

KEY NOTES



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“Members Are The Link To the Future”
Invite — Communicate — Educate

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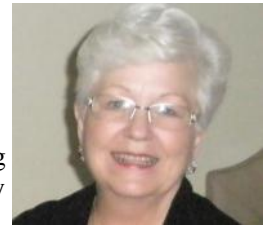
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THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"Members Are The Link To The Future"

Invite New Members - Communicate Rewards of Membership -
Educate Members about Opportunities for Them

Mary H. Dixon



To all who read this issue of **Key Notes** a great thank you for taking the time to open it and read it. To all who sent information to Mary Sue Floyd for the issue another thank you for sending it.

We all are busy and have worked hard this first year of the administration. I was so proud of our South Atlantic Region for all of the awards received plus the work that went into submitting the applications. I know many did not go on, but that the work was equally important to your communities and I applaud you for all you do!

I really thank those that made this year a success and feel the second year will be even better.

Spring is the time for conventions and there have been many this year. Many thanks to West Virginia Garden Clubs for a wonderful SAR convention. We had fun and had great workshops, lovely floral arrangements and special time with Shirley Nicolai, NGC President. Then the West Virginia convention continued the same week at the Greenbrier Resort and they had more fun, workshops and lots of members that came for the first time. Then your Director traveled on to Kentucky where she met many more members that were first time attendees at a convention. They also had great workshops and fellowship.

The next tour carried the Director to South Carolina. What a beautiful ride through North Carolina and into South Carolina. Their meeting was informative and again I met members that were attending their first state meeting! I came home and immediately went out and purchased plants and made a container planting.

Then I attended the first one-day meeting for the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. in Charlottesville. Lots was packed into the day and again there were first time attendees. Keep up the good work getting the membership to attend these meetings as they do strengthen their connection to the organization.

The next event was the National Garden Clubs, Inc. convention in Buffalo, New York. This was a special convention and I feel certain all that attended had a wonderful time. The flower show was beautiful, the workshops were informative, the reports were interesting, flower designs for the meals were beautiful and this Director went to Niagara Falls for the first time. Our SAR Region won many awards and this Director was really proud.

Please have your awards chairman read the information on the National Garden Clubs, Inc. web site regarding awards. There have been changes and this may make a difference in your club program planning as well as the information given when making out your application.

Have a wonderful summer planting, growing and take time to rest as we have a busy year ahead of us. Again, thank you all for all you do! You are important to me and to this organization.

Love and Hugs,

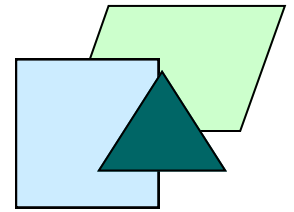
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Mary H. Dixon
Director

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State Presidents' Themes and Reports

For this issue, each president was asked to submit the report given at the NGC Convention for all to read. They were limited to a strict 2 minutes for their report.



The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Dianne Caines, President
“Unleash Your Power”

Imagine arriving back into your state from the National Garden Club Convention and having calls that your state has two newly formed clubs! This happened and what an uplifting event. We are welcoming these clubs in the communities of Pineville, (Mountain Laurel District) and Maysville (Limestone District). Not only are we celebrating these new members, but we were already celebrating the recognition by National Garden Clubs that we were one of twelve states with a net increase in membership. National Garden Club Week has been celebrated across our state with clubs providing flower designs in local businesses, demonstrations, garden tours of members and membership opportunities, as well as promotions on the radio, newspapers and local garden centers. One of Kentucky's most active clubs and a Area Garden Club Council sponsored flower shows as a kick-off for National Garden Club Week.

Many clubs had home and garden tours scheduled for National Garden Club Week. In addition to visiting the lovely gardens, membership information was provided with the sale of tour tickets. The Garden Club of Frankfort ended the week with their fifth “Living in History Home and Garden Tour, “A Capitol Experience”. The Club also provided “Mystery Bags “ filled with garden items for the boutique.

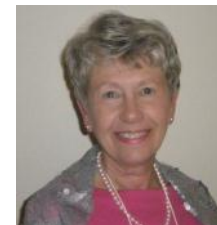
Standard Flower Shows were held prior to the National Garden Club Week. Several clubs are working with their local county fair flower shows as well as the Kentucky State Fair. The challenge has been with what horticulture is available from our gardens when our shows are scheduled.

Kentucky is looking forward to hosting the 2013 South Atlantic Regional Meeting. The meeting will be at Lexington's Crown Point -Campbell House Inn.

Have a great summer!

