

KEY NOTES



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THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"Inspire Conservation Through Education"

Nothing could be finer than to be in South Carolina for the 2015 NGC/South Atlantic Region Convention, held at the Marriott Resort and Spa in Hilton Head Island, March 22-24. Spring was evident, and the Atlantic did her best to tempt convention-goers to her wide beaches.

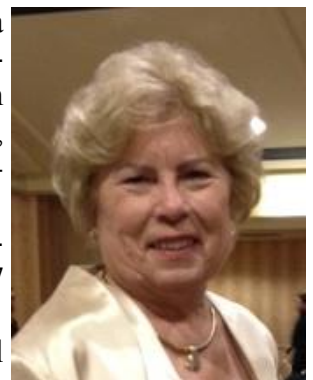
Our very special guest NGC President Linda Nelson conducted an installation of our 2015-2017 SAR Officers and the five State Presidents.

The five states within this Region boast beautiful landscapes and appealing climates: Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina share the Atlantic coastline, and all five states, including Kentucky and West Virginia, offer gorgeous mountain views from many locations. Wherever SAR Conventions are held, we are assured of a beautiful locale.

The 2016 SAR Convention will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, at the North Raleigh/Midtown Hilton Hotel from March 12-15. The 2017 Convention, the last for this term, will be held from March 25-28 at the magnificent Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

South Atlantic Region is very proud to have Sandra H. Robinson from Kentucky serving as our National Garden Club President and Nancy L. Hargroves from Virginia serving as our NGC First Vice-President for the 2015-2017 term. The following are six Former Presidents of NGC, Inc. from South Atlantic Region: Mrs. Frederick A. Wallace (KY) 1939-41; Mrs. P. Bradley Morrah (SC) 1955-57; Mrs. Charles P. Nettleton (VA) 1961-63; Mrs. C. Manning Smith (WV) 1989-91; Mrs. Graem Yates (NC) 1993-95; and Mrs. J. Edwin Barnette (SC) 1997-99

Sarah Ann Parler

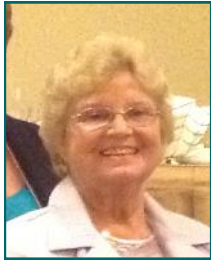


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State Presidents' Themes and Reports



The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. Edith S. Nelson, President “Paving the Pathway to the Future”

Congratulations and many thanks to Ann Fiel, National Garden Clubs, Inc. 2015 Convention Chairman and Joan Wipperman, Convention Co-Chairman and the members of the Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. for hosting a wonderful National Convention. We give a “Big Thanks” to all the South Atlantic Region members who helped make the 2015 NGC Convention a success. We could not have done it without your help! We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

The theme for The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. for 2015-2017 is “Paving the Pathway to the Future” with emphasis on Youth Gardening and Native Pollinator Conservation. Our youth is our future and we especially want the pathway to lead to the encouragement of youth involvement. If our youth become involved with conservation and environmental concerns, we will have a smoother pathway to the future.

Our garden clubs will be working within their own communities to explore ways to conserve pollinators through good gardening practices and the planting of pollinator and butterfly gardens and involving the youth.

Early reports of youth activities for Arbor Day and National Garden Week include children planting a flower garden at a local library with 17 children and 10 adults attending the program. Several clubs reported Arbor Day celebration with youth activities and tree planting ceremonies.

We are partnering with the Kentucky Governor’s office and the Kentucky Department of State Parks to encourage conservation of one of our most important resources our pollinators. Governor Steve Beshear has designated September as Monarch Awareness Month. Our first Butterfly and Native Plant Weekend will be held at Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, September 25-27. Events will include seminars, field trips, plant sales and children’s activities on butterflies, native plants and native pollinators.

As the new president of the Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc., I am looking forward to *Paving the Pathway to the Future* with our members and enjoying an exciting and wonderful two years.

Edith S. Nelson

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., Judy Bond, President Theme: “The Three C’s: Contemplate the Past, Conquer the Present, and Challenge the Future ”



Everyone says, “It is an honor and a privilege”. That is very true. But it is also a very humbling experience to be entrusted with the future of an organization so near and dear to your heart.

My theme will be: “The Three C’s: Contemplate the Past, Conquer the Present, and Challenge the Future”.

First: Contemplate. Study our 90-year history. Learn the strengths and the actions that carried us forward? Determine if they are applicable to today’s world?

Second: Conquer. How does the present differ from the past? There are, of course, many differences but two immediately come to mind in this context: technology and women employed outside the home. We must blend tradition with the reality of the present.

Our first task will be to take advantage of all the internet has to offer. We have been slow to embrace technology but we are moving forward. The internet provides a quick and easy way

to communicate with many people without the need for creating, copying and mailing individual letters. What a time and money saver! We must continue to expand our efforts to make use of all technology offers us.

