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“Jump at Every Opportunity”

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THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

“Jump at Every Opportunity”

“Trust the magic of new beginnings.”

Hello everyone, let me introduce myself to you and tell you a little about me. My name is Carolyn McCafferty, I reside in Moundsville, West Virginia. I have been married to Dan, the love of my life, for 42 years. We have two wonderful daughters, Sara and Dana, two terrific son-in-laws, Mike and Brian, and the blessing of being grandparents to four granddaughters: Hannah, Mya, Brynna, and Ella.

I am very active in my church, and I am the President of my local club, a position I have held for 15 years. I have served as the Old Trails District Director twice and have served the WVGCI in many capacities, the latest, as their State President. And, now I am thrilled to have been elected to serve the South Atlantic Region as your Director.

My theme for my term is "Jump at Every Opportunity." And my Project is: to Improve our Communities (through Youth Involvement and Reclaiming Unusable Spaces)

I will present two \$50 Special Project Awards, annually.

#SP1 INVOLVING YOUTH

#SP2 RECLAIMING UNUSABLE SPACES (rules and descriptions are included in the Awards List)

These are two areas that are very important to me. First: As our members grow older, we need to focus on the younger people around us and get them involved. We need to get out there and work with the youth. We need new members, and we really shouldn't care what the age!

Second: We need to do a better job at taking care of our world. We think everything can just be thrown away. We trash areas of our cities and towns--and leave them looking awful! Changes need to be made--and garden club members are just the people to take charge and make those changes! Get out in your city or town and show them how it's done!

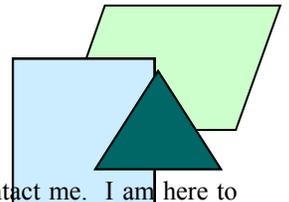
We in the South Atlantic Region, are embarking on a new journey. A new beginning, so to speak. We are now a "stand alone region," no longer "under the umbrella" of National. Together we will begin to get our organization set up to operate on it's own. There are several things we are already doing. I have appointed a By-laws Committee (Emily Stephens, Mary Dixon, and Pat Abercrombie) to prepare By-laws for us to review and vote on. The Board will vote in September, 2019 and the Board approved proposed By-laws will then be provided to all members to review, and then voted on by the membership at the 2020 Convention.

The Awards Chairman, Joan Holman and myself have made some changes to the Awards for 2019-2021. We hope they are easier to follow. You will find the application on our website, or from a Board member that has a copy of the SAR Directory. The Scholarships will both use the NGC application, so that the states and regions are using the same form.



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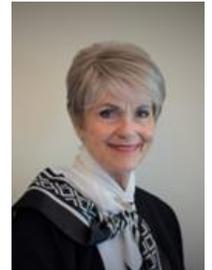
Change is not always something that we like or want. But, in order to grow our organization, it is necessary. I hope that as my term in office progresses, we can work together to find new ways to improve the way our region functions. Thank you in advance, for your support and trust. I look forward to working with each of you. And if you

have questions or ideas, feel free to contact me. I am here to serve you.

And suddenly, you just know, it's time to start something new, and trust in the magic of new beginnings."

Carolyn McCafferty

The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. Donna Smith, President "Let's Grow"



The Mission Statement of the Garden Club of Kentucky: To provide education, resources and networking opportunities for its members and to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.

As the new president of the Garden Club of Kentucky, I have taken our Mission Statement to heart. In the next two years we plan to finish the Gardening School series and the Landscape Design series and offer the four Environmental Schools. All these schools will provide educational opportunities and resources for our members. The Environmental Schools will educate and reinforce our need to be responsible for the well-being of our environment. Our Kentucky Flower Show Judges Council is offering the four Flower Show Schools during the next two years. These schools emphasize standards for horticulture, correct plant nomenclature and floral design. Watch for our schools on the NGC website and come join us! It is my hope that we dedicate several Blue Star markers in the next two years to honor those who have served in our armed forces.

My Special President's Awards are, *Habitats for our Wildlife: animals, birds, insects and plants* and *Gardening with Native Plants*. These will encourage our clubs to create habitats for all wildlife and to include native plants in both their private and the public gardens that they maintain.