Dianne Caines, President, Garden Club of Kentucky

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Judy Barnes, President
Theme: “Make a Difference”



May has been a busy month in North Carolina with clubs winding down for the summer and GCNC getting ready to plan for next year!

Our Cape Fear Garden Club, supported by GCNC, has been successful in having the Eastern Swallowtail Butterfly named the state butterfly symbol for North Carolina. Congratulations to Cape Fear!

The 87th Annual Meeting of GCNC was held in Asheville with National Garden Clubs President, Shirley Nicolai, in attendance. The theme was “Springtime in the Mountains” and Asheville was in bloom. The Garden Club of Hendersonville and the District 1 clubs participating did a wonderful job. The Judges Council of North Carolina presented a Standard Flower Show which was enjoyed by all.

GCNC had several members in attendance at the NGC Annual Meeting in Buffalo. I, personally, always learn so much from hearing the reports of the other state presidents. We all face the same issues within our respective states and the reports give us all ideas on how to cope with those issues. There is great joy in getting to know other state presidents. There are so many varied personalities but we all work for the same goal--to make our states a better place to call home!

Judy Barnes, President, Garden Club of North Carolina



Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Maida Owen Dantzler, President
Theme: "Initiate, Collaborate, Celebrate"

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. has many reasons to celebrate the 2011-2012 garden club year. From the dedication of Blue Star Markers to celebrating the winners at our Youth Symposium, from sponsoring the week that is Camp Wildwood to Landscape Design School and Flower Show School...the list goes on as a myriad of interests are served by the activities of GCSC.

Our own Horticulture Chairman has graciously allowed us to publish a compilation of her horticulture essays and poetry entitled *Along The Garden Path*, which has been very well received, prompting a second printing.

We all know that our children are at risk, with the rate of childhood obesity in the US in the 30% range, and South Carolina is a leader in this unfortunate trend. The March 2004 Journal of the AMA reported that poor diet and physical inactivity soon could overtake tobacco as the leading cause of preventable death in the US. In response to our deep concern for our children, GCSC has initiated a program called "Good To Grow," collaborating with schools to teach children how to grow, harvest and consume healthy foods. This program is being met with great enthusiasm in those schools partnering with our federated clubs in this endeavor.

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. owns a single piece of property, a garden which adjoins the Governor's Mansion grounds. This garden, designed by Loutrel Briggs and established in 1945, was the first in the US to be dedicated to the memory of those who had served in World War II. Last month, after many years of effort and perseverance, our Memorial Garden was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Our second annual Follow The Blooms Tour featured gardens across the state and finished with a flourish: Patricia Moore-Pastides, first lady of The University of South Carolina, presented a cooking demonstration featuring recipes from her new cookbook. A luncheon followed, with the repast served under a sweeping tent on the grounds of the Moore Family Farm, a working farm converted into a horticultural dream property.

Maida Dantzler



Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Judy B. Binns, President
Theme: Grow Now...Planting Seeds for Tomorrow

Grow Now . . . Planting Seeds for Tomorrow

The focus has been on two words in this theme—**GROW** and **PLANT**.

These 2 words denote **ACTION**—and so far, VFGC has had an active and productive year.

VFGC members have supported the **Blue Gloves for Blue Stars** program. This project was established to fund the refurbishing of those Blue Star Memorial Markers placed before 1960 as well as any others in need of repair. Members donated \$10 or more to the Blue Star Memorial Fund and received a pair of blue gardening gloves. Five markers have been refurbished and look like new--making the Blue Stars in Virginia shine brightly again!

Another new program focusing on Community Gardens, "**Plant Together,**" is debuting this Spring. This new program encourages garden clubs as well as civic groups and youth groups to schedule a workday during National Garden Week to plant or spruce up gardens in their community. Clubs are asked to do what they do best—**PLANT**. VFGC wants to spread the word that garden clubs and their members make a difference in their communities all across Virginia. The more clubs that are involved, the better the possibility of some positive publicity for the work of VFGC.

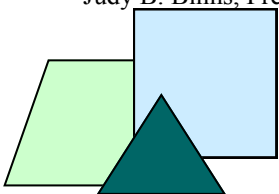
Virginia is **PLANTING** seeds for tomorrow

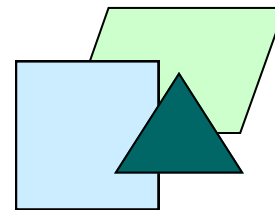
The "*Keys to the Future*" grants for youth-centered gardening programs awarded \$6000 this fall in grants to projects reaching 4294 youth—bringing the 5 year total to over \$33,000 in grants reaching over 13,700 youth.

