

# KEY NOTES



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“A World of Opportunity—Be Involved”

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## THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"A World of Opportunity—Be Involved"



As we met for the National Garden Clubs’ 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Norman, Oklahoma, it was good to see many members from South Atlantic Region in attendance.

We were very proud of the five State Presidents as they presented their reports on the activities and special projects of their state organizations. Many people remarked to me how impressed they were. We were also happy at the Awards Banquet to see South Atlantic Region receive many awards for the accomplishments of the past year. Oklahoma Garden Clubs did an outstanding job hosting the Convention. We look forward to the Convention in 2015 as it will be in Louisville, Kentucky, with many in the South Atlantic Region having responsibilities as hosts. Make plans now to attend.

During the Spring, I attended Conventions in West Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, and the South Atlantic Region in Roanoke, Virginia. While each meeting was unique, they were all well planned and great opportunities to learn through workshops and programs and to fellowship with other members who share common interests. I am always amazed at the creativity of our members. Thank you to all for your wonderful hospitality and friendship. I am looking forward to attending the meetings in North Carolina and Virginia and the Regional Convention at Hilton Head Island, SC in 2015.

Please make plans to attend both your State and the SAR Convention.

I hope you have planted a garden that will qualify for the SAR Director’s Special Project “Beauty Spots for Bees and Butterflies”. The details are in our Yearbook and it is easy to qualify for the Awards.

We are saddened by the loss of several members of South Atlantic Region in the past few weeks, but especially want to mention our Parliamentarian and past Regional Director Loretta Lively of Oak Hill, West Virginia. She was an inspiration to many of us, and was Director when I served as Kentucky President. Our sympathy goes to her family as well as her garden club family.

Thanks to all of you for what you do to make our world a better place to live.

Be Involved.

*Martha*



## State Presidents' Themes and Reports



### **The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.** **Joanna D. Kirby, President** **"Kentucky, Let's Grow" Helping Hands Across Kentucky**

It appears that Summer Solstice is fast approaching as I write this and most of our gardens are planted and growing, full of hope for later this summer.

The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc has gotten off to a good start with a very successful one day annual convention hosted by the Mt. Laurel District in southeastern Kentucky. This proved to be a very efficient way to have a convention while taking care of business at the same time. I believe that we will be able to continue this practice at least every other year (non-election).

We were able to award two scholarships this year totaling over \$8,500 and one of our winners was an NGC winner as well. We are so proud of this young father of two that is nearing his goal to attain his degree in Environmental Science. I was able to meet him and personally give him this award, he is a delightful person.

We have many clubs in the state preparing for Flower Shows, some for the first time and they are anxiously awaiting the days when this will come about and they can show just how talented they are. Many are also very involved with their own county fairs, as judges, pages and entrants. We have so many talented gardeners across the state that make us all proud.

My President's Special Project, Monarch Waystations has now grown from 36 last Spring to 117 now. Many clubs, extension services, schools and libraries are installing these butterfly gardens to help the declining Monarchs and I am dedicating them all over the state. Monarchs have already been sighted as far north as Michigan so we know that they are travelling in search of their only 'host' plant, the Milkweed (*Asclpias*). If you would like to join in with us on this you can contact me or check out [monarchwatch.org](http://monarchwatch.org) for many more details.

As we continue to work on the 2015 NGC Convention held in Louisville we are getting more and more excited. There are many tours (Churchill Downs, Bernheim Forest to name a few), workshops and even a Tri-Refresher Course that many will want to take advantage of. We hope that each of you have marked your calendars for May 15-17, 2015 and will join in the fun in the beautiful Bluegrass state.

I leave you with this thought,

"A good life is when you assume nothing, do more, need less, smile often, dream big, laugh a lot, and realize how blessed you are."

Have a happy and blessed summer,

*Joanna D. Kirby*



### **The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.,** **Jenene Smith, President** **Theme: "Volunteering to Make a Beautiful Difference"**

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. is having a busy spring and summer with lots of meetings and activities.