Secondly, we must encourage the formation of new clubs – those designed for working people meeting during their lunch hour, in the evening and on the weekend. Include men in your club membership. Many men have the expertise, experience and involvement in all the areas that garden club addresses: horticulture, floral design, civic development, beautification, restoration, and the protection and conservation of our natural resources as well as the educating of ourselves and our youth. Don’t turn away this large segment of the eligible population; reach out and be inclusive. If your club has a cap on membership due to the size of your meeting facility, find a different meeting place or sponsor a new club. Just five members is all it takes to form a new club and assistance is readily available online and through the district and the state. It is your responsibility to reach out and guide the eager applicants whom your

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club does not have room for. We all must work together to increase our membership in order to remain viable in today's reality.

Third: Challenge. We are fortunate to have a team of excellent vice-presidents. They can and will move up the ladder while learning about the many facets of the state garden club. They will be the custodians and leaders of the

future as will the current District Directors and club and council presidents.

My promise to you is that I will do my very best over the next two years to implement my motto. Your confidence, support and assistance will be required and greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with all of you to attain my dream of a relevant and financially-sound 21st century organization.

Judy Bond

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Yvonne Morris, President
Theme: "Let's Bloom and Grow Together!"



GCSC is off to a Blooming Start!

The Garden Club of South Carolina is off to a happily busy start of the 2015-17 term. Our theme is "Let's Bloom and Grow Together!" My focus is on sustaining our wildlife habitats with a focus on gardening with native plants.

We began our term by accepting the Affiliate Membership Application of the South Carolina Native Plant Society. This is our first GCSC affiliate member.

On May 7th, we celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the Garden Club of South Carolina in conjunction with the 90th Anniversary of the Garden Club of Aiken. Chairman of this event, Margaret Shealy, and the President of the Garden Club of Aiken, Deedee Vaughters, hosted a first class celebration at Rose Hill Estate, former home of founder and first President of the Garden Club of South Carolina, for over 150 garden club members who attended from across the state.

Eleven members of the Garden Club of South Carolina attended the NGC Convention in Louisville in May. The Nationally Accredited Judges Club of South Carolina and our GCSC Design Coordinator, Mary Ann Kirby, provided the beautiful table designs for NGC President Sandy Robinson's Installation Banquet.

On June 7th, members of the West Piedmont District hosted a Tea in my honor as GCSC President. It was held at the historic Kilgore-Lewis House in Greenville which is the home of the Greenville Council of Garden Clubs. Approximately 80 people from around the state attended.

South Carolina Governor, Nikki Haley proclaimed June 7-13 as State Garden Week. This proclamation was posted on our website as part of our National Garden Week celebrations.

Everyone is preparing for our annual summer information meeting for all club presidents and members. This is now known as the Summer Expo and is being held at the SC State Farmers' Market in Columbia on July 11. Over 200 garden club officers and members are registered to attend. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jeff Beacham of the South Carolina Native Plant Society. State Committee Chairmen are providing displays and information and we will have many vendors. A garden club leadership guide will be given to all who attend.

Exciting and new events are in the making. Stay tuned for updates in the next issue of SAR Key Notes.

Yvonne Morris



Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Janice M. Clem, President
Theme: "Making Connections to Shape the Future"

The theme for the 2015-2017 VFGC administration is "Making Connections to Shape the Future." We have a busy two years ahead as we build on the accomplishments of the previous administration.

Our successful Plant Together Community Garden Project will be expanded to include projects completed throughout the year. Our clubs will be encouraged to make connections with school groups, PTAs, scouts, youth groups, churches, master

gardeners, civic and fraternal organizations, assisted living residents, veterans and other groups to work together on projects to improve our local communities. From refurbishing gardens, planting new landscapes, beautifying housing developments, planting vegetables with students and many other worthwhile

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projects, we will make connections to improve our communities.

We all are aware of the plight of Monarch Butterflies that are finding it more and more challenging to survive. Milkweeds and nectar sources are declining as developments and the use of herbicides increase. We will be joining with National Garden Clubs to promote the creation of Monarch Way Stations in our home gardens, parks, schools--- anywhere there is a garden. Think of it this way--- we need to provide these butterflies with a "Bed and Breakfast" haven with milkweed and other host plants so that we can help protect and preserve the beautiful Monarch. VFGC members will make this connection to nature a priority in their gardens.