VFGC is working to fund another grant program, "*Grants to Beautify and Restore,*" for club community beautification projects to support the work that our clubs do in their communities and to help restore areas affected by natural disasters. The first of these grants will be awarded in 2013.

This spring, Virginia garden club members will get out their shovels, put on their gardening gloves and remember **TWO** words—**GROW** and **PLANT**—as they **GROW** with VFGC and plan work days to **PLANT TOGETHER** with other garden clubs all across Virginia.

Judy B. Binns, President, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs





West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.
Brenda J. Moore, President
Theme: "West Virginia Garden Club
Members Keeping West Virginia Wild and
Wonderful"

Our theme is 'West Virginia Garden Club members keeping West Virginia wild and wonderful'. I'd like to share with you some of the wild and wonderful things our members are doing:

Our wild things include our partnership with DNR to sponsor the Wildflower Pilgrimage held in Blackwater Falls. This program is in its 51st year and is attended by pilgrims from over 15 states. My administration has promoted WV Wild Yards a program sponsored by DNR which promotes gardening and landscaping to attract wildlife. We cooperate with the DEP and Dept. of Highways in Operation Wildflower the roadside planting of wildflowers. We encourage the planting of wild native plants.

Some examples of our wonderful things include our House and garden tours and work to restore historic gardens. Members have worked hard on wonderful civic projects beautifying their region of West Virginia and club programs that promote our goals. Most wonderful is the progress being made in our project - membership CPR – Communication, Participation, Recruitment. We now are using email more including a quarterly e newsletter entitled "lifelines". Members are participating more - we had a 60% increase in attendance at our March 2012 state Convention and we had 55 members attend our South Atlantic Region meeting. We are learning and sharing practical ways to recruit members including more advertising.

West Virginia is a Wild and Wonderful state and our members are making sure it stays that way.

Brenda Moore, President, West Virginia Garden Club

Chairman Reports

Arboretums and Botanical Gardens

Karen Prewitt

Aaah... Time for vacation ! Those of us living in the Lowcountry are thinking of heading to the mountains and those of you living inland, or in the mountains, are no doubt dreaming of lazy days at the beach.

Summertime is the perfect time to explore the beauty and diversity of our region when the gardens are at their peak lushness. There are so many delightful venues that would make a perfect rest stop in your travels, why not try a few of the below?

Kentucky: The Arboretum and State Botanical Garden in Lexington has a free general admission and is open dawn to dusk 365 days a year. The Visitor Center is open Monday to Friday 8:30 am-4pm. Address: 500 Alumni Drive, Lexington. Phone: 859-257-6955.

The gardens simulate Kentucky's seven regional landscapes and include home demonstration gardens and vegetable, herb, fruit and nut gardens. Unlike some botanical gardens, this one is an *urban* garden and it receives high marks from visitors for its attractive paved jogging and walking paths. Keep this one in mind when you attend next year's SAR Convention in Lexington.

West Virginia: The West Virginia Botanical Garden at 714 Venture Drive, Morgantown is still a new project and they have just received a substantial gift to fund an endowment for their first on-site building. They have also recently received a gift of hundreds of young day lilies. Even with new construction underway, they manage an impressive series of venues including a nature camp, butterfly workshop and new wetland boardwalk. Contact Madonna Bird for a variety of other workshop opportunities. 304-685-8368.

Virginia: If you are headed to Virginia Beach, you'll want to make a stop thirty minutes west in the Norfolk area to visit the 155 acres of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. The gardens include a Bicentennial Rose Garden, an arboretum and separate children's gardens. They are open 9-5 daily and located on 6700 Azalea Road. Phone: 757-664-6829. If you are in the Norfolk area around July 4th you won't want to miss seeing the American Bald Eagle nest. It has been a special feature of the gardens since 2005 and the happy pair of magnificent birds have raised a family of nineteen offspring! This site has the stamp of approval from children.

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Chairman Reports (continued)

Endangered Species

Gloria Crump

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North Carolina: The North Carolina Botanical Garden and Education Center has an interesting array of events from story time in the gardens for children, to a lecture entitled, *From Plants to Plate*, about cooking with herbs. Other offerings include lectures on *Summer Flora* and *Soil Ecology*. There are free tours of the display gardens every Saturday at 10:00 am from March to November and free tours of the Coker Arboretum every third Saturday at the same time. Contact info: 919-962-0522 or ncbg@unc.edu

South Carolina: Those of you headed for the lure of Myrtle Beach or Pawley's Island will want to plan a side trip to Brookgreen Gardens, just south of Murrell's Inlet on Highway 17. These 9,100 acres have been referred to as "*the floral jewel of Coastal South Carolina*". Brookgreen opened in 1931 as the first public sculptural garden in America. Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington founded a nature preserve for native flora and fauna at Brookgreen, and continued to add a superb collection of American figurative sculpture. For the price of admission you can enjoy an outdoor art museum in a setting of beautiful gardens shaded by ancient trees dripping with Spanish moss. Summer events include wine-tastings and evening entertainments on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's, June 13 thru August 10. Other attractions include a butterfly house and pontoon boat cruises. Phone: 843-235-6000.