The Flower Show Judges Council of North Carolina presented and the Garden Club of North Carolina sponsored a great Flower Show Judges Symposium in Durham this past June 15th through 17th. Julia Clevett, a National Design Instructor, a Master Flower Show Judge, is a member of the National Garden Club Executive Board, NGC Accrediting Chair and Vice Chair of the Handbook revision committee, was our Design instructor. She instructed us on Creativity and its New Techniques and Trends. Jim Schmidt, a horticulture specialist at the University of Illinois, instructor for NGC clubs, and serves on the Board of NCG Reading Exam Committee, educated us about Hostas and Hydrangeas. Among the 59 attendees, there were Garden Club members from Virginia, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Maryland, along with our

own GCNC members. Seventeen Student Judges took the Point Scoring Exam. It was a wonderful learning experience for all of us that attended

The Flower Show School Course 2 will be presented by the Flower Show Judges Council of North Carolina and sponsored by the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. at the J. C. Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh on August 4-6, 2014. Details and registration can be found on our website, [www.gardenclubofnc.org](http://www.gardenclubofnc.org). Course 2 features the American Creative Design. The Elements and Principles of Design will be reviewed. The ethics, etiquette and procedure when judging will be discussed. The course also will feature Horticulture of annuals and herbaceous perennials. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

We are proud to announce the unveiling of four new Blue Star Memorial Markers in North Carolina. We hope that Veterans will know that we, as garden club members, appreciate all they

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did to protect our freedom. This makes a total of 28 Blue Star Memorial Markers in North Carolina.

We are glad summer has arrived and we hope that when you

make your vacation plans, you will consider visiting our wonderful gardens. Locations and directions can be found on our website.

Happy Summer

*Jenene Smith*

**The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.**  
**Judith Johnson Dill, President**  
**Theme: "Inherit the Past: Create the Future"**



Summer arrived with bluster and rain, felling trees in some South Carolina gardens, reminding us of the urgency to save our natural resources. Using prudent conservation practices, we focus on effective watering regimes, use of native and heritage plant material and environmentally-friendly garden pest control.

NGC/SAR Director Martha Morgan and her husband, Russ, were our guests on April 23 and 24 at our State Meeting. On April 23, members of the Board of Directors held several meetings at Forest Lake Club in Columbia, prior to our Garden Party celebration at our Memorial Garden. Recognized nationally as the first garden dedicated to honor the sacrifices of our brave service members in WWII, this Loutrel Briggs garden is a natural cathedral. Highlighting the garden party was the dedication of a marble plaque, commemorating the contributions of The Columbia Garden Club in restoration work in the garden and the gatehouse. On April 24, statewide garden club members gathered at Forest Lake Club for our State Meeting to conduct business, recognize outstanding work of members and clubs and recognize scholarship winners. Nestled at lakeside, amidst towering trees, Forest Lake Club was the perfect theme location for our *Historic Trees for Historic Places* project. Each table sported tree-trunk containers, bursting with magnificent, tall arrangements of forsythia, rosemary and other fragrant and blooming heritage plant material. Hand-carved miniature South Carolina trees adorned the tables, including the head table, and each attendee received the prize of a handmade paper tree.

On June 14, statewide members celebrated at The Fair across the street from our South Carolina State House! Held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral's Averyt Hall, The Fair provided varied opportunities for all GCSC members. Not only could they learn pertinent information at booths of various committee chairmen, but also they could gain information from workshops on awards, the SC Landscape Design Consultants Council and Landscape Design School and SC Judges Club. Additionally, they savored delicious treats, met new friends and celebrated winners of NGC and NGC/SAR awards. What a fabulous way to celebrate GCSC and Flag Day!

Many clubs celebrated significant anniversaries. Among those was the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Garden Club of Saluda, celebrating with day-long events, including a Home and Garden Show, with horticulture displays on Saluda's Main and Church Streets. Also, The Dogwood Garden Club of Orangeburg, celebrated 75 years of service in the community, with a meeting and reception at the Fine Arts Center.