Planting Trees for Tomorrow is a new program for VFGC. We will participate in the Living Legacy Tree Planting Project which has the goal of creating a national living memorial for the Civil War fallen by planting 620,000 trees, one for every soldier who fell during the Civil War. The project was launched and is overseen by the non-profit organization Journey Through Hallowed Grounds. When all 620,000 trees are planted, there will be a 180 mile allee' from Monticello to Gettysburg along the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway. Each tree will be geo-tagged with the name of a soldier, where he was born and where he died



West Virginia Garden Club , Inc.
Judy Guye Swanson, President
Theme: "Plant The Seeds and Grow With Us "

A quote by Gertrude Jekyll reads, "The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies." That is certainly true for me. I was introduced to school gardens back in 3rd grade during World War II. Our class went out just before school was over in the spring, and planted gardens, and then I came back during the summer and tended my garden. I have never stopped loving gardening since. Once that seed was planted, it continued to grow. Looking back on those days I found I received an award from the National Garden Institute MacArthur Award and the Junior Achievement Award of Greater Cleveland and The Garden Center. It made an impression on me that the importance of gardening was recognized.

I have been a member of the Emma Scott Garden Club in Elkins since the early 1980's. We always looked forward to conventions at The Greenbrier each year, meeting old friends and enjoying making new friends. In March, 2017, WVGC and South Atlantic Region Convention will be at the Greenbrier in March.

I am honored to serve as West Virginia Garden Club's 43rd

to share the story of his life. We plan to have a tree planting ceremony and dedication before the end of this administration and will be raising funds towards this goal through donations to "Green Gloves for Planting Trees."

Increasing membership is a challenge and concern for all volunteer organizations. This is an area where we each need to work harder to make connections with prospective members. We can't expect to have new members if we don't invite people to come to a club meeting. VFGC's Plus One Campaign will encourage our members to reach out to potential new members.

VFGC members are preparing for a huge connection with garden club members from all across our nation and beyond as we will be hosting the National Garden Club Convention May 16-21, 2017. This is an exciting opportunity for us to be of service to our fellow NGC members and to showcase our beautiful state, our federation and our fabulous members.

We invite you to attend Flower Show School, Course 2 in Lynchburg on August 24-27, Flower Show Judges Symposium on October 19-21 in Richmond and Landscape Design School on October 28-29 in Richmond. Details are on the VFGC website: www.viriniagardenclub.org. We would love to have you come!

Janice M. Clem

President. I am thankful to all the previous women that have accepted the position as President. We sometimes forget what WVGC has done not only for our individual communities, but what it has done for the State. On March 1, 1995, after a recommendation and campaign by the WVGC, the Legislature designated the monarch as the official State Butterfly.

My theme this year is "Plant The Seeds and Grow With Us". A seed is "a source, an origin or the beginning of anything". I hope I can plant some seeds this year by encouraging efforts on using native plants in your yards. Today, there are many articles being written about the decline of the monarch species. We can make a difference through our action for this threatened species by members planting more native plants, including milkweed, and Monarch Way Stations for nectar sources. WVGC encourages continuing education for its members by providing schools and workshops. We have Flower Show School and Landscape Design School, set up under National Garden Clubs' approved instructors. Flower Show School will be held October 22-24 in Oak Hill.

I encourage members to use Web sites, both for WVGC, South Atlantic Region and National Garden Club. Our new Member-

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ship cards will have the email addresses on the back of the card this year to encourage you to use these sites. The WV Garden News is now on the WV site, and the South Atlantic Region Web site has a quarterly newsletter, that has articles on flowers and horticulture. The National Garden Club site has

many articles, including the quarterly "The National Gardener" magazine. The Mission of NGC is to provide education and resources for its members and to promote the love of gardening.

Judy Guye Swanson

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.

BIRDS

Betty Gorrie

The Audubon Society and the U. S. Department of the interior say there has been a 70-percent decline in the populations of common backyard birds since 1967. We can do our part by making sure our feathered friends have refuge, food and water by creating a bird-friendly backyard habitat. Learn to "Garden for Wildlife". When we garden with the intention of attracting birds, the added bonus is that butterflies and bees seem to come along with them.

Plan your garden to include native shrubs, trees, flowers and grasses that will produce seeds and berries for the birds to enjoy year-round. Put up nest boxes for the variety of birds that make your garden their home. Last, protect your garden environment, and encourage others to do the same by not using pesticides or herbicides that will poison our birds and pollinators.