With all these interesting choices it will be difficult to decide where to go first! Like Scarlett, I'll think about *that* tomorrow, now where's my book and glass of lemonade? Happy Summer !



Blue Star Memorials

Judy Ann Fray

New Blue Star marker pricing May 2012 thru May 2014. Effective May 1st 2012.

Memorial & Highway Markers \$1,350.00

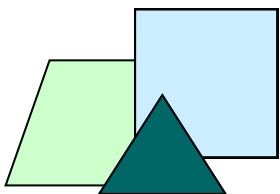
Pricing includes a 7' post and delivery.

Byway Plaques \$450

Price includes delivery

Refurbishing Memorial or Highway markers is now \$800

Posts remain \$325.



There is much we as ordinary citizens can do to help protect our endangered species, and by doing so we help to ensure their survival.

It's important to learn about endangered species in your area, i.e. birds, plants, wildlife and fish. Our first step is learning about how interesting and important they are. Mother Nature provides us many services such as clean air and water, but we need to help as well.

Visit a national wildlife refuge, park or other open spaces as these protected lands provide habitat to many native wildlife, birds, plants and fish. Scientists tell us the best way to protect endangered species is to protect the places where they live.

Provide habitat for wildlife by planting native vegetation in your yard as native plants provide food and shelter for native wildlife.

Minimize the use of herbicides and pesticides as they can affect wildlife in many levels. Many herbicides and pesticides take a long time to degrade and build up in the soils or throughout the food chain. Therefore, hawks, owls and coyotes can be harmed if they eat poisoned animals.

Keep an eye out for wildlife when driving as we have developed much of their habitat and they have to navigate a landscape full of human hazards. This makes it difficult for any animal to cross from one side to the other side of the road.

Recycle and buy sustainable products. Buy recycled paper. Recycle your cell phone because a mineral used in cell phones and other electronics is mined in gorilla habitat.

Never purchase products made from threatened or endangered species.

Harassing wildlife is cruel and illegal as is shooting, trapping, or forcing a threatened or endangered animal into captivity. This can lead to their extinction. If you should see any of this report it to your local state or federal wildlife enforcement office.

For more information, please visit www.stopextinction.org, www.EndangeredSpeciesCoalition.com, WWW.USFishandWildlife.com.

Heritage/Native Plants

Jo Ann Johnson

Promoting the E- Educate in the South Atlantic Region "Members Are The Link To the Future", this Chairman offers the following information: Every Club is urged to participate by reporting at least one club member planted a Heritage or Native Plant during this term.

Place this information on the club's yearly report—this is a great incentive to "protecting our past" and "promoting our future" with Heritage/Native Plants.

Did YOU plant a Heritage or Native Plant? I DID! I planted a Cardinal Flower, *Lobelia Cardinalis*; a MayPop, *Passiflora Incarnata*; and a Carolina Jessamine, *Gelsemium sempervirens*.

Some of these may have to be kept in Bounds!

Keep Planting Heritage/Native Plants From Our Past For Our Future!

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National Garden Week

Marilyn Mason

Congratulations to South Atlantic Region 2011-2012 National Garden Week winners!

Louisa County Garden Club, Louisa, VA

Georgetown Garden Club, Georgetown, SC.

By now National Garden Week activities in our five states have been accomplished. As you read this, those clubs who took part in the week-long celebrations are reveling in renewed pride of accomplishments.

Visibility and recognition for efforts made are key factors in maintaining a garden club presence and furthering the work of National Garden Clubs and creates lasting impressions in our communities.

Now is the time to develop Books of Evidence for awards to be given in 2013. Good luck – I look forward to learning how your plans worked out .

NATURAL RESOURCES / LAND USE

Peggy Heeter

The National Agricultural Land Study of 1980 -81 found that millions of acres of farmland were converted in the United States each year. The 1981 Congressional report identified the need for Congress to implement programs and policies to protect farmland and combat urban sprawl. The indication was that much of the sprawl was the result of programs funded by the Federal Government. With this in mind, Congress passed the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 containing the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The FPPA is intended to minimize the impact Federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. It assures that to the extent possible federal programs are administered to be compatible with state, local units of government, and private programs and policies to protect farmland.