Since our state convention in April, the Garden Club of Kentucky has had an Arbor Day celebration at our Headquarters in Paris, Kentucky and a Judges Council Symposium at the historic Boone Tavern in Berea, and several flower shows and garden tours across the state with many more planned for July and August.

The theme for the Garden Club of Kentucky for 2019-2021 is "Let's Grow". Our Garden Club of Kentucky officers, district directors, chairmen and club presidents are committed to increasing the number of members in our clubs and creating interest to start new clubs. In this new job as president I plan to have a lot of fun with my gardening friends and work hard to grow our organization.

Donna Smith

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., Brenda Crocker, President Theme: "Engage Others, as You Would Engage Your Plants"



Spring has passed in North Carolina and the hot dry summer days are here.

The clubs have been busy finishing up their club year, installing new officers, planning programs, planning field trips and organizing their committees for the coming year.

The Garden Club of North Carolina was started in 1925 with representation from Reidsville, Winston Salem, High

Point, Asheville and Raleigh. They met in Winston Salem to organize the Garden Club of North Carolina. Little could they envision that the fledging organization would grow into the size it is today. We have 5,083 members and 180 clubs.

We have three wonderful jewels from the mountains to the coast. In Boone, North Carolina we have the Daniel Boone Native Garden. At the coast we have The Elizabethan Gardens

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in Manteo, North Carolina. (They release butterflies each week) In Raleigh we have the Martha Franck Fragrance Garden. This garden is designed for the teaching and pleasure of the blind as an "outdoor living room". And in between, all of the wonderful gardens of our members.

The Garden Club of North Carolina has been having "Flower Show Schools" but not the "Landscape, Gardening and Environmental Schools". Charles and Linda McLendon wanted to be able to get these Schools started in North Carolina to offer it to those who were not physically or financially able to go to other States to take these Schools. They have been instrumental in getting these Schools started here in North Carolina. The first Environmental Course will be offered the first of November 2019. Kudos to this couple.

At the National Convention in the Spring we were given the challenge of bringing up our membership by 21%.

My theme for the next two years will be "engage with others as

you would engage with your plants." Meaning, when we buy a new plant, we engage with it with tender loving care, give it water, fertilizer, right amount of sunshine and we TALK to it. The Garden Club of North Carolina is going to motivate and encourage each other to seek out new members. Building our membership is a must. We must find ways to encourage citizens of our areas how important it is to belong to a garden club where we learn and help make our country a more beautiful place.

We will accept and welcome new ideas and opinions because through listening we may discover new opportunities for positive changes and growth. Young or old- we are all equal - all ideas count

Brenda Crocker

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. Trish Bender, President Theme: "#gardenFORlife"



South Carolina is a dynamic GREEN TEAM of dedicated, skilled volunteers ready to grow. We launched our new term with a **GardenFORLife Initiative** to garden FOR Life instead of only for beauty. This call to action invites our membership to grow organically and sustainably with native plants that support critical pollinator habitats in order to reverse the devastating endangerment of bees, butterflies, and other wildlife. Like NGC's Plant America Initiative, **GardenFORLife** continues the focus set several years ago and allows us to layer it term after term. First native plants, then birds, and now pollinator habitats.

We have already laid the groundwork for a "**Parking with a Purpose**" project at Riverbanks Botanical Gardens that will convert parking lot medians and other public spaces into pollinator habitats. Once complete, this project will serve as a model to all public spaces in South Carolina.

In partnership with the Xerces Society, we have challenged our membership to create front yard **Pollinator Habitats** in addition to our Backyard Habitat Program that can be seen by passersby to raise awareness and educate the public on what to grow. We have found that most people want to grow organically to save bees and butterflies and simply don't know what to plant nor how to begin. This initiative seeks to change that.

To increase Youth Outreach, we have added liaisons for Fu-

ture Farmers of America and 4H as well as a youth membership contest. These chairmanships will work with our Camp Wildwood, Girl Scout, Scholarship, High School Essay, Poster and Poetry chairmen as a Youth Team.