AWARDS

Judy Ann Fray



Encourage the clubs in your state to begin now planning the awards applications for 2015. The complete list will be in the SAR Directory (distributed later in the summer) and on the SAR website. Many of the awards remain the same as last year, although there are a few new ones for this term

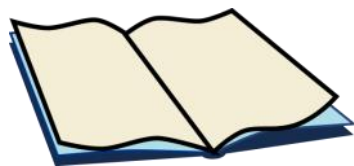


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CALENDARS/*VISION OF BEAUTY*

Elaine Thornton

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Now is the time to take photos for the Vision of Beauty calendars. Or, include a class of photography in Special Exhibits of your next Standard Flower Show with the winner being submitted for the calendar. And think of ordering your 2016 calendars early as holiday gifts for all your friends and club members – what a thoughtful gift of floral inspiration that would last of all 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/ENERGY CONSERVATION/LITTER/RECYCLING

Karen Prewitt

Grassroots Green

Warning Signs

Since our state president is focusing on the study of native plants and how to use them in our gardens, I thought it would be appropriate at our first South Carolina Board meeting last month to share with my gardening sisters a little piece of fascinating environmental information that I picked up from my studies. Our members seemed so astounded at the information I presented that I felt it was worth sharing with our *Key Notes* readers too.

I'm sure you are all familiar with our native plant, spiderwort [known as *Tradescantia Virginiana* to horticulture scholars]. This tall weedy plant blooms with clusters of small purple flowers, each opening separately and lasting only a day. Each tiny bloom has a crown of hair-like purple filaments in its center, which will turn *pink* the instant the plant is exposed to *minute* amounts of radiation! This plant's ability to detect radiation is far more accurate than even the most advanced instruments devised by scientists!

Spiderwort is now being planted around nuclear reactors as a 'first warning' that there are leaks of radiation into the environment! If you live not far from a nuclear reactor or other facility that generates radioactive materials, this plant would be a happy choice for your garden. Who knew that a native plant could actually save your life?

Those of us living in the Charleston South Carolina area, face another kind of unexpected life-changing possibility...that of earthquakes. We are sitting on the sometimes-active New Madrid earthquake fault. Our last 'big one' was in 1886, equivalent to a 7.2 magnitude. One of our local colleges even has a laboratory that monitors seismic rumbles on a 24/7 basis.

I recently read an article about research teams located in the

Andes Mountains, in Switzerland and the United Kingdom who are comparing notes on early warnings given by animals, *days before* earthquakes appeared in various parts of the world. Their information is being compared with information now coming out of Nepal after the recent tragic earthquake claiming 8,800 lives. English researcher Rachel Grant documented animal behavior and flight/departure as much as five days before an actual earthquake in South America in 2011. Working with other scientists she discovered that prior to an earthquake, rocks began to shift underground, generating electrical charges that reach the surface water and release positive ions into the atmosphere. It is the ionized air that apparently makes animals hyper-active and disoriented and causes them to flee a given area. While scientists are still cautious about the certainty of their findings, their research *is* expanding to monitor more wildlife behavior.

Scientists hope that within five years their findings will be definitive enough to forecast a major earthquake *before* it happens! We still have much to learn from both the plants and animals in the beautiful world we have been given... which makes *our* stewardship of our natural resources and wildlife all the more important.

GARDEN STUDY SCHOOLS/CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

JoJean Scott

Information giving credit to all those taking the Tri Refresher for credit at the NGC Convention in Louisville has been received, organized and will be submitted to the NGC Schools Chairmen, as directed, by the end of June. This has been a great learning experience and for some, a once in a life time experience. If not already, I would encourage everyone to become involved in the NGC Schools, preferably Gardening Study, and discover a whole new world of gardening, environmental and landscape design, opportunity.



NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

Mary Dixon

Thank you to anyone that had National Garden Week celebrations this year. There will be an award again for the 2015-2017 National Garden Week participation. See the award list in the new South Atlantic Directory. We still wish for you to have events during the entire week and local and/or state proclamations are to be included. This award will be eligible for the entry also with National Garden Clubs, Inc. #53.

I am looking forward to hearing about your events.

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**THE CORRIE WHITLOCK
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FROM THE SOUTH ATLANTIC
REGION**

This scholarship is open to a college sophomore or junior for use during the junior or senior year of college. Each state within the South Atlantic Region may submit one application to be in competition for the Scholarship. A qualifying student is one who is 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. The Scholarship amount is determined by the SAR Board of Directors, and the winner is announced at the SAR Convention. (The Scholarship amount is \$1,000 for 2016)

Applications may be obtained from the SAR Scholarship Chairman, website www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org OR from the Garden Club Scholarship Chairman of each state in the region. **Complete applications must be sent to the STATE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN by FEBRUARY 1 and the STATE'S best application must come to the REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN by MARCH 1.**

Applications will be judged on the following scale:

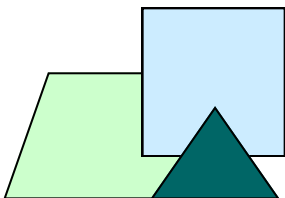
Academic Record.....	40%
Need.....	30%
Character.....	10%
Commitment to Career.....	15%
Variety of Avocation.....	5%

As long as the recipient maintains a "B" average, he/she may reapply each year during their college career.