The 104 Congress passed the act to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs, April 4, 1996. The Secretary of Agriculture established and carried out a farmland protection program under which the Secretary shall purchase conservation easements or other interests in not less than 170,000 nor more than 340,000 acres of land with prime, unique, or other productive soil that is subject to a pending offer from a State or local government for the purpose of protecting topsoil by limiting nonagricultural uses of the land. The Secretary shall use not more than \$35,000,000 of the funds to carry out this program.

The FPPA does not authorize the Federal Government to regulate the use of private or nonfederal land or, in any way, affect the property rights of owners.

For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements does not have to be currently used for cropland. It can be forest land, pastureland,

cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land. The United States is losing farmland, according to the American Farmland Trust, at a rate of 2.2 million acres of rural lands to urban sprawl every year. This means that across the United States, over 4 acres of rural lands are consumed every single second.

The Homeland Security Act, which the Congress passed as a protection measure following the attack of September 11, 2001, specifies that America's farms should be protected as a means of making us self-sustaining in the event of attacks which would prevent the importation of foodstuffs from foreign countries. Because of the enormous loss of farmland nationwide during the last 25 years, the United States is no longer self-sustaining according to statistics provided by the American Farmland Trust.

In an effort to address the loss of farmland, nearly every state has implemented farmland protection programs.

Every land trust or farmland protection board in the United States operates under well-established industry principles. Some of the principles are designed to meet legal or Federal tax requirements, while others are in keeping with sound, time-tested principles of land protection. The following principles have been designed for a decision-making process:

The property owner is willing to sell or donate the conservation easement over the property through a legally binding agreement that is perpetual and enforceable

The property owner(s) have clear title to the property

The property is either free of any mortgage, lien or tax assessment, the lender is willing to subordinate the loan to a conservation easement, or the loan is not in excess of the agricultural value. If a secure loan exists, the donor understands that Federal tax benefits are not available.

The Conservation easement donation preserves open space, natural resources, an ecosystem, forestland, farmland, and/or native plants or animals.

The property is either farmland or is in a relatively undisturbed natural condition, or contains features that need to be preserved.

The property is not unduly subject to pollution or adverse influences from surrounding sources. The property itself is not polluted or subject to liability for any pollution clean-up.

The property is of sufficient size that the conservation resources of the property are likely to remain intact.

The conditions required (to be agreed to by the property owner) do not contain provisions which are unworkable or inconsistent with the overall intent of the conservation easement. (The provisions, for instance, could not diminish the property's primary conservation value or be unenforceable.)

Adequate and permanent access to the property is available

A survey has been completed on the property at some point in time, and current property lines can be verified by this survey.

Chairman Reports (continued)

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The Voluntary Farmland Protection Act establishes certain restrictions and prohibitions regarding easement property accepted into any county program, but also allows the county programs flexibility to establish their own specific criteria within this framework. The restrictions set by the Act are as follows:

The landowner may not develop the land for any commercial, industrial, residential or other non-farm purposes.

The landowner must agree not to further subdivide the property aside from the residential development rights agreed to under the Deed of Conservation Easement.

Woodland included in the easement must not be used in commercial forestry or the growing of timber for commercial purposes.

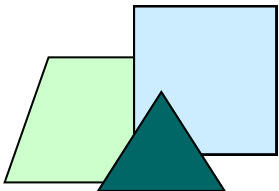
The Third party mineral owner agrees to prohibit any surface mining.

The Third party oil and gas owner agrees to limit the development of its oil and gas rights to the extent specified by the Board. This written agreement must be included with the application.

The probability of surface mining is considered to be extremely unlikely as determined by the Board after consideration of all facts and circumstances.



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



Penny Pines

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Penny Pines is a National Presidents Project in which an individual/Group or Garden Club can contribute by donating \$68.00 to a Penny Pine Plantation as part of the cost of replanting and/or replacement of trees that live naturally in a particular damaged area, whether by fire or by other natural misfortune (These do not have to be pine trees) You can also designate a special state you wish to benefit from this contribution.

NGC and USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed this partnership sustaining our national & urban forests through this program.

For each \$68.00 donation, you will receive a Penny Pine Certificate from National Garden Clubs, Inc. made "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a special someone who has made a difference. The form can be found on NGC Website: www.gardenclub.org.

Please send in your form with \$68.00 check to the address that is on the form.

