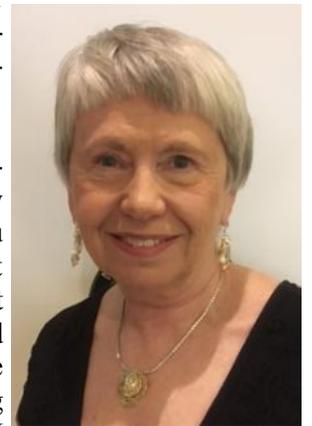
Prologue: The following article I have written for the Keynotes is not garden related!! But I was encouraged to write by a friend who knew of the impact the two incidents had upon me

WHO AM I?

Two incidents have occurred to me in the last couple of weeks that have made me think about how important that it is to recognize an individual you may admire or just appreciate. It is so easy to get busy and not realize how a “thank you”, a “what good work you do”, a “you sure look good”, and many other comments can mean to someone. One incident occurred at the NGC Fall Board meeting when a person was telling a member, not just what I had accomplished but who I really was. What kind of person. (No comments from NC please). It took me by surprise because it came out of the blue. And it made me feel special.

The second incident was of a personal nature (not garden club but also out of the blue) and really made me stop and think who I am. Maybe there is more to me than being a widow, a garden club “lady”, or someone who is called upon to chair a committee. I can only say that this incident was a “wow”.

Thus, I started thinking about, not only who I am, or could be, but how an incident out of the blue can change how a person may think about themselves. And how important it is that we take the opportunity to realize that we are surrounded by outstanding people in our organization. I do not want to suggest that one go out and start praising people willy-nilly. But if there is someone out there that you think of as being special, that is very good at what they do, or has a special attribute perhaps let them know at a time when least expected. No matter how good or accomplished a person is they may not recognize it within themselves and hearing it may change the course of what they “thought” they had planned out for the future.



Judy Barnes



State Presidents' Themes and Reports



The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Paula Hyatt, President
"Plant America—Kentucky"

The Kentucky Report will be included in the January issue of Key Notes.

Paula Hyatt



The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.,
Gail Hill, President
Theme: "Growing Forward Together to Plant America "



After a long, hot summer, Hurricane Florence showed her fury upon our lovely beaches and inland this month. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our members who have been affected by this fierce storm and we've had numerous. We pray for a speedy recovery for them.

We had a lovely visit to Fayetteville, NC for our Fall Board Meeting, September 9-10, 2018, with our District 8 clubs showing us the most gracious kindnesses that could be bestowed and a few days later they were flooded by Hurricane Florence. We were joined in Fayetteville by Nancy Hargroves, our National President and Judy Barnes, our South Atlantic Region Director plus 158 members and guests. It truly was a most memorable meeting with a wealth of information and programs.

We are happy to report that our Schools are going really well. Flower Show School Course I and Course II have been completed sponsored by the Winston-Salem Judges Council and Garden Club of North Carolina at Brookstown Inn in Winston-Salem. Course III will be given November 4-7, 2018 in Winston-Salem with the new system which was

used with Course II. They will be starting the FSS on Sunday to study Flower Show Procedure and then test FSP the next morning, study Horticulture on Monday and have the Horticulture written test on Tuesday am and study Design on Tuesday and have the Design written test on Wednesday am. Gardening School, Course II is planned for October 22-23, 2018 in Raleigh at the JC Raulston Arboretum. Landscape Design, Course II was held August 13-14, 2018 at The JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh with 42 attendees. The 2018 NC Flower Show Judges Symposium is scheduled for October 28-30 in Cary, NC at the Embassy Suites. Contact Melanie Wyatt, wyatt-ma17@gmail.com, 919-618-5008.

Several of our members (officers) will be attending NGC Meeting in Orlando, FL, September 26-29. Our GCNC officers will be traveling parts of our state for our District Meetings over the first two weeks in October. We have cancelled our District 11 Meeting which took us to the Southeast and Coastal regions where the storm damage still lingers.

Our prayers go out for Coastal and Southeaster North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, which was hit with ten tornadoes from Florence.

God bless,
Gail Hill

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The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Donna Donnelly, President
Theme: "Birds of a Feather Garden Together"



South Carolina had a busy summer! Besides two important GCSC events, the entire state was regularly pelted with rainstorms. We really appreciated the sunny days at the end of the season even though the temperature soared to the seasonal 100's. Then along came Hurricane Florence! Most of the state experienced 3 days of continuous drizzle but the towns in the northeastern section and those bordering North Carolina suffered major wind and water damage to roads, bridges and landscape. Schools were closed for several weeks. Many services were called in to assist the area and they continue to recover.