National Garden Week spotlighted numerous events throughout the state. On June 4, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, the Council of Garden Clubs in Sumter held a Blue Star Memorial Dedication in Memorial Park. A town steeped in military tradition with Shaw AFB and The Third Army, Sumter's patriotic spirit shone through the meaningful and beautiful dedication ceremony planned and hosted by the Sumter Council of Garden Clubs. Current and former military members, civic leaders, high school ROTC and American Legion representatives joined GCSC President Judith Dill, East Sandhills District Director Fair Edmunds, GCSC Blue Star Chair Paula Bowen and other GCSC members in the flower presentation, unveiling and dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker in Memorial Park. What a moving and meaningful National Garden Week celebration of our nation's liberty!

The SC Judges Club celebrated National Garden Week with a Standard Flower Show, *The Joy of Books*, in Greenwood, SC, as a part of Greenwood's Festival of Flowers. Held in the Greenwood County Library, the flower show featured designs interpreting intriguing book titles. The horticulture divisions, *A Day in the Library*, included a wealth of entries representing various book titles. The educational exhibits also featured book titles featuring conservation and preservation of our natural resources.

Additionally celebrating National Garden Week, several garden clubs and councils organized public displays of area garden clubs and councils. Among these, Anderson Council of Garden Clubs celebrated National Garden Week at the Anderson Museum, with a well-attended, multi-day collection of exhibits and displays featuring the wide-spread and varied work of the many garden clubs in Anderson. Also, Yaupon Garden Club created a comprehensive display that focused on the club's many community and statewide contributions.

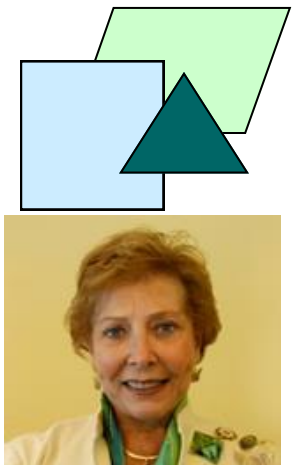
Celebrating National Garden Week with our GCSC theme, *Historic Trees for Historic Places*, Driftwood Garden Club dedicated one of the state's most beautiful, venerable trees. This dedication marked the third Patriot Tree Dedication in Horry County, and spotlights commitment to community involvement in our project to conserve and preserve our historic trees, one of our most valuable natural resources.

*Judith Dill*

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**Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Marilyn J. Mason, President**  
**Theme: "Working Together To Preserve Our Legacy**  
**-Conserve, Preserve, Restore, Educate".**

In Virginia, many clubs who honor NGC's designated "National Garden Week" the first week of June, also dedicate that time to "Plant Together" in their annual community contributions of clean-up and beautification.

I'd like to share with you how two clubs chose to celebrate these events:

The Abington Garden Club partnered with the Washington County VA Master Gardeners to do a major clean-up and planting project in the Town of Abingdon's Community Park. The Green Hills Garden Club partnered with the Fairfield Rescue Squad to plant a Norway Spruce for the village of Fairfield. Their garden club theme is "Making a World of Difference" and the tree is expected to be a rallying point to help inspire community spirit.

VFGC's Annual Flower Show Judges Symposium will be held at beautiful Wintergreen Resort on August 18-20, 2014. This will be a delightful way to 'cool off' and partake in a design program by Barbara Baker and a horticulture program

by David Robson in addition to two workshops. It may not be too late to attend this program.

Looking ahead to the crisp days of Fall, members will have the opportunity to attend Flower Show School, Course IV in Lynchburg, Sept. 8-11; and Landscape Design School at Norfolk Botanical Garden, Oct. 1-2; followed by the Fine Arts and Flowers show November 6-9, 2014 at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond. This bi-annual show features floral interpretations of masterpieces, many of which are created and presented by our own Flower Show Judges Council members. The exhibitions are a feast for the eyes and provide a wonderful day-away opportunity. Members, these are opportunities you won't want to miss.

Registration information for all of these programs is available on the VFGC website: [www.viriniagardenclubs.org](http://www.viriniagardenclubs.org)

*Marilyn Mason*



**West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.**  
**Patricia Arndt, President**  
**Theme: "Those Who Plant Gardens Believe in**  
**Tomorrow"**

For a long time now, I've been speaking to and sharing a message with members of West Virginia Garden Club. The message is, simply, "You will never experience the full joy of being a garden club member until you become more involved outside of your own club." My reason for this is the many wonderful friendships that will be formed, and ideas that will be shared, by taking that first step "outside your comfort zone."