To expand Veteran's Outreach, we have grouped our Memorial Garden Trustees and our Blue/Gold Star Marker Chairmen into a Veteran's Outreach Team to work together with VFW, AFL, IAVA, USO, and JTF22.

This term we are also expanding our Membership Outreach through improved communication, benefits and opportunities. Our members deserve direct connection and we plan to give it to them. The SUMMER EXPO on August 3rd will be a free all-day tradeshow event at Midland's Technical College filled with gardening vendors, workshops and fellowship. Unlike conventions, this event is completely free and casual and provides all of the information and networking that clubs need to success.

Through the purchase of StarChapter Membership Management Software, we will now be able to effectively communicate with our entire membership in real time, as well as provide ease of dues and roster management, online event registration, and a GCSC marketplace for online shopping. We will launch this entire system by the fall.

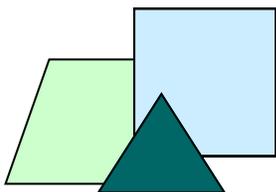
None of this would be possible without our incredible 89-person board of directors and chairmen who volunteer their skills, passion and professionalism to our organization. Together, we really are a dynamic GREEN TEAM!

Trish Bender

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Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Mary Sue Floyd, President
Theme: "Our Actions Today Pave the Pathways of Tomorrow"

As this is being written, we are just beginning the summer. I hope everyone will remember to take care when gardening to keep hydrated. We need it just as our plants do.

Our clubs are making their plans for the coming year, and I am excited to learn what they will be doing. In applying our theme "Our Actions Today Pave the Pathways of Tomorrow", I have tried to encourage to our clubs to each do something – a small project or activity or a large project. Every project will carry over to the future. Any seeds we plant – vegetable, flower, education, friendship – will pave these pathways. We may not see the results ourselves, but others will; and they will continue to nurture them.

This fall we will hold Flower Show School Course 1 in Roanoke VA September 9-12. We invite you to attend. We are also holding Landscape Design School Course 2 September 30- October 1 in Richmond. And Symposium will be November 6-7 in Henrico. We are still in the planning stages to begin the Gardening School in Virginia. We have held Flower Show School and Landscape Design School for many

years, but this would be a first for us. We are excited to hope to have this begin by this spring. You are invited to attend any of our schools and symposia. Our chairmen have been very busy planning the very best schools.

To continue our work with planting seeds for our youth we offer "Keys to the Future" grants to our clubs. We also encourage students to submit Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters, Poetry entries, and essay entries.

And we have Grants to Beautify and Restore to clubs working to replant, replace, and beautify a public area damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.

As our clubs are making their plans, so are our six districts. I am looking forward to attending the district meetings this fall, with the opportunity of meeting the members face-to-face and hearing the various reports of their projects and activities. This is the fun part of being our state president.

Individually we are very small, but together we can do much.

Mary Sue Floyd

West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.
Vickie Stedman, President
Theme: "Smiling Faces, Beautiful Places"

The theme that I have chosen for my term is "Smiling Faces, Beautiful Places." Actually, I'm practicing my recycling skills because this is the same theme that I used when I first became my club's president many years ago. Even then, I'm pretty sure I "borrowed" it off a license plate that I spotted on a road trip. I believed then, and I still believe, that the best, first step for a healthy club is a happy club. I am ever mindful that we are all volunteers and I think that for many of us, Garden Club is less about Hogarth Curves and more about family. Are gardening, public beautification, arranging and the million other things our clubs do important? Absolutely! But it is also important that we do those things together, as a team, with smiles on our faces, working to create even more beautiful places and, hopefully, inspiring others to want to join us.

We have a big change in WVGC this year. For the first time, we will have two gentlemen on our Board of Directors. I know that several of our clubs now have male members. I think it's wonderful and should be encouraged. Our world has changed, and we must change with it. This is most definitely not our mothers' garden club anymore.