This summer, GCSC Camp Wildwood was a wonderful experience for many 1st, 2nd and 3rd year campers. GCSC is very thankful to all the clubs and members that continue to support this rewarding and fulfilling experience where 135 young people learn leadership skills that will last a lifetime. The clubs have spent their club money wisely and changed a teen's future for the better! The GCSC summer EXPO was well attend-

ed and as exciting as ever! Mike DeBruhl, President of the SC Bluebird Society presented a very interesting program and, in keeping with the President's theme, the Yellow Jessamine GC entertained the 250+ members with a hilarious 'Birds' skit! All in attendance enjoyed catching up with friends from across the state, and picking up info from the District Directors and GCSC Chairmen just in time to get their new club year off to a great start. Recently, GCSC has joined hands with South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Board (SCPRT) on a Capitol Project to restore the grounds in our historic Memorial Garden. The Memorial Garden is part of the SC Governor's Complex, and lies at the end of a downslope of the properties included in the complex resulting in severe drainage issues from rainwater collecting at the lowest point-the Memorial Garden. The project involves placement of major drainage diversion pipes and clearing the Memorial Garden's underground drainage system of roots and debris. This project is slated to be completed in time for us to enjoy the garden for the spring bloom time!

Donna Donnelly



Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Marty Bowers, President
Theme: "Planting Today For Future Generations"

Autumn is upon us even though the temperature doesn't reflect that change yet. It's hard to believe that it is time to prepare gardens for the soon to arrive cold, wintry days.

October will be busy with all six Virginia District Meetings. As Virginia President it is such a privilege to be able to attend these meetings and hear the work that is being done. Several Districts are combining flower shows in conjunction with their meetings. This allows people to enjoy the beautiful designs and the horticulture. I was able to attend the NGC Fall Board Meeting in Orlando where I was able to gather additional information on Gardening Schools plus enjoy the enthusiasm of garden club people from across the United States.

The Grants to Beautify and Restore and the Youth Grants committees have been busy evaluating applications and awarding funds for several projects. It will be exciting to hear about the projects the recipients will be undertaking.

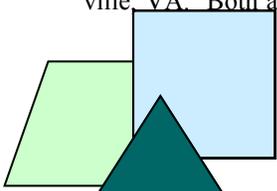
A Blue Star Memorial Marker was dedicated in Eagle Rock, VA and another will be dedicated November 11, 2018 in Troutville, VA. Both are in the Blue Ridge District. Piedmont Dis-

trict will be restoring a marker with date to be announced later. Unfortunately, VFGC has lost clubs and members again this year. Therefore, it is a joy to attend anniversary celebrations with some clubs celebrating 85 years. Piedmont District is in the process of welcoming a new garden club and has one club that is working on rejoining VFGC – exciting news.

Flower Show School III was held following the VFGC Board Meeting, August 27-30 in Lynchburg, VA. Flower Show School, Course IV will be held in February at the Four Points by Sheraton in Henrico, VA. Landscape Design School, Course IV is scheduled to be held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, October 1-2, 2018. Symposium is planned for November 13-15 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Henrico, VA. Our schools continue to be an important part of the program of VFGC as there is always more to learn.

Early planning is under way to update and revamp the VFGC website as well as develop other forms of social media in order to be able to reach our current members as well as attract new members. Hopefully, by the time of the next Key Notes publi-

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cation, we will have news about that.

SAR and VFGC Convention Chairmen, Mary Dixon and Loy Holt have been busy planning the 2019 SAR Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton in Williamsburg, VA, March 29-31. Mark your calendars now to enjoy the SAR Convention in beautiful Williamsburg. You are also invited to attend the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Convention which immediately follows the SAR Convention in the same location.

I will be looking forward to seeing many of you at the 2019 SAR Convention

Marty Bower

West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.
Carolyn McCafferty, President
Theme: "Opening the Doors to the Future"



Do you do a lot of decorating for the fall season? I do! This is such a wonderful time of the year! I enjoy changing the appearance of my home...it's like all summer, I have looked at "the same ole things"...and now placing pumpkins, leaves, and scarecrows throughout my home and yard. is gee wiz!... just so pretty! And it's very pleasing to sit back and look at new colorful décor!