I have been fortunate to have met and become friends with so many good members from all across West Virginia. One such friend was Loretta Lively. Loretta passed away on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, after a battle with cancer. West Virginia Garden Club, SAR, and NGC have suffered a tremendous loss with her passing.

Last fall, as I traveled across WV for our district meetings, I got

to stay as Loretta's houseguest for two days. On our second morning together, we sat at her breakfast table, in pajamas and robes, and talked. We talked of our lives, both private and professional. We talked of our children and our jobs. We talked of memories. We talked of our faith in God. We talked of Garden Club and our hopes for its future. I am grateful for that time with Loretta, as I got to see more fully the wonderful woman she was – wife, mother, grandmother, friend, mentor, and garden club member.

Loretta Lively was so much more than a great garden club member. In every position she held in our organization, she led with dignity, integrity, commitment, and love. She will be greatly missed – but never forgotten.

Patty Arndt, President, WVGC

*Patty Arndt*

## Officer Reports

Jo Jean Scott  
SAR Chaplain, 2013 - 2015

This thought for Keynotes from the SAR Chaplain:  
"I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.  
Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,  
Love The Lord your God, Obey Him, and Remain faithful to Him.  
For He is your life."  
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Chaplain JoJean Scott  
Memorial Service  
During Convention



## Chairman Reports



### ARBOR DAY Geneva Hunt

Did any of your garden clubs do anything special to celebrate Arbor Day last 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. Try to get publicity for your club and state while celebrating in your own way. Let this chairman know what you did or what plans you have for Arbor Day 2015. She would like to hear from clubs and states so she can highlight some of the activities.

### AWARDS

Judy Ann Fray



The SAR Awards Chairman reminds you to be planning your awards applications as you prepare for the fall and the new club year. State presidents may need to remind the clubs to do this. There were many very good applications for the past year and this chairman wants to have even more applications next year and give out lots more awards. Clubs, Districts and States can't win anything if you don't apply.

Read your SAR Directory and check the SAR website for the list of all awards.!

### CALENDARS/*VISION OF BEAUTY*

Elaine Thornton

Make your plans now to decide how many "Vision of Beauty" calendars you want. The 2015 calendar is now available, so if you haven't placed your order, do so immediately.

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### ENERGY CONSERVATION

Gail Hill

#### Improving the Indoor Environment

Wow fellow members, with just five cleaners we can naturally clean our indoor environment and you probably have them on hand. Household cleaning products engineered to annihilate every smudge or germ in their path are great for keeping a home sparkling. Some of the chemicals they contain, however, may be less than beneficial for the environment and you. In fact, certain cleaning chemicals can cause a number of health problems, including headaches, allergic reactions and respiratory issues.

These five readily available cleaners are considered low risk for the planet and people.

**Baking Soda.** Sodium Bicarbonate, aka baking soda, is used for reducing odors in the fridge. Use it to clean and deodorize other areas of your home and to remove stains and grease. In the bathroom, it can act as a no-scratch abrasive for showers and sinks.

**Borax.** Borax is a great laundry booster, but its benefits do not end in the laundry room. This natural mineral can be used for cleaning projects all over the house, including scrubbing bathtubs, toilets, and sinks; cleaning ovens and stove tops; and mopping floors. It should be mentioned that borax, a compound of the chemical element boron, is not the same as boric acid, a weak acid of boron commonly found in roach powders.

**Vinegar.** This mild common acid solution can cut through tough stains in the kitchen; clean and degrease counters, microwaves and ovens; and deodorize disposals and drains. Outside of the kitchen, use vinegar to clean glass and windows, remove mold and mildew in the bathroom, and deodorize mattresses.

**Castile Soap.** Because castile soap is made with plant oils rather than animal fats and is a “true soap” rather than a chemical, it is lauded as a completely biodegradable, earth-friendly cleaning alternative. Castile soap, which is a type rather than a brand, is available in bars and as a bottled liquid. It can be used to clean you, as body soap or a shampoo. Around the house, use Castile formulations to launder clothes, scrub stains, clean floors and wash dishes.