Our "Springtime in the Shenandoah" Convention was a great success and plans are underway for our Fall Board Meeting at the beautiful Canaan Valley WV State Park. At this meeting, we are excited about the debut of our new, interactive website. We will be offering Flower Show School, Course 1 in Moundsville, WV on August 1-3.

A big problem that I think we are all having is that many of our clubs are aging out. John Adams once said, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." The facts and evidence are in our decreasing numbers. My hope is that if we keep smiles on our faces and showcase the many beautiful places that we create for our communities, we can recruit some new, younger members for more clubs. West Virginia needs Garden Clubs, our communities need Garden Clubs and we, the members, need Garden Clubs. We are excited and anxious to get to work, put on those smiling faces and create even more beautiful places in this already beautiful, wild and wonderful state of ours.

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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!

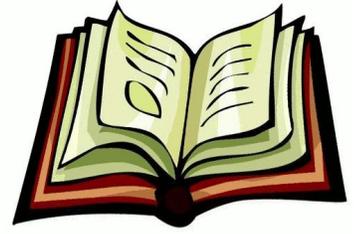
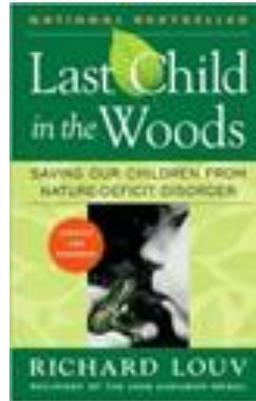
If your clubs did not plan an activity for 2019, encourage them to make plans for 2020. It can be simple or elaborate. Whatever works!

AWARDS

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Now is the time to encourage all of your clubs to submit applications for awards for their programs and activities. The current list of awards and the application for SAR can be found on the SAR website



BOOK REVIEW

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[The Last Child In the Woods](#)

Richard Louv

The Last Child in the Woods may seem like a strange book to review for this website. It is in fact an interesting work that may help to understand the effect the lack of nature (called nature-deficit disorder) has had, not only on the children of today but on their parents and maybe even grandparents. The author Richard Louv explores many ways to heal this loss which can affect healthy childhood development and the emotional and physical health of children and adults.

Originally printed in 2005, a later update in 2008 for which the author received the Audubon Medal for "sounding the alarm about the health and societal costs of isolation from the natural world" These editions inspired the creation of [Children and Nature Network](#), the organization [Green Hour](#), and a TV series called [Nature Cat](#). A new updated edition will be published in the coming year.

Both National Garden Clubs (NGC) and the South Atlantic Region of NGC offer projects that encourage children of all ages to be involved with nature in horticulture, environmental concerns, conservation and leadership. These books offer ways of changing this behavior for adults and children and gives practical solutions on how to do them. Consider that a "woods" can be as large as a forest or as small as a single tree and the essence is what we can learn and teach from them.

Richard Louv is a child advocate, journalist and author of nine books including *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder* and *The Nature Principle: Reconnecting with Life in a Virtual Age*. His books can be found through major book sellers and on line.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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Grassroots Green

At the end of our church service a couple of Sundays ago, our minister encouraged members of the congregation to meet in the fellowship hall afterwards and look at a set of new landscape plans that had been drawn up for the grounds of our historic 1814 church in Charleston, S.C.

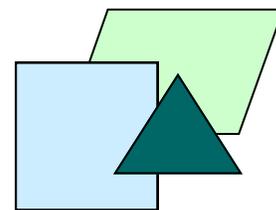
Having graduated from NGC's Landscape Design School several years ago (lacking one more course to attain 'master' status), and having recently been elected president of the Landscape Design Consultant's Council of South Carolina, and also being in the process of revamping my own garden, I thought this would provide me with an excellent opportunity to study a landscape plan and see if I had learned anything about landscape design.