As fall comes upon us, I find myself out driving around looking at the scenery. Visiting our nine districts, gives me a chance to view the beautiful colors all around our state. As you travel, or walk or hike, do you ever consider that trees do not cling to their leaves? They let them, oh so freely. As if fall is "redecorating," (as I do) letting go of the old, to make way for the new. As gardeners, we spend our summer out in our gardens: planting, weeding, watering, and maybe even picking! But, as fall comes, we begin to think about meetings and planning, like the trees, we are ready for a new season and fresh new ideas!

In West Virginia Garden Club, we are preparing for "Award Season." Getting those pictures and applications ready! West Virginia only received a few awards at SAR and we are planning on changing that in 2019!

We are preparing for our Fall District Meetings and our State Fall Board Meeting, getting speeches ready to share the many activities that we have been doing all summer. That is always the best part of meetings--hearing what the other clubs are doing, giving us those "fresh new ideas."

On a frustrating note, West Virginia had to cancel our Flower Show School planned for August, due to low attendance. (we only had 3 register this time), that would not cover our expenses. We are now looking at options on how to improve our schools, making them affordable for members and West Virginia. I hope you find time this fall, to get out and view the beauty of nature...

Everyone should sit and make time to watch the leaves turn."

Carolyn McCafferty

Chairman Reports

ARBOR DAY

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Did any of your garden clubs do anything special to celebrate Arbor Day this past spring? We need to promote Arbor Day by planting trees or other plantings or by cleaning up an area or any other way to promote Arbor Day. Many of our students (and maybe some parents) don't know about the history of this day and how our projects can help our environment. After planning and/or carrying out your celebration, try to get publicity for your club and state while celebrating in your own way. Try to involve other groups with you. This could become a community project.

This visibility could be a chance to open a door to a new member, too.

Let this chairman know what you did. She would like to hear from clubs and states so she can highlight some of the activities. She heard only from several clubs/Councils in Virginia. We know there were lots more! They were not reported to this chairman for recognition!

ARBORETUM/BOTANICAL GARDENS

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October is one of the many "perfect" times to visit us in Western North Carolina (WNC). We have a spread of about 11,000 square miles (roughly the size of the entire state of Massachusetts). We are only 15% of NC's total population and that is how we have such lovely gardens providing the vistas to accompany those cultivated areas. We are di-

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vided into sub regions: High Country, Tennessee Valley and the Foot-hills.

Daniel Boone Native Gardens, located in [Boone, North Carolina](#), has a collection of North Carolina native plants in an informal landscaped design. The gardens are open daily from May to October and is located adjacent to the site of the long running outdoor drama 'Horn In the West'.

The Garden Club of North Carolina broke ground for this garden in 1966. The gardens were planned as a laboratory so that clubs, schools and botanists could study plants within a small area.

The **Haywood Community College Arboretum** (120 acres) is an [arboretum](#) located across the campus of Haywood Community College in Clyde. It is open daily without charge. An early inventory recorded 880 trees including 22 native [species](#), many averaging 100 years old. Since then the arboretum staff has added further species of trees, shrubs, and ground covers. Arboretum features include a [rhododendron](#) garden containing many varieties of rhododendron, [conifers](#), [dahlia](#) garden featuring numerous varieties, [fruit](#) tree orchard, [greenhouse](#), nature trail, and perennials.

The North Carolina Arboretum (434 acres) is an arboretum and [botanical garden](#) located within the Bent Creek Experimental Forest of the [Pisgah National Forest](#) at 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, southwest of [Asheville, North Carolina](#) near the [Blue Ridge Parkway](#). It is open daily except for Christmas Day. There is no admission charge, but some parking fees do apply.

There are many gardens within the Arboretum: Blue Ridge Quilt Garden - [parterre](#) reflecting quilt designs of the [Blue Ridge Mountains](#).^[4]

Cliff Dickinson Holly Garden - a variety of American and non-native [hollies](#).

Heritage Garden - a demonstration garden for plants used in traditional [Western North Carolina](#) crafts, including dye making, basketry, paper-making, and broom making.

National Native Azalea Repository - a streamside garden representing almost every [azalea](#) species native to the United States, with cultivated varieties and hybrids.

Plants of Promise Garden - residential demonstration gardens that include plants being evaluated for the Southern [Appalachian](#) region.

Stream Garden - a formal setting of trees, shrubs and perennials.