SAR SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

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**SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL SPECIAL PROJECT
2015-2017
"AWE-SOME POSSIBILITIES"**

We, as SAR gardeners, stand in **AWE** of what we have inherited and must pass on to future generations. Our director, Sarah Ann Parler, has announced her theme, "**Inspire Conservation through Education**" and is using this as the basis of her regional project.

One challenge for the 2015-2017 administration is participation in the SAR special project. This project is doable by clubs and councils of any size in the diversified locations of our five-state region. Her desire is that everyone accepts responsibility to develop and implement educational projects which will focus on the conservation and preservation of our Air, Water and Earth (soil) resources. Choose your area of interest or combined interests of two or perhaps all three. Does that not put you in **AWE** of project possibilities?

Awards for our SAR Special Project will honor clubs, councils and a state whose project focus is on Air, Water and Earth (soil). The entry should be submitted using the National Garden Club application form and is limited to three pages, including narrative presentation and photographic documentation. Awards will be given both years.

Scale of Points:

Narrative Presentation (scope)	45 points
Involvement of Members (%)	25 points
Photographic Documentation and Layout	30 points

Club Awards: \$50 and certificate Donor--Sarah Ann Parler

- Under 30 members
- 30-59 members
- 60 and over members

Council Awards: \$50 and certificate Donor—Sarah Ann Parler

- 8 and under clubs
- 9 or more clubs

State Award: \$50 and certificate Donor—Sarah Ann Parler

To the state with the highest number of SAR special projects award applications received

Deadline to Regional SAR Special Projects Chairman: January 11, 2016

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Chairman Reports (continued)

WILDFLOWERS/ROADSIDES

Mary Ann Kirby

This Chairman encourages the SAR to plant the original milkweed seeds: *Asclepias tuberosa* to serve as host plants for the Monarch Butterflies. This very important wildflower milkweed is a plant to the Monarch to use as its host plant. Just think if everyone in the SAR planted this Milkweed we would be responsible for helping to increase the numbers of these glorious migrating Butterflies! This chairman will look forward to hearing about your projects from each State Presidents of our Wonderful SAR! Love in Bloom



"Trailing Milkweed" plant and bloom. Botanical Name: *Sarcostemma hirtellum*

YOUTH—SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

Barbara Ohmsen

As soon as school begins in the Fall, encourage all your clubs to make a contact with the rules and complete information for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Also contact other youth groups such as scouts to participate.

We hope to have a record number of entries for 2015. Although none of the posters sent from the South Atlantic Region won the top honors at National, our Region won the trophy for having the most entries originally judge from a Region. And Virginia won the trophy (for the fifth year) for the state with the most posters judged.

The rules do not change from year to year, but each state chairman will hear from this chairman with all the information to be shared with all the clubs in each state.

This chairman would really love to be able to accept the Regional trophy again at the National Garden Clubs Convention next Spring.

YOUTH – CHILDREN'S GARDENS/SCHOOL GARDENS

Janice Doyle

Kids love fairy tales and often do believe in fairies and magic dust. Planting fairy gardens are a current rage. The one in a pot was given to the Northridge library in Charlottesville, VA. They read fairy stories at group reading time. The other photos are of a garden within a garden in the middle of a rain garden full of ferns and moss a planting was planted as a mini garden. Fairy themed statues and accessories can be purchased at many stores. The ones in the photos came from JoAnn Fabrics. Any small or miniature plants can be used. Marigolds, salvia, alyssum, Impatiens, moss, Mecandona, "white star," dianthus, ageratum, lily of the valley and small ferns are a few small growing plants that are in scale with most "fairy accessories." Rocks, pebbles, and a stick for a log add interest.

Little girl in the photo said the fairies had sprinkled "fairy dust" while she was sleeping. She rushed out to see if the fairies were still in the garden when she arose.



Janice's granddaughter Maeson Marie Westberry age 3



Barbara Ohmsen with Woodsy Owl



SAR Convention 2016

“North Carolina’s Beauty” South Atlantic Region Convention March 13-15, 2016 North Raleigh Hilton Raleigh NC



Come and enjoy “North Carolina’s Beauty” at the annual SAR Convention. We hope you will enjoy learning about “North Carolina’s Beauty” given by guest speakers from the region, shopping with vendors that represent the area and meeting other people that love to garden and want to learn more about how others garden.

There will be workshops available during the three days and who knows, we may even have a garden tour.

This year the meeting will be held March 13-15, 2016 at the North Raleigh Hilton/Midtown located at 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Phone Number 844-582-8885.

The room rates will be \$119.00 per night for this meeting. Mark your calendar and save the date to be in Raleigh next March to enjoy North Carolina’s Beauty.