To my great dismay I discovered that 150 feet of healthy low boxwoods bordering the sidewalk to our fellowship hall are due to be ripped out and replaced with an alternating row of ligustrum and palmetto trees. Our old boxwood border is unique in that the box are trimmed to create a long row of three crosses, one Latin, one Celtic and one a St. Andrews cross. In other words, there is 'subtle meaning' embedded in the old landscape design. A pair of tea olives in terra cotta pots are due to flank either side of our church's massive front façade. Balance? All the old walkways are scheduled to be torn up and replaced with tabby sidewalks banded by eight inch wide borders of big new red wire-cut bricks. Tabby is not a surface conducive to facilitating smooth transport for an increasing number of handicapped members. Has the need for 'something new' replaced common sense?

Old Charlestonians are not known for their willingness to embrace change and I find myself increasingly in *their* corner. New landscape designs are not always better than old.

I'm finding many new landscape plans ill-considered. The 1838 house next door to me was used last year as a remodeling project for the TV program, *This Old House*. The house and its old garden were totally gutted. A huge ancient Lady banksia rose was replaced with a swimming pool and a half acre of slate paving. The only dirt left in this 'garden' is two twelve inch wide borders of liriopi along the driveway. The house across the street was done over too... for a Designer Show-house, and now has a handkerchief sized plot of grass surrounded by more hardscaping. At some point the piper will have to be paid if our gardens continue to lose 'ground' ... literally.

In our garden club projects let us be mindful that the more hardscaping we do, the more damage we do to the environment. Recent torrential rains have made me aware that we are stewards of *the land* for future generations.



GARDEN THERAPY/HEALING GARDENS/

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Healing of the body and spirit...research indicates they are related. Gardens filled with fragrances and textures, sounds of the little scurrying inhabitants and visitors, and the breeze as it passes through the leaves bring a certain peace to the beholder. A water feature, no matter the size, adds yet another dimension. A bench or chair is a wonderful addition that allows time for reflection and peaceful meditation.

An outstanding idea for a therapy garden for both sighted and non-sighted visitors was accomplished by the Garden Club of Mt. Prospect, Illinois. Their sensory garden has 7 upright sewer pipes, each containing a different vegetable and each attached with a metal label in braille to provide both different aromas and textures.

If you or your garden club has information on healing or therapy gardens and would like to share, please contact me.

HORTICULTURE

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NEONICOTINOIDS

Did you ever wonder if they ever got to the bottom of what is killing all the honey bees (aka, Colony Collapse Disorder)? The answer is absolutely! The short answer is the pesticides known as "NEONICOTINOIDS", sometimes known as neonics. What a mouth full. The name is somewhat confusing, it pretends to be a nicotine, but really is just a group of cousins. In actuality it covers more than a half dozen pesticides that are extremely toxic to pollinators such as bees. The dirty seven are: acetamiprid, clothianidin, imidacloprid, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid and thiamethoxam. Imidacloprid is the most widely used insecticide in the world. It is systemic which means it is absorbed into the plant and is present in every part of the plant including the pollen, flowers, vegetable or fruit. It has been found in plants up to six years old. It also can remain in the soil and be absorbed by future plantings. There are no warning labels on any of these products about being harmful to pollinators. The EPA has said it won't expect to complete its review for the neonicotinoids until 2018. Guess what, it is 2019.

They have been around for some time but not at the huge proportions that they are now being used. Bayer was first to use them in such large percentages and almost immediately we experienced the "Colony Collapse Disorder" of our bee hives. It works on the nervous system of the in-

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sects and they lose their memory. Many times the bees carry the pollen back to the hive and infect the rest of their colony. They also make the bees more susceptible to other bee problems such as mites and foulbrood diseases. One of the reasons it is so popular is it has been ruled less hazardous to humans and other vertebrates. There are two main varieties, one for farmers and one for gardener use. The gardener varieties can be up to 120% stronger than the farm variety. Go figure!

Many European countries have already banned their use but not in the USA. The pesticide lobbies are way too powerful here. Only one state, at my last check, Maryland, has been successful in banning the Gardener variety but not the Farm variety. We just thought you might want to know.

Member Services/Vision of Beauty Calendar

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NGC's 2020 Vision of Beauty Calendar is now ready! Purchase this beautiful engagement calendar that is full of floral designs that will inspire you and includes a handy calendar in which to record all your garden club meetings, activities and appointments.