Support Facility Perennial Border - perennial flowers

The Botanical Gardens at Asheville (BGA)

is located in the Southern Appalachian Mountains, one of the most diverse temperate ecosystems in the world. *The BGA is dedicated to the study and promotion of the native plants and habitats of the Southern Appalachians.*

The grounds of the BGA are open year round from sunrise to sunset for the enjoyment of the community. We do not charge for admission or parking but do encourage donations to help with maintenance. We hope that our Gardens will inspire our visitors to turn away from non-native plants in landscaping. It's one of the easiest things you can do personally for the health of our environment. To learn more, we encourage you to get a copy of [Doug Tallamy's](#) book, "*Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants.*"

While these are some of the larger public gardens in WNC, there are many plant nurseries and curbside private gardens to enjoy.

AWARDS

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Garden Club Friends, I want to encourage your club members to be thinking about what projects you may like to enter for an award this year. There will be some new categories so check the list on the SAR website to see what award/awards would be best for your club. Be sure to document your work and send pictures. Please review the scale of points to follow when submitting an award. If you have any questions or need help please contact me.



Now is the time to start planning. Good luck!

Let's make our clubs proud by submitting lots of Award entries this coming year!

RULES FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION AWARDS

SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING SAR & NGC AWARDS

RULES FOR AWARDS

- 1. AWARDS YEAR:** January 1 – December 31.
- 2. DEADLINE:** January 25 is the deadline for all SAR Award entries to reach the REGIONAL Awards Chairman. All entries are judged by respective states at the STATE level. The State Awards Chairman should MAIL all in one package the state winner of each award to the Regional Awards Chairman for Regional competition, if applicable. A list of state winners being submitted to Regional Awards Chairman must be included in the package. Applications MUST INCLUDE REGIONAL Award Name and number.
- 3. APPLICATION FORM:** Contains questions/topics to be addressed along with any supporting photographs. Forms are available on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org, or from the State Awards Chairman.

There is a three (3) page limit; use ONLY ONE SIDE of the page.

Type using "TIMES NEW ROMAN" FONT, NO SMALLER THAN size "10".

Applications will be accepted in HARD COPY form only.

Binders and vinyl sheet protectors are no longer needed nor allowed. Note some exceptions.

Applications will NOT be returned after SAR Convention.

4. MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR, YEAR-BOOKS and PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS are exceptions, with specific rules, etc. Consult NGC Awards list for these details.

5. CATEGORIES BY CLUB SIZE: Some awards specify awards according to size. Those are:

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- i Small Club: 29 members and under
- ii Medium Club: 30 – 59 members
- iii Large Club: 60 – 99 members
- iv Extra-large Club: 100 members +

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AWARDS

5 pts. Presentation: neat, concise, includes all required information, does not exceed 3- page limit.

65 pts. Achievement: Scope of project, need and fulfillment; benefit; accomplishment; comprehensive work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; educational; prior planning; very brief history of continuing project; financial report; other.

15 pts. Participation: Size of club; involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. (Involvement of all these is not required.)

15 pts. Supporting documents: Supporting data (as applicable), clear, well-labeled and neatly attached. 'Before' and 'After' photos, landscape plan (Does not have to be professionally –drawn) financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, recognition, newspaper / magazine articles, radio or TV script, (if possible), etc. Photocopies are permitted, but need to be 'readable'.

100 pts. TOTAL



BOOK REVIEW

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Martha's Flowers- A Practical Guide to Growing, Gathering, and Enjoying

Clarkson Potter Publishers, 2018; ISBN 978-0-307-95477-0

What happens when you partner a grower with an arranger? You just might come up with a pair like Martha Stewart, the gardener, and Kevin Sharkey, the floral arranger who write a guide to arranging flowers that can be grown in most areas of the country. What makes this book unique is the attention and detail given to plants from a grower's perspective and the attention and detail given to the elements and mechanics of flower arranging. The book is arranged by seasons (with the exception of winter) and includes plants that will be at their peak during that specific time. Those plants are then used to create some traditional, contemporary, large, small individual and grouped arrangements. The photos feature arrangements as standalone against a plain background as well as placed in a home setting.

One of the elements I liked about the book was photographs

that showed the use of color combinations that might not readily come to mind. Often these designs were driven by the abundance of plants in bloom at a particular time. These arrangements then give us a sense of season and inspire us to look at our gardens for additional materials such as branches and leaves that add interest and support to the blooms. From a grower's perspective, one of the things I liked most was the inclusion of numerous varieties within a plant family and the guide to growing conditions, maintaining, and troubleshooting.