Look for the Registration Form in the October issue of Key Notes. It will also be on the South Atlantic Region website.

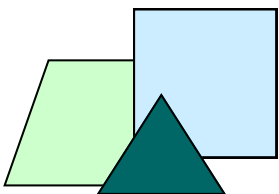
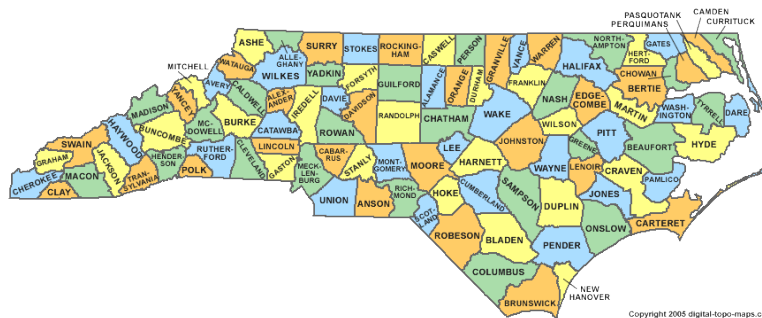
Raleigh is just east of the middle of our region, so we hope to have many, many attendees from all five states.

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Convention Vice-Chairman: Susan Hooper, 704-552-5673, susanhooper@att.net

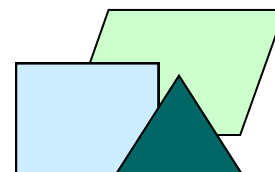
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The following members of SAR are the representatives on the NGC Nominating Committee for 2015-2017

NGC Nominating Committee:

Ann Fiel, Kentucky, Representative

Martha Morgan, Kentucky, Alternate

Betsy Steele, South Carolina, Representative

Maida Dantzler, South Carolina, Alternate

THE GARDEN CLUB OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. CELEBRATES 85TH ANNIVERSARY

The Garden Club of South Carolina (GCSC) celebrated their 85th Anniversary in Aiken, South Carolina on Thursday May 7, 2015. GCSC 85th Anniversary Chairman Margaret Shealy organized the big event.

A luncheon was held at the Green Boundary Club of Aiken to celebrate the dual anniversaries of the Garden Club of Aiken (GCA), celebrating ninety years, and the Garden Club of South Carolina (GCSC) celebrating eighty-five years. Both clubs were started by Mrs. Claudia Sheffield Phelps of Rose Hill Estate in Aiken. State officers, district directors, former presidents of the GCSC, and members of the GCA were in attendance

Following lunch, GCSC Publicity/Legislative Chairman and Garden Club of Aiken President Deedee Vaughters led the way through Aiken's historic horse district to the Aiken County Museum where a garden designed by the GCA was dedicated to Mrs. Phelps. Afterwards, Jack Wetzel arrived with an antique carriage pulled by four beautiful horses to represent the equine interests so characteristic of Aiken. Brenda Baratto, director of the Aiken County Museum and a member of the GCA, gave a program on the history of the Phelps family as part of Aiken's Winter Colony and also the history of the Garden Club of Aiken.

After the museum presentations, an anniversary celebration party was held at Rose Hill Estate, the home of Mrs. Claudia Phelps, for 150 ladies from South Carolina garden clubs. Hot tea, punch, and tea food was served. The table featured a beautiful rose arrangement designed by Karen Oliver. Short speeches were given by GCSC State President Yvonne Morris and GCA President Deedee Vaughters honoring the anniversaries and a gift was given to State President Yvonne Morris by Sandie Duerksen in remembrance of the occasion. A short talk was given on the history of the Rose Hill Estate by the estate owner. The two presidents cut the first slices of cake from an anniversary cake garden decorated with fresh flowers. A replica of Mrs. Phelps was seated at the cake table. Charlotte Wiedenman, a member of the GCA, designed a history table for everyone's enjoyment which traced the history of the Rose Hill Estate and the GCA. Everyone in attendance sincerely enjoyed touring the gardens of Rose Hill and the festivities of the dual anniversary celebrations. The Garden Club of Aiken members were the hostesses for all three events.



DATES FROM OUR STATES

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

Flower Show School course 2: Aug. 24-26, 2015 in Lynchburg VA

Flower Show School Course 4: Sept. 21-23, 2015; Greenville SC

Environmental Studies School Course 4: Sept. 25-26, 2015; McHenry MD (by WVGC)

Flower Show Judges Symposium: Oct. 19-21, 2015; Virginia

Landscape Design School: Oct. 28-29, 2015; Richmond VA

Check each state's website for information on these and other schools. Each state can be accessed from the SAR website.