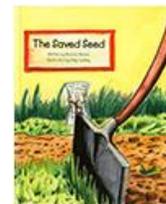
Clubs, Districts and States can use the sale of the calendar as a beneficial project for our members. Consider ordering extra calendars to present to program speakers, use as door prizes or birthday and Christmas gifts. One calendar is \$6.75. Multiples copies are \$5.00 per calendar for 2-49 calendars ordered and \$4.50 for 50-99 calendars ordered. Order 100 calendars and the price per calendar is \$4.00.

Order online at www.gardenclub.org or call 1-800-550-6007 to reach Member Services to place your order.



This summer is a wonderful time to plan youth activities. Have you considered using NGC's *Frightened Frog, An Environmental Tale* and *The Saved Seed*? Each book, written for elementary school students in kindergarten through fourth grade, is \$10 and is available from NGC's Member Services. There is a Lesson Plan PDF available as a free download for *The Frightened Frog* which is full of ideas on how to use the

book.



Are you a new club president? If so, you might be interested in NGC's "President's Kit" which is full of helpful information, brochures and tips for helping you have a successful administration. Available from Member Services this invaluable resource is \$10.



NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

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National Garden Week was the first week in June. Let this chairman know of activities done by your area clubs. Encourage all your clubs to include plans for National Garden Week 2020 as they make their annual plans.



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SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION DIRECTORS PROJECT 2019-2021

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“Jump at Every Opportunity” ...improve our Communities (through Youth Involvement and Reclaiming Unusable Spaces)

I want to encourage each of you to impress upon your State club members to be thinking about the **South Atlantic Region Director's Special Project Awards** for this year. Now is the time to start planning. There is a \$50 cash award for each project– the idea behind each award should be inspirational and hopefully promote and encourage enthusiasm among participants.

#1 \$50 Cash Award

This cash award will be presented annually to a garden club for the most outstanding project involving youth. It can be a scout group, youth group, a class at a school, etc. The project must be garden related.

#2 \$50 Cash Award

This cash award will be presented annually to the garden club with the most outstanding reclaimed space. It must be an area that has not been used in the past. (an empty lot, an area that has been a ‘dumping ground’...) The project photos must reflect a definite change in the use and look of the space. Locations and details of work done must be included.

Deadline for submitting proposals: January 25th. (Please do not miss this deadline).

State Award Chairman submit applications to this Chairman: Good Luck to All!



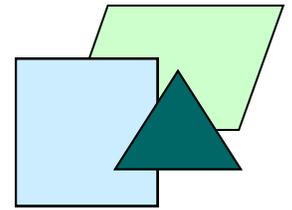
YOUTH: SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

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The rules from Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl should be posted on the NGC website. When I get my copy – AND when I get the state chairmen addresses, I will be in touch with them. I hope that everyone is thinking of making this a project for their clubs this year.



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.



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We Know Your Clubs Are Busy!

Please send me your club activities, flower shows, projects, pictures or other events that you would like to share on the SAR Website. Also, you can contact me with any questions or concern you may have about the website.
Teresa Langley, SAR Web Editor

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SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION 2020

“Nothing Could Be Finer Than To Be In (South) Carolina”

SAR Convention
March 19~20, 2020
Greenville, SC



A great adventure awaits as we share the warmth and beauty of Greenville, a jewel of a city situated in the Foothills region of South Carolina. We'll gather to honor our South Atlantic Regional Director and National Garden Club President as well as attend fun and educational garden club events.

One of the highlights of the Convention will be a Tea and Garden Tour where we will honor our special guests Carolyn McCafferty, SAR Director, and Gay Austin, NGC President. The event will be held at the historic Kilgore-Lewis House which was built in the 1830's and is headquarters for the Greenville Council of Garden Clubs. The lovely grounds surrounding the house include an accredited Arboretum and Garden habitat. There will also be an optional downtown garden tour featuring two additional gardens with a SC Master Gardener who will be your guide to narrate and answer questions.

The convention will provide you the opportunity to attend many garden club events such as these must-see programs:

“From the Mountains to the Seashore” program, highlighting South Carolina and presented by Members of Dimensions in Art, a SC Design Study Group.