What I learned about design includes:

Using plants grown in the same season increases the chance of compatibility in a design.

Flowers placed in a container that has similar contours to the plant makes for repetition in an interesting way.

The stem of a plant can guide the selection of a container. For example, long stemmed tulips, allium or delphinium look good in a tall vase; vines such as clematis look good in a trumpet shape vase or floated in open vessels.

Using the special qualities of flowers such as height, color or variety to create a design plays to its strengths.

Considering the effect of light, either from the front or back, can illuminate features such as veins, clusters (hydrangeas).

Using flowers and leaves in juxtaposition creates impact.

Overcoming the challenge of using a heavily patterned container can be accomplished as shown on page 203. A 20th century mantle urn with an oriental scene is filled with Turk's cap lilies, daisies, filbert leaves, raspberries and Cincifuga leaves

What I learned about vessels and techniques includes:

1) A combination of dried leaves can create a unique, colorful contemporary design.

2) When working with hydrangea, the older the bloom, the longer it will last in an arrangement. Cutting in early morning on a diagonal and placing the stem in boiling water for 30 seconds, then plunging up to the head in cool water and covering with a damp paper towel will prevent wilting.

3) Vessels can include cylinders, spheres, bottles, pails, low bowls, trumpet shaped bowls, and functional containers not designed for flowers.

4) Support can be provided with chicken wire formed into balls.

If you want to talk like an arranger, then include these words in the conversation: cages, frogs, vessels, palette, grid, "fizz", faux bois, stripper, flip grasses, repurposing, value engineering.

From time to time, we all need inspiration and to visit to a site that can give us new ideas or inspire us to think outside the ordinary box that limits our creativity. Although I would not describe this book as breaking new ground in the world of gardening or design, I would give it a buy/read rating for the sheer beauty of the photographs and the easy, complete organization of the content. As a word of advice Martha reminds us of her motto "Pour l'avenir meaning "for the future".

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CALENDARS

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The 2019 Vision of Beauty Calendars are available from NGC Member Services. For groups within the state, consider purchasing these in bulk and selling them through your group.

GARDENS: COMMUNITY GARDENS/ CONTAINER GARDENING

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My article this month on Community Gardens is just to signify how much I enjoyed the scenes of community gardening in the neighborhoods surrounding me during this past growing season. I was absolutely delighted to see the coming together of families and neighbors taking plots of land at agriculture extensions service centers, churches, vacant lots, etc. and setting them into gardens. Just to see them work these lands, grow the food, harvest it and distribute it, was a sight to behold. And another great thing about it was that families were doing this together, teaching their children where their food came from and I'm sure making them appreciate the food and probably making them more likely to eat it and acquire a taste for some food that they had not eaten before.

One small church, not far from my home even built a picket fence around their small garden, lined the outside with lilacs, had a picket door (probably to keep out unwanted animals and critters). It is a beautiful garden and you ride by and see the parishioners working, planting, cleaning, harvesting and the place is as clean as a whistle.

I don't know about the small church but I do know that the county extension office's over pouring of food goes to Urban Ministries and the Salvation Army to help feed the homeless. It just warms this person's heart to see the generosity of good people.

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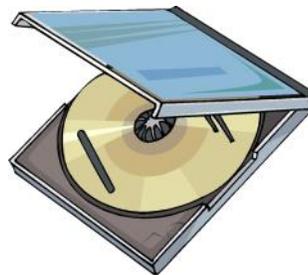
For all SAR Gardeners!

The Garden Club of Kentucky is sponsoring the Garden Study School series. If other states have these schools, let this chairman know so she can highlight your courses too.

Course III will be held in Bowling Green on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12 and 13, 2019 at the Warren Association of Baptists Building on Scottsville Road. Instructors will include Dr. Martin Stone, Director of the Baker Arboretum in Bowling Green, Dr. Winston Dunwell of Princeton, Kentucky, Kristen Hildabrand of the U.K. Extension Office and Rickman Freeman and Dennis Williams, also of the Baker Arboretum. Teaching topics include Houseplant Basics, Outdoor Container Gardening and a teaching tour of the Baker Arboretum led by Dr. Stone.