This Editor requests that each state president keep her informed of the various schools and symposia so she can keep this section up to date.

LORETTA LIVELY MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

In June of 2014, West Virginia Garden Clubs, Inc. lost a long-time and dedicated member, Loretta Lively. Loretta was a past president of WVGCI, and, at the time of her passing, she was serving as Finance Chairman and Parliamentarian. She was a member of NGC-South Atlantic Region Board of Directors and a member of the Golden Circle of National Garden Clubs. Being a member of the Golden Circle meant that Loretta had served at least 25 years on the NGC Board of Directors.

Loretta Lively's commitment and dedication made her a driving force in our organization. As a tribute to her service and as a memorial in her honor, West Virginia Garden Clubs, Inc. has established a memorial fund in her name. Monies collected will be used to create a memorial garden in her hometown of Oak Hill, WV near the Lively Community Amphitheater. The Loretta Lively Memorial Fund is accepting donations for the proposed memorial garden in conjunction with the Lively family, WVGCI, and the Woodland Oaks Garden Club.

Donations should be sent, as soon as possible, to the WVGCI treasurer, Pat Mays, and mailed to 1150 Pioneer Community Road, St. Marys, WV, 26170. Checks should be made payable to West Virginia Garden Clubs, Inc. (or WVGCI) and should be marked for **Lively Memorial Garden**.

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Sympathy is extended to Edith Nelson, Pres. GC of NC on the death of her husband in early May.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS 2015 CONVENTION May 14-17, 2015 Louisville KY

We had a good turnout of South Atlantic Region members at the 2015 Convention in Louisville KY. Chairman Ann Fiel and Vice-chairman Joan Wipperman and their committee presented a welcoming convention for all those in attendance. Members across our region came together to assist them when needed. Those who did not attend, missed a good time.

There were numerous tours planned for both those wanting to see Louisville as well as those refreshing in the various schools.

We had a trip to Yew Dell Gardens for the National Life Member Dinner. And, of course, we had enjoyable speakers and designers to entertain us and educate us.

Two of the highlights were the Awards Banquet and the Installation Banquet. We were pleased to be a part of the installation of two of our own NGC officers: Sandra Robinson (KY) as 2015-2017 NGC President; and Nancy Hargroves (VA) as NGC First Vice-President. And Sarah Ann Parler was installed as 2015-2017 SAR Director.

Sandy Robinson
2015-2017 NGC President

Theme:
“Leap Into Action”



Passing the Gavel
Sarah Ann Parler receives the gavel from Martha Morgan

THE NATIONAL GARDENER Summer Issue

There are many Projects/Activities stressed for this administration. Clubs and states are encouraged to participate in the BeeGAP. Monarch Watch, The Frightened Frog, and Bee a Wildlife Action Hero programs and projects designed to engage members in efforts to protect and conserve these important populations.

Details of these projects/programs are in *The National Gardener* and on the NGC website. Leadership Development materials will be available on the website. Check them out! Do not say “no one will lead our club”, but “Leap Into Action” and help develop tomorrows leaders today.



Sarah Ann Parler, Sandy Robinson, and Nancy Hargroves

We hope you are reading the interesting/informative articles in each issue *The National Gardener*. Don't receive it?? Check with your SAR or state chairman or go online to NGC to subscribe. You'll be glad you did!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR now and plan to attend the 2016 NGC Convention May 2-7, 2016 in Grand Rapids MI.

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Retiring State Presidents and Retiring Regional Director Receiving the Awards for the States in our Region for 2014



Installation

AWARDS RECEIVED AT NGC CONVENTION

(Certificate of Merit is Overall Winner; Certificate of Commendation is First Place by Category)

#2 Garden Centrer	
Ai—Chapin GC (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#6 Conservation	
B—Spartanburg GC Council (Cert. of Merit)	SC
#8 Youth Horticulture Education	
Ai—Sardiswood GC (Cert. of Merit)	NC
#12 Publications	
1) Ai Carolina Hills GC (Cert. of Merit)	SC
2) Aii The Madison GC (Cert. of Merit)	VA
3) Aiv Chapel Hill GC (Cert. of Merit)	NC
#13 Publications	
2) B North Augusta Council of GC (Cert. of Merit)	SC
8) Ai Upsy Daisy GC (Cert. of Merit)	SC
Aiii The Avid Gardeners GC	SC
B Hilton Head Island Coun. of GC (Cert. of Merit)	SC
#16 Yearbooks by Region Cert. of Merit	
A. 1. Dogwood GC	SC
2. Camellia GC	SC
3. Mountain GC	NC
4. Abingdon GC	VA
5. Flowerton GC	SC
6. Salisbury GC	VA
7. Cape Fear GC	NC
B. Onslow GC Council	NC
E. Landscape Design Cons. Coun. Of	SC
#19 Horticulture Therapy	
B. Spartanburg GC Council Cert. of Commendation	SC
#20 Roadside Beautification	
Aiv The GC of Charleston	SC