I am encouraging all 5 states in the South Atlantic Region to participate in this project by having a committee chairman and if possible to present an award to the District with the largest number of plantations (donations). Then the next step is to get your Districts to have a committee chairman and if possible to present an award in their district to the club with the largest number of plantations (donations). This way we will have a chain reaction.

South Atlantic Region presented the award to the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs as the state with the most donations from March 1, 2011 through February 29th 2012 at the SAR convention just held March 25-27, 2012.

In the South Atlantic Region yearbook it states to send the checks to me, Audrey Kelly, but I am finding that if you send them straight to NGC as stated on the form it will get to the NGC sooner with all the proper info for the NGC to send you your certificate. Please send me a notification that you made the donation, so I can put that in my records. The timeline for the next SAR award is March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013.



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Rain Gardens

Janice Doyle

What's Growing Happily in a Virginia Rain Garden?

It has been an amazing rain garden year with much rain, some flooding, and an early blooming season on the east coast. Flooded streets and ditches have made rain gardens flourish when other gardens just got "rained out" and water logged. There has been a surge of plant growth as well as color in a small rain garden that receives run off from the neighboring street and drainage ditch. The Ink Berry (*Ilex glabra*) is the most productive shrub. The small azalea (*Rhododendron*) remains unnoticed by deer due to the many surrounding native plants. Mosses (*Bryophyta*) that grow on the real and fake rocks and these shrubs give interest when the blooming plants take their winter break. The largest "rock" is hollow but still gives the illusion of a heavy bolder when paired with the real ones.

The season began with Lenten Rose (*Hellebore foetidus*) followed by dogwoods (*Cornus*) and Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*) in bloom. *Scilla siberica* continued with their vivid blue bells. Siberian Iris (*Iris siberica*) have shown off for passers-by with much splendor while Lilies of the Valley softly hid amongst Solomon's Seal (*polygonatum biflorum*) and wild ginger (*Asrum canadense*). Mint (*Pychanthemum virginianum*) makes walking through the garden a fragrant experience. Summer color contrast to the mass of green foliage is provided by Blue Flag Iris (*Iris virginica*) and yellow wood poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*). Goldenrod (*Solidago*) and red Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) offer red and yellow blooms into fall. An extremely large *Rhododendron* had to be moved from another garden home. Even with liquid iron to stimulate growth it has greatly suffered from the transplant shock. It is however starting to grow again from the ground up. The rain garden is very self-sufficient and does include an undergrowth of wild strawberries (*Fragaria vesca*) that actually do provide excellent bird and deer feeding qualities though not a favorite of the gardener. Another ground cover that helps to prevent weed growth is periwinkle (*Vinca minor*.) Noticeably the rain garden plantings are native plants thus their staying power. Unlike many other such gardens this particular rain garden contains plants unappetizing to deer of which there is a herd of 17 that graze throughout the neighborhood. Instead of eating garden plants the deer, often including the whole herd, frolic and play to one's amusement.



Scholarships

Betsy Steele

The Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship

Please continue to share information regarding the Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship with clubs in your state. It is not too early to find qualified applicants that are in need of our help with college expenses.

Visit the SAR website, www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org for an application and to read about this scholarship.

Thank you for your interest. Please contact me with questions:

Betsy Steele, SAR Scholarship Chairman

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Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Barbara Ohmsen

A new year is starting! To each of the state chairmen for Smokey Bear - we hope you are going to get the word out to your state garden clubs - we need more entries for the poster contests! For the second year, Virginia won with the most posters entered.

Your state president picked up the packet of information for you - have you gotten it yet? Get the word out in your state publication about this contest. This chairman is looking forward to receiving posters and information from each of the five states in January!

2013 Vision of Beauty Calendars

2013 Vision of Beauty Calendars are available from NGC member services. Place your order today.

New deadline for entries to the 2014 Vision of Beauty Calendar: August 1, 2012. Send your vertical digital photos (with a minimum of 5 or 7 pixels) or prints (4" x 6" or 5" x 7") to Jan Warshauer, PO Box 680363, Park City, UT 84068.

All types of designs are requested. Entry forms and a complete list of requirements are in the back of the current calendar.



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SAR Directory Corrections

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Remember to send any Directory changes to this Chairman as well as to the SAR Director and the Corresponding Secretary. It is very important that we have the latest information so we can keep good communication with everyone.

Dates From Our States

Aug. 26-29 Flower Show School Course 4, Richmond VA
Sept. 9-11 Flower Show Judges Symposium, Staunton VA
Sept. 15-17 Flower Show School Course 2, Cedar Lakes WV

SAR Convention 2013

South Atlantic Region Convention March 25-27, 2013 Crown Point Lexington KY

Mark your calendar now for our 2013 SAR Convention. Yes, it's still 8 months away. But do you know how fast that time will be upon us! And, yes, when you check the calendar you will see that this will be Monday—Wednesday this time. Our November 2012 Key Notes will contain the information with details on the Convention, but make your plans now so you will part of the fun in 8 months.