Course III promises to be a fine experience for all who wish to improve, renew or enhance their gardening endeavors. Registration cost is \$65.00 and includes lunch for two days. If you would like a Course III brochure, please contact Jo Jean Scott at:

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MEDIA/VIDEOS/DVD PROGRAMS

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This Chairman would like to let you know that we have lots of exciting garden-related Programs. If you need a program on a particular subject please contact NGC Headquarters, MEMBER SERVICES.

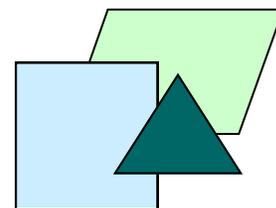
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NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

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Hope everyone had a great National Garden Week last June. If you did any special projects hope you took some pictures to submit with your entries for an award. Even if you don't wish to enter for the SAR award then share with us what you did so others have ideas for next year. Hopefully you have included National Garden Week in your club plans for 2018-2019. If your haven't done that yet, please consider doing a project and letting this chairman know what you have planned..



THE CORRIE WHITLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FROM SAR

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A rising Junior or Senior in College and/or a graduate student are eligible to receive the Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship or the SAR Scholarship. Each state within the South Atlantic Region may submit one application to be in competition for a Scholarship. A qualifying student is one majoring in the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Biology, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, City Planning, Land Management and/or allied subjects.

Two Scholarships are given each year. The Scholarship amount is determined by the SAR Board of Directors, and the winners announced each year at the SAR Conventions. Applications will be judged on the following scale:

Academic Record	40 %
Applicant's Letter	30 %
Listing of Honors/ Extracurricular	
Activities/ Work Experience	10 %
Financial Need	15 %
Recommendations	5 %

Applications must be sent to the state scholarship chairman by February 1. This chairman will forward it to the regional chairman by March 1.





SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION DIRECTORS PROJECT 2017-2019

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Plant, Protect, and Preserve our South Atlantic Region; Its national parks, state parks, public lands and community spaces.

Plant, protect, and preserve our South Atlantic Region: Its National parks, state parks, public lands and community spaces.

I am excited to see how the clubs in South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia have planted, protected and preserved our green spaces this year. I was disappointed last year, I only received two Awards for the President's project and they were both from North Carolina. I have traveled in the other four states and you have beautiful areas, so please send me your projects you have worked on this year

It is amazing how lifestyles have changed in the last few years and our green areas have become so important. Most areas have green ways now where we can walk, run, or bicycle and enjoy God's beauty from the native plants, streams of water and the green forests. Our small farms are disappearing and children have to go to select farms to see how vegetables and fruits are grown. Eggs just do not come from grocery stores, we must have chickens. Milk does come from cows first. These places are important and plantings at these places are most important.

Has your club planted a vegetable garden, pollinator garden, or a memorial garden in a public area? Parks are being used daily for children to play, people exercising by running and walking, or just a relaxing area under a big shade tree to read a book. Being a part of this and planting a small perennial garden is a welcome addition.

I look forward to reading and judging all these projects this fall. Remember, an award only takes 3 pages, before and after pictures, an explanation of your reason for the project and be sure to have a picture of all the members participating. This South Atlantic Region Director's Project is a \$100.00 Award and I am sure your club could use the money and as many beautiful areas as there are in the South Atlantic area, there should not be any problem to find a special area to begin this project.

REMEMBER: The crucial part of the application should explain why the club decided on the project, purpose of the project, what they hope to gain and did the project accomplish the purpose. Express if those who participated in the finished project, finished the project with a sense of being a part of protecting and preserving our lands.

YOUTH: SMOKEY BEAR/WOOSY OWL POSTERS

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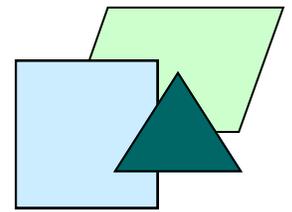
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Now is the time to start searching for schools, groups, etc. that could do the Smokey Bear posters!!! This is Smokey's 75 birthday – NO MORE WOOSY OWL this year. (You must wait until next year for Woosy posters!!!) By this time, the state chairmen have received their materials! If not, please let me know. GET BUSY!!! We look forward to receiving MANY posters in February. Remember – SAR received the award for most posters received in 2018!!!



SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION 2019



South Atlantic Region 2019 Convention
“The Beauty of Nature: Protect, Preserve,
Enjoy”
DoubleTree by Hilton in Williamsburg, Virginia.
March 28-30, 2019



South Atlantic Region 2019 Convention
Springtime is such a beautiful time in the Historic City of Williamsburg, Virginia. Please plan to join the members of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. for the South Atlantic Region 2019 Convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Our members are planning wonderful programs, beautiful designs, shopping, and of course time for the business necessary for the organization.

Thursday, March 28th is a pre-convention day and we have afternoon programs by Shelley Fones “The Gardening Angel” and Tommy White “Alton’s Keep Wild Bird Rescue” with some of his rescued birds. So, come early to give yourself time to enjoy these presentations. There will also be a dinner Thursday evening with David Roos’ program “Spring is Time to Clean Gardens”.

The official opening of the convention is Friday morning and David Pippin and Al Brockwell, The Dueling Designers, will entertain you at the luncheon. Afternoon programs will include Les Parks of the Norfolk Botanical Garden and Sharon McGukin of Smithers Oasis Floral Products will let us know about their products. This evening a program on “Cottage Gardens” will be given by Gordon Chappell, retired from Colonial Williamsburg and so knowledgeable. The Director and Alternate Director for 2019 – 2021 will be installed in the evening.

Saturday, March 30, 2019 will conclude the convention with Brunch and the Awards Program where members are recognized for all of the outstanding work they do in their Garden Clubs. Please plan to attend the Fifty-eighth South Atlantic Region Annual Convention and celebrate with us.

For the first time the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. annual convention will follow the SAR Convention. Please plan to spend a few extra days in beautiful Williamsburg and attend the VFGC Convention. There will be registration forms on the website – www.viriniagardenclubs.org

Room rates are the same and there will still be shopping and wonderful programs.

Incoming SAR Director

At our recent SAR Convention we were introduced to the next SAR Director who is Carolyn McCafferty of West Virginia.

The Alternate Director will be June Ashworth.



National Garden Clubs



Nancy Hargroves
2017-2019 NGC President

Theme:
"Plant America"



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS CONVENTION

"Gathering on the Gulf"

April 29-May 2

Beau Rivage Hotel

Biloxi MS

Make your plans now to attend the NGC Convention next spring in Biloxi MS. Look for all the information on the NGC website. It has not been posted yet, but should be there soon. Also, details will be in the January 2019 Key Notes.

This is an installation year.

We have always has good programs at conventions, and this should be informative and entertaining too.

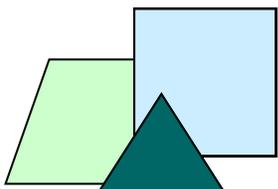
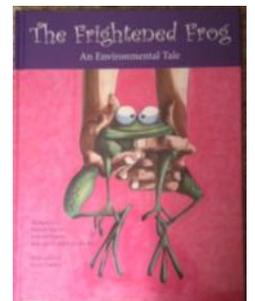
YOUTH PROJECTS

National Garden Clubs is continuing "The Frightened Frog" program with the book. We now have another book to use with children, "The Saved Seed", tracing the life of a pumpkin seed. This book is also \$10 and can be ordered from NGC Member Services.

As has been done for many years, we will continue to sponsor the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Don't forget the Poetry Contest for K-9. This year's topic is "Pop Goes the Seed". The HS Essay contest for grades 9-12 has the topic "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply". All rules may be found on the NGC website.

And finally there is the Youth Sculpture Contest open to grades 4-8. The sculpture is to be made of recycled, reused, or reduced items.

All details can be found on the NGC website.

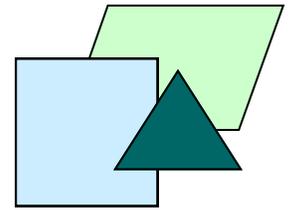


Key Notes

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Odds 'N' Ends



Schools Coming Up

Landscape Design School:

Course 4 May 15-16 Morgantown WV; Oct. 1-2 Richmond VA

Flower Show School:

Course 3 Nov. 5-7 Winston Salem NC

Course 4 Feb. 18-20, 2019 SC

Course 4 Apr. 15-17 Winston Salem NC

Flower Show Judges Symposium:

Oct. 28-30 Cary NC

Nov. 13-15 Richmond VA

Gardening School:

Course 2 Oct. 22-23 Raleigh NC

Mar. 12-13, 2019 Bowling Green KY

NGC Mission Statement
National Garden Clubs, Inc provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our friends in North and South Carolina as you work to recover from the two recent hurricanes. We hope there was minimal damage for everyone.