Special Presentation by Dr. Patrick McMillan, Director of the South Carolina Botanical Garden and recipient of the National Garden Club 2019 Award of Excellence.

The Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, located at 250 Riverplace, Greenville, SC. We have a special room rate of \$139+ tax which includes breakfast, evening drinks, hors d'oeuvres and free parking. Our Group Name is: SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION 2020. This special block of rooms is limited, so please make your hotel reservations early.

We look forward to seeing each of you as we welcome Spring to the upstate of South Carolina .



Don't forget! The deadline for the July 2019 Key Notes is June 20. That way the issue can be distributed during in early July. Send your articles to this editor as she will be continuing our 2019-2021 SAR Director in this same position.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS



Gay Austin
2019-2021 NGC President

Theme:
“Plant America”

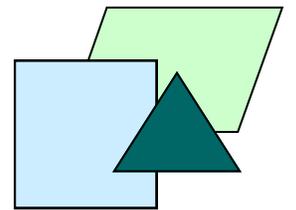


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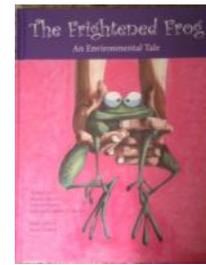
YOUTH PROJECTS

National Garden Clubs is continuing “The Frightened Frog” program with the book and “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 “Adventures in the Garden”. The HS Essay contest for grades 9-12 has the topic “Challenges in Preserving Our Natural Habitats”. 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.



NGC GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Clubs may apply for the NGC Plant America Community Project Grant. The application and details are on the NGC website.

Also there you will find information about our partnerships with Ames Garden Tools and Espoma. Both offer help for garden club projects.



AWARDS FROM NGC

We had one Overall Winner.

These all received a Certificate of Commendation or Merit for First Place in their size category. Congratulations to all clubs.

CS-2 Kellogg Civic Achievement
Ai Seasons IV GC VA

CS-5 Special Achievement
Ai Yellow Jessamine GC SC
Aii Lady Slipper GC SC
Aiv The Garden Club of Charleston SC
Biv Council of GC of Greater Charleston SC

CB-2 Community Beautification
Ai Driftwood GC SC
Av Hilton Head Council of GC SC

EC-1 Lucille Droege Conservation Award
Aiii Lake and Hills GC SC
B Greenville Council of GC SC

EC-2 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation
Aiv Salisbury GC VA

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NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS CONVENTION

“Gathering on the Gulf”

April 29-May 2

Beau Rivage Hotel

Biloxi MS

We saw many of our South Atlantic Region members at the National Garden Clubs Convention in Biloxi. This was the NGC 90th Birthday. The programs were very good, and the friendships were renewed. Many awards were taken home by our clubs. See the list on this page..

EC-3 Conservation Award
Ai Bay Blossom GC SC

EC-4 Birds
Ai Driftwood GC SC

EC-5 Pollinators
Tie Ai Emerald Island GC NC
Ai Warren East GC Ky

EC-6 Water
Ai Seasons IV GC VA

FD Floral Design Program
Ai Sunshine GC SC
Aiv Columbia GC SC

G-3 Therapy Gardens
Ai Magnolia GC of Johns Island SC
Aiv The Garden Club of Charleston SC

HP-1 May Duff Walter Achievement Award for Preservation of Beauty
Aiii Chesapeake Bay GC VA

HP-2 Decoration of Historic Building
Ai Town & Village, Moncks Corner, and Pinopolis GC SC
Aii McCormick GC SC
Aiv Columbia GC SC
Bv Greenville Council of GC SC

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L-3 Blue Star Memorial Marker in a National Cemetery, Veterans Facility, etc

Aii Two Green Thumbs GC of Knightdale NC
Aiii Town & Country GC of Wise VA

L-4 Dr. William Welch Award

Ai Violet Bank GC VA
Aii Lady Slipper GC SC

MP-2 National Garden Week

Ai Hilliard Park GC VA
Tie Aii Abingdon GC VA
Aii Azalea GC SC
Aiii Oxford GC KY
Aiv Salisbury GC VA
Bv Greenville Council of GC SC