#24 Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs (\$500)	
B. Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc	KY
C. Garden Club of South Carolina	SC
#26 Landscape Design Education	
Driftwood GC (Cert. of Merit)	SC
#27 Radio and/or TV	
Aii Ivy GC of Williston (Cert. of Merit)	SC
#29-1 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping, Highway Marker	
Aiv Columbia GC (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#29-2 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping, Byway Marker	
Ai South Windemere GC (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#29-3 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping, Memorial Marker	
Ai Yaupon GC (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
Aii Wayside GC (Cert. of Commendation)	VA
B Durham Council of GC (Cert. of Commendation)	NC
#39 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation	
Ai Green Meadow Point GC (Cert. of Commendation)	VA
#41 Conservation Education	
B Spartanburg GC Council (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#42 Bird Protection	
Ai Green Pine GC (Cert. of Merit)	VA
#44 Publicity Press Book by Region Cert. of Merit	
Ai Green Meadow Point GC	VA

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Aii Madison GC	VA
Aii Chesapeake Bay GC	VA
B Tidewater District	VA
B Portsmouth Area Council of GC	VA
#48 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project	
Ai Sardiswood GC (Cert. of Commendation)	NC
B Council of GC of Greater Charleston (Cert. of Merit)	SC
#49 Community Landscape Design	
AiiHarbor Island GC (Cert. of Commendation)	NC
Aiv Cape Fear GC (Cert. of Commendation)	NC
#50 Historic Preservation	
Ai Francis Fauquier GC (Cert. of Commendation)	VA
Aii Ivy GC (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#51 Decoration of Historic Building	
Ai South Windemere GC (cert. of Commendation)	SC
Aii Azalea GC of Sumter (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#53 National Garden Week	
Aiv Salisbury GC (Cert. of Commendation)	VA
#63 Website (professionally designed)	
Aiv Columbia GC (Cert. of Merit)	SC
Dii Garden Club of SC (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#68 Video/CD/DVD	
B Spartanburg GC Council(Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#71 Roadside Award	
Aiv The GC of Charleston (Cert. of Merit \$50)	SC
Aii Flowerton GC (Cert. of Commendation)	SC
#73 Civic Project with Native Plants	
Aii Clarice Wilson GC (\$500)	SC
#74 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails	
Aii Thomas Jefferson GC (\$600)	VA
Aiv Council of GC of Greater Charleston (\$500)	SC
Flower Show Achievement Awards	
#5 Standard Flower Show	
B. Westchester GC	VA
#17 Home Standard Flower Show	
A. The Greenville GC	SC
#18 Council Standard Flower Show	
A. Federated GC of Portsmouth Area Council of Garden Clubs	VA
Spartanburg GC Council	SC

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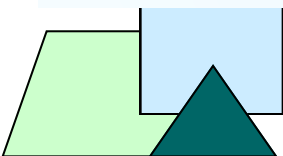
Joanna Kirby (left) receiving the Award of Excellence for the Garden Club of Kentucky



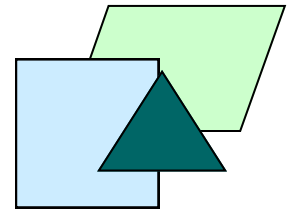
Yvonne Morris (left) receiving the Award of Excellence for the Garden Club of South Carolina



2015-2017 NGC Elected Officers
 Rec. Sect. Shirley Tetreault; 2nd VP, Mary Warshauer;
 Pres. Sandy Robinson; 1st VP, Nancy Hargroves; 2nd
 VP, Gay Austin. Not pictured: Tres. Betty Grimes



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B. Nat. Accred. Judges Club of SC SC

#30 District Standard Flower Show
B. Tidewater District VA

#57 Standard Flower Show Staged in a Public Bldg.
A. The Columbia GC SC
West Hanover GC VA

NGC Poetry Contest
Ninth Grade Winner
sponsored by Rose Garden GC of St. Matthews SC

NGC Youth Sculpture Contest
Honorable Mention Fourth Grade

Sponsored by Springfield Acres GC VA
NGC President's Project

Water: 1st Pl. Small Club
Boiling Spring Lakes GC (\$200) NC

Wildlife: 2nd Pl. Small Club
Boiling Spring Lakes GC (\$100) NC

State Winners: 1st Pl. Medium State
The Garden Club of Kentucky (200) KY

NGC Scholarship Winners (states
The Garden Club of Kentucky
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs
West Virginia Garden Club

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Thank You**