**Lemon Juice.** Lemon juice can be used to wipe out odors on countertops and in garbage disposals, refrigerators and microwaves. The acidic juice can also lift stains from kitchen containers, lighten laundry and remove rust stains.

#### “Recipes for cleaning green”

For the toilet: Put ¼ cup of vinegar in the toilet bowl and drizzle a splash of vinegar on the rim. Let the mixture sit in the toilet for an hour, and then scrub the bowl and flush. For especially tough stains, add a little borax.

Washing windows: Mix 1 quart of warm water with 2 tablespoons of vinegar in a spray bottle and shake the mixture well. Spray it on windows and, in order to avoid streaks, rub off with newspaper.

Scrubbing sinks and tubs: Mix 1 cup of baking soda with ½ cup of Castile soap until it thickens. If you want to add fragrance, mix in a drop of your essential oil.

#### Quick Tip - “Check Labels”

As people become more environmentally conscious, many companies have tapped into that interest by offering green cleaning products. That doesn't mean the ingredients in these household cleaners are safe. Read the label of any cleaning product – and pass on those that do not list ingredients.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ~ LITTER ~ RECYCLING

*Grassroots Green*

Karen Prewitt

Now that summer has officially arrived and the temperatures are above ninety degrees, I see more and more people carrying one of those ubiquitous plastic water bottles in one hand and their i-pod in the other. It is of course important to keep hydrated, especially when the heat levels reach industrial strength, but it is also important that we dispose of these plastic bottles in a way that doesn't impact the environment.

An even better idea for the environment would be to not use these plastic bottles at all and use refillable aluminum bottles instead. Since learning that bottled water is 1,900 times more expensive than water from my kitchen tap, I've kept three water-filled light weight aluminum bottles in my refrigerator at all times. It is easy to grab one as I rush out the door and they fit perfectly in the beverage holder in the car and seem to stay cooler longer than a plastic bottle.

In addition to the environmental impact caused by discarded plastic bottles, are the potentially serious health issues they can cause. Most of us are savvy enough not to leave a plastic water bottle in a parked car in the summer, then drink from it again after the water has cooled, but how many of us can know with any certainty what temperature fluctuations our bottled water endured before it was purchased? The cargo area of transport trucks varies in temperature, but during the summer, cargo bays can register as high as one hundred and fifty degrees. At high temperatures plastic is not stable and is capable of leaching BPA [Bisphenol -A] into the contents of the bottle. BPA is a known breeding ground for cancer causing cells.

There are dozens of good reasons to re-cycle and since starting my summer reading/ research for these articles I came across some new information on recycling paper and glass that I also wanted to share with you.

Did you know that a ton of paper made from recycled waste paper saves seventeen trees, 7,000 gallons of water and 4,100 kilowatts of energy...that is 30-55% less energy than making new paper directly from trees! Making paper from recycled sources also creates 74% less air pollution than making paper from virgin wood pulp.

When a ton of glass is re-cycled, water consumption is reduced by 50%, air pollution by 14% and mining wastes by 79% over making glass from scratch. These statistics were significant enough to make me realize that if all of us change our habits just a *little* we can make a difference. Stay Cool-Happy Summer!

## Chairman Reports (continued)

### NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

JUNE 7-13, 2015

Judy Bond, Chairman

The first full week in June has been designated National Garden Week. Encourage all the clubs in your area to include this as they plan their activities/programs for 2014-2015. Posters and proclamations can be downloaded from the NGC website, [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org). Just click on "Projects", "Ongoing" and "National Garden Week". Possibilities are endless! Arrange for a display of gardening books and/or an information table at your local library. Display floral designs with posters and membership brochures in prominent locations in your community. Have a plant sale, workshop or member garden tour.

Both SAR and NGC, as well as many states, offer awards for the best overall promotion of National Garden Week showing community awareness throughout the entire week including local and/or state proclamations. These awards (SAR 13 and NGC 53) are available at different club size levels and compositions. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to celebrate our passion!



### NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Patsy Stephens

This is a gentle reminder for all SAR states to please consider purchasing National Life Memberships to honor your members. For the remaining months of 2014 and five months of 2015 you may honor your members who work tirelessly year after year with little recognition and praise. This chairman invites your state to add new National Life Members during this period. BEE the state recognized at the NGC convention for the most new members.