SAR Director Mary Dixon



NGC Convention 2012

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This year's NGC Convention was May 17-20, 2012 in Buffalo NY. We were pleased with the members from the South Atlantic Region who were able to attend.

We were also pleased that the clubs in the states within our Region did well in the area of Awards. (see the awards received on page 10). Hopefully we will do as well or better next year in Seattle.

Plan Ahead: The NGC 2013 Convention will be in Seattle WA May 24-26. Make your plans to attend. It is an Installation Year.



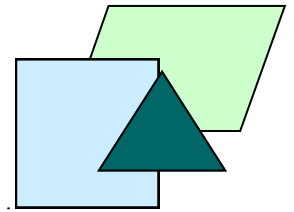
Most of the SAR attendees at NGC Convention. Some could meet at the appointed time for the photo.

Check out our website and link to each of our states!

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AWARDS

Certificates of Merit were given to First Place winners. Certificates of Commendation were given to runners-up by category and size. The following awards were given to clubs in the South Atlantic Region:

- #8 Youth Horticulture Education
 - Aiii Cape Fear GC, North Carolina
- #12 Publications Newsletters (Certificates of Merit)
 - 1) One sheet:
 - Ai Hilliard Park GC, Virginia
 - Aiii Lake of the Woods GC, Virginia
 - 2) Three-12 pages
 - B Tidewater District VFGC, Virginia
 - 4) Magazine over 24 pages
 - Di The Garden Club of Kentucky
- #13 Publications (Certificates of Merit)
 - 4) History
 - Ai Sardiswood GC, North Carolina
 - Aiii Cape Fear GC, North Carolina
 - 8) Other
 - Di Garden Club of Kentucky
- #16 Yearbooks (By Region)
 - A Single Clubs (by size)
 - 1) (under 20 members) Green Meadow Point GC, Virginia
 - 2) (20-29) Iris GC, South Carolina
 - 3) (30-44) St. Matthews GC, South Carolina
 - 4) (45-69) Thomas Jefferson GC, Virginia
 - 5) (70-99) Flowertown GC, South Carolina
 - 6) (100-299) Raleigh GC, North Carolina
 - 7) (300+) Cape Fear GC, North Carolina
 - B Group of Clubs or District
 - Garden Club Council of Greater Columbia, SC
- #19 Horticulture Therapy
 - Overall Winner Little Neck GC (Aii), Virginia
- #23 Award of Excellence –Non-Member
 - Strange’s Florist, Greenhouse, and Garden Centers - nominated by Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs
- #24 Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs
 - C– Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (\$500)
- #39 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation
 - Overall Winner Green Meadow Point GC (Ai), VA (\$100)
 - Aiii Chedsapeake Bay GC, Virginia
- #41 Conservation Education
 - Overall Winner Boiling Spring Lakes GC (Ai) NC
- #42 Bird Protection
 - Aii Two Creeks GC, Kentucky
- #43 Butterfly
 - Overall Winner The GC Club of Danville (Aii) (\$500), KY
- #44 Publicity Press Book (BY Region)
 - Ai Green Meadow Point GC, Virginia
 - Aii Town & Country GC, Virginia

- Aiii Chyesapeake Bay GC, Virginia
- B Portsmouth Area Council of GC, Virginia
- B Tidewater District VFGC, Virginia
- #48 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project
 - Ai Hilliard Park GC, Virginia
- #65 J Junior GC Horticulture Award
 - A Gold Duster Jr. GC (Moneta GC), Virginia
- #73 Civic Project with Native Plants
 - Aii Moneta GC (\$750), Virginia
- Member Award of Honor (By Region)
 - SAR Pamela Peltier, Dogwood GC, Virginia
- Flower Show Awards
 - #18 Council Standard Flower Show
 - B. South Carolina Judges Council, South Carolina
 - #22 Holiday Standard Flower Show
 - A. Westchester GC, Virginia
 - C. Winchester Council of GC, Virginia
 - #30 District Standard Flower Show
 - B. Tidewater District VFGC, Virginia
 - #35 Near Standard Flower Show
 - Bell Isle, Camellia of Greater Charleston, Otranto, Town & Village Garden Clubs, South Carolina
 - #57 Standard Flower Show Saged in a Public Building
 - A. Chesapeake Bay GC, Virginia
 - B. Council of GC of Greater Charleston, SC
- NGC Youth Poetry Winners
 - Jackson Sutherland, Two Creeks GC, Kentucky
 - Lily Hinson, King Alfred GC, South Carolina
 - Alex Carroll, Magnolia GC, South Carolina
 - Brandon Moseley, Magnolia GC, South Carolina
- NGC President’s Project, “Container Gardening”
 - Third Place Mooresville GC (\$100), North Carolina
- NGC Scholarships
 - S. Leach, North Carolina
 - J. Cricenti, Virginia