MP-3 Social Media/Website

Cii Midlothian GC VA

MP-4 Video/CD/DVD/Flash Drive

Ai(1) Two Creeks GC KY
Aii(1) Laurel Oaks GC KY
Aii(6) Town & Country GC of Wise VA
Aiii(6) The Garden Club of Danville KY

NPW-1 Roadside Plantings

Overall Winner Garden Study Club & Roxboro GC NC
Aii Coastal GC NC

NPW-2 Civic Project With Native Plants

Aii Lady Slipper GC SC
Aiii The Garden Club of Danville KY

NPW-3 Outdoor Classrooms/Nature Trails

Ai Warren East GC KY

Publications

Pub1-1Ai Berkeley GC VA
Pub1-1Aii Wayside GC VA
Pub1-2Ai Westchester GC VA
Pub1-2Aiii Rock Spring GC VA
Pub1-3Bv Tidewater District VFGC VA
Pub1-4Bv Shenandoah Districy VA
Pub2-5Aiii Colonial Heritage GC VA
Pub2-5Aiv Salisbury GC VA
Pub2-5Ciii VA Federation of GV VA
Pub2-6Aiv Columbia GC SC
Pub2-6Bv Shenandoah District VA
Pub2-8Aii Upsy Daisy GC SC

Yearbooks (By Region)

SAR A-1 Palmetto GC SC
A-2 Westchester GC VA
A-3 The GC of Elizabethtown SC

A-4 Chesapeake Bay GC VA
A-5 Lake & Hills GC SC
A-6 Columbia GC SC
A-7 The GC of Charleston SC

Y-1 Youth Garden Club

Y-1-D Croasdaile GC NC

Y-2 Horticulture Achievement by a Youth Club

Y-2-A Trent Woods GC NC

Flower Show Achievement Awards

FS-1 Club Standard Flower Show
Greenville GC SC
Richmond Designers Guild VA

FS-14 Council Standard Flower Show

Council of GC of Greater Charleston SC
GC Council of Harrison County WV

FS-15 District Standard Flower Show

Piedmont District VA



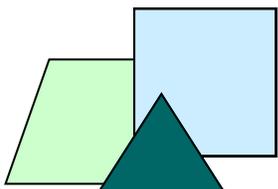
NGC 2020 CONVENTION

It's not too late to plan to attend the NGC 2020 Convention to be held at the Potawatomi Hotel in Milwaukee WI May 11-16, 2020. Details about this will be in the next issue of Key Notes, The National Gardener, and on the website. But mark your calendar now.

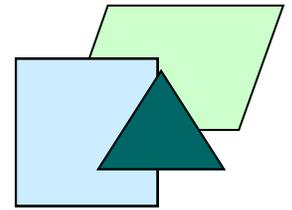
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The South Atlantic Region Member States



Odds 'N' Ends

Schools and Other Dates Coming Up

Landscape Design School:

Course 2: Sept. 30– Oct. 1, 2019 Richmond VA

Course 3: Feb. 11-12, 2020 Raleigh NC

Course 4: Jan. 14-15, 2020 Charleston SC

Flower Show School:

Course 1: Aug. 1-3, 2019 Moundsville WV;

Sept. 9-12, 2019 Roanoke VA

Course 2: Feb. 24-27, 2020, Henrico VA

Gardening School:

Course 4: Oct. 22-23, 2019 Raleigh NC; Sept. 24-25, 2019 KY

Symposium

Nov. 6-7, 2019 Henrico VA

NGC Convention

May 11-14, 2020 Milwaukee WI

National Garden Week

June 7-13, 2020

SAR Convention

March 19-20, 2020 Greenville SC

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.

Odds'n'Ends

Cares & Concerns

Sympathy to Charlotte Croft on the recent loss of her husband.

Well wishes to Karen Prewitt who had eye surgery recently.

We are all sorry for the loss of Former NGC President Linda Nelson Bentson

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