An application can be downloaded from the NGC Website. A completed application and check for \$200 made out to NGC can be mailed to me, the National Life Membership Chairman for VFGC. If anyone needs an application form, please contact me. The NGC Life Member pin is sold separately from NGC Member Services.

Looking forward to hearing from you. If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at 276-328-8290 or email: [patsy.stephens@verizon.net](mailto:patsy.stephens@verizon.net). My address: P.O. Box 1157, Wise, VA 24293.

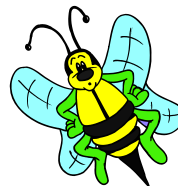
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### SCHOLARSHIP

Marsha Alexander

Now is the time to encourage any student who may qualify to apply for the Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship offered by the South Atlantic Region. The requirements and judging scale can be found in the SAR Directory on page 24.

There is more good news! The SAR Board voted at the 2014 Convention to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board to award two (2) \$2000 SAR Scholarships in 2015. I hope that we have worthy applicants from all five states and look forward to announcing two winners at the SAR Meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina



### SAR SPECIAL PROJECTS AWARD

Mary Dixon

#### "Beauty Spots for Bees and Butterflies"

SAR Director, Martha F. Morgan, has chosen the theme, "Beauty Spots for Bees and Butterflies" and is offering a variety of awards for these special projects for both 2013 and 2014 club years. This was not awarded at the 2014 Convention.

Please read the complete instructions/description in the SAR Directory (pages 34-35) or on the website. We hope to have winning applications for 2014. In 2015 we would like to be able to announce winners for each of the club sizes, councils, and states.

### SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

Barbara S. Ohmsen

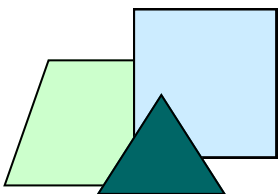
To State Chairmen: Your state president picked up your packet from the national convention. Check with her - you need to start working on schools, etc. for this fall. We would like to hear from every state in the SAR region with a goodly number of posters.

We congratulate Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs on receiving the plaque at the National Garden Clubs Convention for having the most posters judged by clubs for 2014.

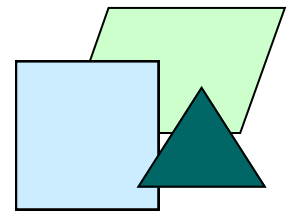
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### DATES FROM OUR STATES

Information on all of these is on the website of each state

GCNC Flower Show School Course 2, Aug. 4-6, JC Raulston Arboretum Raleigh NC  
VFGC Flower Show Judges Symposium, Aug. 18-20, Wintergreen VA  
VFGC Flower Show School Course 4, Sept. 8-11, Lynchburg VA  
GCSC Flower Show School Course 2, Sept. 15-17, Greenville SC  
VFGC Landscape Design School, Oct. 1-2, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk VA  
WV Flower Show Judges Symposium, Oct. 23,-25, 2014, Graceland Inn & Conv. Center, Elkins, WV

**Sympathy:** We are saddened by the recent deaths of Loretta Lively, former SAR Director (1999-2001) & former WV President; Ann Benjamin, former SAR Director (1981 – 1983) & former VFGC President; and Miriam Mann, Past President and longtime "Bulletin" Editor, Kentucky.

## SAR Convention 2015

### **“PALMETTOS IN PARADISE” South Atlantic Region Convention March 22-24, 2015 Marriott Resort & Spa Hilton Head Island SC**



Want to escape Winter Blasts of 2015?  
Need to have some fun and learn, at the same time?  
Need a shopping fix?  
Need to relax or get fit in the Spa Soleil?  
Want to play golf on Trent Jones, George Fazio and Arthur Hills championship courses?  
Want to see venerable oaks, dripping in Spanish Moss?  
Then Catch the Wave!

The Garden Club of South Carolina is planning a marvelous get-away for our NGC/SAR 2015 Convention! Come and visit with NGC President Linda Nelson and NGC/SAR District Director Martha Morgan.