The following clubs received Citations for Participation in the NGC Plantings for Public and Special Places:

- North Carolina
 - Azalea GC, Gastonia
 - Boiling Spring Lakes GC, Southport
 - Laurel Hills GC, Raleigh
 - Mooresville GC, Mooresville
 - University City GC, Charlotte
- South Carolina
 - Anemone GC, Winnsboro
 - Avid Gardeners GC, Hilton Head
 - Garden Club of Charleston, Charleston
 - Driftwood GC, Little River
 - Flowertown GC, Summerville
 - Gardening Girls Study Club, Camden
 - Ivy League GC, Moore
 - Lancaster Council of GC, East Piedmont
 - Quinby GC, Moore

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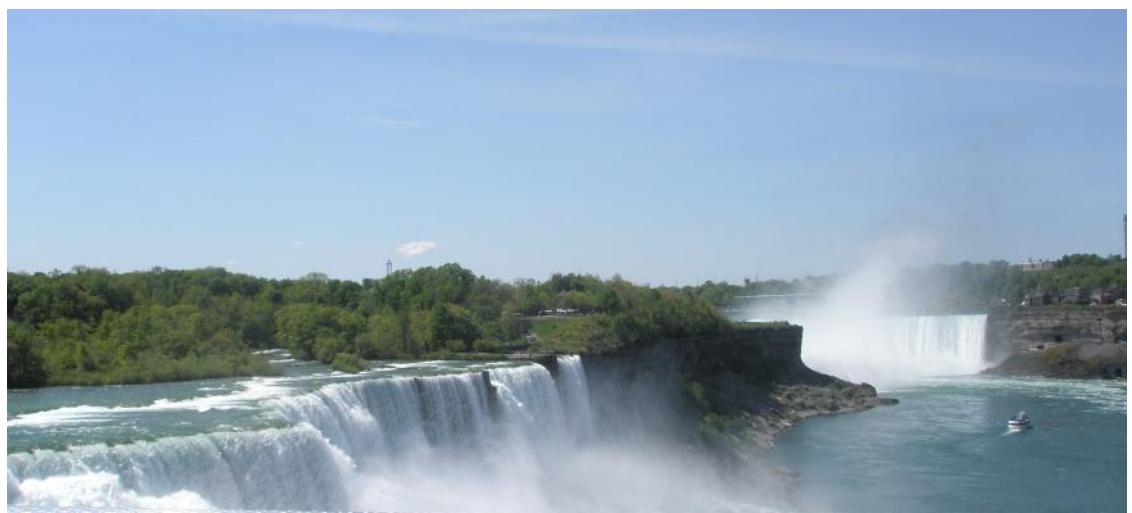
- Riverland Terrace GC, Charleston
 - St. Paul's GC, Hollywood
 - Town & Counrty GC, Rock Hill
 - Wild Rose GC, Florence
- Virginia
- Salem GC, Salem
 - Salisbury, Midlothian
 - Woodland Pond GC, Chesterfield



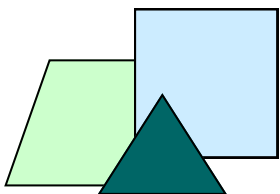
Our Five State Presidents with our SAR Director Awards Night



NGC President Shirley Nocolai

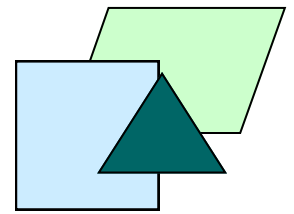


Niagara Falls—American Falls and Horseshoe Falls



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The South Atlantic Region Member States



[NGC MEMBER SERVICES](#)

This editor just received the latest issue of *The National Gardener*. It is chocked full of interesting articles and information. Especially the article about NGC Member Services (page 44). The new silk scarf, with state garden club logos and international affiliates logos, is available. There is information on ordering bulbs from Brent & Becky's Bulbs and helping NGC at the same time. The best news is that we can now order Member Service products online through the NGC website. This means we can shop at any time—even at 2AM if you are awake and want to order then!