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Fifty-eighth Annual Convention
“The Beauty of Nature: Protect, Preserve, Enjoy”
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Registration: Please complete form, make check payable to “SAR 2019 Convention” and mail both to Claudia H. Cosby, 3015 Mount Hill Drive, Middlethian, VA 23113-3923. For info: chcosby@verizon.net
Postmark by February 25, 2019 for On Time Registration.

Last Name _____ **First** _____ **Middle Initial** _____
Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Phone _____ **E-mail address** _____

Please check ___ if we may email your acknowledgement.

- Check ALL that apply:**
- NGC Officer SAR Director SAR Officer
 NGC Chairman Former SAR Director SAR Chairman
 NGC Life Member SAR Life Member State President
 Club President Club Member Elected Delegate
 Guest Spouse

Please mark the plan of your choice:
(Full convention includes: Registration, Thursday Banquet, Friday Lunch and Banquet, Saturday Breakfast)

Full Convention – Non-Virginia Members	\$190.00
Full Convention Virginia Members	\$185.00
Full Convention Spouses	\$180.00
Thursday Luncheon-Former SAR Directors, Finance & Executive Committee	\$
35.00 _____	\$ 50.00 _____
Thursday Banquet and Program	\$
Friday Luncheon and Design Program	35.00 _____
Friday Banquet and Program	\$
55.00 _____	\$ 25.00 _____
Saturday Breakfast and Awards Program	\$ 25.00 _____
Part Time Registration	\$ 25.00 _____
Additional Late Registration Fee – After February 25 2019	\$ 25.00 _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Please indicate special dietary requirements:
 Diabetic _____ Heart _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten _____ Other _____
No Refunds after March 10, 2019

Hotel Reservations:
DoubleTree by Hilton, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
 Call: 1-800-222-8733 & reference group name: South Atlantic Region Associations 2019 or Code: SAG
 Room rate is \$119.00 for standard room or \$139.00 for suite rooms, plus taxes and \$2.00 fee.
 Note: Hotel cut-off date is February 26th, 2019.

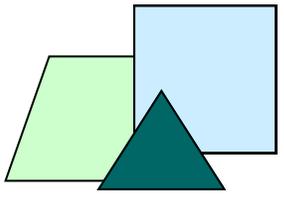
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 Early Arrivals – must register early as there is a limited block of rooms
Thursday, March 28, 2019
 8:00 am – Noon Exhibit Room Setup Conference Rooms A & B
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Conference Lobby Desk
 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Flower Room Open Executive Board Room
 10:00 am – 11:00 am Finance Comm. Meeting Conference Room 5
 11:00 am – Noon Executive Comm. Meeting Conference Room 5
 Noon Exhibit Room Opens Conference Rooms A & B
 Noon Luncheon – Executive Committee and Former Directors Private Dining Room
 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Program – Shelley Fones
 “The Gardening Angel” Auditorium
 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Program – Tommy White
 Alton’s Keep Wild Bird Rescue Auditorium
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Social Time Conference Lobby Area
 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Dinner & Program Harrison 1 - 4
 David Roos – *“Spring Is Time To Clean Gardens”*

Friday, March 29, 2019
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Flower Room Open Executive Board Room
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Open Conference Lobby Desk
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Exhibit Room Open Conference Rooms A & B
 9:00 am – Noon Official opening of Convention Auditorium
 12:15 pm – 2:30 pm Luncheon & Program Harrison 1 – 4
 The Dueling Designers

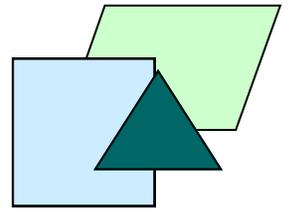
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Program: Les Parks Auditorium
 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm Program: Oasis Products Auditorium
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Social Time Conference Lobby
 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Dinner & Program Harrison 1 – 4
 Gordon Chappell *“Cottage Gardens”*
 Installation of 2019 – 2021
 Director & Alternate Director

Saturday, March 30, 2019
 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration Open Conference Lobby Desk
 9:00 am – 11:00 am Branch – Awards Program Adams Room
 Convention Closes
 11:00 am – Noon SAR 2019 – 2021 Board Meeting Center Lounge

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The South Atlantic Region Member States



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**Pleased Share This Newsletter With Clubs In Your
State And With Members Of The State Boards
Thank You**