Come early and stay late, as we have arranged special convention packages from March 20-March 26. Room prices include \$159, \$139 and \$129 per night.

You won't want to miss the 20% discount at the Spa Soleil, shopping at the Tanger Outlet Malls, playing golf at championship courses, bicycling on the beach and dipping your toes in the Atlantic!

Come and enjoy learning about one of South Carolina's prize environmental treasures, living wreaths, horticulture, floral design and some local history? Want to see beautiful gardens? Want a harbor tour or fishing expedition?

We have it all and just for YOU! Bring your families along, as they can enjoy exciting activities!

If you wish additional information, please contact:

Norma Miller, Convention Chair: [nmiller35@gmail.com](mailto:nmiller35@gmail.com) or Judith Dill, GCSC President: [jjdwriter2@gmail.com](mailto:jjdwriter2@gmail.com)

Look SOON for the registration forms on the SAR and GCSC Websites.

*Sign Up FAST!  
Don't Be Last!*



# National Garden Clubs, Inc.

## 2014 NGC CONVENTION “BLACK GOLD & RED EARTH”

The NGC 2014 Convention was in Norman OK May 1-3, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in Norman. It began with the Life Member Dinner on Thursday May 1 and concluded with the Awards Presentation Banquet on Saturday May 3.

This was also the 85th Birthday of National Garden Clubs.

We were entertained by the comedy routine of Argus Hamilton, the “Window Box Gardening” comedy routine of cousins Gladys Nokes and Margaret Smith, and a design program by Jim Johnson.

We were proud of the states in our regional as we heard of awards earned by the clubs.



NGC President 2013-2015  
Linda Nelson  
“Making a World of Difference—  
Choices Matter”



Design in Honor of Martha Morgan

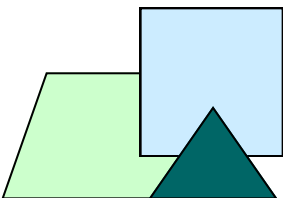


Awards Night: Martha Morgan, Joanna Kirby, Jenene Smith,  
Judith Dill, Marilyn Mason, and Patricia Arndt

## 2015 NGC CONVENTION May 15-17, 2015 Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel Louisville KY

Mark your calendar now as you plan to attend the 2015 NGC Convention. This will be an Installation Year, and one of our own, Sandra Robinson, will be installed as the 2015-2017 NGC President.

Ann Fiel is the Convention Chairman. She will report more information in future Key Notes issues.



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### NGC AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The following clubs received certificates for First Place in the category by size (Certificate of Commendation) or Overall Winner for the award number (Certificate of Merit):

#6 Conservation—Aiv: The Garden Club of Charleston	SC
#7 Special Achievement—Ai:Kalmia Garden Study Club	SC
B: Hilton Head Council of GC	SC
#8 Youth Horticulture Education—Aiv: Salisbury GC	VA
#12 Publications— 1Ai: Westchester Garden Club	VA
1Aiv: Lake of the Woods GC	VA
2Ai: Cedar Run Garden Club	VA
2Diii: The Garden Club of South Carolina	SC
3-B: Tidewater District VFGC	VA
4-Diii: The Garden Club of South Carolina	SC
#13 Publications— 6-B: Anderson Council of Garden Clubs	SC
8-Aiv: The Garden Club of Charleston	SC
#14 J– Hort. Achiev. by Jr. or Intermed.GC: Overall Winner: Junior Gardeners sponsored by The Avid Gardeners	SC
#16 Yearbooks (by Region)	
A-1: Bland Garden Club	SC
A-2: Kalmia Garden Club	SC
A-3: Lancaster Garden Club	SC
A-4: Hanover Garden Club	VA
A-5: Flowertown Garden Club	SC
A-6: Raleigh Garden Club	NC
A-7: The Garden Club of Charleston	SC
B: Garden Club of Greater Columbia	SC
#19 Horticulture Therapy– Aiii: Clarice Wilson GC	SC
#27 Radio and/or TV– Aiv: The Garden Club of Charleston	SC
#29-2 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping, Byway Marker	
B: Fair Hills & Glasgow Garden Clubs	VA
#29-3 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping, Memorial Marker	
Overall Winner: Driftwood Garden Club (Ai)	SC
#31 <i>The National Gardener</i> Award: GC of Kentucky	KY
#39 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation	
Overall Winner: Green Meadow Point GC (Ai)	VA
#41 Conservation Education	
Overall Winner: The Garden Club of Charleston (Aiv)	SC
#42 Bird Protection– Aiv: Salisbury Garden Club	VA
B: Lancaster Council of Garden Clubs	SC
#43 Butterfly– Overall winner—Moneta Garden Club (Aii)	VA
Ai: Boiling Spring Lakes Garden Club	NC

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NGC Awards

#44 Publicity Press Books (by Region)

- Ai: Green Meadow Point Garden Club VA
- Aii: Rappahannock Garden Club VA
- Aiii: Chesapeake Bay Garden Club VA
- Tidewater District VFGC VA

#48 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project

- Ai: Green Hills Garden Club VA
- Aiii: Clarice Wilson Garden Club SC
- Aiv: Cape Fear Garden Club NC

#50 Historic Preservation—Ai: Camellia GC of Beaufort SC

#51 Decoration of Historic Building

- Aiii: Clarice Wilson Garden Club SC
- B: Aiken Garden Club council SC

#54 Environmental Education

- B: Hilton Head Council of Garden Clubs SC

#62 Landscape Design

- Overall Winner Azalea GC of Marion (Aii) SC

#63 Website– Ai: Francis Fauquier Garden Club VA

- Aiii Clarice Wilson Garden Club SC

#73 Civic Project with Native Plants

- Ai: Boiling Spring Lakes Garden Club NC
- Ai: Magnolia GC of St. Johns Island SC
- Aiii: Clarice Wilson Garden Club SC
- Aiv: Cape Fear Garden Club NC

#74 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails

- Overall Winner: The Garden Club of Charleston SC

High School Essay Contest

- Second Place: A. Chastain SC

Sponsored by Pickens Garden Club

Member of Honor Recipients (by Region)

- SAR: Marion Danco (Sugar Loaf GC) VA

Standard Flower Show Awards

#17 Home Show: E.: Greenville Council of GC SC

#18 Council Show– A: Council of GC of Greater Charleston SC

- Williamsburg Area Council of GC VA

#30 District Show– B: Tidewater District VFGC VA

#35A Near Club Show Belle Island, Camellia, GC of Otranto, &

- Town and Village Garden Clubs SC

#57 A Show in a Public Bldg.: Dogwood GC VA

NGC Poetry Contest First Place (sponsoring clubs)

- 1st Grade (SE): Two Creeks GC KY
- 4th Grade: Madison Garden Club VA
- 4th Grade (ESL): Two Creeks Garden Club KY

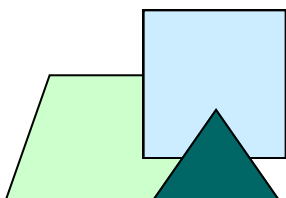
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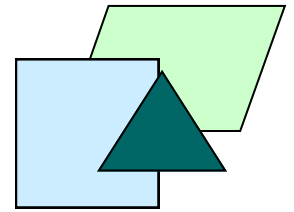


SAR Director Martha Morgan with NGC President Linda Nelson Awards Night at NGC Convention



Our own Sandra Robinson (NGC 1st VP) and Nancy Hargroves (NGC 2nd VP)





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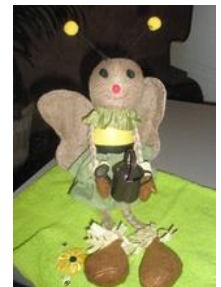
NGC Youth Sculpture—Second Place (Sponsoring Club)

4th Grade: Springfield Acres GC VA

NGC Scholarship Winners

J. Brown	KY
R. Anderson	NC
E. Gibbs	VA

We are very proud of our clubs, councils, districts, and states for all the activities and projects being carried. We know other clubs, etc. are also doing lots and that only one winner per category size can be chosen for top awards. But all of us are winners for our work; and our communities, members, and youth are the beneficiaries of all our efforts. Keep up the good work; and we wish you the best for next year.



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Key Notes

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